

Solution to Puzzle #210 – December, 2018 "Merry Christmas"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
IS COMIN' TO TOWN

Across

- SANTA**
- SITAR
- RELIANT
- CASK
- S(I)NCERE
- HOME
- NEAR
- (S)PEWED
- UN(C)O
- CERE
- TABO(O)
- SEN
- OPINE
- SARI
- CANADA
- STOR(M)
- CAISSON
- TENETS
- METR(I)C
- AISLE
- PESO
- GESSO
- I(N)SECURE
- SHIN
- CLAUS**

Down

- SENA(T)E
- PASTORAL
- C(O)RRIDOR
- GENIE
- PENANCE
- STARE
- TESTA
- SHANE
- WASTE
- ISIS
- THE
- BA(T)ON
- SONIC
- ODOR
- RELIC
- TA(O)
- MUSIC
- TESLA
- SENECA
- SPEAR
- KNO(W)N
- AIME
- CURSE
- CONSE(N)SUS

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 40 minutes.