

Solution to Puzzle #128 – January, 2012 "The Strait"

L	A	K	E	O	N	T	A	R	I	O	S	N
O	Z	E	R	A	D	A	R	A	D	V	E	T
O	L	L	A	L	A	R	D	V	E	I	L	S
K	E	E	T	T	R	A	V	E	R	S	E	H
E	A	V	E	E	D	G	A	R	D	I	C	E
R	S	T	A	R	S	A	R	G	E	N	T	A
S	T	O	N	S	P	I	K	E	D	C	P	B
O	A	R	D	T	E	N	O	R	G	U	A	R
D	L	B	R	A	L	A	K	E	E	R	I	E

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
ONGUIAAHRA

Across

1. **LAKE ONTARIO**
2. SN(O)OZE
3. RADAR
4. ADVE(N)T
5. OLLA
6. LARD
7. VEIL
8. SKEET
9. TRAVERSE
10. HEAVE
11. EDGAR
12. DICER
13. STAR
14. SARGENT
15. (G)ASTON
16. SPIKED
17. C(U)PBOARD
18. TENOR
19. GUARD
20. L(I)BRA
21. **LAKE ERIE**

Down

1. LOOKER
2. SOD
3. AZ(A)LEA
4. STALK
5. ELEV(A)TOR
6. BERATE
7. ANDRO
8. (H)ALTER
9. STANDARD
10. SPELT
11. **ARAGAIN = NIAGARA**
12. AARDVARK
13. OKRA
14. VERGER
15. EIDER
16. D(R)EDGE
17. OVIS
18. INCUR
19. SELECT
20. PAINT
21. SHEA
22. B(A)RE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.

Explanatory note: The Niagara River flows north from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, which is why it appears upside down in the diagram above. The name "Niagara" is said to originate from an Iroquois word "Onguiaahra" meaning "The Strait," according to <https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/blog/where-does-the-word-niagara-come-from/>.