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### The Pretender

There is an old conundrum that everyone knows. If you can't get a job without experience, then how do you get experience? That is the story of my life. The short answer is, you fake it. The longer answer is that you promise not to make any situation worse or cost anyone any more money than it would cost if someone with experience worked on it. And if you can't fix it, they don't owe you anything. That's a mouthful and it seems like it could go wrong more ways than it could go right but it's a challenge against yourself. When I was learning to service televisions I volunteered to replace a picture tube in the TV of a family member. I

had a mentor who was experienced and he agreed to guide me through the project. In the end, I paid about \$150 for the new picture tube and other parts and could not make the TV work properly so I bought another TV and chalked it up to experience. Needless to say, I'm not in the TV repair business today.

I have repaired and rebuilt many things over the years that others had pronounced dead. Some were big wins, some were small wins and some would have been better left dead. But I learned a lot on every one. There is a thing called impostor syndrome and it is when people think you know more than you actually feel like you know. I have shaken this demon finally but it took 35 years at least to have the confidence to challenge any dragon in the arena. Today I will gladly mentor any young person who needs a little more confidence than they actually possess as long as they agree to do no harm and take responsibility for the cost of any failed repair that they attempt. There are no secrets but a maze can be a lot easier if you have a map and know how to read it.

Many years ago there were companies that sold electronic kits that came with a bunch of parts and a circuit board and you could build something from scratch. I still have an alarm clock that I built in about 1979 and I'm still as proud of it today as I was the day I finished it. When I look at that clock I see a kid who learned how to solder and not burn up transistors and who could follow instructions carefully. I have built a lot of things since then but that I'm proud of that because it broke the ice for me in several ways.

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## Lion of Judah Free Clothing Drive in Sherman Theater on December 18

By Sherman Theater

STROUDSBURG - December 10, 2021, Stroudsburg, PA - The Lion of Judah Worship Church of East Stroudsburg is holding a free clothing drive in the lobby of the Sherman Theater to benefit anyone in the community who is in need of clothing. The last day of the clothing drive will be Saturday, December 18 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM.

The Clothing Drive is organized by Tatiwana Sutton of the Lion of Judah Worship Church. She was inspired to start the clothing drive in 2015 when a young man in her church needed clothes and didn't have money to purchase any. "We all cross a period in our lives where we need help and some don't have anyone to ask, so after that I decided to do a Coat and Clothing Drive," said Sutton. She

added, "Everyone who comes to this free event finds something they want or need. Part of it is providing clothing for people who can't afford it, but it's also about sharing and reusing, instead of wasting."

Hundreds of articles of clothing were donated to help families-in-need in the Poconos from winter coats, hats, and boots to office attire, jeans and sneakers. The clothing has been cleaned and sorted by style and size. "This clothing drive has a positive impact on individuals and the community - especially getting people coats now that the cold weather is here - and we are happy to help out by providing the space for this event," said Rich Berkowitz, President and CEO of the Sherman Theater.

For more information on the Lion of Judah Clothing Drive at the Sherman Theater on Saturday, December 18 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM, please call Tatiwana Sutton at 570-982-8019.

The Sherman Theater is Monroe County's only nationally ranked, non-profit theater and performing arts center. Located in downtown Stroudsburg, PA, the Sherman Theater has proudly served the Pocono region for 90 years. The Theater and Performing Arts Center is committed to strengthening the community by producing culturally-diverse, nationally-known professional acts and festivals at the theater and at satellite locations throughout Monroe County for people of all ages, by providing an opportunity for local artists to perform, and by creating economic development in the region. The Sherman Theater projects and events attract over 100,000 visitors to the Pocono Region annually. For more information call 570-420-2808 or visit shermantheater.com.



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