

# Special Baking Contest At Fulton County Fair

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**

Calling all bakers for the 2009 Hershey's Cocoa Classic baking contest to be held on August 17, judging day at the Fulton County Fair. The contest is co-sponsored by The Hershey Company and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

More than 110 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer ribbons for the best cake and tastiest cookies, brownies or bars in the youth category. Fulton County Fair's contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final Hershey's Cocoa Classic blue ribbon winner held each January at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

The rules for the Fulton County Fair's contest are as follows:

**Cocoa Cake contest rules**

1. Open to any individual who is a Pennsylvania resident; one entry per person.
2. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from "scratch" and frosted (no mixes).
3. CAKE RECIPE: A minimum of 1/4 cup of Hershey's Cocoa must be used and listed as "Hershey's Cocoa" in the cake part of the recipe.
4. FROSTING/DRIZZLE: If frosting is chocolate, and if a chocolate drizzle is used, HER-SHEY'S COCOA must be used and listed as "HERSHEY'S COCOA" in the frosting/drizzle parts of the recipe.
5. If candy, chocolate, or flavored baking chips products are used, they must be HER-SHEY'S, REESE'S or HEATH branded products, and listed with their brand name in the

recipe." (See www.hersheys.com for complete product list.)

6. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard or a disposable plate.

7. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages.

8. Refrigeration is not available at the fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

9. Judging criteria:  
Flavor 30 points (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings).

Texture 25 points, (moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)  
Inside characteristics 20 points (even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)

Outside characteristics 15 points (consistent shape, size, surface; overall appeal)

Frosting, 10 points

**Cookie, brownie or bar contest rules**

1. Exhibitor must be an individual (age 8 through and including 18 years only) who is a Pennsylvania resident; one entry per person.

2. Entry must be a plate of six (6) cookies, brownies or bars made from "scratch" (no mixes).

3. Cookie, brownie or bar: A minimum of 1/2 cup of Hershey's baking chips (any variety) must

be used and listed as "Hershey's" plus the name of the specific chip variety in the cookie-brownie-bar part of the recipe.

4. Frosting/drizzle: If chocolate frosting or chocolate drizzle is used, Hershey's cocoa must be used and listed as "Hershey's cocoa" in the frosting/drizzle part of the recipe.

5. If candy, chocolate, or flavored baking chips products are used, they must be Hershey's, Reese's, or Heath brand products, and listed with their brand name in the recipe." (See www.hersheys.com for complete product list.)

6. Entry must be submitted for judging on a doily set on top of a cardboard or a disposable plate.

7. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages.

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9. Judging criteria:  
Flavor, 30 points (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)

Texture, 25 points (appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar)

Inside characteristics, 20 points (even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)

Outside characteristics, 15 points (uniform size, shape, appearance; overall appeal)

Creativity, 10 points

So dig out that favorite chocolate recipe and give it a try. You could be this year's Hershey's Cocoa Classic winner. For more information on entry requirements, obtain a Fulton County Fair premium book at local businesses or at the fair office August 16-17. All entries must be submitted by August 17 by 3:00 p.m.



Pictured above are members of the Mason Dixon Blaze U10 softball team at their recent tournament in Lewistown. Back row, left: coach Karen Oberholzer, coach Brian Etter, Cierra Beaver, Ciara Glunt, Sadie Harshman, Savannah Mills, Caeley Etter, Olivia Mottern, head coach Tom Brown; front row: Laken Myers, Shayla Walck, Morgan Wagaman, Mackenzie Oberholzer, Ally Brown.

## Mason Dixon Softball Team Finishes Season

Mason Dixon Blaze U10 softball team recently finished a great season. They finished third in two of their tournaments, second in the Mid-Atlantic Championship in York, first at the Lady Patriots East National Qualifier and first at the USSSA Central and Western PA States tournament in Shippensburg, PA. They will end their season in Williams-

burg, Va., at the Williamsburg Classic and hope for another great showing from the team.

Mason Dixon Blaze is a travelling softball team based out of Greencastle, which is comprised of girls from all over the tri-state region. They have teams for all age groups including U10, U12 and U14, which is currently competing at the Softball World Series in

Orlando, Fla.

The Blaze organization will be holding a softball clinic on August 10 and 11 in Greencastle. Tryouts for the 2009-2010 softball season will be held on August 15 and 22 (raindates August 16 and 23).

More information may be found at www.masondixonblaze.com or call 717-816-4503.

## Franklin Financial Reports Earnings Decline

Franklin Financial Services Corporation, the bank holding company of F&M Trust Company, reported earnings of \$1,639,000 for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009. This compares with \$2,451,000 for the second quarter in 2008, representing a 33.1 percent decline. Net income for the first six months of 2009 was \$3,740,000 compared with \$4,982,000 for the same period in 2008, down 24.9 percent.

On a per share basis, diluted earnings were \$.43 for the quarter ended June 30, 2009 and \$.98 for the first six months of 2009, compared to \$.64 and \$1.30 for the same periods in 2008.

The significant items that

negatively impacted 2009 earnings in the first two quarters included: \$421,000 in write-downs from investments categorized as other than temporarily impaired, a \$514,000 increase in the provision for loan loss, and a \$450,000 FDIC special assessment to replenish the bank insurance fund which has been depleted by bank closings across the nation.

"These items are a sign of the current financial times. Lower stock market values, increased loan delinquency, a low interest rate environment, and bank failures are symptoms of today's economy, and they are having a significant impact on all of us - individually and in business, particularly those of us in the bank-

ing and financial services industry," commented William E. Snell, Jr., president and CEO. "Our increased provision for loan loss is impacted by both loan quality and loan growth. And we've been very effective at growing loans, particularly commercial loans. Assets, deposits, and loans all showed double-digit growth and our core business remains strong."

Total assets at June 30, 2009, reached a record \$966.7 million, an increase of 13.4 percent over total assets of \$852.2 million at June 30, 2008. Net loans totaled \$695.5 million, an increase of 14.5 percent, while total deposits and repurchase agreements grew 14.6 percent to \$775.0 million at June 30, 2009 from totals a year earlier. The market value of trust assets under management remained relatively unchanged at \$495.5 million on June 30, 2009.

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**In Memory**

**KNEPPER**  
In memory of Harry "Clyde" Knepper who passed away July 31, 2007:  
The days change  
But memories stay  
Life goes on  
But your passing changed our day.  
We will never forget  
All the things you've taught us  
Your love lives on  
It will always be precious  
We think of you always  
And remember so well  
Your love, life and laughter  
And the words of wisdom you'd tell.  
We can't bring you back  
But one day we'll again meet  
When God calls us home  
Oh that will be so sweet.  
In our hearts always,  
Love,  
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**WILT**  
In memory of Joshua Timothy Wilt Jr., August 21, 1993 - August 3, 2008:  
I didn't choose you for myself  
God did that you see  
He knew what He was doing  
It was our destiny  
He gave us strength to rise above  
The limits we endured  
And gave us truth of spirit  
That we were assured.  
In His greatest wisdom  
He knew that we would see  
The strength in unconditional love  
That expands eternity.  
If time were to be measured  
The years we had were few  
But I thank God for all of them  
And a son such as you.  
Missing you so very much,  
Love, Mom

**Receives Degree**  
Kaplan University celebrated the graduation of its summer 2009 class during a live ceremony on July 25 in Chicago. The following local students were awarded degrees:  
Carrie Mellott of Warfordsburg was awarded a Bachelor of Science in business administration.