

Solution to Puzzle #176 – January, 2016 "Cousins"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**HOMININ**

**Across**

1. **DENISOVAN**
2. ANIMAL
3. EXAMINE
4. SAVORY
5. LINE
6. POKER
7. TRESTLE
8. BELL
9. A(H)EAD
10. H(O)OTER
11. BORE
12. DEFRA Y
13. SO(M)A
14. SKIS
15. LIGATE
16. NIÇO(I)SE
17. SOLAR
18. CEASED
19. SNORTER
20. MARTHA
21. **NEANDERTHAL**

**Down**

1. DISOBEY
2. ALONE
3. MAKER
4. STARE
5. NAVEL
6. BO(N)ER
7. TAILOR
8. LOAN
9. CENSER
10. TARSIER
11. DOXY
12. REEK
13. CAME
14. VALE
15. ADIOS
16. ARAMIS
17. DESSERT
18. NINTH
19. F(I)LED
20. THANE
21. LORIS
22. SHANE
23. PE(N)TAGONAL

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.