

Solution to Puzzle #170 – July, 2015 "Taste Test"

S	W	E	E	T	M	O	R	A	L	T
A	I	T	I	H	O	P	E	T	A	I
L	L	O	N	E	R	P	L	I	A	N
T	T	I	E	R	C	E	A	N	N	O
Y	P	L	E	S	H	Y	M	A	N	S
L	I	P	U	M	A	M	I	R	U	B
I	K	E	D	E	R	A	S	I	N	I
N	E	T	R	A	I	L	F	A	C	T
T	R	I	A	L	O	L	I	V	E	T
E	A	T	B	T	T	E	T	I	M	E
R	P	R	O	U	C	T	S	O	U	R

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
THIS BUD'S FOR YOU

Across

1. SWEET
2. MOR(T)AL
3. TA(H)ITI
4. HOPE
5. TAIL
6. LONER
7. PLIANT
8. TIERCE
9. ANNOY
10. P(I)LES
11. HYMAN
12. SLIP
13. UMAMI
14. RUBIK
15. (S)EDER
16. ASININE
17. TRAIL
18. FACT
19. TRI(B)AL
20. OLIVE
21. TEAT
22. B(U)TTE
23. TIMER
24. PRO(D)UCT
25. SOUR

Down

1. SALTY
2. LINTER
3. WILT
4. PIKER
5. AP(S)E
6. TOIL
7. PETIT
8. RE(F)INE
9. EUD(O)RA
10. BOTHERS
11. MEAL
12. TUMOR
13. CHARIOT
14. COPPE(R)Y
15. MALLET
16. RELA(Y)
17. MISFIT
18. SATIN
19. ARIA
20. VIOLA
21. ANN(O)UNCE
22. MUTINO(U)S
23. BITTER

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 25 minutes.