



The Berkshire Eagle

Bits & Bites: Dessert auction, wine dinner, benefit dinners on tap this week

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DESSERT AUCTION, COOKBOOK LAUNCH

"Berkshire Baby Box" will debut their inaugural fundraiser, Sweet Berkshire — a dessert auction and community event — from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Country Club of Pittsfield, 639 South St., Pittsfield. Open to the public, guests will be treated to many offerings from local pastry chefs and amateur ace bakers, who are auctioning delicious desserts to the highest bidder. Winning guests will have sweet treats and other auction prizes to take home.

For the entrance fee — \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 and younger — guests will have the chance to win one of the many donated desserts. They will also be treated to light brunch fare and entertainment, including live jazz by Release the Penguins, Balloon Ben, Roger the Jester, face painting and guest harpist Elizabeth Moore.

Sweet Berkshire will also offer a keepsake cookbook available for purchase; the cookbook features 50 dessert recipes and anecdotes provided by Berkshire residents, including:

My mom, Susan Harrington, somehow managed to do it all and I still have not figured out how. She worked two jobs — one as a home sewer for Country Curtains and she also cleaned houses. She taught me the value of hard work and I grew up folding and packaging curtains and cleaning houses after school and during summer breaks with her.

Even though my mom worked like crazy, took care of the house, all the finances, all the cooking and cleaning- she still managed to do the little things for us like bake brownies. She had endless energy and she made it all look easy. Now that I have two kids of my own, I know that it is certainly not easy to work, raise a family, and run a household. My mom's home was always organized- mine is what I call semi-organized chaos. — Andrea Harrington, Richmond

My Mom's Homemade Brownie Recipe

In medium saucepan melt together:

4 ounces unsweetened chocolate

1 cup butter (2 sticks)

1 1/2 cups sugar

Turn off heat and add to saucepan:

4 eggs

1 cup flour

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups mini marshmallows

1 cup chopped nuts

1 cup chocolate chips

In a large bowl, mix ingredients together.

Spread into a 9 x 13 generously greased pan.

Bake 350 degrees 40 to 45 minutes.

Cool before slicing.

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