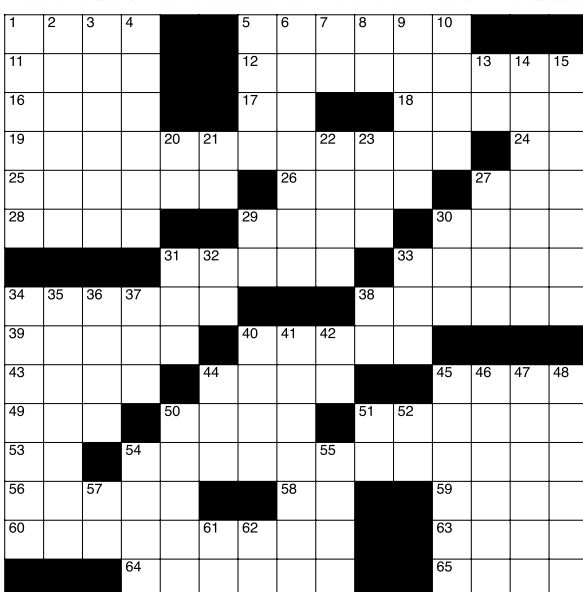


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CLUES ACROSS

- "Bird of Paradise" constellation
- Red Sox WS winner Bronson
- Whirl
- The State Dept. has a notable one
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Part of the mind
- Mountainous country
- Type of beverage
- Atomic #109
- Opposite of falsities
- Female sheep
- Rocky peak
- Sensitive information sharing environment
- Ethnic group of Thailand
- Patron saint of Rome Philip
- Psychedelics
- Japanese pine
- Have an impact on
- Violent disorder
- A French river
- Early Mesoamerican civilization
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Musician Clapton
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Valley
- A way to unwind
- Atomic #93
- Recommending
- Indigo bush
- Larry and Curly's pal
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- Relating to songbirds
- A way to assign

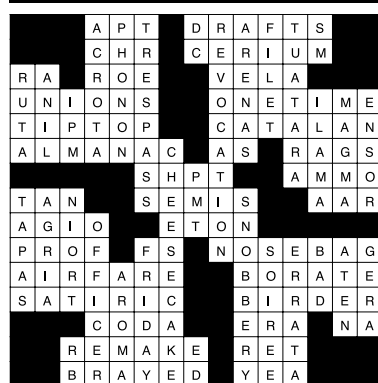
CLUES DOWN

- Some are "secret"
- Intestinal openings
- Distant planet
- Assembly possessing high legislative powers
- Genus of typical owls
- One with distinctively colored hair
- Red cross
- An alternative
- Abominable snowmen
- About ear
- The opening letters
- Feeling of regret
- Atomic #39
- Luteinizing hormone
- Atomic #55
- Carries a debt
- Albanian monetary unit
- Semitic abjad letter
- Yes
- Negative
- Earn a perfect score

CLUES ACROSS

- Connecticut
- Partner to cheese
- Snack nuts
- Quadruped's body part
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- "___, myself and I"
- Utah city northwest of Provo
- Football players in the trenches
- One who runs the show
- Wood
- Performing artists
- Slang for a cut
- More breathable
- Most crafty
- Provokes into action
- University of Dayton
- Sodium
- Large fish of the mackerel family
- Not one
- ___ and behold
- Sports highlight show
- "The Great Lakes State"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



BRAIN POWER WORD SEARCH

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

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

WORDS

- ATTENTION
- BRAIN
- CLARITY
- COGNITION
- EMOTIONS
- EXECUTIVE
- FLEXIBILITY
- FOCUS
- FUNCTION
- INFORMATION
- LEARNING
- MEMORY
- MINDFULNESS
- NEURAL
- NEUROPLASTICITY
- PERCEPTION
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- PROCESSING
- REACTION
- RESERVE
- RESILIENCE
- SLEEP
- STRESS
- SYNAPSES

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Velna's World and Funerals

By Casey Jarmes |
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This month, I have shared stories from the memoirs of Velna Utterback (formerly Velna Robertson, Velna Adams). I have dedicated thousands of words to this woman's life, but of course, that is paltry for any life, much less for someone who lived through so much. Still, there is much I do not know about this woman, things her memoirs did not describe.

Velna wrote about her son Paul getting sick as a baby and her watching the desperate surgery that saved his life. But she did not write about Paul dying in 1959, at the age of 29. His grave says that he was an Air Force sergeant; that's the only detail of his life I could find. She wrote about Leo Adams proposing to her on Christ-

mas Eve. She told many stories about their life together. However, Velna did not write about Leo passing away in 1968. Velna married Verle Clifford in 1981; he too passed away, in 1983. Once again, Velna did not write about this.

Velna did write about one funeral; it's probably my favorite story from "Velna's World." When the Adamses lived on the farm by Hayesville, a "dear little old lady" named Grandma Doser lived on a farm near them. Her husband was deceased, and she lived with her daughter, Annie, and her grandsons. Their farm lay along the bank of the South Skunk River and was frequently underwater. They had an old, blind horse, two or three cows, and some chickens. Once or twice a week, Grandma

Doser would walk to Hayesville, carrying a little basket of eggs and a bucket with a gallon or two of cream in it, which she traded for groceries, including 24 pound sacks of flour, which she carried home on her back. At times, Grandma Doser would get confused, and would be unable to find her way home.

Eventually, Doser was taken to the Keokuk County Home, where she passed away. Her family had no telephone, so the home called Velna, to pass word to Doser's daughter. Velna rode her horse as far as she could, then tied him to a tree and walked across a six-foot wide ditch full of water, which the family had cut down a tree to use as a bridge. Velna informed the family, who made the funeral arrangements.

Velna bought the Annie to her mother's funeral. They offered to pay, but she refused. When the Adamses decided to move from Hayesville to a farm southeast of Delta, they butchered two hogs, and hung them in the garage to cool overnight. One of Annie's sons learned of this and told his mother. Annie and her son walked a mile to the Adams farm, on one of the coldest days in February, as it was snowing, to help Velna cut up the lard and grind sausage. Annie said, "I shall always remember that you took me to my mother's funeral. I wanted to do something to repay you if I could." It was almost midnight when they finished, but Annie insisted on helping Velna wash up the greasy pans before going home.

Another story happened in 1970, two years after her husband Lee passed away. One night, Velna was woken

up at around 1:45 a.m., by the sound of someone stepping onto her front porch and knocking on the storm door. She laid very still as the man knocked on her back porch. He then opened the storm door, knocking on the inside door. The man left, but Velna, sensing he would return, grabbed her shotgun and sat in the living room, with the gun across her lap, waiting for the man to break the door down. 15 minutes later, he returned, and knocked on the front door once more. Then, Velna heard the sound of the garage door opening and tools clinking. She called the sheriff. He arrived twenty minutes later, with two young men he'd picked up just east of her house. The men had stolen a battery and lantern from her car. The younger of the two thieves received six months; the older, who had been on probation, was given five years. Velna ran into the younger thief a year later, at a restaurant, and noted that he smiled and spoke in a friendly manner.

In 1987, Velna broke her leg while walking down the Sigourney Square. While recovering, she enjoyed watching a squirrel in the maple trees on her terrace. Velna's son, Beryl, tied ears of corn to the tree with cord; the squirrel chewed through the cord and ran off with the corn. When another squirrel came for the corn, Velna's "little friend," as she called it, swung around and slapped it, scaring it off. This moment was the last story Velna wrote.

Velna was born in 1901 and lived to be 101. She was a member of the Spiritualist

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Velna Utterback

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