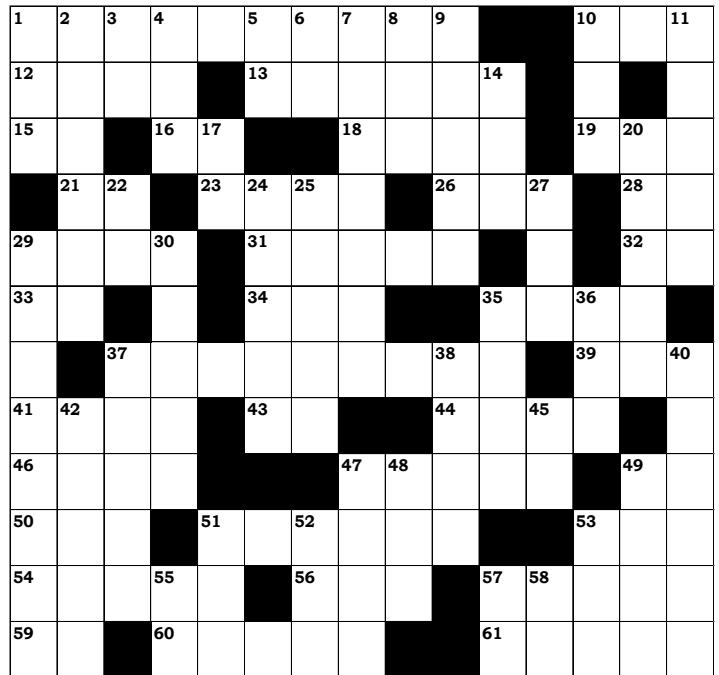


Puzzle #722

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ACROSS

1. The first ____ Christmas trees appeared in Germany in the 19th century, due to major deforestation. They were made of green-dyed goose feathers.
 10. Thomas Lincoln was Abraham Lincoln's youngest son who spent childhood years in the Civil War Whitehouse. Nicknamed "____" because he was "as wiggly as a tadpole," he was one of three of the four Lincoln sons who did not make it to adulthood.
 12. First king of Israel (1 Samuel 11:15).
 13. Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany and once was made of real ____.
 15. Miguel's yes.
 16. "They think themselves to be shining lights, and ____, they plunge down to earth and their foolish heart is darkened over," —St. Augustine, *Confessions*, Book 5.
 18. *King ____*; a tragedy by Wm. Shakespeare; though first staged in 1606, for centuries the play was thought too bleak to perform.
 19. It is said that Japanese traditionally ____ Christmas dinner at KFC. A 1947 "Kentucky for Christmas" campaign became strongly connected
21. Possible acronym for Nigeria, from where come several priests serving in our diocese.
 23. Shoemaker's sign: I will heel you and save your ____.
 26. Q - U.
 28. Tarheel State (abbr.).
 29. "Peter said to him, 'Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.' Jesus said to him, '____ my sheep,'" (John 21:16).
 31. Am. author Washington Irving (who founded the St. Nicholas Soc., in NYC in 1812) speaks of St. Nicholas as riding over the tips of trees in a ____ (later to become a sleigh) bearing gifts to children.
 32. The AL's Designated Hitter (____) position.
 33. I sometimes disagree with the opinions in the op-____ section of the newspaper.
 34. Letters on an airport's schedule board perhaps.
 35. Description of Santa's reindeer.
 37. Mistletoe is an ancient symbol of _____. Just an FYI.
 39. Letters on the side of an Am. ship.
 41. ____ Window is a 1954 Alfred Hitchcock mystery thriller starring Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly.
 43. "I don't give up ____ what I start. I'm a stubborn cuss," —Harry Truman.
 44. "Jingle Bells," originally titled "One Horse ____ Sleigh," was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont to be played in a concert for...not Christmas as one might expect



but Thanksgiving! It was meant to coincide with annual Thanksgiving sleigh-ride races in that part of England at that time.

46. Three sisters had no dowries and would be forced into servitude. St. Nicholas saved them by dropping bags of gold down the chimney into their stockings hung by the ____ to dry. Thus the tradition of Christmas stockings hung over the fireplace on Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nicholas.
 47. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis.
 49. This State has produced more Presidents (8) than any other (abbr.).
 50. The Jamestown settlers in Virginia created the first batch of "eggnog." The word nog comes from grog (i.e., any drink made with ____). The familiar rich milky egg base came later.
 51. There are 150 of them in the 23rd Book of the Bible.
 53. In Germany, Poland and Ukraine a spider's ____ on a Christmas tree was seen as lucky. A legend
- says a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus.
54. "Faith is an ____ in the heart which will never be reached by the caravan of thinking," —Khalil Gibran.
 56. Although turkey is the choice meat for a Thanksgiving meal, ____ is the more popular choice for a Christmas table.
 57. Part of a flower.
 59. This State is a major center of beer brewing (abbr.).
 60. A Christmas poem titled "A ____ from St. Nicholas" was first published in 1823 & attributed to Clement C. Moore, a professor at an Episcopal seminary in NY. Later it became known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas" after its opening line.
 61. Jingle Bells was the first song to be broadcast from _____. Dec. 24, 1965, aboard Gemini 6, two astronauts reported a UFO entering earth's atmosphere. This tense report was interrupted by the sound of Jingle Bells, courtesy of Wally Schirra on the harmonica and

Tom Stafford with the sleigh bells. The astronauts had smuggled the instruments aboard for the Christmas Eve occasion.

DOWN

1. A donkey (or ____) and an ox typically appear in nativity scenes. Besides appropriate to go with a manger, the animals can also refer back to Isaiah 1:3.
2. It ____ for 40 days & nights on Noah's ark.
3. *Et cum spiri ____ tuo.*
4. "Now a man was ____, Lazarus from Bethany..." (John 11:1).
5. "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who ____ Messiah and Lord," (Luke 2:11).
6. 101 for Cicero.
7. For 22, years Christmas was ____ in Massachusetts. The Puritans in Boston had outlawed Christmas considering it a once-pagan day.
8. ____ *Maria, gratia plena...*
9. "...let our people ____ to devote themselves to good works..." (Titus 3:14).
10. Ball holder in golf.
11. Stories of St. Nicholas came to Am., not from England but from ____ settlers in the 17th century. Their St. Nicholas — "Sinter Klaas" — evolved into "Santa Claus" in America and England in the 1870s.
14. Abbr. for railroads.
17. Bone.
20. Griffith and Williams.
22. Since 1946 the town of Santa Claus in this State has been home to the family-owned Santa Claus Land (now Holiday World & Splash Park) with top ranked roller coasters & one of the world's largest water parks. The town features the 1880 Santa Claus Church, Santa Claus Museum, Santa Claus Post Office, Santa Claus Christmas Store, Santa's Toys, Santa's Stables, and Santa's Candy Castle (abbr.).
24. I ____ my mom & dad more than I could ever repay (2 wds.).
25. The official language of the Roman Catholic Church since the 4th century.
27. Prefix for ad or angle.
29. "He will wipe away every ____ their eyes..." (Revelations 21:4).
30. John ____ Tractor Company has a leaping buck on its logo.
34. Cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1881 in *Harper's Weekly* contributed greatly to the image of Santa Claus by drawing him with a red coat, fur trim, a stocking-____ night cap, and a large black belt and buckle.
36. St. Scholastica or St. Teresa of Avila, for example.
37. 98% of Am. Christmas trees are grown on Christmas tree ____ in seven States: CA, OR, WA, MI, WI, PA and NC.
38. One of the many different mascots for Kellogg's Sugar Corn Pops over the years was a cowboy-prairie dog named Sugar Pops Pete who sang the jingle: Sugar Pops are ____!
40. Nativity scene structure.
42. All the full time vowels.
45. Prefix for teem or cape.
47. A plot of ground.
48. Letters for osteopathic manual medicine (i.e., an osteopath's non-evasive treatment of the nerve, muscle and bone system).
49. Letters for Veterans Employment Advisory Council; was launched by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to foster hiring of veterans and military spouses. The Council consists of 30 of Am.'s largest employers.
51. Letters on the side of a tire.
52. A type of tuna.
53. The Works Progress Ad. (____) was a New Deal agency employing millions during the Depression.
55. What nurses often hook you up to in the hospital.
57. Short for Sacred Scripture.
58. Abbr. for epistle, perhaps, which are what St. Paul's letters to the Churches used to more commonly be called.