

FREDS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 26, 2009  
**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 26, 2009

**FREDS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee 62-0634010

(I.R.S.  
Employer

(State or Other Jurisdiction

Identification  
No.)

of Incorporation)

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118

(Address of principal executive offices)

(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))



**ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On March 26, 2009, Fred's, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended January 31, 2009.

A copy of the press release announcing these events is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated March 26, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**FRED'S, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: March 26, 2009 By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore  
Jerry A. Shore  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

**Number    Description of Exhibit(s)**

99.1        Copy of press release issued by Fred's, Inc. on March 26, 2009.