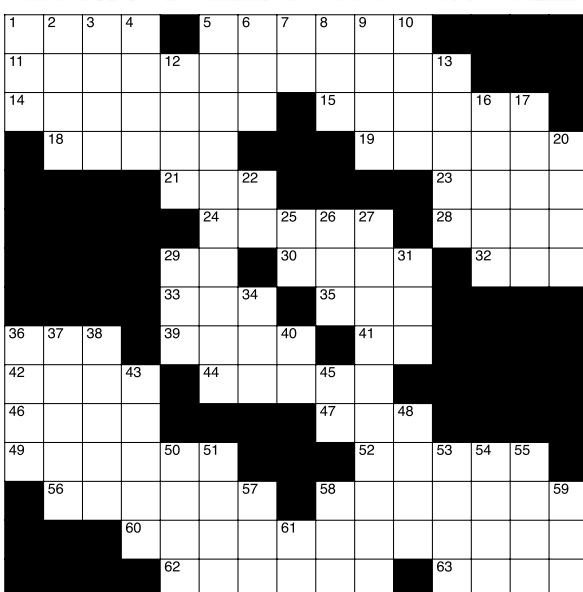


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**CROSSWORD**



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Popular potato snack
- 5. Guards the Pyramids
- 11. Furnish anew
- 14. Herb
- 15. Preoccupy the mind continually
- 18. The lowest adult male singing voice
- 19. NATO commander (abbr.)
- 21. A major division of geological time
- 23. New Zealand parrot
- 24. Notions
- 28. Lump in yarn
- 29. Indicates position
- 30. Lose hold of
- 32. Hindu honorific
- 33. Former OSS
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Cost per mile
- 39. Snake-like fish
- 41. They start the alphabet
- 42. Taylor Swift's tour
- 44. Intermediate ecological stage
- 46. Scarlett's home
- 47. Of he
- 49. Ohio city
- 52. Breakfast item
- 56. An evening party
- 58. \_\_\_ Falls
- 60. Linked together
- 62. Mythological spirits
- 63. Small Eurasian deer

- 2. Flavoring
- 3. Notion
- 4. Bundy and Fenwick are two
- 5. Qualities of sound
- 6. One who gets paid
- 7. Expresses surprise
- 8. O.J. trial judge
- 9. Pointed ends of pens
- 10. Shield bugs genus
- 12. Container for shipping
- 13. Upper body parts
- 16. Closes tightly
- 17. Nigerian World Heritage Site
- 20. Volcanic island in Fiji
- 22. Commercial
- 25. \_\_\_ denotes past
- 26. They \_\_\_
- 27. Confraternities
- 29. A way to gain a point

- 31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 34. Brew
- 36. Badgers group
- 37. Sailing boat
- 38. \_\_\_ Polo, explorer
- 40. Elder citizen (abbr.)
- 43. Frankish law code
- 45. Exclamation of surprise
- 48. Groan
- 50. It presses clothing
- 51. Do not allow
- 53. Gelatinous substance
- 54. Common Japanese surname
- 55. Present in nature
- 57. Electronic countermeasures
- 58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 59. Commercial
- 61. News agency

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Earliest human form: \_\_\_-Magnon man

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D R K H D A P L S O S K C I T M N Z S I  
R N G H C E Z L X G S N I X O T L R E F  
P L F O S N N A A I R A O A C R A T E K  
S P R E P V E T E R I N A R I A N F S S  
C D E F N R C M X I V A C C I N A T I O N  
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E P H N T E O A L R C G V A X T C H S H  
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N P P A A U S E G R S K O R S D I I R A  
A H T H I D Y T O K I T E T K I Y U N E  
D O N V N D E K C O L E V O D H O H P H  
U O Z C T D X P U Y O M R P Y C F N S R

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

**WORDS**

- CARRIER
- COLLAR
- CORDS
- CRATE
- DANGEROUS
- EMERGENCY
- FENCE
- HARNES
- HAZARDS
- HEATSTROKE
- HYDRATION
- IDENTIFICATION
- LOCKED
- LOST
- MICROCHIP
- PET-PROOFING
- PREVENTIVE
- RESTRAINT
- SECURE
- SUPERVISION
- TICKS
- TOXINS
- VACCINATION
- VETERINARIAN

**THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT**

**Hedrick and School Closure**

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review

May 24, 1991. After nine decades of being the heart of the community, the Hedrick Community School District opened its doors for the final time. To honor the occasion, the seven boys in the eighth grade class rented tuxedos to wear to the final eighth grade graduation. Many of the students were saddened by the closing, but a few were optimistic. Seventeen-year-old Brandon Brown told the Des Moines Register he was excited about the closing because he'd be able to play football at Pekin; Hedrick hadn't had a football team for two years by the time it closed and was also unable to field a girls basketball team that year. Still, for most of the town, the closing of the school was met with bitterness.

The downfall of the school had been on the horizon for years. In 1985, the State of Iowa began working to consolidate schools with less than 300 students. Hedrick, with its low test scores and student count just over 200, was repeatedly visited by state inspectors, who found ongoing issues with licensing and curriculum. Part of this may have stemmed from miscommunication. In 1987, the Hedrick School Board pulled out of the Iowa School Board Association, believing that it favored large schools. Because of this, following an April 1990 visit, the state was unable to get the home address of the school board president from the ISBA to send the report to. Instead, the report was sent to the school administration, resulting in the board not reading the report threatening closure if changes were not made. Except, the problems that

led the state to threaten closure had been discussed in previous reports and were told orally during the April 1990 visit. The severity of the situation should have been obvious.

The same year, the State of Iowa changed open enrollment laws, allowing students to go to other districts without paying tuition. This led to a mass exodus, as 32 of Hedrick's 234 students quickly jumped ship to the neighboring Pekin School District during the 1990/1991 school year. Worse, by November, 50 more students had applied to leave. Part of this was likely due to parents, who knew the closure was coming, moving their kids early, but a lot of it was due to some parents believing Pekin would provide better education. No other school in Iowa lost so many kids so quickly when the open enrollment laws changed. The district's plummeting attendance gave the state justification to pull the trigger.

In November, 1990, the Iowa Board of Education dealt the deathblow, unanimously voting to dissolve the Hedrick school district. In an unprecedented move, the State of Iowa had closed a school district, against the will of the people. One Hedrick parent, Dan Davis, compared the state board to Hitler in an interview with the Des Moines Register. Sophomore David Walker called the board "cruel and unjust." Former board member Ervin Breon said he was bitter and that Hedrick never had a fighting chance, that the rules changed so quickly Hedrick couldn't keep up. In protest, all but one member of the Hedrick School Board resigned in January of 1991.

One of my main sources for this column was a 1993 thesis about the closing written by Marsha Steinhart, which contained interviews with Hedrick residents. At the time, they were resentful. They felt that they had been singled out and railroaded by the state, that there was a conspiracy to close the district, that the people who shared the petition years prior had betrayed the town. They said that the district had been working to fix its problems and could have fixed them, if given more time. They were angry because the Hedrick school district had died, at the hands of the state government.

Except, ultimately, it wasn't the state that killed Hedrick. A school with 234 students could not survive 82 students leaving in a single year. It simply couldn't. Even if the state hadn't intervened, there was absolutely nothing anyone could have done to save the school. Hedrick was already dead.

When the school closed, locals were glad, regardless of the outcome, that at least the strife was finally over. Most of the district's 234 students were sent to Pekin, with a few going to Fremont or Ottumwa. Fifteen of the district's 23 teachers had managed to find work elsewhere by the time the school closed, with two others retiring. Still, this led many of them to leave Hedrick, exacerbating the town's decline.

The school was demolished in the fall of 1991. The fact that it was torn down so quickly was one last insult for the people of Hedrick to suffer through. The only part left standing was the old gym. In 2004, the gym was renovated and

turned into the Carl Craft Civic Center, named after a beloved school janitor who passed away the same year as the school.

In a 1991 interview with the Washington Post, Hedrick Mayor Bill Mosbey stated that, in small towns, the school holds the community together. He warned that, with the school gone, the people of Hedrick would lose social contacts they would never regain. He sadly admitted that, with the school gone and economic forces pushing young people elsewhere, that he saw no future for young people in Hedrick and that he doubted that his grandchildren would live in the town.

I asked around on Facebook if anyone who attended Hedrick remembered what it was like when it closed. Several people remarked that it was a sad day. One person warned that I shouldn't dig up the past, because it wasn't pretty for the people of Hedrick. Kristen Brown stated that it led to long bus rides for country kids and classes with higher teacher to student ratios. She noted that Hedrick's Main Street used to be bustling and is now boarded up.

Hedrick's population actually didn't plummet that much, going from 810 in 1990 to 728 in 2020, in line with other towns like Keota or Richland, but the heart of the community died with the school. Hedrick lost something the town will never get back and that sucks. Even if it was inevitable, even if it was arguably in the best interest of the students, it is sad that the school had to close, and it is sad that it was so devastat-

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