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OH, BEEHIVE! by LeXman

In honor of Utah – the Beehive State – we present a beehive crossword, designed to teach you some fun facts about bees!

The clues here are grouped in threes, numbered by the hexagon where the three answers cross. Enumerations are withheld, so it is up to the solver to determine which answer goes where. Note also that words can go in all six directions: for example, a word entered horizontally in the grid could run either left-to-right or right-to-left.

Now for the fun facts, to be entered in the blanks below the grid:

ONE: First, we'll brush up on your knowledge of the basic vocabulary of the apiarian world. Twelve of this puzzle's clues must be altered in specific ways before you can solve them. For six additional clues, the answers must be altered in similar ways before they can be entered in the grid.

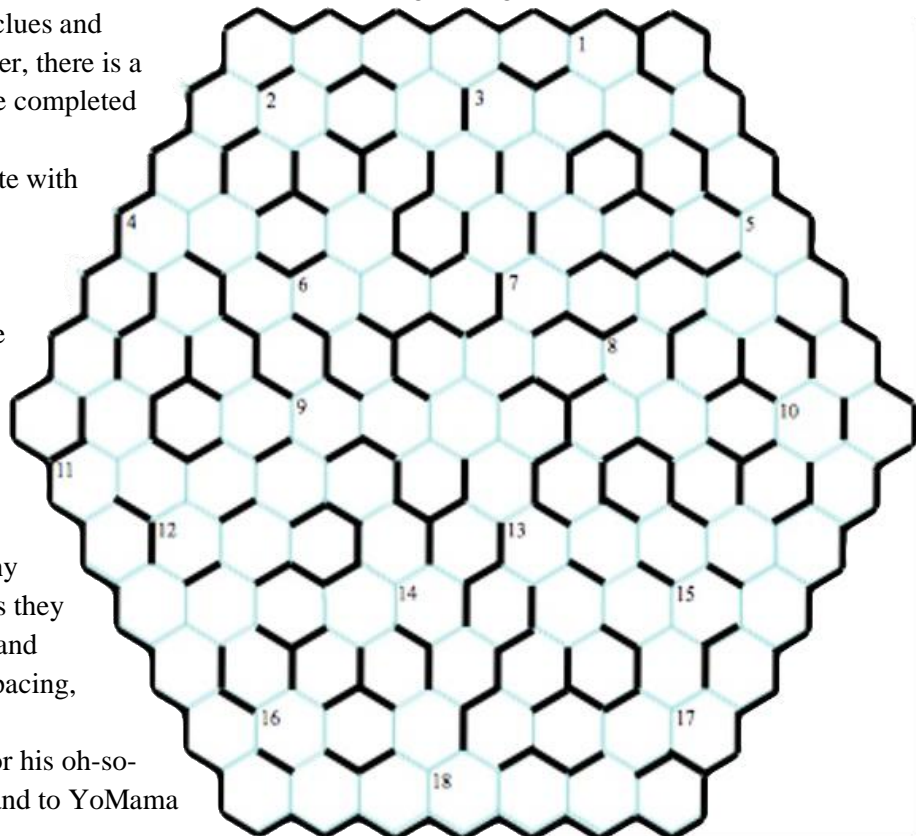
TWO: In twelve other clues, one letter must be replaced with another before the clue can be solved. In clue order, the new letters spell out what beehives represent to the people of Utah, and where in the State of Utah you can find evidence of this connection. If you sort the letters of this message alphabetically, you will learn, from the letters they replaced, where the State of Utah ranks in U.S. honey production.

THREE: In three cases, none of the clues nor answers in a given triplet belongs to Categories One or Two. If you arrange the clues in each of these triplets in the alphabetical order of their answers, then the first letter of the first clue, the second letter of the second clue, and the third letter of the third clue, one triplet after the other, will spell the name of a non-Mormon religious figure also associated with bees.

FOUR: The remaining clues and answers are normal. However, there is a secret message hidden in the completed grid. Bees, scientists have discovered, can communicate with one another using a special wiggling dance. Find the wiggling path hidden in our beehive, from one bee to the other, that spells out the common, seven-letter woman's name that means "bee."

Although the various alterations will not create any non-MW words, in the clues they will spoil the surface sense and will render capitalization, spacing, and punctuation unreliable.

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| <p>1 Beefed up rocket, so it's said
Casts Tess – so awful
Tipsy lass, drinking bit of tonic, goes boating</p> <p>2 Component of Final Solution, and National Socialism as well
Decline shop assistant's confection
Files assorted letters that make up vice-chair's research</p> <p>3 Burden of law dominating globe
I dressed in Mormon tops
Turned creator (animal found, at first) in gestation</p> <p>4 African native prepared edible stew
Note commercial study
Ramp up a part of child-rearing with energy</p> <p>5 Claim foreign mints first
Tangling mane, hands tingle
Weird about space grit covering large person from Brisbane, for example</p> <p>6 Extra chopped pears
Mope because of something lout initially proclaimed in error
Parries taunt loudly</p> <p>7 Leaky faucet sounds loud at commencement, interrupting Boston orchestra
Society's sort of green influence discussed
State your case quietly and take charge</p> <p>8 About empty, lie down and start again
Carrot, for example, ought to be in trash
Marketplace for crafts gets yarn pieces (<i>not MW</i>)</p> <p>9 In a new union, Marxist hosts arrive carrying storage container
Nit with one year's extra clothing
Start off tidy and fed</p> <p>10 Ale's broken closure
Aside from that, train's heading to Egypt
One of the First Family reportedly is talented</p> | <p>11 Soot flows into bolts
Stops for the night with winnings, ignoring the odds
What goeth before the fall for accountant?</p> <p>12 Bothering to mingle uneasily, getting back to business
Elected official supporting detailed data
Source of metals tin, gold, and rhenium</p> <p>13 Challenger's letter ignites war morally
Expressions of disgust, taking fifth in races
Released animals by the start of film retrospective</p> <p>14 Lows beginning to embitter woodland creature
Our group said what kids say when they go east
Stir up wedding whenever I yearn</p> <p>15 Center of boasting: succeeding Rhode Island city
Clear passage of time for lecher
One Rome inhabitant!</p> <p>16 Borders tinged with grease at both ends
Holding girl's face, I waffle (<i>not MW</i>)
Phone your group's leader: our side heading for home</p> <p>17 A becoming Republican in movie trailer with less dialogue?
Model slutty grin in a credulous way
Help criminals etch stake</p> <p>18 First class to second, returning <i>de la lune</i>
Harry Dresden is rough on eyes, for example
Lady's resting place left, with bit of misgiving, in valley</p> <p>What beehives symbolize: _____</p> <p>Where in Utah you find this: _____</p> <p>Utah rank in honey production: _____</p> <p>Non-Mormon religious figure: _____</p> <p>Woman's name: _____</p> |
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