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Chocolate Festival
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Calling All Chocoholics to the Annual Chocolate Festival!

Chocolate doesn't make the world go around ... but it certainly makes the ride worthwhile! The American Red Cross of Medina County and the J.M. Smucker Company invite you and all your friends to the 13th annual "For the Love of Chocolate" Festival. The 2010 event will feature decadent chocolate items from over 40 chocolatiers, Saturday, February 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a **NEW LOCATION** at the Medina Performing Arts Center at Medina High School, 851 Weymouth Rd., Medina.

If you love chocolate, you'll love this year's event. All attendees age 5 and older must have a ticket to enter the event. Ticket prices are \$10 and \$5.

This family-oriented event features a Children's Chocolate Cookie Contest; a Decadent Chocolate Dessert Contest for professional cooks and adult and teen hobby cooks; a Children's Candyland area with games and amusements; a bake sale featuring contest winners and a snack bar provided by Dominic's Restaurant. Chocolatiers also sell scrumptious items that are perfect for Valentine's Day.

Samples include items like truffles; chocolate fountain dipping; chocolate decadent brownies; chocolate cake; chocolate-covered strawberries; chocolate pretzel rods; fudge; lollipops; chocolate cookies; chocolate flavored coffee; Oreo pie; cake truffles; Whoopie pies; chocolate-covered nuts; solid dark chocolate squares; chocolate ice cream; chocolate pies; chocolate clusters; brownies; cappuccino biscottini, chocolate popcorn; chocolate mini puffs; buckeyes; chocolate-covered cheesecake; and chocolate suckers.

The Decadent Dessert and Chocolate Cookie Contests will be held Friday, February 5, at Buehler's Market at 3626 Medina Rd., Medina. After judging, all non-perishable contest entries will be sold at the Chocolate Festival bake sale.

Title sponsor is The J.M. Smucker Company, and Silver Showcase sponsors are Half Off Deals.com, Westfield Bank, RPM International, Inc., and Medina Hospital. Ultimate Chocolate Truffle sponsors are The Hoffman Group; Michael Kovack, Medina County Auditor; Hershey

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