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Chocolate Festival
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Join the Red Cross at its 14th 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 14th annual "For the Love of Chocolate" Festival. The 2011 event will feature decadent chocolate items from over 40 chocolatiers, Saturday, February 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 (for 10 samples) and \$5 (for 5 samples).

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; and a bake sale featuring contest winners. Chocolatiers also sell scrumptious items that are perfect for Valentine's Day.

Samples include items like vanilla bean truffles, German chocolate hotcakes, sugar free candy and cake, chocolate-covered spoons, chocolate cheesecake, brownies, chocolate roll, buckeyes, fudge, chocolate cake balls, chocolate cupcakes, Walnut Creek candies, spicy peanuts in milk chocolate, chocolate-covered pretzels, mint meltaways, oreo crème pie, chocolate golf balls, German chocolate cake, hot chocolate, chocolate-covered strawberries, German chocolate cake coffee, chocolate nuggets of joy, chocolate donuts, brownie biscotti, white chocolate raspberry cheesecake, lollipops, cocoa cappuccino, chocolate milk shakes, and black cake.

This year's chocolatiers are Any Way You Ice It/The Truffle Shuffle, Bob Evans Restaurants, Buehler's Fresh Foods, Burbank Parke, The Center Café at Medina County Career Center, Cool Beans Cafe, Coppertop at Cherokee Hills, Cutler Real Estate/Clementines & A Taste of New York, Diabetic Delights, Discount Drug Mart, Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Eat 'n Park Restaurant, Genesis Conference & Party Center, Geyer Hawkins, Giant Eagle of Wadsworth, Harry and David, Jenny's Sweets and Treats, Just Desserts, Katy's Kreations, Keric

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Bakers from pre-school age to professional pastry chefs are encouraged to enter the Children's Chocolate Cookie Contest and the Decadent Dessert Contest on February 4 at Buehler's River Styx, 3626 Medina Rd., Medina. Entry forms are available at all Buehler's stores in the county and at the American Red Cross at 780 E. Smith Rd., Medina and are due to the Red Cross by February 1.

A bloodmobile will be held outside the Chocolate Festival on February 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors will receive one free admission ticket to the Chocolate Festival.

Title sponsor is The J.M. Smucker Company. Silver Showcase sponsors are FirstMerit Bank, 620 Corporation, RPM International, Inc., Summa Health System and Westfield Bank.

Ultimate Chocolate Truffle sponsors are Hershey Creamery Company; The Hoffman Group; Michael E.Kovack, Medina County Auditor and Seville Flower and Gift.

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