'Heavenly' Cake Claims Grand Prize In Greatest Cocoa Cake Contest

LOU ANN GOOD Lancaster Farming Staff HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — "Heavenly," is the description of the cake that bested 60 entries in the Greatest Cocoa Cake Contest

Show last Saturday.

Fittingly, the prize cake was dubbed Heavenly Dark Chocolate Cake by Barbara Doyle, who entered the cake after qualifying at the Hollidaysburg Community Fair.

Barbara's victory was not without a price. The day before the contest, she baked three cakes that flopped before she discovered the culprit was outdated baking soda.

"Fortunately my husband is a real cake eater," said Barbara who

admits to trying 20 different recipes before settling on the prize winner. Then she tried several different types of frosting, which her husband and the hairdresses at her shop sampled before voting peanut butter frosting as the crowning

combination.

Barbara etched a chocolate butterfly from Hershey's Kisses and semi-sweet chocolate chips to hover over the heavenly creation.

Winning the blue ribbon brought with it a weekend trip for four at the Hershey Resort and Conference Center in Hershey.

Second place went to Cindy Bruce of West Chester. Her Chocolate Fudge Turtle Cake sounds fabulous, but Cindy said that neither she nor her family has ever sampled it.

"I'd like to taste it," said both husband Bob and 11-year-old son Mike. But they have no promises of one from Cindy who bakes for others but has no time to bake for her own family.

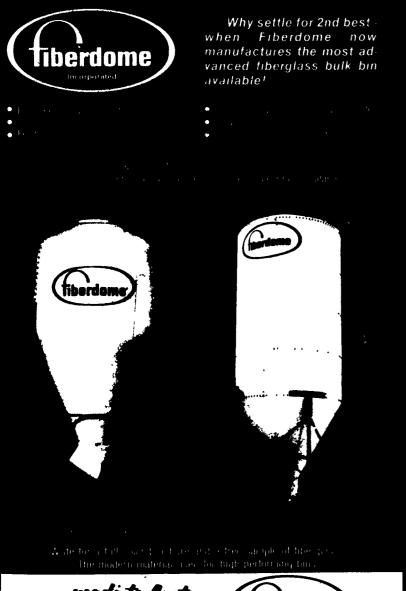
She examined many recipes before selecting the one to bake for the contest. She then chose a caramel sauce and a favorite frosting to lather on the cake.

Third prize was captured by Georgia Voce of Breezewood. Two years ago, she qualified for state competition but did not win. Determined to qualify again, Geogia entered numerous fairs. She used the same recipe and garnered three first-place wins, five second-place wins, and a third

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Chosen from 60 chocolate cakes entries the three top winners are, from left, Cindy Bruce, second place; Barbara Doyle, first place; Georgia Voce, third place. Winners selected from 66 brownie entries are Travis Ulrich, first, and Sandy Clark, second



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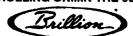
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