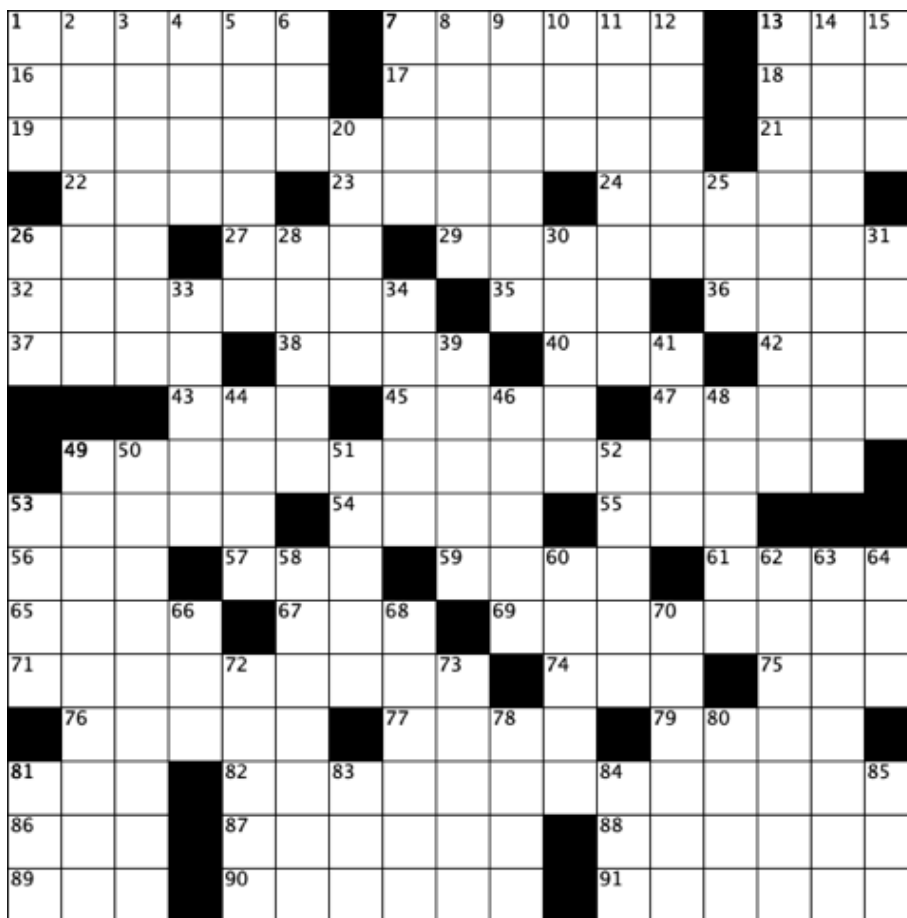


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On December 28, 2021, Iowa celebrates the 175th anniversary of its statehood, so this puzzle celebrates Iowa! The title is what natives urge Professor Harold Hill in the song “Iowa Stubborn” from the Broadway hit “Music Man.” (For less teasing and more tenderness, give Josh Connor’s “The Iowa Song.”)



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ACROSS

1 Savory gelatin dishes
7 “__ down the hatches!”
13 Cause for overtime
16 Put garments on
17 Eight-time Best Actor nominee Peter
18 “Your point being...?”
19 *Only president born in Iowa*
21 Sunflower St. school
22 Feather: prefix
23 Large fabric quantity
24 “Check it out for yourself!”
26 Business address abbr.
27 Thurman of “Pulp Fiction”
29 *Territory from which Iowa was carved out*
32 *Agricultural region of which Iowa is considered the center*
35 Out-limb link
36 Classic gas station brand
37 “Not __ many words...”
38 Attired (in)
40 Far from friendly
42 Solo in space
43 Word after “open” or “hot”
45 Future stallion
47 Ham it up
49 *Nickname for Iowa, which became a state 175 years ago, on December 28, 1846*
53 Country music’s Carter
54 Cold War letters
55 Snapshot, briefly
56 Gaping mouth
57 Korean border area: abbr.

59 Latin music legend
Puentes
61 Roll call response
65 Mennen post-shave product
67 Suffix for real or special
69 *Election event Iowa is famous for*
71 *Iowa’s most famous son in Hollywood*
74 Classic Pontiac muscle car
75 Tic-toe filler
76 Indian flatbreads
77 Meal in a shell
79 Gator kin
81 Symphony sect.
82 *Region of Iowa known for its covered bridges*
86 Possess
87 Valued (at)
88 More scrawny
89 John or Jane in court
90 How Solomon spoke
91 Golfer Sam and kin

DOWN

1 “Darn!” in Düsseldorf
2 Considered overnight
3 Luggage handlers
4 The Beatles’ “Let __”
5 Little angel
6 Sun. delivery
7 Hippie-like, informally
8 Ring-shaped reef
9 Way over the top
10 “Mazel __!”
11 Mournful
12 Pianist Peter and a fiddling emperor
13 Give it a go
14 Unfeeling
15 End of an academic address?
20 Little League precursor

25 You: German
26 Biol. or anat.
28 Muhammad’s birthplace
30 Pull together
31 Top-notch
33 Rule at certain fitness clubs
34 Carpet hardware
39 Accomplish, biblically
41 Himalayan Bigfoot
44 “__ no ideal!”
46 Song snippet
48 Peru’s __ Picchu
49 Hit song from “No, No, Nanette”
50 “The Scarlet Letter” author
51 “Fuzzy __ was a bear...”
52 One arm in “I’m a little teapot”
53 Key of the “Hallelujah” chorus in Handel’s *Messiah*: abbr.
58 She played Ferris Bueller’s girlfriend
60 Add, as an extra
62 Latvia’s neighbor
63 Flinched, maybe
64 “Exit” key
66 One may lift 5,000 times its weight
68 Draw in
70 Silky case
72 Scaredy-cats
73 Painter’s prop
78 Buffalo Bill’s surname
80 Bit of ancient script
81 Landscaper’s supply
83 Cutting remark
84 “Face the Nation” network
85 Mos. and mos.

