Puzzle #655

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ACROSS

1. An astounding 2.5 million oak barrels are produced in Mo. every year, making Mo. a ______ leader in this industry.

8. The abbr. for this U.S. State is the only one that starts with two vowels.

10. Medical shorthand for blood pressure.

12. Big heads.

13. Prefix for words concerning the environment.

14. "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but as ______, because you have contended with divine and human beings and have prevailed," (Genesis 32:29).

16. Short for debutante.

17. "Don't just ______ to Church. Be Church,"—quote associated with Pentecost.

20. Mo. is a leader in wooden barrel production because of the ______ of white oak trees in the State.

22. ______ the other hand...

23. Logs are sawed to produce staves, which are wood pieces precisely ______ to become the sides of the barrels.

25. Tender loving care.

26. Don't put the ______ before the horse.

27. The flagship campus for the Univ. of Texas (_) system is located in Austin, TX.

28. Not PM.

29. There is a very ______ and fast growing demand for these oak barrels. A firm in Cuba, Mo. alone makes nearly 200,000 per year.

31. A term to catch someone's attention when you don't know their name.

32. A barrel making facility, or ______, makes efficient use of all its resources including its scrap and sawdust by-products.

37. A fourth year college grad.

38. A Superior in a monastery, just under an Abbot.

39. A South Am. bird related to the ostrich and emu.

42. "God brings men all up with His hook, He hauls them away with His ______..." (Habakkuk 1:15).

43. A term to catch someone's attention when you don't know their name.

44. A South Am. bird related to the ostrich and emu.


46. "The man with a new ______ is a crank, until the concept succeeds," —Mark Twain.

47. He laments that he didn't buy ______ in Walmart years ago when it had just started expanding.

51. In Super Bowl ______ in 1970, the KC Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings 23-7.

54. Snowman, abominably speaking.

55. The Cuba barrel-making firm sends 30 truckloads of scrap to the Kingsford charcoal plant in Belle, Mo. each week. Sawdust is burnt to generate ______.

58. Abraham's ancestral home.

59. "When one greets his ______ with a loud voice in the early morning, a curse can be laid to his charge," (Proverbs 27:14).

61. Spanish uncle.

63. Royals play in the AL; Cardinals play in the ______.

64. The Mo. Dept. of Conservation forestry division says the outlook for Mo.'s forests is promising. They moderate our climate, produce oxygen, ______ our water and provide the lumber we need and use.

65. The forest industry knows the need to plan for a healthy forest by maintaining a ______ of species of trees, and also to guard against threats from pests and disease.

DOWN

1. ______ Flanders, Homer Simpson's well-meaning neighbor.

2. Mo. oak barrels are produced to store and ______ whiskey or wine.

3. The crowd roared when Casey, mighty Casey, came ______ (2 wds.).

4. Fully, one-third of our State ______ covered with forests, providing employment for more than 44,000 people.

5. Night light?

6. America uses alternating current (_____ ) while Europe uses direct current (DC).

7. Mo. oak barrels are popular and shipped all over the world (e.g., Scotland, Spain, Australia, Peru, etc.). They are used by both exclusive high-priced spirits and those available at the _____ grocery store.

8. That car cost me an ______

10. "Let it ______," —Beatles song.

11. The Mo. forest products industry has learned that ______ of healthy high-quality trees must remain after a timber harvest to keep Mo. forests prospering and here to stay.

14. Letters after a company's
name perhaps.
15. Short for American Airlines, which operates out of Columbia Regional Airport.
17. White oak trees work best for barrels in part because they contain a ____ substance that clogs the tree's pores and helps prevent leakage.
19. White oak trees also work best for barrels in part because of their density (i.e., the just-right number of growth rings per ____; 12-18).
21. The second bk. of the Bible, Ex., contains the Ten Commandments. This fifth bk. of the Bible, ____ also contains this list of commandments.
22. The actual color of a plane's black box flight recorder.
23. Big rival of the Cardinals.
26. Staves for wine must dry for three years. Staves for whiskey are air dried for one year and then ____ to a precise level for flavor.
28. “Sometimes you feel like __ __. Sometimes you don’t.” —Almond Joy/Mounds jingle (2 wds.).
30. Golly ____!
33. 43,560 sq. feet of land.
34. To make sure Mo. trees are harvested responsibly, the Mo. Conservation Commission partners with the Master Logger Council and the Mo. Forest Products Assn. to provide safety and ____ management training certifications and an auditing process for compliance with natural resource laws.
36. Prostitute in Jericho who hid Joshua's spies and made possible the conquest of Jericho (Joshua chap. 2; chap. 6:22-25).
39. ____7; James Bond number.
40. Since most timber in Mo.