

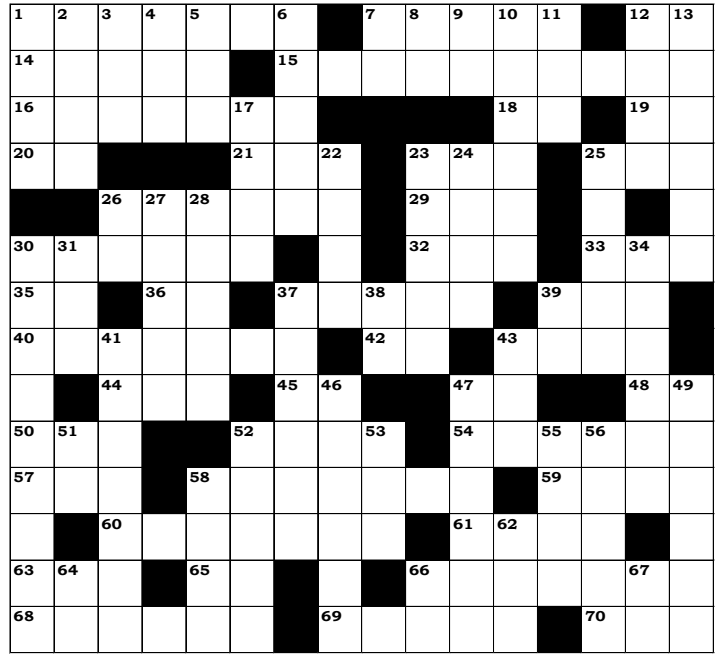
Puzzle #652

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ACROSS

1. This puzzle features species sometimes nearly ____ in Mo. but which now have populations that have recovered or are recovering.
7. The sheriff gathered a ____ and set out after the bank robbers.
12. ____ Comics is one of the largest and oldest Am. comic book companies.
14. ____ oil is unprocessed petroleum.
15. In 1936, Missourians voted to establish a Conservation Dept. by the largest number of votes ever for an amendment to the State constitution. This science-based & ____ conservation dept. was the first such body in the world.
16. Much recovery success is due to early restocking and ____ improvements.
18. Licensed caregiver.
19. 7th note.
20. ____ Vey! Yiddish expression of dismay.
21. 93% of Mo.'s land is in private ownership. Owners' cooperation has been ____ in restoration & management successes.
23. Cal Hubbard of Milan, Mo. in our diocese is the only person ever inducted into both the ____ Football and Major League Baseball Halls of Fame.
25. Clumsy person.
26. In the late 30's only 106 deer were harvested in the ____ state. Deer season

- was shut down.
29. Suffix for Christ.
 30. Devout man in the temple who blessed Mary & Joseph and prophesied about the infant Jesus (Luke 2:34).
 32. "Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an ____?" (Luke 11:12).
 33. ____ Equis, Mexican beer.
 35. This State was home to Oprah Winfrey, Jim Henson, Jimmy Buffett...and Elvis (abbr.).
 36. Letters for Victoria Bitters, an Australian beer.
 37. A unit in the stock market.
 39. Animal doctor.
 40. "(Philosophers), fooled by their inherent ____, thought that nothing governed...the universe, and that everything was given up to chance," —St. Basil the Great, 330-379.
 42. College degree.
 43. Homer's son.
 44. Morsel.
 45. The Office of Administration ____ in Mo. deals with budget & planning.
 47. "And ____ he sowed, some seed fell on the path..." (Luke 8:5).
 48. Internet code for the country of Estonia.
 50. ____ Angeles, CA.
 52. "My greatest wish, other than salvation, was to have a ____," —*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.
 54. The Mo. Conservation Dept. encourages hunters of all kinds whether carrying a gun, fishing rod, bow, binoculars or a ____.
 57. Athletes of this league are highest paid in the world by individual average salary.
 58. The ____ Museums were founded by Pope Julius II in the early 1500's.
 59. "Atonement comes to you from the _____. From there comes...he who is mediator between God & men," —Origen, 185-284 A.D.
 60. Partner of nor.



61. Letters for Explorer Search and Rescue teams are a program of #43 down.
 63. Like father, like ____.
 65. State determined to have the earliest Presidential primary (abbr.).
 66. The online service on which you can tweet.
 68. To restore the State's biodiversity, the Conservation Dept.'s efforts include less headline-grabbing species such as trees, wildflowers, insects, grasses, fish and even certain ____.
 69. The difference between leavened and unleavened.
 70. "If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, ____, straw..." (1 Corinthians 3:12).
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1. ____ Bluff State Park is a new park near the Current River State Park in Shannon County. It has a lodge and cabins for overnight stays.
 2. Medical scan.
 3. Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a ____; nursery rhyme.
 4. ____ Amin; brutal Ugandan tyrant.
 5. Considering what we grossed, our ____ profit was less than we expected.
 6. Spud.
 7. ____ Box.
 8. "____' Man River"; song from musical "Show Boat."
 9. Manuel's "yes."
 10. In the late 30's, turkey hunting season was closed because there were so few birds. Today there are an estimated 5,000 birds ____.
 11. One in Berlin.
 12. The goal of the Conservation Dept. was the harvest of wildlife at sustainable levels. Biological ____ and public desire replaced personal opinion and political pressure.
 13. Through restoration efforts, our State bird, the Bluebird, has become abundant; bald eagles are now building nests in Mo.; rebounding numbers of peregrine falcons find skyscrapers in St. Louis and KC as good as steep ____ to build nests.
 17. Similar to.
 22. Informal yes.
 23. Docks.
 24. "Men in ____ strike those that wish them best," —Wm. Shakespeare.
 25. "...the ____ of Bishops, all the clergy..." —Third Eucharistic Prayer.

26. 13th letter.
27. "____ Can Say Goodbye," —1971 Jackson 5 song.
28. Father of Tobiah; also the 17th Book of the Bible.
30. "The chief proof of man's real greatness lies in his perception of his own _____," —Arthur Conan Doyle's *Sherlock Holmes*.
31. Suffix for tour or art.
34. Restoration successes include _____, prairie chickens, black bears, barn owls, quail, waterfowl, and most recently, elk.
37. The _____bore musket was the most widely used weapon in the Civil War, though the newly-introduced rifle was a vast improvement.
38. Prefix for solve or stain.
39. Federal agency overseeing medical care for returning soldiers (abbr.).
41. Palm Sunday shout out.
43. Young men in this org. earn merit badges.
46. Scrambled vowels.
47. Designation for Adult Contemporary News; new radio format rising in popularity, esp. among millennials.
49. Diner, perhaps.
51. _____/GYN.
52. The house had 3 bedrooms and 1½ _____.
53. Letters for the professional baseball team on the western side of our State.
55. Catholics have a time-honored tradition of abstaining from _____ on Fridays, esp. in Lent.
56. Third rock from the sun.
58. Christ is the _____; we are the branches (John 15:5).
62. "Put your hand on a stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. _____ with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute," —Albert Einstein.
64. _____ the other hand...
66. Two of these say goodbye in London.
67. Abbr. for each.