



Peppers on the Plaza

CHEYENNE'S CHILI COOK-OFF

HOT STUFF ON THE CHEYENNE DEPOT PLAZA!

Cookers from around the United States and local cooks from Cheyenne are being invited to the 1st Annual *Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza, Cheyenne's Chili Cook-Off*, which will be held at the Cheyenne Depot on June 12, 13, 14, 2009. We are encouraging cooks and cooking teams to come out and cook red chili, chili verde (green) chili and salsa at the Cheyenne Depot! Cooks have the opportunity to win cash prizes, trophies, and the title to be *One of the Best Chili Cooks in Cheyenne!* This is a great time to show off your cooking skills and support three great non-profits!

Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza, Cheyenne's Chili Cook-Off will include two cook-offs with the International Chili Society (ICS) and one cook-off with the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI). Friday is the Mile High Regional ICS Cook-Off, followed by the Wyoming State Championship ICS Cook-Off on Saturday. Cooks who win on Friday or Saturday in the two ICS cook-off's will have the opportunity to cook at the World ICS Chili and Salsa Competition in October 2009, with over \$35,000 in prize money. Cash prizes totaling of over \$1500.00 are being paid at Saturday's ICS cook-off for top winners in Tradition Red, Chili Verde (green) and Salsa competitions.

The CASI Cook-Off on Sunday, June 14th will include out of state cooks and cooks from Cheyenne and Wyoming. There is no membership required to cook in the CASI Cook-Off, and there is a special "Business" category encouraging area businesses to bring a cooking team! Cooks for all three cook-offs will enjoy a free **Cooks Party** at the Historic Plains Hotel. Best Booth, People's Choice Chili, Red Chili Calcutta's and other contests will be held during the three day event.

Cheyenne families can come and taste the chilies and salsas being entered into the competitions for \$2 a person. Attendees will have the chance to taste some former regional, district and world chili winners' chili. Families will also be able to enjoy an outstanding line-up of free entertainment on the Cheyenne Depot Plaza on Saturday from 11am to 8pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. Free family activities will be available from 11am to 3pm, with lots of children's games! Families can also participate in the Chili Eating Contests and the Arm Wrestling Contests!

Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza, Cheyenne's Chili Cook-Off is a joint fund raising event for the Cheyenne Depot Museum, the Cheyenne Depot Museum Foundation and United Way of Laramie County. The City of Cheyenne and the Historic Plains Hotel are also providing support to this event. Union Wireless has generously sponsored this event and is extending an invitation to families throughout eastern Wyoming to come to Cheyenne for this fun-filled event.

For everyone who likes hot stuff, the *Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza, Cheyenne's Chili Cook-Off* will provide all the "hot stuff" they can endure! We hope all of Cheyenne puts the weekend of June 12, 13 & 14 on their calendars to make the Depot a destination for the chili cook-off! For applications and information regarding cooking in these cook-off's, contact the Cheyenne Depot Museum at 307-632-3905 or go to the website at www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org.