



Puzzle #741

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ACROSS

1. As we celebrate Mo.'s bicentennial, this and coming puzzles present some of Mo.'s official symbols. Mo.'s official amphibian is the North Am. ____; the largest frog in N. Am. and can be found in every county in Mo. A 4th grade class in KC asked to make this frog Mo.'s official frog; done in 2005.
8. Q - U.
11. "The crowd turned reluctantly away from the dangling body. Something had ended: more than a man 's life, but less than an ____," —"Short Rope at Dawn," T.L. Davis, from Black Hats anthology.
12. Mo. 's official dinosaur is the hadrosaur, or "____-billed" dinosaur; a herbivore with 1,000 teeth; discovered in 1942 in Bollinger Co.; first and only dinosaur bones ever found in Mo.
13. When he finally realized how important his family really was to him, it was the greatest ____ moment of his life.
14. The ____ House Jesuit Retreat Center is on a beautiful 80-acre campus on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River south of St. Louis. Since 1922, it has provided a great place for groups and individuals to recharge and reconnect with Christ.
15. Sandwich cookie.
16. The word rise, day, or set can be attached to this word.
18. Mo. 's official fish is the ____ catfish, the most abundant large catfish in Mo. streams; done in 1997; popularly served at fish fries.
20. Internet code for (Western) Samoa; Polynesian island nation.
21. "You are ____ your sin. You are a new creation in Christ. You are a saint, a holy one," —*Wild at Heart*, John Eldredge.
22. Blue Tiger school.
24. These on our foreheads signify the beginning of our 6-week Lenten journey.
28. Distress call.
30. Hospital scans.
31. Letters for Common Era, often used instead of A.D.
32. Cleo killer.
34. Mo.'s official tree since 1955 is the flowering dogwood. Though small in size (rarely 40 ft. and 18 in. in diameter), it sprouts greenish yellow flowers in clusters of beautiful white _____. In the fall, the leaves turn orange with bright red fruits.
36. I'll wait here ' ____ the cows come home if I have to!
37. Loose ____ sink ships; WW II slogan.
39. If you pass it, you get \$200, in Monopoly.
40. Our diocese once staffed and supported 3 parishes in this country.
41. Muhammed ____; boxing great.
42. Smooth singer Tony Bennett left his in San Francisco, in 1961
44. Abbr. for "for example"; from the Latin, *exempli*

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- gratia.*"
45. Since 2003, Mo.'s official grape is the Norton/Cynthiana. This variety was able to self-pollinate in Mo.'s climate. It has been cultivated since the 1830s & is likely N. Am.'s oldest grape variety still commercially grown. Noted for its intense flavor, it produces lush, dry premium red ____ of world-class quality and distinction. In the 1800s, Mo. native grape vines would be used to rescue the European vintage industry which had been dying because of an insect infestation.
 47. South Korean car company.
 48. Hot or toilet.
 49. "The grief of the Magdalen was ____ intense as to make her almost like an insane person," —*The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, visions of Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich, mystic, stigmatist, 1774-1824.
 50. Short form for the Hebrew name Rachel, meaning ewe (female sheep).
 52. I think our team will hold ____ own in the final games of the tournament.
 53. Since 1949, Mo.'s official State song has been the Missouri Waltz. First published in 1914, it gained in popularity & by 1939 had ____ 6 million records. Sales increased substantially after Harry Truman became President.
 54. Mo.'s State aquatic animal since 1997 has been the paddlefish, also known as the ____.

Only the 3 biggest rivers in Mo. support them: the Mo. the Miss. and Osage rivers, and also in some of the State's largest lakes. They are considered primitive because they have a cartilage skeleton rather than bone. One must "snag" them rather than "fish" for them. They commonly exceed 5 ft. in length, 60 lbs., and live 20-30 years.

59. Tea in Toledo.
61. Mt. Rushmore State (abbr.).
62. City in Germany once known for its famous wall.
64. Companion to #63 DOWN.
65. "It's not what happens to you, but how you ____ to it that matters," — Epictetus, Greek philosopher, d. 135 A.D.
66. "Go to the ____, O sluggard, study her ways and learn wisdom," (Proverbs 6:6).

DOWN

1. The official insect of Mo. since 1985 is the honeybee. The honeybee is a State symbol in 17 States, primarily because these little wonders of nature play such an important role in agriculture & in plant life in general as pollinators. Honey and ____ are two valuable by-products.
2. Abraham's ancestral homeland.
3. "Big sisters are the crab-

grass in the ____ of life," —Linus, in Charles Schulz's "Peanuts."

4. Federal Insurance program.
5. The 8th book of the Bible, right after Judges.
6. Mo.'s official State fossil is the crinoid, a cousin to starfish and sand dollars. It's an animal with a plant-like appearance, and so is also called a sea lily. It lived in the ____ that once covered Mo.; students from Lee's Summit in 1989 made the nomination.
7. __. __. Chesterton; famous and prolific writer and essayist and convert to Catholicism.
8. "My nephew (is) more interested in what you have to say than what he is thinking, a trait too ____ in today's society," — *Murder, She Wrote: Design for Murder*, Jessica Fletcher (Angela Lansbury).
9. In 2007, the 3-toed box turtle became Mo.'s official State reptile. This familiar ground-crawling turtle, as the name implies, has 3 toes on each of its hind legs. Unfortunately, neither its slow speed nor withdrawing into its ____ helps them in crossing roads!
10. The Chinese word ____ means The Way, or Path, or Flow of the Universe, etc. It expresses the central tenet of the Chinese philosophy Taoism.
15. "The best thing to hold

____ in life is each other," —Audrey Hepburn.

17. Cold War foe.
19. "They have ears but do not hear, ____ but do not smell," (Psalms 115:6).
23. "For the domestic Church (the family) to be a place of prayer and formation, there needs to be times when everything is ____ ...so the members can "hear themselves think," — Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori.
25. Since 1925, the Bluebird has been Mo.'s official State bird. A popular symbol of ____, it is common in Mo. From early spring until late November.
26. "Peter kept his ____ fixed on Jesus, who remained standing on the shore," — *The Big Fisherman*, Lloyd Douglas.
27. Fast flier.
29. To satisfy, to the full.
31. "Many people spread their ____ on the road," (Mark 11:8).
33. I am confident that that stallion will ____ some great race horses.
35. "I am with you always, until the end of the ____," (Matthew 28:20).
37. Mo.'s official State motto: *Salus populi suprema lex esto*; Latin for "The Welfare of the People Shall be the Supreme ____." It is on Mo.'s State Seal and etched in stone across the top

of the south side of the Mo.'s capitol building.

38. In my recipes, ____ the ingredients in alphabetically order.
40. Parent/teacher organization.
42. His Presidential Library is in Independence, Mo.
43. The ____ Grande River forms a 1,255 mile segment of the border between the U.S. and Mexico.
46. Short for Executive Asst.; key support person for a CEO, for example.
50. Home of 1 of the 5 St. Patrick Churches in our diocese and of Mo. S&T.
51. In Texas Hold 'em poker, the term ____ means you have committed the remainder of your chips to the middle. If you lose, you will have no chips left.
52. 4 ____ 24 is 6.
53. "____, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep..." (John 4:11).
55. Short for Parish School of Religion; program for young Catholics, esp. if not in a Catholic school.
56. A lyric poem.
57. Meet the Press, long-running news program on this TV channel.
58. What you do at the Isle of Capri in Boonville.
60. Alien.
63. Companion to #64 ACROSS.