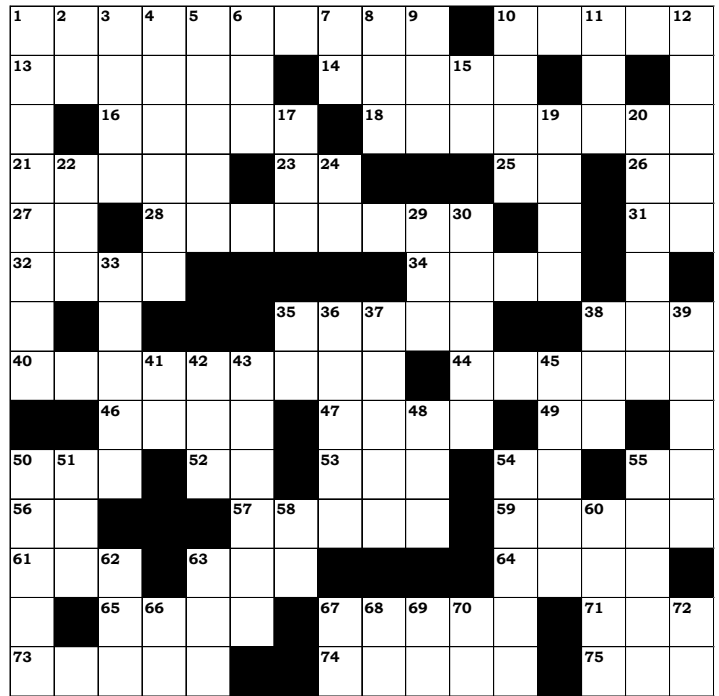


Puzzle #706

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ACROSS

1. In 1926, the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City began inviting ___ agriculture students to participate in a National Livestock Judging Contest. In 1928, this led to the establishment of the Future Farmers of America (FFA).
10. Insurance giant serving 39 million customers.
13. 7th planet from the sun.
14. ___ of approval came from the crowd (2 wds.).
16. At that ___ Nat. Convention in Kansas City in 1928, the FFA began with 33 students from 18 states, including CA and NJ.
18. In Mo., it's a long-standing tradition for FFA students to celebrate FFA Week by driving their ___ to school.
21. By cheating __, __ lost not only their respect for me, but my respect for myself (2 wds.).
23. Prefix for cede or peat.
25. That's a laugh!
26. Letters for Executive Order; directive by the U.S. President.
27. Letters for Unitarian Universalism, a liberal non-doctrinal Church characterized by its support for a search for truth.
28. At that beginning Nat. Convention in KC in 1928, they set the dues for each member at 10 cents ___.
31. Abbr. for pages.
32. ___ estate.
34. Longest measured portions of geological time; eras are the second longest.
35. Though Louisiana is known for them, Mo. also has one of our own. Mo. Conservation Dept.'s Wolf ___ in Pemiscot Co. near Hayti, Mo. is a mile-long backwater lake parallel to the Mississippi, probably a souvenir of the famous 1812 earthquake. It features good fishing, alligator snapping turtles, swamp rabbits, herons, etc.
38. Her car was sideswiped by a ___-and-run driver.
40. There is a large FFA plaque, bench and wall ___ in KC at 920 Baltimore Ave. marking the site of the old Baltimore Hotel where the FFA began.
44. "It's not nice to fool Mother ___"; a pop culture catch phrase from a Chiffon margarine TV ad in the 1970s.
46. Child born of Adam & Eve who was considered a gift to fill the emptiness left from the murder of Abel by Cain (Genesis 4:25).
47. I've got a bigger car for you for the same price. You get more ___ for your buck.
49. Extended time period to play off a tie.
50. Lower digit.
52. Letters for the Australian Open, the first of the four annual Grand Slam events in tennis, preceding the French Open, Wimbledon & the US Open.
53. Abbr. for #37 DOWN.
54. Letters for Nuclear Transfer, the science of cloning.
55. Letters preceding the parishes and towns of Clement (Pike Co.) and Robert (Pulaski Co.).
56. Border State of Mo.
57. "*Ite ___ est*" ("Go, you are sent"); sending forth words in the old Latin Mass.



59. Las Vegas, NV is the site of a natural ___ creating something of a grassy meadow (thus las vegas by Spanish explorers). But the creation of the Hoover Dam & Lake Mead is what has enabled Las Vegas to expand as it has.
61. Old record label.
63. In 1934, FFA ___ was expanded to FFA Week, celebrating the week of George Washington's birthday.
64. In 1934, the FFA adopted their signature ___ corduroy jacket as their uniform to be worn for most leadership activities.
65. In a relatively short time after it was founded, the FFA had 2,000 chapters and nearly 100,000 members. Today there are 8,600 chapters in all 50 states and over 700,000 members from ___ 12-21.
67. In 1903, the 30th governor of Mo., Alexander Dockery, signed into law the first ___ legislation licensing automobiles. It included a speed limit in Mo. of 9 miles per hour, the first such law in the nation.
71. Halloween is a contraction of All Hallows' ___ (i.e., the day before All Hallows' Day or All Saints Day).
73. Country from which Columbus sailed on route to the Americas.
74. Doubletree or Courtyard.
75. Officially spelled out 26th letter of the British English alphabet.

DOWN

1. "Wherever the corpse is, there the ___ will gather," (Matthew 24:28).
2. Decide! Are you in ___ out?
3. Lambert's ___ in Sikeston, Mo. is famous as the "home of throwed rolls."
4. FFA members are our future leaders in crop and ___ production, but also are future veterinarians, biologists, chemists and engineers.
5. The Shroud of ___ is a linen cloth bearing the negative image of a man said by some to be the burial cloth of the crucified Jesus. The Church has neither formally endorsed nor rejected the claim.
6. The International Space Station (___) is a low altitude (250 m. above earth) space environment and

- science lab, a joint project begun in 1998 by the U.S., Russia, Japan, Europe and Canada.
7. Chemical symbol for sodium.
 8. "Agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it's a science, a business and an _____," —FFA mission statement.
 9. In the military, letters for Letter of Reprimand.
 10. St. Louis has a big one!
 11. Uncle in Barcelona.
 12. Man of fables.
 15. 12-step group.
 17. Author Truman Capote to his friends.
 19. Burial place of Fr. Ferdinand Helias, Apostle of Central Mo., inside St. Francis Xavier Church.
 20. "He called the priests and Levites and said to them... collect money from all Israel that you may _____ the house of your God," (2 Chronicles 24:5).
 22. Shade of color.
 24. Abbr. for each.
 29. Pope _____ XIII famously wrote the foundational encyclical "*Rerum Novarum*" in 1892. It articulated the social justice principles of the Catholic Church regarding capitalism and labor (e.g., dignity of work, just wages, private ownership of property, and more).
 30. FFA prepares _____ leaders for personal growth and success through agricultural education, sponsored in schools under the aegis of the U.S. Dept. of Ed.
 33. "At times you were publicly exposed to _____ and affliction," (Hebrews 10:33).
 35. Letters for Baylor Univ., a Baptist Christian univ. in Waco, TX; has 14,000 students. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas, it is the oldest continuously operating univ. in Texas; its 1,000-acre campus is the physically largest Baptist univ. in the world.
 36. Restaurant chain known for its roast beef sandwiches and the slogan "We have the meats."
 37. The FFA held their annual conventions in KC for 70 _____, from 1928-1998.
 38. Pizza _____ was founded in 1958 in Wichita, KS. It is now part of Yum! Brands, Inc., the world's largest restaurant company.
 39. "Lord, it is good that we are here. I will make three _____ here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," (Matthew 17:4).
 41. Letters for Luxury Edition, a designation for a high-end automobile.
 42. Parent/school org.
 43. St. _____ More Newman Center parish in Columbia began as the Newman Center for MU students and evolved into a full-time parish with MU student ministry as its special mission.
 45. The FFA in Mo. is nearly 26,000 members strong, the 4th highest _____ of all the states, after TX, CA and GA.
 48. U.S. code-breaking agency (abbr.).
 50. In baseball, what ground crews might use to cover the infield during a rain delay.
 51. A member of the brutal race serving evil in Catholic writer J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.
 54. The _____ Peace Prize was established by a wealthy arms manufacturer.
 55. Mesh strainer.
 58. Text letters meaning including you.
 60. Opened in 1869, the _____ Canal connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea through Egypt. It is often used to define the border between Africa and Asia.
 62. Car club (abbr.).
 63. Contrary to expectations, Daniel seemed to get along well with the inhabitants of the lions' _____ (Daniel chapter 6).
 66. WW II soldier.
 67. Letters for Sacred Heart, the name of parishes in Columbia, Eldon, Rich Fountain and Vandalia.
 68. Heavens _____ Betsy!
 69. "Thank God almighty we are free _____ last," —from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.
 70. "*Adore _____ devote*"; Eucharistic hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas.
 72. Asner or Bradley.