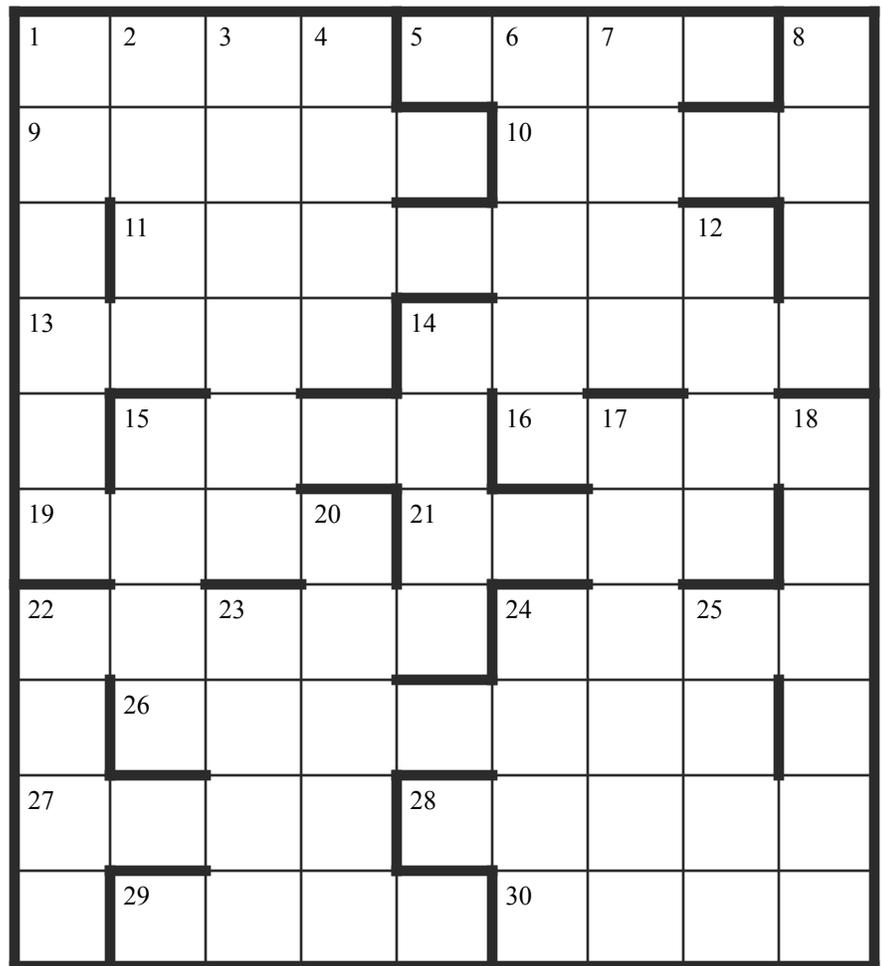


In These Parts by Ucaoinmhu

Welcome to America's Dairyland! This puzzle focuses on a potential reward for participating in a 5K in these parts. Specifically, this reward has been split into three equal parts, and each part must be deleted from four answers before entry. (The resulting entries will include three proper nouns.) If the *n*th part of the reward has been removed from an answer, circle the *n*th letter from (i) the beginning and (ii) the end of its clue. In clue order, the (i) letters will spell out the name of someone who notably uttered a statement about the reward; the (ii) letters will spell out this statement, which also explains why I am not participating in this 5K.



ACROSS

1. Each Italian flower Dad twirled (2 wds.)
5. Declines to start editing shot
9. Sound one-*real* coin from Serbia
10. Emil has sibling to bring in
11. Leaving out Yale students I illuminated
13. Press 1, Howard
14. Italian aperitifs Charlie is drinking energize couple from Ararat
15. Night enshrouds one roof edge
16. A nun misspelled an Orkan greeting
19. Sea eagle found in crosswords of merit, reportedly
21. I can encapsulate what's primarily meant: Exhibit proscriptiveness!
22. Distant Mississippi agricultural institutions
24. Lea's drink
26. Firing singular current leader
27. Fifty-one negligees may incorporate this
28. Charge with bravery, lob 'em all over the place, and retreat
29. Hold gander back
30. Stop going topless to relax

DOWN

1. Eva's tried desperately to get more visible
2. Exhibiting, say, more ham you know is inferior to unsalted scampi
3. Borrowed long round spears Conan's unveiled (2 wds.)
4. Silly way to say Pat & Erin are related
6. Pre-Ordovician California man eating 60% of brier
7. Express disapproval of rough lout
8. May's supporting a little charity
12. No boxes received by Spaniard's child
14. Requests less large green spheres
15. Author captured by vehicle-like machines that can capture you
17. A general comment that shows approval for a Russian plan
18. In Lyons, one acquires upsetting, anything-but-ruddy tinge
20. Host of earth rodents I will leave on earth
22. Flit ere stranger becomes apt to offer a bounty
23. Include one from every club that has two members from Brooklyn
24. Note the Belgian's 190,080 barleycorns
25. Gets old Japanese game maker up