

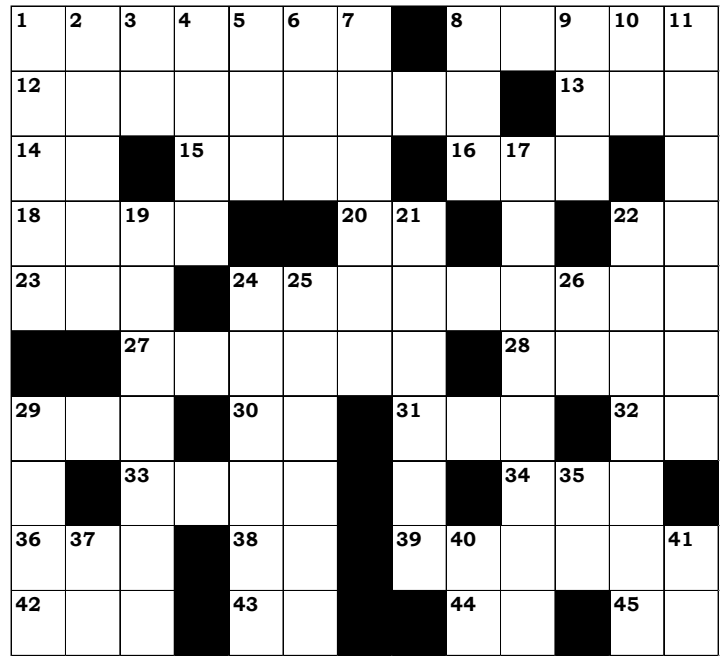


Puzzle #725

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ACROSS

1. This puzzle presents ____ but true characteristics about Mo. critters.
8. "By the cross we, the ____ of Christ, have been gathered into one flock," —St. Theodore the Studite, abbot, 759-826 A.D.
12. The opossum, common throughout Mo., is unique among all the mammals in North Am. Even though it's a well-known characteristic, it seems amazingly odd that its young are always born _____. The tiny young must migrate to its mother's pouch (outside placenta) to complete their development.
13. "The man called his wife Eve, because ____ became the mother of all the living," (Genesis 3:20).
14. Letters for a degree in electrical engineering.
15. A couple of mink traits: they can produce a stinky ____ that rivals that of skunk spray; also they are so at ease in water, they've been known to float down Mo. streams curled up in balls, apparently sound asleep.
16. An ____ doctor is technically called an otolaryngologist.
18. "Who have strife? Who have anxiety? Who have black ____? Those who linger long over wine," (Proverbs 23:29).
20. Tie-breaking period after regular play runs out (abbr.).
22. Letters for Associated Press (____); founded in 1846; its members are newspapers and broadcasters; it has earned 54 Pulitzer Prizes.
23. The responsibilities of Mo.'s Dept. of Social Services (____) include protecting children, rehabilitating youth and moving families to self-sufficiency.
24. Second year college student.
27. The last ____ was also the first Eucharist.
28. Are you ____ out? Either bet or fold! (2 wds.)
29. Adjective indicating a maiden or birth name.
30. Abbr. for Old English; spoken from 450-1150 A.D.
31. "He Who did not spare His ____ Son but handed Him over for us all," (Romans 8:32).
32. Letters for Sacred Scripture.
33. "High ____"; 1952 Oscar-winning classic Western starring Gary Cooper.
34. Car club (abbr.).
36. "My initial response was to ____ for defamation of character, but then I realized that I had no character," —Charles Barkley.
38. This is the only State in the nation without a House of Representatives. The members of the State Legislature are called Senators (abbr.).
39. Spuds.
42. Announcement has four of them.
43. The father of a JR.
44. "Missouri is my home; I love her for her woods and prairies; amid these let my grave ____ made," —Fr. John Joseph Hogan, the apostle of northern Mo., from his book, *On The Mission in Missouri*, 1857-1868.



45. ____ ho ho; from a pirate song.

DOWN

1. Among almost all creatures, leaders are at the front of the group. But, in a school of fish, the leaders are in the middle. A few fish in the center of a school direct the ____ and direction of the entire group.
2. 3 spots in cards.
3. Prefix for peat or pair.
4. Shepherd/prophet who warned the Israelites of the danger of hollow prosperity; around 780-745 B.C.; 37th book of the Bible.
5. Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (that's a mouthful!) or, thankfully, simply ____, is a basic chemical compound in the body that seems to slow or even reverse aging.
6. Pontiac muscle car.
7. "What was called music in those days would probably not be considered as such in _____. When national anthems, marches and dance melodies are scratched through on an out-of-tune fiddle with reckless speed and without any particular attention to time, one's teeth become dull while listening," —Gert Goebel, in his memoirs of a German immigrant in Mo. 1830s-1880s.
8. "I desired to linger a little while in this life, that I might ____ you a Catholic Christian before I died. God has granted this to me...What am I doing here?" —St. Monica to St. Augustine, Confessions, Bk. 9, ch. 10.
9. East in France.
10. "____, what's up, Doc?" said Bugs.
11. Hoo's got yellow eyes? When it comes to owls, nearly all of them. Of the nine species that live in or visit Mo., only two have brown eyes: barn owls and barred owls. All the rest have yellow ____.
17. I told my supervisor that I want to ____ my teammate on the factory line as employee of the year!
19. The Jewish sect believed to have written the Dead Sea scrolls.
21. Perhaps you knew that, like squirrels, Blue Jays gather acorns and hide them for winter. Perhaps you did not know that, unlike squirrels, their flexible ____ allows them

- to haul eight acorns at a time.
22. Sometimes after a funeral, a family member will make ___ out of pressed flowers from the funeral service (2 wds.).
24. In American and Ozark folk music, everyday objects such as washboards, jugs, and utensils like ___ are sometimes used as percussion instruments to keep time.
25. For many Cardinal fans in St. Louis, it is a long family tradition to be at the Cardinal's home ___ of the season.
26. ___ the count of three...
29. The tri-colored bat is one of the smallest in North Am., 3 inches from ___ to tail, weighing no more than a quarter. Unlike most other bats, they roost singly in caves throughout Mo.
35. Short for American Eagle, clothier.
37. Letters for the United Nations. It presently has 193 member States and 2 non-member Observer States, the Holy See (governing Vatican City) and Palestine (represented by the Palestine Liberation Org.).
40. Stomach muscle.
41. "It is well that war is ___ terrible, otherwise we should grow too fond of it," —Robert E. Lee at the massive Union loss of life at the Battle of Fredricksburg, VA.