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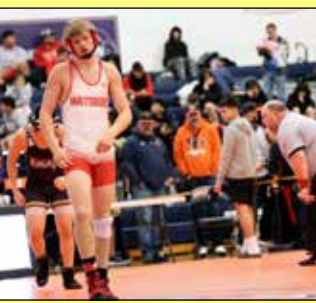
Karen Huwe

Hansen's crew of volunteers bottling her new wine. (back l-r): Kari Arns videotaping, Eric Arns placing bottles on the table, Allen Huwe spraying nitrogen, Cheryl Hansen filling bottles, and Chris Loeliger at checking the tank. (front l-r): Kerry Valentine packing cases, Amy Paolino corking and Rob Woehr refilling cork container.

## THIS WEEK



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## Dona Stella Riesling: From the field to the bottle

Waitsburg's Dona Stella Riesling is home grown

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Cheryl Hansen and her crew of friends harvested the first crop of Riesling grapes grown at Stella's Homestead in September 2024. Hansen contracted Truth Teller Winery to provide Custom Crush, winemaking, and maintenance services to help her create the single-varietal wine, Dona Stella. After harvest, the grapes went to the Walla Walla winery to be processed, sorted, pressed, and slowly fermented by owners and winemakers Rob Woehr and Chris Loeliger.

On February 7, Hansen and her crew were back at Truth Teller's Walla Walla facility to bottle the new wine. After Woehr and Loeliger explained the bottling process, Hansen, Kerry Valentine, Eric Arns, Allen Huwe, and Amy Paolino got to work.

First, a case of clean, empty bottles was placed on a table where Huwe sprayed the bottles with nitrogen. The nitrogen regulates the wine's exposure to oxygen and helps prevent oxidation.

Arns placed the prepared bottles onto the automated line to be filled. Paolino used a corker to compress and insert the corks into the bottles before handing them to Valentine to dry and put in a case. Woehr and Loeliger were involved throughout the process, and Hansen took turns at all the stations.

Kari Arns is Stella's Homestead's web designer and videotaped the bottling process; Karen Huwe photographed the event.

After an hour and a half, 35.7 gallons, 180 bottles in fifteen cases, were filled, corked, and packed. Truth Teller ordered the colorful labels, and Hansen and her team should be able to apply them to complete production by the end of February.

Distribution will begin Walla Walla's Spring Release weekend on May 2 through 4 at Stella's Homestead. In addition, the Royal Block Wine Bar will host a "Dona Stella Riesling Release Party" on May 18 during Waitsburg Celebration Days.

"I was just approved by WSLCB for internet sales in the State of Washington. Interested parties, 21 or older, will be able to go to Stella's Homestead's website and purchase online," said Hansen.

For more information about Stella's Homestead and Dona Stella Riesling, visit [www.stellahomestead.com](http://www.stellahomestead.com) and [www.donastella.wine](http://www.donastella.wine).



DONA STELLA 2024  
Walla Walla County | Riesling

Submitted photo

Placing the Dona Stella label will complete Hansen's production of her Riesling wine and vineyard..

## Port workshop heard from rail line stakeholders

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Port of Columbia Commissioners held a workshop to discuss the potential sale of its railroad assets on February 5, 2025. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were present. The meeting was a workshop for the edification of the commissioners, and public comment was not available.

Stakeholders were invited to participate, including the rail operator, customers, and the city. Ryan Paulson represented the City of Dayton, which holds utility rights-of-way along and across the railroad. Columbia Rail owner Paul Didelius, who leases the property from the port, was there as the potential buyer. Chris Shires from Seneca Foods and David McKinley from Columbia Grain Growers represented agriculture interests.

Bryan asked Didelius if he was still interested in purchasing the railroad. He answered yes and that the last thing the company wanted was to shutter or liquidate it.

Some stakeholders wondered aloud why the rail owner didn't tell them first about his desire to purchase the line rather than having to hear about it from the port. They thought this cast suspicion on the motive.

Participants agreed that the goal was to ensure the long-term viability of the line but disagreed on whether private or public ownership would be best.

Some alternative hybrid solutions were also explored. A complete video recording of the workshop is available at <https://youtu.be/UiuU8QIuz9g>

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next meeting of the Port Commissioners is scheduled for March 12, 2025. A public hearing on the issue will likely be scheduled later.

## NEW BOARD MEMBER CHOSEN FOR DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 5:30 p.m. on February 6, 2025. Dayton School District Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, Business Manager Jana Eaton, Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen, and board members Aneasha Dieu, Grant Griffin, and Ryan Paulson were present. The sole purpose of this meeting was to select a new board member from candidates who applied for the position.

Candidates were Melissa Gemmill, Brenda Henderson, Katie Lied, and Pat Davidson.

Board members separately interviewed each candidate for about 30 minutes. The candidates' answers were similar, although Davidson's were perhaps the most succinct.

The board went into an hour-long executive session following the interviews. After returning, the board voted unanimously to select Pat Davidson to fill the vacant Board position.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

*“Conclave”*  
Feb. 15 – 18

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Nominated for eight Academy Awards, “Conclave” follows one of the world’s most secretive and ancient events, the selection of the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church’s most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope’s wake, secrets that could shake the foundations of the Church.

“Carrying off papal pulp with immaculate execution and career-highlight work from Ralph Fiennes, “Conclave” is a godsend for audiences who crave intelligent entertainment,” according to a Rotten Tomatoes critic. The critics’ consensus gave “Conclave” a 93% rating, while audience comments included “Best movie of the year.” The movie is rated PG for thematic material and smoking.

The Liberty Theater is hosting a unique Valentine’s Day event at 7 p.m. on February 14.

Enjoy a cozy night out with that special someone or with friends for a fun night of nostalgia. First, enjoy a free showing of the 1942 film classic “Casablanca.”

A special evening follows that celebrates with concessions and treats from local businesses. Champagne and cider will be available for sale along with a sweet treat from Vikki’s Sweet Shoppe and roses from Paige’s Floral and Gifts. Hotel Hardware will provide a specially crafted “Casablanca” cocktail. The theater thanks Hotel Hardware, which is sponsoring the event.

Tickets for the event must be reserved at <https://Casablanca-Valentine-Liberty-Theater.eventbrite.com>, and [libertytheater.org](http://libertytheater.org). Tickets are also available during box office hours between 2 and 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday or by phone (509) 382-1380.

The movie lineup includes; “Casablanca,” on Feb. 14, “Conclave,” on Feb. 15 through 18, “Dog Man,” on Feb. 21 through 25, and “Captain America: Brave New World,” on Feb. 28 through Mar. 4.

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### SNOWMOBILING CELEBRATED AT THE 2025 WSSA WINTER RENDEZVOUS

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The snowmobiling community in Dayton hosted the 2025 Washington State Snowmobile Association’s Winter Rendezvous. Local chapter president, LaRhonda McCauley co-chaired the event that helped raise funds for the WSSA Legal Action Fund to protect motorized winter recreation.

Over three days, there were adventures for every riding style and evening events at the Dayton Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday.

There were trivia games, a silent auction, basket raffle, a photo contest, and guest speakers from State Parks and Forest Service. To find out more about the WSSA visit [www.facebook.com/WSSAUS](http://www.facebook.com/WSSAUS) and [www.facebook.com/ride-theblues](http://www.facebook.com/ride-theblues).



Submitted photos

Winner of the photo contest for best family photo, Reba and her aunt Courtney McNeil.

### JASPER MOUNTAIN RESERVE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING TRAILS ARE OPEN

THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY — With fresh snow, it is a great time for a trip to the Jasper Mountain Reserve. The privately owned, nonprofit reserve has 330 square miles of diverse terrain and offers year-round outdoor recreational options. The cross-country ski trails are groomed for classic and skate skiing.

JMR President Hartmut Stecher shared the following visitor’s information:

- Road Conditions: Payne Hollow Road, the road to the reserve may be plowed, though Columbia County usually clears it. In the meantime, all-wheel-drive and winter traction tires are required.
- Weather: The forecast calls for clear skies, sunshine, and cold temperatures this week – perfect conditions for a ski outing.
- Hiking trails are closed: Please do not walk or snow shoe on the freshly groomed cross country skiing trails.
- Parking: Parking on the side of Payne Hollow Road is recommended. The groomed cross country skiing trails start at the trail head gate.

For more information about the reserve and the recreational, conservation, and teaching opportunities it offers, go to <https://jaspermountainreserve.org>.



Submitted photos

Tiina Jaatinsen recently enjoyed a day of cross-country skiing on the Jasper Mountain Reserve trails.

### FLY FISHING SHOW THIS WEEKEND IN BELLEVUE

THE TIMES

BELLEVUE – A trip to Bellevue, Washington, for the 2025 Fly Fishing Show will be worth the drive to the sport’s enthusiasts. Organizers said there will be thirteen classes, seminars, films, demonstrations, hands-on experiences, and wall-to-wall displays of everything new in the sport.

There will be nearly \$100,000 in door prizes, including the following trips: a Golden Dorado Trip for two to South America, a week on the waters of King Salmon, Alaska, a week at Rio Manso Lodge in Northern Patagonia, a week at Chile Trout in Patagonia, and fishing in Iceland. Prizes of gear including rods, reels, and other tackle, will also be awarded during the show.

Classes will reflect all aspects of fly fishing, including Advanced Fly-Casting Class on February 14. Mac Brown and Dr. Gary Borger will teach practical and comprehensive techniques in an eight-hour class, priced at \$625. Other courses will be two and a half hours long for \$95 which includes the day’s admission.

The show will have 18 free seminars and 42 presentations at the center’s Destination Theater.

Attendees will vote between 41 categories of new fly-fishing products competing in the 2025 Consumer Choice Awards. The awards will be decided jointly by the Fly-Fishing Show, Fly Fusion Magazine, and Fly Fishing Journeys.

The 2025 International Fly Fishing Film Festival will have its Pacific Northwest premiere on Saturday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. The festival include a wide range of international fly-fishing films.

Schedules for classes, programs, seminars, and door prizes are listed on the Fly Fishing Show at <http://flyfishingshow.com/bellevue-wa/> or phone (814) 443-3638.

The show will be held in Bellevue’s Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Wash.

General admission for the show is \$20 for one day and \$35 for both. Children under age five and Scouts in uniform under age 16 are free. Children ages 6 through 12 are \$5. Entry for active military with an ID is \$10.

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# Waitsburg students will advance to Global Amazing Shake

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Seventeen students from Waitsburg Schools attended the Amazing Shake state finals in Mattawa, Washington, on Tuesday, February 4.

The Amazing Shake teaches students about professional skills for success through manners, discipline, and respect to present themselves exceptionally for future opportunities.

Participants from Waitsburg, Othello, Royal, and Wahluke school districts spent the day showing judges their skills in handshakes, follow-up questions, quick thinking, and effective communication. Participants practice these skills; however, they never know what is coming in the Amazing Shake competitions.

The Waitsburg School District is extremely proud of its students who attended:

- 1st place: Carter Barron – 8th grade
- 2nd place: Emily Knudson – 7th grade
- 3rd place: Oaklee Adams – 5th grade
- 4th place: Wiley Gagnon – 6th grade
- Wildcards: Kaitlyn Paul – 7th grade and Ava McCaw – 6th grade

Also attending were:

- 4th graders: Julian Gillentine, Azaliah Florez, Olivia Long
- 5th graders: Caed Gagnon, Emma Langford, Ethan Mahre,



Submitted photo

Amazing Shake winners from the Waitsburg School District (l-r): Wiley Gagnon, Oaklee Adams, Carter Barron, Emily Knudson, Kaitlyn Paul, and Ava McCaw will compete in the Global Amazing Shake Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

Malcolm Ledford, Myles Frasco

- 6th graders: Katherine Roberts, Rylan Struckmeier, Wyatt Parish

Waitsburg's top performers, Barron, Knudson, Adams, Gagnon, Paul, and McCaw, will travel to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Global Amazing Shake competition hosted at the Ron Clark Academy on March 28-30. In the global competition, participants will move through stations that challenge their etiquette, composure, and savoir-faire knowledge. Top performers will advance through the competition until an overall global champion for 2025 is named.

# MS GIRLS BASKETBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School girls basketball game against Desales ended in a tie on January 27 in Waitsburg.

With the game tied at the end of the fourth quarter, the teams were given one minute for overtime. Neither team scored, and the game ended with a score of 15-15.

Five Cardinals scored; Kaitlyn Paul led

with seven points, and Audrey Kiefel, Mady Potter, Peyton Childers, and Laila Long each scored two points. Kiefel had six rebounds and five steals, and Potter had five rebounds and three steals each.

The Cardinals played well against Liberty Christian of Richland on January 29, despite losing 35-21.

Scoring for the Waitsburg girls was balanced, with Potter scoring six points, Paul five (eight rebounds and three steals), Kiefel four (five steals), and Ava McCaw, Childers, and Tanna Ray (three steals) with

two points each.

Waitsburg played at Touchet on Monday, February 3, and beat the Redhawks 37-23. Kiefel scored 16 points, and she had seven steals. Gleason scored six, Long five, Paul and Potter scored four, and McCaw scored two.

Liberty Christian of Walla Walla beat Waitsburg 28-17 at Kison Court on Wednesday, February 5. Long led the Cardinals in scoring with six points and rebounded six. Kiefel and Gleason scored four points each, and Paul scored three. Gleason and Childers each had three steals.



Karen Huwe

Audrey Kiefel easily drives to the hoop against LC (l-r) Kaitlyn Paul, Mady Potter, Kiefel, and Ava McCaw.

# HANKINS EARNS THIRD SEED TO REGIONALS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School's wrestling team traveled to Almira-Coulee-Hartline to participate in district wrestling on Saturday, February 8.

"The kids did great," said Coach

Lash LaRue. "Everyone is going to Regionals. Jarod Hankins is seeded third in the boys' state qualifier on February 15 at Freeman High School."

Karissa Potts is the first girl wrestler for Waitsburg and will attend the regional competition at Roger's High School in Spokane on February 15.

LaRue was happy with his team's results, noting that freshman Dylan Gutierrez got his first win.

Mat Classic XXXVI, the Boys and Girls Wrestling Championships, will take place at the Tacoma Dome on February 22 and 23.



Karen Huwe

After his win at College Place in January, Jarod Hankins will take the 3rd seed to Regionals on February 15.

*Church Directory*

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382-2311  
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**D**o you know the history of the short line railroad in Columbia County and its importance to the Port of Columbia and to the county?

The Port of Columbia was formed in 1958 in response to the construction of dams. One of its primary initial purposes was to work to gain access to the newly dammed Snake River as a transportation corridor for barging grain products.

In 1996, through donation by the Union Pacific, the Port assumed ownership of the rail line between Dayton and Walla Walla, covering 37 miles of rail, stretching from the east end of Dayton to the edge of the Veteran's Memorial Golf Course in Walla Walla.

At the time, Seneca Foods was still shipping a million cans of asparagus a year by rail, so the Port District felt it was important to keep the line open.

The Port inherited an existing lease with WATCO. Columbia Rail now operates the Columbia Walla Walla Railroad on this section of line through a lease agreement with the Port. Columbia Rail also operates the entire 67 mile stretch from Dayton to Wallula. That portion from Walla Walla to Wallula is still owned by Union Pacific.

The lease agreement with Columbia Rail calls for a small rent payment to the Port of \$4,000 per year. The rent is kept low because the lease requires the operator to provide all maintenance on the line, including weed control and track upkeep. The Port also leased the adjacent right-of-way to the rail operator to provide more revenue opportunities, such as leasing farm ground to adjacent landowners. The operator is responsible for making sure the uses along the line conform with Port policy.

Traffic on the line decreased dramatically after Seneca Foods moved their asparagus canning operation to Peru, in 2004. Today the primary product shipped on the Port's 37 miles of rail is seed from Seneca Foods, Inc. and grain from Northwest Grain Growers.

The short line railroad remains a critical economic development tool. The Port has applied for and received grant funds many times, over the past 15 years, to improve crossings, replace ties and ballast, and repair bridges, enabling the line to stay open.

Important considerations are: If the lower Snake River dams were breached, what would happen to grain traffic? Shipping grain by truck would add to the further disrepair of our highways and roads. What is the economic impact to a community if potential business partners shy away because of a lack of rail access? What if local control over the rail was lost? There would be no say in who operates the line many years down the road.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County**  
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### WALLA WALLA

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### Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam



Friday, February 14  
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### NEWS

## WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSIDERING PROJECT LEVY

#### THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg School District board of directors is considering presenting a Safety, Security, and Technology Capital Project Levy to the voters on April 22, 2025. The board is seeking applications from district residents to be considered for a committee to write the "for" and "against" statements for the proposed levy to be published in the Walla Walla and Columbia Counties' Voter Pamphlets.

Any district residents interested should send their name, address, phone number, email address, and position they represent to the Waitsburg School District Interim Superintendent Dr. Carol Clarke, at P.O. Box 217, Waitsburg, Wash., 99361 or by email at [cclarke@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:cclarke@waitsburgsd.org) by noon on February 19, 2025. The board will decide on the committee appointments at its February 20, 2025 meeting.

The contact information for committee appointees may be listed in the local voter's pamphlet. For more information, please reference the "Walla Walla County Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules" available at [www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/auditor/elections.php](http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/auditor/elections.php).

### PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
February 12, 2015



[Photo caption] Kristine Warren pins an Eagle Scout badge to son Matthew during his Eagle Scout Ceremony as Scoutmaster Brian Houdak (far left) and Dad Bill look on.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
February 10, 2000

What's in a name? To Waitsburg Councilwoman Delores Nettles, who grew up on Wood Street on the eastern edge of Waitsburg, it's everything. Wood Street, the street next to the Jackpot Mini-mart, is only a block long and sashays into Taggart Road. The company conducting the E-911 project recommended a number of street designations in Waitsburg, including changing Wood Street to Taggart Road. Nettles objected, saying she didn't see any reason to change, and besides, it's the street on which she grew up and she didn't favor changing it. City Clerk Trina Cole, in presenting the issue, noted that the readdressing is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service, and both entities recommended changing Wood to Taggart, giving clarity for emergency services personnel and postal delivery as reasons.

Fifty Years Ago  
February 13, 1975

Nine members of the Historical Society Board gathered at the Kison home Monday night and discussed the purchase of a rug for the parlor of the Bruce house. A suitable pattern has been found, large red roses on white at a Walla Walla store, which is similar to the original rug. Availability is the next question to be answered and how soon can it be laid. This will be followed by red velvet drapes and glass curtains.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
February 17, 1950

Candidates for the rank of Second Class Scout and patrol leader picked a dandy Sunday to hike and cook out along the Touchet west of town. Scouts attending were Neil Witt, James Berry, Jerry Baker, Bob Thomas, Russell Hays, Randy Cully, Richard Webber, Bob Baim, and Glen Callahan. Patrol leaders were Dick Brunton, Marvin Klindt and Bob Wright.

Pete Hermanns has bought the former Mary White ranch in the McKay district formerly farmed by Clifford Hermanns.

Kenneth Bickelhaupt has been doing some clover seeding by plane during the past week.

One Hundred Years Ago  
February 20, 1925

Herrold Brothers, who farm several hundred acres in the Whiskey Creek district east of this city, and who have a fine acreage of bottom land, are gradually diversifying their operation to some extent by running a number of sheep and hogs.

Thelma Tucker gave a Valentine party at her home on East 6th Street Saturday afternoon. Myrle Pasley won the prize for the best valentine. Those present were Marjorie Barnes, Naomi Freeman, Myrle Pasley, Tenny Teeter, Jean Leonard, Ernestine Rice, Ellmore Wheelon, Martha Harsh, Kathryn Williams, Olga Boyles, Marion Bailey and Maxine McConnell.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
February 23, 1900

C. M. Leid and Maude Hawks were united in marriage Thursday of this week at the residence of the bride's parents, Thos. Hawks and wife, Rev. J. W. Adams officiating.

Dayton has the strongest man on earth, beyond doubt. At any rate we offer twenty seven cents reward for his superior in close fist-edness. He got married to a home girl to save expenses. They walked around the block for a bridal tour. He bought her a nickel's worth of stick candy for a wedding present and then suggested that they save the candy for the children.

## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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**Tuesday, February 18**  
Swedish Meatballs over Noodles  
Corn Salad  
Fruit  
Cookie



### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
Breakfast

Pancakes & Sausage  
Lunch  
Chicken Drumsticks/Nuggets  
mashed potatoes and gravy  
Roasted corn, fruit cup  
Warm roll

**Friday, Feb. 14**  
Breakfast  
Donut & Scrambled eggs  
Lunch  
Corndogs  
Caesar salad  
Carrots, mixed fruit  
Something crunchy

**Monday, Feb. 17**  
No School  
Presidents Day

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
Breakfast  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Lunch  
Chicken & Cheese quesadilla  
Refried beans  
Roasted corn  
pears

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**  
Breakfast  
Muffins & Scrambled eggs  
Lunch  
Pulled pork sandwich  
Sweet potato fries  
Coleslaw  
Mixed fruit



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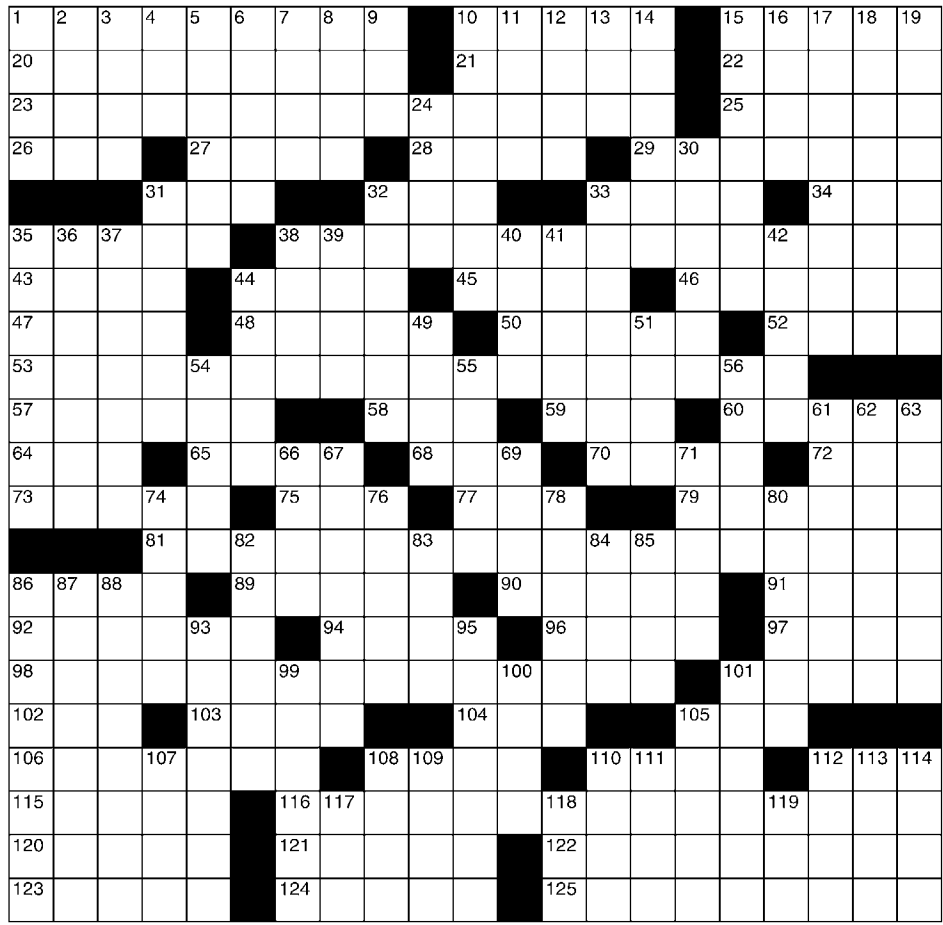


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

TYKES IN THE SADDLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Milk-Bone products
  - 10 Legendary masked swordsman
  - 15 "Getting out of it is not possible for me"
  - 20 Stat for a baseball pitcher
  - 21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth
  - 22 Can't get out of it
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Santa's little helpers
  - 26 "Delicious!"
  - 27 Insect snares
  - 28 Told fibs
  - 29 Attempts to hit, as a fly
  - 31 Hair fixative
  - 32 Ryder Cup org.
  - 33 Manipulator
  - 34 Prefix with angle
  - 35 Felt concern
  - 38 Riddle, part 2
  - 43 Supreme Norse deity
  - 44 California vineyard valley
  - 45 Joust verbally
  - 46 Words before "dream" or "be different"
  - 47 Jazz pianist Allison
  - 48 Loft
  - 50 In a very uncordial way
  - 52 City in Iowa
  - 53 Riddle, part 3
  - 57 Not docile
  - 58 Serpentine fish
  - 59 Above, in poetry
  - 60 Gabrielle of volleyball
  - 64 Vietnamese New Year
  - 65 Grad's gala
  - 68 Flop
  - 70 Indian royal
  - 72 Camera — (Cannes award)
  - 73 Wear down
  - 75 Actor DeLuise
  - 77 Space
  - 79 Big city in Ontario
  - 81 Riddle, part 4
  - 86 Utah winter vacation spot
  - 89 From Tehran or Tabriz
  - 90 Ladle, e.g.
  - 91 Concerning
  - 92 Iris coverer
  - 94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"
  - 96 Memorable periods
  - 97 Squint
  - 98 End of the riddle
  - 101 Cottage cheese bits
  - 102 Hit the slopes
  - 103 Alternatives to coffees
  - 104 Part of LAPD
  - 105 Perp catcher
  - 106 Like fishes without appendages
  - 108 Casino fixture
  - 110 Holier-than- —
  - 112 Rock's Reed
  - 115 Make irate
  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 120 Crouch down
  - 121 Fill with panic
  - 122 Vacant elected positions
  - 123 1,000-kilo metric unit
  - 124 Conical tent
  - 125 Analyzed to detect the presence of
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Like a wet lawn at dawn
  - 2 Waikiki locale
  - 3 Protein unit
  - 4 Blasting stuff
  - 5 Kept in check
  - 6 1950s Ford
  - 7 "I smell —!"
  - 8 Yanks
  - 9 — -cone
  - 10 Astrological diagrams
  - 11 Writer Sarah — Jewett
  - 12 Scan or skim
  - 13 Aries animal
  - 14 Ukraine port
  - 15 "Tell me about it!"
  - 16 Ale grain
  - 17 Generalized rivalry situation
  - 18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)
  - 19 Brand of tortilla chips
  - 24 Gymnast Korbut
  - 30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King
  - 31 Big Swiss city
  - 32 Extol
  - 33 Toward a stream's source
  - 35 Calculate
  - 36 Ornament hanger, e.g.
  - 37 Italian rice dish
  - 38 Lot in life
  - 39 Makes the decision
  - 40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
  - 41 PC shortcut code
  - 42 Barter
  - 44 Consumer advocate Ralph
  - 49 Signaled, as an actor
  - 51 Pre-euro Italian money
  - 54 Bank of China Tower architect
  - 55 Power connectors
  - 56 One of the Muses
  - 61 He played Santa in "Elf"
  - 62 Recoiled in fear
  - 63 Blackboard clearers
  - 66 Baltic Sea feeder
  - 67 Tile designs
  - 69 Blocks up
  - 71 — Hopkins University
  - 74 Clog-clearing brand
  - 76 Year division
  - 78 Writing assignments
  - 80 Cause to stumble
  - 82 Keaton and Sawyer
  - 83 Not yet final, in law
  - 84 Folk stories
  - 85 Bank offering
  - 86 Gets on it right away
  - 87 Investigate
  - 88 Checking the fit of
  - 93 One of the Muses
  - 95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin
  - 99 React to with a quick breath
  - 100 Inflict upon
  - 101 Meal division
  - 105 Tally up
  - 107 Boxer Spinks
  - 108 See 94-Across
  - 109 Apollo's instrument
  - 110 Variety tools
  - 111 Gardening tools
  - 112 Bread unit
  - 113 Film director Preminger
  - 114 Khrushchev's fed.
  - 117 Comida cheer
  - 118 Decay
  - 119 Actor Danson



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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Mexican Spiced Brownies



In preparation for Valentine's Day, my mind naturally turns to food. The kitchen has always been an extension of my heart, cooking an act of love. While flowers and little trinkets are lovely, in my mind it is homemade edible gifts that have the most meaning. Among the list of romantic bites, sweet treats, and supposed aphrodisiacs, the ingredient most associated with this annual celebration of romance is chocolate. Foiled boxes of dark chocolate truffles, rich chocolate tortes and towering layered cakes, the options are endless. This year I am spicing things up with these delightful and chewy brownies inspired by beloved Mexican hot chocolate. Their subtle sweetness balanced with warm cinnamon and a dash of red chili pepper, make for a lively dessert that is sure to spark a little passion.

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground California chili or cayenne
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- Confectioners' sugar for dusting

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease an 8 x 8-inch baking pan with butter and line with parchment paper.

Melt the butter with the cocoa in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir until smooth, then remove from heat and allow to cool for several minutes. Transfer to a large mixing bowl. When cool to the touch, whisk in the eggs, one at a time. Whisk till shiny and smooth. Add vanilla.

In a separate mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, nuts, cinnamon, chili, and salt. Next, slowly add this to the butter and cocoa mixture. Mix with a fork until just combined.

With a rubber spatula, pour and spread batter into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes. Keep an eye on it and don't let it overbake. The brownies will be set around edges but still fudgy in the center. Use toothpick to test. Cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. Then, when cool cut into 9 to 12 brownies depending on the desired size. Carefully remove from the pan and peel away parchment paper. Use a fine mesh strainer to dust the tops with confectioners' sugar.

### Notes:

To make these a Valentine's treat, cut little hearts out of parchment paper and place them on top of the brownies after they have been sliced. Proceed by dusting tops with the powdered sugar, then use metal tongs or kitchen tweezers to carefully remove the paper, leaving behind a sweet little heart impression.

California chili is a lovely mild chili that can often be found ground in the Latin section of a grocery store. If you can't find California chili you can use cayenne or even paprika. Avoid using prepared spice mixes labeled "Chili Powder" as these usually also contain cumin and garlic powder. If you are sensitive to heat try reducing the chili to 1/8- teaspoon.

This recipe can easily be doubled and baked in a 9 x 13-inch baking pan. You might need to adjust baking time slightly.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my lovely readers. Enjoy!



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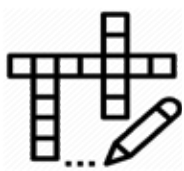
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## Community Calendar

### WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



**Waitsburg City Council**  
Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall. Next meeting

**Planning Commission**  
Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.

**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Home and School Association** – First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All parents, school district staff, or community members are welcome.

**Waitsburg Booster Club**  
First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room

**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**  
First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee  
Info email: [info@waitsburgparks.org](mailto:info@waitsburgparks.org)

**Waitsburg Historical Society**  
Third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library



**Weller Public Library Board of Trustees**  
Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m.

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank**  
106 1/2 Preston Ave  
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### DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m.  
Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

**Dayton City Council**  
Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>



**Dayton School Board**  
First and third Wednesday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

**DHS Alumni Meeting**  
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.  
Dayton Eagles on Main St. Dayton.

**Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**  
Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

**Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District**  
Regular Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room.

**Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting**  
Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon  
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delany Library with online Zoom available.



### PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2024 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6pm



### STARBUCK MEETINGS

Starbuck City Council  
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