

Happy Mother's Day

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Last week on Facebook we asked readers to submit their photos of Mom with any message they wanted to convey for Mother's Day. Below is the only submission we received.



My mom Donna. Happy Mother's Day, Mom. We love you.

Courtesy of Brandy Lakey

For the Love of Mother dinner on for third year

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

Community Connection is hosting its popular "For the Love of a Mother" Mother's Day dinner Saturday, with a seating at 4 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m. if enough tickets are sold.

This is the third consecutive year for the event. Last year they served 120 mothers and their loved ones (60 at each seating), and this year they are planning a dinner of prime rib or gourmet stuffed chicken with a side of scampi. The dinner costs \$22 and comes with double-baked potatoes, seasoned roasted vegetables, homemade bread and dessert. Grandchildren

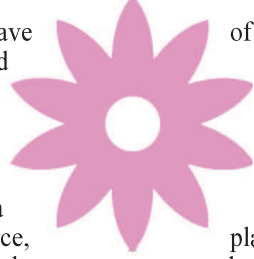
or other youth can have BBQ chicken, mac and cheese with side items for \$7.

The popular event is a chance to take Mom out for a fine-dining experience, with music provided by Janice Garret, candles and centerpieces on every table, and a no-host bar managed by Steve Lear of Lear's Main Street Pub.

Don't worry if the kids live too far away to make the event, just come on your own. Plenty of ladies do and have a wonderful time.

"Many of us are caretakers," said Linda Barr of Enterprise. "I'm coming alone so I'll get out of the house — it's my turn."

"It's an absolutely superb dinner," said Arlene Herbst



of Enterprise. Herbst and a fellow volunteer do all of the decorating and then Herbst plans to sit down and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

"It was wonderful last year," said Roswitha Parks of Joseph, who will be serving as well as dining. "Everybody had a good time and the music was great."

Beth Connolly of Enterprise was looking forward to the event as a solo as well. "I'm going this year," she said. "I do a lot of things on my lonesome."

No one will need to be lonesome at this year's event with many solo ladies happy to share their table and talk. Proceeds benefit Senior

Meals and Meals on Wheels programs. Contact Community Connection at 541-426-3840 for tickets.

Take a sweet swing through downtown Enterprise

Those looking to get a jump on Mother's Day might consider signing up for the annual Chocolate Lover's Walk from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in downtown Enterprise and the surrounding area.

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Movies that go well with Mother's Day

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Want to catch a flick on Mother's Day? You can pick a theme: Good Mom ("I Remember Mama," "Stella Dallas," "Grapes of Wrath"), Bad Mom ("Throw Mamma From the Train," "Mommy Dearest," "Precious"), or Crazy Mom (or crazy son in "Psycho").

Here's my two cents' worth on Mother's Day movies: Moms used to be fetching young things and fellas came a'callin'.

"National Velvet": The book was published in 1935 and the movie, starring Elizabeth Taylor as a child and Mickey Rooney as a young adult was released in 1944.

So, it's ages old. Nevertheless, the story is timeless.

What makes this a Mother's Day film is that it has two strong female leads who not only have personal strength, but lead with a mother's heart: Velvet, defends that horse like a mother who won't let her child be sold short; and Edwina Brown (Angela Lansbury)

as the mother who understands the desire to challenge oneself in a Big Way. If you've forgotten Mrs. Brown's secret, I won't spoil it by revealing it here.

"Annie": Adapted from the Broadway musical inspired by the 1924 Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," the movie version (1982) stars Aileen Quinn as Annie and Carol Burnett as Miss Agatha Hannigan the lazy, scheming orphan manager.

Ab-young things and fellas (and come a'callin' fathers) are central to this story and what constitutes mothering or fathering is examined throughout. If your throat doesn't tighten a few times in this fun film, you've got a rock for a heart.

"Grey Gardens": You can pick from two great versions of this true story of an exceptionally eccentric, reclusive socialite mother/daughter duo Edith Bouvier Beale and Edith Ewing Bouvier Beale of East Hampton, New York. I recommend you see the 1975 documentary film by Albert and David Maysles first and then watch the 2009 HBO film starring Drew Barrymore and Jessica Lange as Little Edie and Big Edie.

And yes, these ladies are related to "that" Bouvier family; Edith Ewing Bouvier Beale is Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis' aunt.

Both films won arms-full of awards and the Edies approved the film wholeheartedly.

They are decidedly odd, the setting shocking and the mother/daughter dynamics have gone right 'round the bend. You may find yourself simultaneously horrified and grudgingly admiring of the way 56-year-old Little Edie persists in casting herself as the bright young designer/performer. And you might or might not be surprised to know that Little Edie's odd fashions inspired a nine-page layout in Harper's Bazaar in 1988.

It's a tragic story of a precipitous fall.

What's heroic about it is that the mangled victims of that fall got back up as best they could and pretended it all away.

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