

Today's anacrostic puzzle solution

Title: Ants, ants, ants

Quote: "Ants aerate soil and drag seeds underground to sprout. They serve as a source of food for untold arthropods, birds and mammals. While carpenter ants are pesky to homeowners forests would be stacked to the brim with dead wood without the decomposing power of wood-destroying insects"

- A. SEPTEMBER...The singer crooned, with anxiety, "Will I see you in ___ / Or lose you to a summer love?"
- B. COPPES COMMONS...Nappanee mini-mall housed in a former cabinet shop
- C. I'M NOT DEAD...Words the undertaker should heed
- D. ENTOMOLOGY...Umbrella term under which myrmecology (the study of ants) is covered
- E. NORTH DAKOTA...39th of 50
- F. TWENTY...Number of Grand Slam titles retiring tennis star Roger Federer won
- G. ISSUED...Gave, as in a ticket
- H. SHERWOOD FOREST...Where Robin Hood's Merry Men meandered
- I. TWENTY QUADRILLION...Number of ants walking the earth at any given moment, according to a new study
- J. SKATEBOARD...Alternative vehicle on Goshen's streets sometimes
- K. WATERSHED...History-changing moment
- L. ANTARCTICA...Continent that was not studied in the study this puzzle is themed around
- M. SHEPHERD'S...Pie with a mashed potatoes crust
- N. HOUSE OF TUDOR...Henry VIII was a member as was Elizabeth I
- O. I SAW...What the "vidi" part means in Caesar's famous quote
- P. NORSE GODS...Odin, Thor, and company
- Q. GRADUATION RATE...One of the factors taken into account in US News' awarding Goshen College a "Best Value" award
- R. TWO POINT FIVE...Number of ants in millions for every person on earth
- S. OFFRED... "The Handmaid's Tale" protagonist
- T. NWS...Organization with location in North Webster
- U. PERSUADERS... "Influencers" is the modern term
- V. OWED...Put the O in IOU
- W. SMORGASBORD...Restaurant like the area's Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Old Country Buffet (RIP), and Mr. ___ (really RIP)
- X. THE COLD SHOULDER...Ice treatment meant to hurt more than heal

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