



Last Fling kicks off weekend with the blues

NAPERVILLE, ILL. (March 5, 2009) –Naperville will be feeling the blues on Friday night of the Naperville Jaycees Last Fling, the annual Labor Day weekend festival, September 4 through 7.

“We are starting off the weekend with the Lonnie Brooks band and then continuing the night with Robert Cray,” says Matt Liethen, Last Fling co-executive director. “These two bands are sure to bring the blues to Naperville and kickoff the Last Fling weekend.”

The Robert Cray band takes the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 4 and will perform blues that will combine contemporary, electric and soul blues. Robert released his first blues album in 1978, and rose quickly to worldwide prominence in 1986, earning his first Grammy for the blues album *Strong Persuader* which contained the hit single *Smoking Gun*. Robert is one of the venerable blues guitarists of the last 30 years, and is always included in any discussion of great blues artists of his generation.

“Cray has been entertaining fans since the 70s and is sure to be a soulful good time,” says Liethen.

The evening will start with the music of Lonnie Brooks at 6 p.m. Brooks has been entertaining for 40 years starting with his roots in Louisiana. He combines music instilled with the funky, swampy bayou rhythms of Opelousas and Lafayette, along the road from Louisiana to Chicago, he's combined the swing of Texas, the soul of Memphis and the pure power of Chicago blues into a musical gumbo that is all his own.

For more information on the Last Fling's weekend events, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit our Web site at www.LastFling.org.

The Last Fling is the Naperville Jaycees' major fundraising event of the year. Each year, they host the city's annual Labor Day festival, a wholesome, family event, with the entire community participating. More than 300,000 patrons visit over the four-day event, which is held along Naperville's Riverwalk area. Starting Friday afternoon and running through Monday evening, there are special events, carnival rides and attractions, a children's playland, food and beverage vendors, a business expo and concerts on two stages each evening. The Labor Day parade is also part of the festivities. Hotel packages and free shuttle service will also be available.

The Naperville Jaycees is a nonprofit service organization with over 200 young persons dedicated to personal development through community service. The group organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and tons of volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling are given to nonprofit organizations in the community and

throughout DuPage County. The Jaycees have contributed more than \$1 million to various local service organizations over the last two decades.

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