

Press Release

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SANTA TO ARRIVE IN PANA SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2009

Word has been received from the North Pole that Santa Claus will be making his grand entrance to visit Pana on Saturday, November 28, 2009, via the Pana Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. The Parade will assemble on the corner of Fifth and Locust Streets at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. The route will follow Locust Street north and end at First Street.

Individuals, organizations, businesses, Churches, and clubs are invited to participate with a Parade entry. Those entering the parade are reminded that candy may not be thrown from the vehicles and must be passed out by walkers. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries as First Place will receive a \$50.00 Pana Chamber Gift Certificate, second place a \$30.00 Gift Certificate and third place a \$20.00 gift Certificate. The theme of this year's parade is "A Christmas Carol". Santa will be assisted by the Pana Lions Club.

After the Parade, Santa will greet kids of all ages at the Historic Roseland Theater where they will be treated to a “Free” movie. This year’s film will be Jim Carrey’s “A Christmas Carol” and is being presented by Bob Ridings Motors, Downs Motor, and Hubbartt Motors.

“A Christmas Carol” is a Charles Dickens' timeless tale of an old miser who must face Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet-to-Come, as they help to bring kindness to his otherwise cold heart. The Ghosts remind him of the man he used to be, the hard truth of what the world is today, and what will happen if he does not strive to be a better man. Set around Christmas, the most joyous day of the year, Scrooge realizes the sharp contrast of his own personality. Jim Carrey plays four separate roles in this updated version of A Christmas Carol. Carrey portrays Scrooge, as well as the three ghosts (Past, Present, and Yet-to-Come). His dynamic character roles keep the four characters as diverse as being played by four actors. Robert Zemeckis (Back to the Future trilogy) has his chance to dabble in telling a story through the windows of time, as he directs the long-awaited remake.

For more information or if you would like to participate in the parade please contact Co-Chair Raedena Ryan at the First National Bank of Pana at 562-3961 or the Chamber of Commerce at 562-4240.