

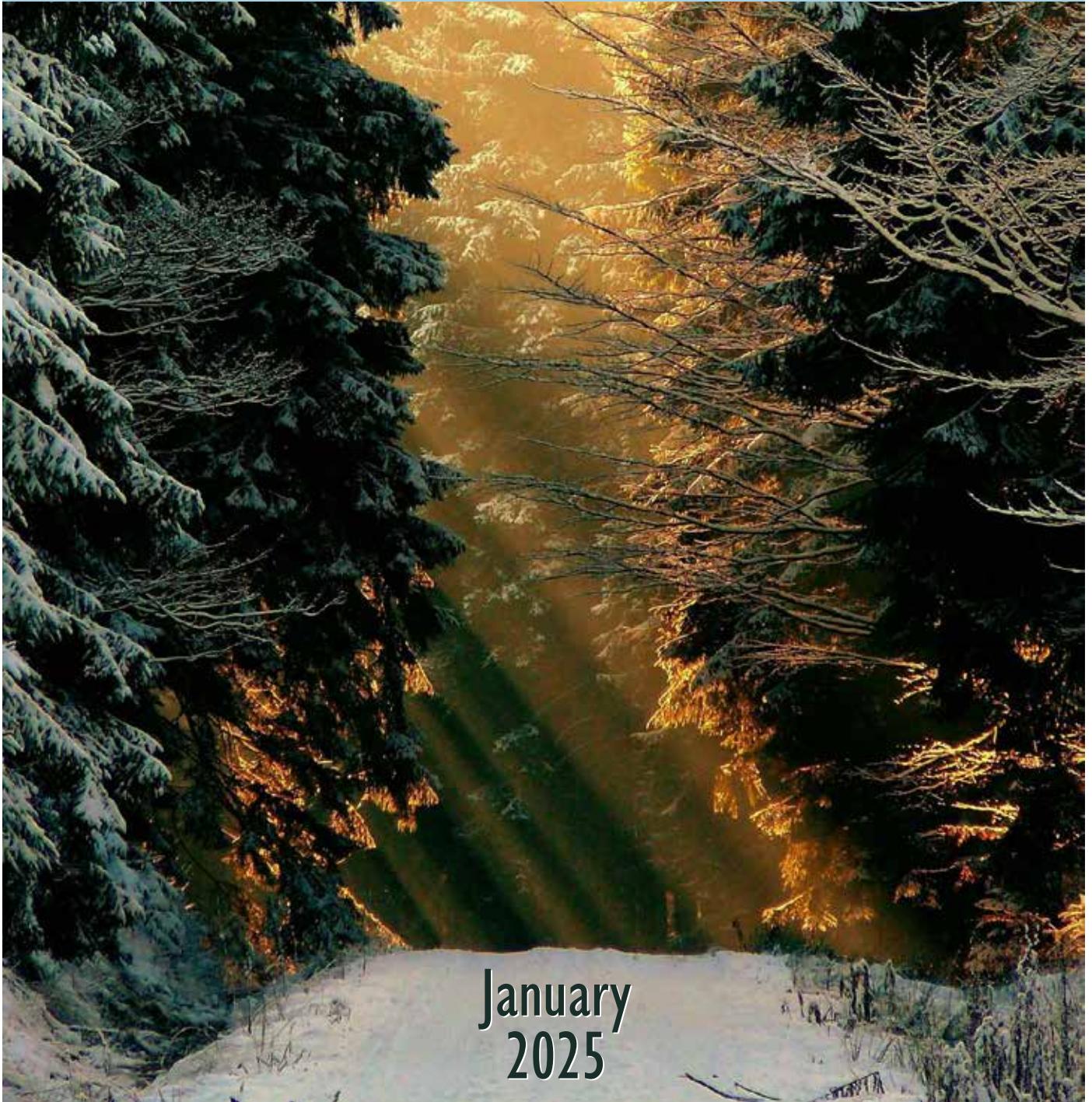


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RENEE'S REMINDERS


TENANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In an effort to maintain a five-star reputation, the owners of Homestead Run and the Business Office will be publishing a series of reminders and modifications to standard lease, rules, and regulations. This column will be called Renee's Reminders, and Renee means business!

 January – the beginning of a new year. Expectations are high. Let's all try to be human beings – you know, something different. Grammar school is done. High school is done. For some, college is done, so let's leave that mentality in the past. Let's have an optimistic view for the future.

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 I know this is a long shot, but can we make an honest effort to try and obey some of the rules? For example, putting food items, unwanted mail, your garbage on the shelf down in the mail room is prohibited. There's a big sign down there. Putting things on top of said sign doesn't eliminate the sign. Putting your rules and regulations in a drawer doesn't mean the rules and regulations do not exist. Don't worry about what your neighbor is or isn't doing. Worry about yourself.

 You know I rag about a lot of things, but from the heart, it's only to make Homestead Run a better place to live. This can only be accomplished with your help. The staff and owners of Homestead Run wish you a happy and healthy new year.



2025 -- can you believe it? We've made it! Most of us are in one piece (and thank God for that), and time is continuing to fly faster than I can entirely get my head around. The older we get, the faster it goes. You know, and I know. I decided this year, after many conversations with various people, that I kind of wanted to abandon the entire resolution thing we all fall into. I jokingly called it a trap, a way to set myself up for my first grumbling failure by the end of January, and that's not very optimistic, is it? It's not on trend for me, so I decided I'm going to just be. I'm going to let myself meander through this world and see what happens, but I have had something weighing heavily on my mind.

And I saw it on social media. I know, I know. That sounds bizarre and very millennial. Some of you may be ready to check out on me, but if you can hang in there and hear me out (or read me out), I would appreciate it. I say this, because I was listening to a young author speak and what he said truly resonated with me. His name is Matthew Hussey, and I can't say that I'd ever seen him anywhere before. He was speaking with Drew Barrymore in a delightfully silky accent, and it was something between the look on her face and the cadence in his tone that made me stop and listen.

I'm paraphrasing this, and I'm giving Mr. Hussey all of the credit. I'm merely regurgitating his notion with semi-flowery words with the hope that it might settle in you as it's settled in me. Do bear in mind that I've not fully followed his notion yet, but I think of it.. and often.

As he looked at Drew Barrymore, he told her to imagine, at the start of her life, she was given one human to take care of. When given that human, she was told that her one job in life was to take care of that person. He told

her to imagine that most people don't realize that's their job. They're raised by someone else, and they go out into the world looking for other people to nurture and take care of them. The only person that's truly here to take care of us is ourselves. We're in our own custody, so what would we do differently with that notion? If we really sit in it and think of it, our approach should be completely different. We wouldn't beat ourselves up. We wouldn't put ourselves around toxic people.

"Loving ourselves isn't a feeling. It's an approach. It's a job. You don't even have to like yourself today to love yourself. Liking yourself can come later with all of the ways you make yourself proud. Loving yourself today is your job, because we are our human." - Matthew Hussey

It's something, isn't it? It's so simple and basic, but at the same time, it's something we overlook and overcomplicate. I'm going to remember what this person said and the way I felt the first time I heard it. I hope you agree it was worth sharing with you, so here's to 2025, Homestead: the year of no resolutions, no guilt, and no unrealistic expectations. Let it just be us, trying our best to take care of the one person we were put on this earth to look after. And if we mess up? That's okay, too. Because the beauty of this whole "taking care of yourself" thing is that you don't have to be perfect. You just have to keep showing up. And honestly, I think I can handle that.

Are you with me?

Until next time,

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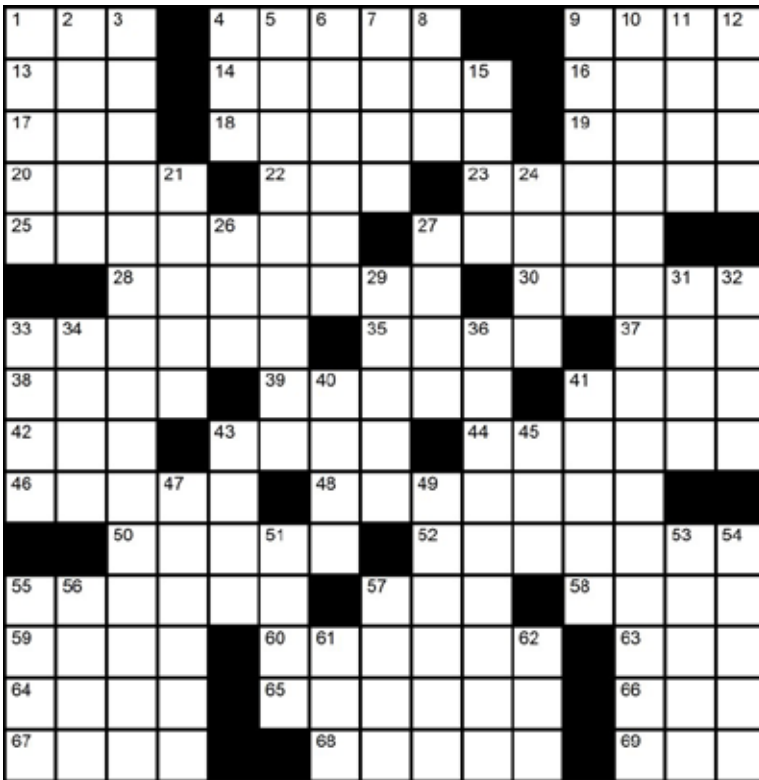
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- 4 Dirty
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- 13 100 square meters
- 14 Contradiction
- 16 Chief Hawaiian island
- 17 Short for the least
- 18 Tennis great --- Gonzales
- 19 Tax
- 20 Applications
- 22 Tap's partner
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- 25 Added for free
- 27 About this size
- 28 Surrounded by
- 30 Subject of spectacular bankruptcy case
- 33 Very similar to
- 35 Flashy
- 37 Tokyo Yoko
- 38 The Pobble had none
- 39 Engender
- 41 One of four
- 42 "You've Got Mail" company
- 43 "The hour --- hand": St Matthew's Gospel
- 44 Dangerous feats
- 46 G W T W's --- Butler
- 48 Green, blotchy frog type
- 50 Toque wearers
- 52 To do with plants

- 55 A machine's productive hours
- 57 Honorific title in India
- 58 --- of the above
- 59 Happy feline rumble
- 60 Letters, these days
- 63 Of a thing
- 64 Surrounded by
- 65 I'm sorry --- you waiting
- 66 "The sloeblack, slow, black, crowblack, fishingboat-bobbing ---" (Dylan Thomas)
- 67 Egg holders
- 68 Peter Pan's pal
- 69 Blunder

DOWN

- 1 Complete range
- 2 Whiskey choice
- 3 Thomas Edison was once a director of it
- 4 National economic indicator
- 5 State of preparedness
- 6 Baseball segment
- 7 Clickers or squeakers
- 8 Expression of derision
- 9 Add as a bonus
- 10 Hi-fi is not supposed to suffer from it
- 11 Card dispenser
- 12 Golfing short shot
- 15 Gray wolf
- 21 18-wheelers
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COZY LENTIL SOUP

Submitted by: Renee Stanzione



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large carrot , *chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)*
- 2 celery ribs , *chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)*
- 2 cups dried lentils, *green or brown, rinsed*
- 14 oz crushed tomato
- 6 cups vegetable or chicken *stock/broth, low sodium*
- 1/2 tsp each cumin and coriander powder
- 1 1/2 tsp paprika powder
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 1 lemon (zest + juice)
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper, *each*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add garlic and onion, cook for 2 minutes.
2. Add celery and carrot. Cook for 7 - 10 minutes or until softened and the onion is sweet. Don't rush this step, it is key to the flavor base of the soup.
3. Add all remaining ingredients except the lemon and salt. Stir.
4. Increase heat and bring to simmer. Scoop scum on the surface off and discard (do this again during cooking if required). Place lid on and turn heat down to medium low. Simmer for 35 - 40 minutes or until lentils are soft.

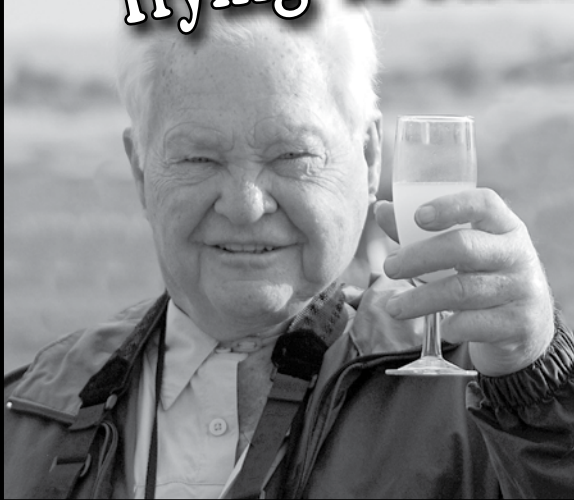


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