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Program

AMERICAN CENTER

THE AMERICAN VALUES

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

Running time: 130 min

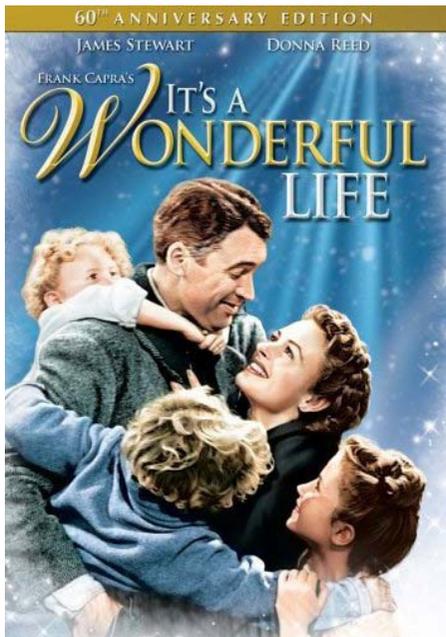
September 6 - 8

1:00 p.m.

September 10

9:00 a.m.

On the Christmas Eve of Bedford Falls, the guardian angel Clarence is assigned to convince the desperate George Bailey to not commit suicide. George is a good man that sacrificed his dreams and his youth on behalf of the citizens of his small town. He inherited the loan business of his father and he gave up traveling the world and joining University as scheduled. Later he resisted the proposals of the evil banker Mr. Potter, and never sold his business to protect the poor community and offer to buy their own house. He married his beloved Mary Hatch Bailey and had four children with her and a tough life with his family. When his uncle Billy loses US\$ 8,000.00, found and stolen by Mr. Potter, George decides to commit suicide. When Clarence sees that he is not able to persuade George to give up his intention, he decides to show the life in town if George had never existed. George concludes that life is wonderful.



Starring: James Stewart, Donna Reed

Director: Frank Capra

Genre: Drama

The Straight Story (1999)

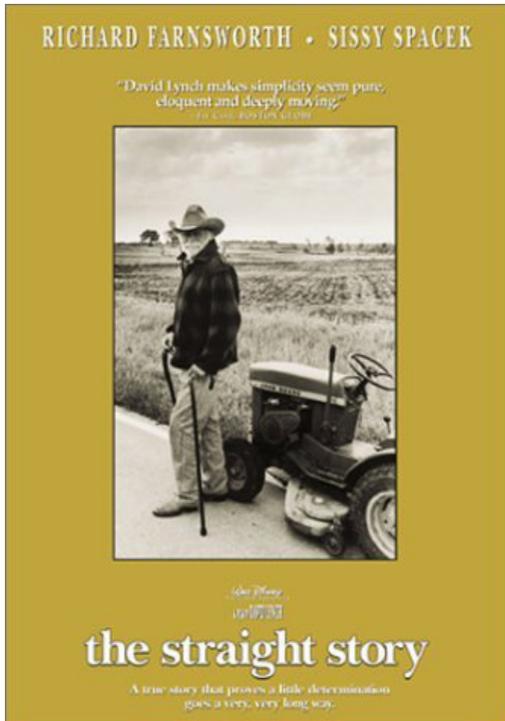
Running time: 112 min

September 13 – 16 1:00 p.m.

September 17 9:00 a.m.

Alvin Straight is a very old man with a quiet life in a small country town. In 1994, when his 75-year-old brother gets seriously sick, he decides to put away their differences and visit him after many, many years. So, alone, he begins a long journey through hundreds of miles by riding a lawn mower, from Laurens, Iowa, to Mt. Zion, Wis., just to see again his brother, even if it's the last thing he will ever do... Based on a real story.

Starring: Sissy Spacek,
Richard Farnsworth
Director: David Lynch
Genre: Adventure



Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

Running time: 101 min

September 20 – 23 1:00 p.m.
 September 24 9:00 a.m.

Olive Hoover, a seven year old girl, has one goal: to win a beauty pageant. Her heroin-addicted grandfather is her coach, and when she becomes a finalist in the Little Miss Sunshine pageant, her whole family takes on the road in an old run-down VW. The trip is anything but smooth; her father Richard is struggling to promote his self-help program, with no success, mother Sheryl is trying to simply keep her family happy and together, her brother Dwayne will not to speak until he joins the Air Force academy and her uncle Frank must come with them after attempting suicide when he fell in love with one of his male graduate students. The first in a long run of disasters is the bus breaking down, causing them all to push it to get the trip started. There are many more things, however, which hinder Olive's Little Miss Sunshine career.

Starring: Abigail Breslin,
 Greg Kinnear, Paul Dano,
 Alan Arkin, Toni Collette,
 Steve Carell

Directors: Jonathan Dayton,
 Valerie Faris

Genre: Comedy



The Pursuit of Happiness (2006)

Running time: 117 min

September 27 – 30

1:00 p.m.

October 1

9:00 a.m.

Based on a true story about a man named Christopher Gardner. Gardner has invested heavily in a device known as a “Bone Density scanner”. He feels like he has made these devices. However, they do not sell as they are marginally better than the current technology at a much

higher price. As Gardner tries to figure out how to sell them, his wife leaves him, he loses his house, his bank account, and credit cards. Forced to live out in the streets with his son, Gardner is now desperate to find a steady job; he takes on a job as a stockbroker, but before he can receive pay, he needs to go through 6 months of training, and to sell his devices.

Starring: Will Smith, Jaden Smith

Director: Gabriele Muccino

Genre: Biography

