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WHAT A DILEMMA

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out for another is to risk involvement.
To expose feelings is to risk rejection.
To place your visions before the crowd is to risk ridicule.
To love is to risk not being loved in return.
****To go forward in the face of overwhelming odds is to risk failure.**
But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.
The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing.
We may avoid suffering and sorrow, but we cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love or know GOD.
Chained by our own self-assurances, we are a slave. We have forfeited our freedom.
Only the person who dares to take risks and to trust in their GOD will ever be made FREE.

In 1997, Rev. Edwin E. Bailey, father of the editor, gave this poem to his daughter 8 days before he had a stroke and 3 weeks before he died. The poem was adapted from works by Leo Buscaglia. Edwin hand wrote this on a scrap of paper and gave it to his daughter, Deborah, saying the words, "Someday you'll understand these words and use them. God bless sweetheart." **These words were used in making the decision to purchase Connections Magazine in 2002.

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“At the end of the day,
the goals are simple:
safety and security.”

– Jodi Rell

November is the month of thankfulness, and this issue focuses on being thankful for our safety and security. From our kids and cars to our homes and families, we've got the *Good Stuff* for staying safe.

Keeping a watchful eye on your kids requires an increasing level of tech savvy many parents find intimidating. Not only are your kids vulnerable to bad actors online, but your family's personal information could be at risk as well. Check out page 6 for tips.

Beyond the changing of the leaves and less daylight, fall can bring plenty of challenges for drivers, including frosty, foggy mornings and slippery roads. To help you stay safe on the road, consider these steps on page 8 to prepare your vehicle.

Check out page 10 for some of the most common tasks that should be on your fall home maintenance to-do list and why!

We are fortunate to live in an area that doesn't get hit by many disasters, but the number of wildfires, tornados and heavy storm events have been increasing over time. All of us should have some level of a safety plan in place in case something were to happen. Give the gift of security this holiday season... see page 12.

Have a safe and secure November full of family and holiday memories!

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GRATEFUL AND KIND




Protecting Children in a Digital Age

Keeping a watchful eye on your kids requires an increasing level of tech savvy many parents find intimidating. Not only are your kids vulnerable to bad actors online, but your family's personal information could be at risk as well.

Learn how to protect your children and family in this digital age with these tips:

Elementary-Age Children

1} Encourage open communication. Have conversations about what your kids see and do online and talk with them about potential dangers. Avoid lecturing in favor of an open exchange of information.

2} Make their inherent interest in privacy work in your favor. Kids in this age group, particularly toward the middle school years, understand the concept of privacy and value it immensely. Use that context to help them understand what goes online is there to stay. Talk about what kinds of information should always be kept private, including identifying details like addresses and social security numbers.

3} Stay on alert. Not all apps are completely safe (even the ones you can access from trusted stores) and not all filters are foolproof. Keep close tabs on what your kids are downloading by reading comments and reviews, and regularly monitoring what kind of content they see.

Middle School and High School Kids

1} Continue talking about privacy. You can never have too many conversations about privacy. What seems like harmless sharing on social media can be quite revealing. For example, frequent

posts about visits to a favorite store or restaurant can allow a predator to begin tracking behavior patterns that make your child a target. It's also important for kids to understand how their privacy settings work. For example, settings that allow exposure to friends of friends make their visibility to strangers much broader than they may realize.

2} Help manage their online reputation. Behaviors that once resulted in a day or two of hallway chatter can now live forever. Documenting mischief online is only fun until it spills over into real life, and everyone sees those mistakes in full color - including prospective future employers.

3} Be clear about your position on bullying. From the safe distance of a screen, it's easier for kids (and adults) to say things they'd never say in person. Teach your kids to handle problems constructively offline and avoid engaging in attacks on others through social media, email and other platforms.

College Students

1} Reinforce the risks. Once they're on their own, kids may feel more liberated to make their own choices online. However, college students are easy prey for identity theft and worse. Remind them what's at stake if they fail to protect their identity and private information, like where they live and what they do on a regular basis.

2} Teach smart practices. With all the independence that comes with college life, this is an ideal time for your student to take personal responsibility for his or her online security, including learning about virus protection, updating software, avoiding scams and backing up data.

If you're looking for more practical advice for everyday family matters, visit eLivingtoday.com.

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An Autumn Vehicle Maintenance *Checklist*

Beyond the changing of the leaves and less daylight, fall can bring plenty of challenges for drivers, including frosty, foggy mornings and slippery roads. To help you stay safe on the road, consider these steps to prepare your vehicle.

Inspect and Replace Wiper Blades

As fall sets in, exposure to the elements, including rain, mist and sometimes even snow, becomes more frequent, which can have a negative impact on driving conditions and your ability to clearly see the road while behind the wheel. Inspect your wiper blades for any signs of wear and tear, such as cracks or splits, and replace them if they're not effectively clearing your windshield.

Check Tire Pressure and Tread

Fluctuating temperatures, like those common during the fall months, can cause your tire pressure to drop, which

can affect your car's handling and fuel efficiency. Use a tire gauge to check the pressure and inflate your tires to the manufacturer's recommended level, if necessary. Additionally, inspect your tires' tread. Worn-out tread can reduce traction, especially on wet or icy roads. If your tread is below the recommended level, replace your tires for optimal safety and performance.

Top Off the Fluids

It's important to periodically check your vehicle's fluids, including engine oil, coolant, brake fluid and windshield washer fluid. Low levels can cause various issues, from overheating to reduced braking efficiency. Be sure to consult your vehicle's manual if you're unsure of the type of fluid each component requires.

Test Your Battery

Weak batteries can leave you stranded, especially in colder conditions. If your battery is more than 3 years old or shows signs of weakness, consider having it tested to ensure it's holding a charge and functioning correctly before the weather gets too cold.

Examine Lights and Signals

As days get shorter, you'll likely rely more on your vehicle's lights for visibility. Check your headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals to ensure they're working correctly. Replace any burnt-out bulbs and clean your lenses to improve visibility.

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Good Stuff

FALL

Home Maintenance Tips

Provided by Disaster Blaster

{ Fall is upon us. That means colder temperatures, leaves that are changing color, and seasonal home maintenance! }

In fact, while spring gets a lot of attention each year, it's fall maintenance that will have the largest impact on the long-term condition of your home and how comfortable it is during those cold winter months.

Here are some of the most common tasks that should be on your fall maintenance to-do list and why!

Clean Gutters and Downspouts

During the summer and fall, leaves and debris can collect inside your gutters. If not cleaned

each year, this can not only cause drainage issues, but it can allow snow and ice to back up along your gutters / roof edge, which can cause ice dams. This can lead to water intrusion through your roof, exterior walls, or foundation where it can result in significant water damage and even mold growth.

Homes in wooded areas that have trees nearby may need to have the gutters cleaned more frequently, but it's recommended to have your gutters cleaned at least once a year.

Turn Off Outdoor Spigots

One of the most common causes of water damage during the winter is frozen outdoor spigots that can either break outside or inside your exterior wall. Not only can this result in water damage inside your home, but depending on the severity and location of the break, it may not be

noticed right away and may not be covered by your insurance policy.

Fortunately, this is easily avoided by turning off the water supply to outdoor spigots when you're done with them for the year, draining your garden hoses, and putting everything away. You'll even find that your garden hoses last longer!

Winterize your Home

With winter quickly approaching, fall is the last chance you have to prepare ahead of time. A well-insulated home that has good weather-proofing around doors and windows can not only be more comfortable on those cold nights, but also save you a lot of money in energy costs!

Proper winterization can be a large project, but every little bit helps, so it's a great idea to look at what is feasible for you to complete now. Winterization may include reinsulating exterior walls, floors, or ceilings, replacing windows, or replacing weather stripping around doors and windows. Start with what you can do now and complete a little more each year – you'll be glad you did!

Have your Furnace Serviced

A furnace that has not been serviced is not only inefficient and more costly to operate, it can even cause furnace puffbacks (where fuel ignites improperly and smoke is released through your home), or even catch fire!

It's recommended to have your furnace serviced each year, before you fire it up for the season. That way you know that everything will work as it should, and you won't have any problems. You'll even save money on fuel costs, as a furnace that has been serviced will operate much more efficiently.

Have your Chimney Cleaned

Do you have a fireplace? If so, we're sure you can't wait to sit by the fire on those cold winter days. Unfortunately, creosote can build up inside the chimney over time, presenting a serious fire hazard. For this reason, it's recommended to have your chimney cleaned each year before you start using it again.

A chimney cleaning company can often complete their services in a single day, ensuring that your chimney is ready for those cozy nights by the fire this winter.

Have your Ductwork Cleaned

When was the last time you had your ductwork cleaned? If you don't know, or it's been more than 3 years, you should probably have them cleaned before you fire up your heat for the year. Your ductwork is like the lungs of your house, all of the air that you breath passes through them. If your ductwork is dirty, the air that you are

breathing will be dirty.

A qualified duct cleaning company will be able to complete the cleaning in most cases in a day, ensuring that your HVAC system operates efficiently and your indoor air is clean. You may even find that you have to dust less!

Trim Tree Branches

Do any of the trees around your home look like the branches might give way under the weight of snow and ice? Are there any branches that have been damaged, appear weak, or are dying? This is the perfect time to trim those branches before they fall and potentially cause property damage.

We always recommend walking around your property to look for any signs of potential issues. If you do see problems with trees that are on your property, it's always a good idea to have them trimmed, or removed, now before they fall. Winter can be extremely harsh on trees, so if anything looks questionable now, you're better off erring on the side of caution.

Clean Through your House

Everyone does spring cleaning, but did you know that fall cleaning is where it's really at? Think about it, you're preparing to be closed up inside your home for the next several months, without being able to open a window, air out your home, or use outdoor space. Cleaning through your home now will not only make things more comfortable for you and your family, but it will ensure you have less dust in the air and everything is clean.

We always recommend completing a fall cleaning to get ready for the winter season. It's even a great time to start to decorate for the holidays!

We hope this was helpful and that you're well on your way to being ready for fall. With a little preparation, you can not only avoid disasters like ice dams and roof leaks, but you can ensure that your home is more comfortable year-round.

As always, if we can ever be of service, please don't hesitate to contact our offices. We're always here to help!



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Give the Gift of **SECURITY** This Holiday Season

By Sarah Corcoran

Hurricane season this year has been brutal, and millions of people will be rebuilding for months or even years to come. Communities around Pennsylvania have banded together to collect supplies for those who have been impacted, but are we ready if a disaster would come our way?

We are lucky to live in an area that doesn't get hit by many disasters, but the number of wildfires, tornados and heavy storm events have been increasing over time. All of us should have some level of a safety plan in place in case something were to happen. Where would you go if you had to evacuate your home? How would you get out in case of a fire, and where would you rally? What supplies do you have ready to support you? What type of insurance do you have? Do you have a plan in place for your pets? Do you keep charged flashlights and battery packs ready and know where to find them? Winter is right around the corner; do you have a plan in place if the power goes out or you go off the road while driving in snowy conditions?

This year, take the time to discuss the "what ifs" with your loved ones



and consider safety related presents for the holidays. A fire extinguisher may not be the flashiest present out there, but it shows you really care! Put together a winter car kit for those you know: emergency blankets or sleeping bags, hand warmers, extra clothes, flares, flashlights, non-perishable food, bungee cords or rope, kitty litter, jumper cables, and a first aid kit. Ensure everyone has a scraper and small shovel for their car as well. Know someone who loves to be outside? Put together an essentials kit for when they're out and about: whistle, first aid kit, blaze orange clothing for hunting season, iodine tablets or a water purifier, snacks, a lighter or flint and steel, a battery pack for their phone or a satellite phone if they regularly go somewhere without service, ponchos or extra cloths, and an emergency blanket or tarp. Must have items



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for around the house include fire extinguishers, extra batteries and flashlights, battery banks or a generator, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and if you live in a two story

home, an emergency ladder.

Everyone deserves the gift of peace of mind this holiday season and throughout the year. Take a few moments to ensure that you and your loved ones have a plan and are prepared for whatever may come.



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WELCOME

By The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Dear Editor,

The construction of our new church is rapidly coming to completion. The steel arches for our glass chapel are erected, and the massive glass inserts are being put in place. It will soon be a light-filled sanctuary to pray and meditate with fantastic views of our countryside. The attached round house is almost finished as well. It will be the location for all our social gatherings as well as our coffee hours after our regular services. What an improvement! Before our church burned down, we used to go down to its basement for social gatherings, which my father-in-law named the "Great Hall."

Alice Bright Light is my best friend. She is a full-blooded Chippewa Indian. It was she who recommended the construction of the round house which is a traditional American Indian structure. Many members of our congregation wanted a more meditative space rather than a glass chapel, so we are building a round house which has no windows, other than a large one at the top of the round-arched roof. In the traditional American Indian round house, that only window was the space where smoke would escape from the open fire below when the tribe was assembled. Our window will be an opaque stained-glass window.

One of our tasks now is to create the ceremony for the dedication of our new church. I recently met with my best friend Alice at the River Creek Inn to share our thoughts on the matter. We love meeting there in our usual booth and drink Green Chartreuse which is our favorite after-dinner drink. As usual we discussed local political matters, or as we like to call it, gossip. It was later that we discussed the dedication.

Alice brought with her a handwritten lullaby which she said is part of her heritage. She said that for generations, families in her tribe would use this to welcome a new baby. She said our new church is like a new family member, so we could use the lullaby as part of the dedication. This is what was written:

The Lullaby

*Welcome to this wilderness, person just born,
Cradled between lightning on a spring fed pine, and
Visible in the light of dawn
as it rises on a willow rainbow,
We'll guard you with East and West
white and blue corn. Welcome.*

*We selfishly expired our ultimate breath
Which in Wirikota became you
We became you in Wirikota, and you,
New season of our tribe, will become tomorrow.*

*Tomorrowto collect wood
Tomorrowto wood the fire
Tomorrow.....to fire our food*

*Welcome to this wilderness, person just born,
Cradled between lightning and
a spring fed pine, and
Visible in the light of dawn as it rises
on a willow rainbow,
We'll guard you with East and West
white and blue corn. Welcome.*

*We waited for you on the edge of time and
Carried you from Wirikota into this land,
We have been expecting you and will now
Help you change your crying into song*

*Tomorrow.....to brave the earth
Tomorrow.....to stalk one's fear
Tomorrow.....to respect our path*

*Welcome to this wilderness, person just born
Cradled between lightning and a spring fed pine, and
Visible in the light of dawn
as it rises on a willow rainbow
We'll guard you with East and West
white and blue corn. Welcome.*

As I was reading the lullaby, I saw that Alice began to cry. She was sharing an emotional part of her past from when she lived on the reservation in North Dakota. Even though it was there that she was given the nickname "Wolf" because of her appearance, her love for her American Indian heritage ran deep in her soul.

The beauty of the lullaby and her friendship flooded my emotions. I explained that the plans for the dedication were part of the new church committee's mission and that they would make the final decision on the use of the lullaby. I thanked her for sharing such a sensitive and meaningful part of her life. She smiled.

Amen.



The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

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Book Review

IT'LL OPEN DOORS FOR YOU.

That's what people say to convince you to seize an opportunity. Accept the chance, open the door, step on through, live your best life. It sounds amazing. It should be amazing. But as in the new book "Sunderworld, V-01: The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry" by Ransom Riggs, you have to find the door first.

Pretty much ever since his Mom died, Leopold Berry has known that his father thought he was worthless. Richter told him that every chance he got. Richter called him "Larry," which he knew Leopold hated. Larry Berry. Ugh.

Is it any wonder that Leopold spent every day when he was nine years old watching VHS tapes of a TV show his Mom made once? Back then, he memorized every word of Max's Adventures in Sunderworld, and he saw his mother's touch in the show.

He missed her then. He still did – but wasn't it odd that the visions had come back now, eight years after she was gone? Sure, when he was obsessed with Sunderworld, seeing strange and unusual things that didn't exist was normal-ish, but now? Even Elliott, Leopold's best friend, said it was weird.

So imagine how freaked-out Elliott was on the night they found a rickety old trolley car in a weed-filled Los Angeles park. They climbed in, it started to move, and when it stopped, they were in an episode of Sunderworld, in Sunder's downtown, with a magic shop where they bought a focuser, a visitor's center, and a place to buy portable holes. Billboards told them that there was an Aether shortage. Tumbleport stations were scattered everywhere.

The whole place was familiar-not-familiar at all.

And yeah, the focuser was super-cheap, but Leopold was able to make it work enough to get Elliott excited when they learned that Sunder was looking for a new channeler.

Suddenly, all of Leopold's dreams were coming together.

Just not like he'd dreamed they would, though...

Reading "Sunderworld V-01: The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry" is a little like having a conversation with a very imaginative 4-year-old. You never really know where it's going to take you or where the highs and lows will land; you just have to go with it. It makes no sense, which makes it oddly appealing, nonetheless. It's weird and surprising and funny – and unforgettable.

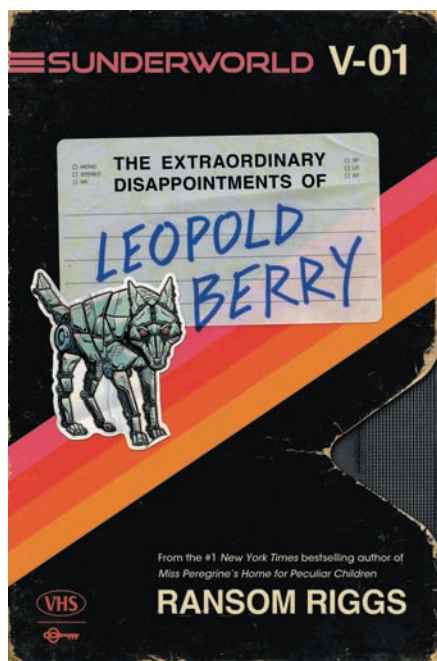
That's because Leopold is Everybody-At-Some-Point. Author Ransom Riggs presents him as unsure, aimless, overconfident sometimes, and awkward. He messes up: with girls, with friends, in public, at home. He's so beat-down in his mind that he can't see up anymore, which is the key to the story's best part: readers ages 15-and-beyond (including

adults!) will be able to absolutely identify with this unlikely hero tossed into a bizarre world.

Harry Potter fans, Miss Peregrine fans, take note.

If you've ever had a dream you think is dumb but life surprises you, then this new series is one you'll want today. "Sunderworld V-01: The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry" is a book to open and step on through.

"Sunderworld V-01: The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry"



*By Ransom Riggs
Reviewed by Terri Schlichenmeyer*

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Minisink Revolution BATTLEFIELD

By LA Guzda

I recently had the opportunity to join Sullivan County historian, John Conway, on a “ghostwalk” along the trails of the Minisink Battleground Park in Highland, NY. Nearly seventy-five people joined the late October hike. The Battle of Minisink was the only major skirmish of the Revolutionary War in the northern Delaware Valley.

Fought on July 22, 1779, the skirmish was between a hastily assembled local militia and a group of Tories and Iroquois fighting for the British under the command of Joseph Brant, a Mohawk war chief and a captain in the British Army. The Battle of Minisink was fought in response to a series of raids along the Delaware River in both New York and Pennsylvania by British forces.

The battle ended up becoming a slaughter as 48 colonists were killed in the fighting and gave the British a decisive victory in the woods above the Delaware River. The “ghostwalk” indicated residual energy resulting in the traumatic and untimely deaths of those involved.

On July 21, 1779, after an alarm had gone out, two groups of militia led by Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin and Major Samuel Meeker met in Mahackamack (Port Jervis). They began to follow Brant up the Delaware River with

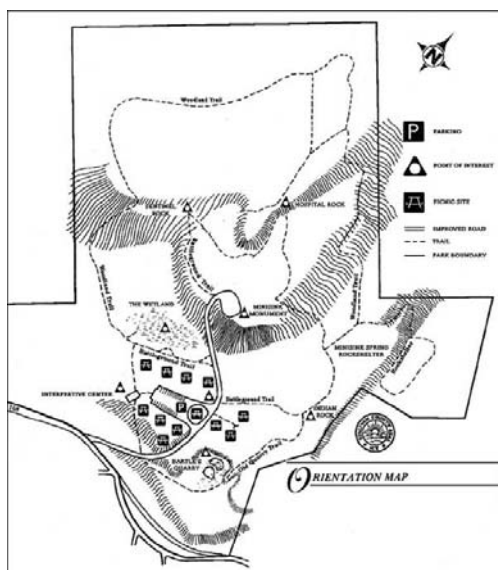


the intent to ambush him and to recover some of the horses, cattle and personal items his group had taken.

Later that day, riders from Peen-pack reached the village of Goshen, telling of Brant's raid and the destruction of the town. A militia formed immediately, under the reluctant command of Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Tusten.

Tusten was strongly opposed to pursuing the raiders, as he knew they would be no match for the British and Iroquois soldiers, and he suggested waiting for reinforcements from the Continental Army. However, the majority of the public and the militia underestimated the fighting ability of the Iroquois and demanded immediate retribution. Outvoted, Tusten agreed to set out the following morning.

Colonel John Hathorn's Fourth



Orange County Regiment militia unit met up with Meeker and Tusten's units somewhere near Sparrowbush, New York and joined forces. Hathorn assumed command and marched for the Delaware River with a force of about 120 militiamen.

Following hours of conflict, Brant's forces prevailed, and it was a

decisive victory for the British forces. Approximately forty-five members of the regiment perished in the battle, including Tusten and many others from the Goshen militia. Due to numerous factors, the village of Goshen was unable to retrieve and bury its dead until 43 years after the battle.

For more information visit <https://sullivanyny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/Minisink>

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Ongoing Events

OCT. 2-3, 9-10, 16, 23-24, 25-27, 30

Pocono Express

Honesdale Station, Honesdale. A 1.5-hour round-trip excursion from Honesdale to Hawley along the river. Railcars are heated and restrooms are available on-board.

Info: 570-470-2697 or
info@thetourbridgeline.net or
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TUESDAYS

Gentle AM Stretch with Maryanne

8:30-9:30 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

TUESDAYS

Zumba with Dee

7-8 p.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley. Info: info@lakeregionfitness.net or 570-390-4GYM (4496).

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga with Maryanne

8:30-9:30 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

WEDNESDAYS

Stitch and Sip: Yarn Over the Falls Weekly Crafty Hangout

6-8 p.m. Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Meet in the lobby of the Hawley Silk Mill in a relaxed, no-stress meet-up perfect for knitters, crocheters and fiber lovers of all kinds. Whether you're a beginner or have been crafting for years, everyone's welcome. BYOB. Info: 570-226-1337 or info@cocooncoffehouse.com or hawleysilkmill.com.

WEDNESDAYS

Trivia Night with Adam Owens

6:30-9 p.m. Runaway Train Brewery, Honesdale. 95.3 DNH The Rail presents Adam Owens. Make a plan, gather a team, and come test your brain in a race for the top score. Info: info@runawaytrainbrewery.com.

THURSDAYS

Trivia Night With B-Ray

6-8 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Through Dec. 26. Get ready to flex your brainpower and gather your sharpest friends for a showdown with B-Ray Trivia. Team up to six. Free to play. Stay tuned on social media for category releases every Thursday. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

THURSDAYS

Jazz Nights at Here & Now Brewing Company

6:30-9 p.m. Here & Now Brewing Company, Honesdale. Musical guests appear weekly and each week takes you on a different journey of sound. Free. Info: 570-253-0700 or info@hereandnowbrewing.com.

THURSDAYS

Trivia Night at Jive Bar

7-9 p.m. Jive Bar & Lounge, Milford. Through Dec. 26. See how much you know. Free. Info: 570-296-2500.

FRIDAYS

Yoga with Diane

9-10 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

FRIDAYS

Hawley Farmers Market

1-4 p.m. Hawley Hub, Hawley. Delicious fresh and local produce and more. Pre-orders available from online vendor list, & pick up at the market. Info: 570-226-4064 or info@visithawleypa.com.

FRIDAYS

Live Music Fridays

5-8 p.m. Runaway Train Brewery, Honesdale. Info: info@runawaytrainbrewery.com.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Live Music at Jive Bar

7-11 p.m. Jive Bar & Lounge, Milford. Through Dec. 28. Rotating lineup of live music. Show your favorite band some love by stopping by the bar or making a reservation. Free. Info: 570-296-2500.

EVENTS

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Pocono Mountain Maple Tours

Lake Russell Maple at Bentlers Farm, Newfoundland. Learn about the maple sugaring process & take a tour of the 450-acre property. Info: 570-242-0027 or Courtney@PoconoMtnMaple.com.

SATURDAYS

Yoga with Diane

10-11 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Wallenpaupack Brewing Company Brewery Tours

Noon-6 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Step behind the scenes and discover where your favorite craft brews are made. Call to secure your spot or ask a beer-tender during your visit. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

SUNDAYS

Early Birdie Sim Special

11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Wake Zone Indoor Golf & Taproom, Hawley. Swing in early to catch the Early Birdie Simulator discount. Enjoy half-off regular priced simulators. Info: 570-390-8320 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

November 5-30

NOV. 5

Acoustic Bluegrass Jam

7-9 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. All levels of players are welcome. All instruments are welcome, too. Just be sure to leave your amps at home. Come and support the performers. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

NOV. 7-11

Flying Needles Fiber Arts Retreat

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Join other crafters while finishing your knitting, crocheting, quilting, or other fiber art works-in-progress (WIPs). Or, start a new project if you are short on Un-Finished Objects (UFOs). Commuter and day rates available. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 7, 11, 12, 14

Ghost Tour

7-8 p.m. The Sayre Mansion, Bethlehem. 60-minute guided tour of The Sayre Mansion

Inn, featured on the Travel Channel's show "Ghosthunters." Your guide walks you through some of the areas that have had the most reported activity. Tour ends in the lower level of the mansion where devices will be set up to detect any activity that evening. Each tour limited to 20 guests. To book a private tour on an alternate date, call and ask. Info: 610-882-2100 or innkeeper@sayremansion.com.

NOV. 8

Wonderful Whitetails

4-5 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. As the breeding season approaches, white-tailed deer become increasingly active. Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy to learn about the reasons behind this heightened activity and explore fascinating behaviors of white-tailed deer throughout the year. Advance registration requested. Program is intended for adults. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.



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NOV. 9**Scouts BSA Badge Festival**

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Come to PEEC for a fun day of badge work. Scouts must be supervised at all times by a parent or troop leader. Space is limited; call early. Payment required at registration.

Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 9**How and Why to Grow Your Own Garlic**

10-11 a.m. Newfoundland Area Public Library, Newfoundland. Free program presented by former area restaurant owner turned gardener, Bill Hugenbruch, and includes info on how to prepare garlic.

Info: 570-676-4518.

NOV. 9**Animal Tracking**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Animals leave behind clues that give us glimpses into their lives. Explore PEEC's natural areas for tracks, trails, scat, territory marks, chew marks, and other signs animals leave as they travel through the fields and forests of the Poconos. Call to register.

Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 9**Craft Show**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Honesdale High School and Middle School gyms, Honesdale. Benefits Honesdale High School Band.

Info: hhsbandcraftshow1@gmail.com or Facebook.

NOV. 9**Charcuter-Tree Workshop**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. Learn the basics of building a savory culinary masterpiece with artistic flare. Dazzle your guests and excite their taste buds with your beautiful display of fine meats, cheeses, and other specialty foods. Learn the secrets to pairing the perfect wines with the endless possibilities of fine food choices for your display. Tickets include a complimentary glass of wine. Register in advance as space is limited.

Info: 570-948-4688 or

kelly@threehammerswinery.com.

NOV. 10**Wacky Science Adventures**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Put on your

lab coats and prepare to conduct some crazy experiments. You'll get to create your very own slime, oobleck, and attempt to launch a rocket into space. Call to register.

Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 10**Tree Walk**

1-3 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Learn effective strategies for identifying trees by their leaves, buds, and bark. Then head out onto the property and see how many trees you can identify at the reserve. Be prepared to walk on sloped terrain. Wear closed-toe shoes and clothes comfortable for the weather. Advance registration requested. Appropriate for all ages.

Info: 570-226-3164 or

rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

NOV. 12**Paint and Sip at Wallenpaupack Brewing Company**

6-8 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Get out for a night of crafting and sipping. Hosted by Melissa from The Craft Room. Sign-up online. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

NOV. 15**HOO Done It?**

1-2 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Solve the mystery of whoo is responsible for the disappearance of Mrs. Hen. Was it one of the owls, or is another creature to blame? The Delaware Highlands Conservancy needs your help to crack the case. Program is intended for kids and families and includes a trail walk; wear closed-toe shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration requested.

Info: 570-226-3164 or

rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

NOV. 15**Truffle Wine Dinner**

7-10 p.m. The Settlers Inn, Hawley. Enjoy an elegant Italian menu of truffle-inspired dishes paired with fine wines. Reservations required. Call 570-226-2993.

Info: 570-226-2993 or

desk@thesettlersinn.com.

NOV. 16**Annual Chili & Wing Cookoff**

Noon-4 p.m. Gravity Hall at Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Taste test the area's

best chili and wings. Vote for your favorite for the people's choice award. Benefits the Human Resources Foundation. Info: 570-536-6020 or info@hotelanthracite.com.

NOV. 16

Scenes of the Season: Paint and Sip

1-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Experience an afternoon of seasonal splendor as you create a landscape painting with artist Terry Kloiber, and sip on some delicious seasonal (non-alcoholic) beverages. Cost includes materials and refreshments. Ideal for ages 13+. Limited to 12 participants; call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 16

Game Dinner

6-8 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Enjoy the bounty of the season at PEEC's 14th annual Game Dinner, which features local game and seasonal harvests. Payment due upon registration. Call early to guarantee a seat. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 16

Author Event & Book Signing with Kim Olver

7-9 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Olver is a trainer, author and speaker and has just written her fifth book, *Mental Freedom: You Hold the Key*. Kim is local to the area having grown up and raised a family in Honesdale. Listen to excerpts from her book, have an opportunity to get your book signed, enter for a chance to win a free Mental Freedom Experience (\$1800 value), get free gifts, and experience live entertainment from Veronica Ann + John Kresse. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

NOV. 17

Beginners Water Bath Canning

10-11 a.m. Newfoundland Area Public Library, Newfoundland. Free program presented by garden writer & blogger, and licensed home food processor, Jeanne Hugenbruch, and includes info on equipment, choosing recipes, problems & solutions, and will be followed by a Q&A. Info: 570-676-4518.

NOV. 17

Ecozone Discovery Room!

1-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Climb into a bald

eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit. Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 21

Pottery Class at Wallenpaupack Brewing Company

6-8 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Spend your evening sipping and spinning with your good friends. Enjoy breathing and stretching exercises, wheel and handle demonstrations, and then get your hands on the wheel to make your own pot or bowl. Clients will choose glaze colors and be notified by Fury Art in approx. two weeks when their artwork is finished and returned. Info: 610-823-3742 or 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

NOV. 23

Introduction to Orienteering

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Come learn how to use a map & compass on PEEC's orienteering course. PEEC will show you the basics before you try to find all the points. Space limited; call early. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 23

Turkey Talk

1-2 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Did you know the turkey was almost our national bird? Learn about all things turkey, including their habits and how they live. Space is limited. Prior registration requested. Program is intended for adults. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org

NOV. 23

Bird Bonanza

1-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Spend time watching the feeders and putting together your own unique and custom bird feeder from a variety of recycled materials just in time for winter. PEEC provides everything you need, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

NOV. 23**Runaway Train Beer Tasting Experience and Lunch**

Noon-3 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Scenic trip along the Lackawaxen River while being treated to two pints of the Runaway Train Brewery's finest craft beers. Return for a behind the scenes tour of the brewery operations, a Runaway Train souvenir, and a fabulous lunch.
Info: 570-470-2697 or
jhiller@thetourbridgeline.net.

NOV. 23**A Contra Dance**

7:30-10 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. All are welcome to dance along to live music performed by Cherry Orchard and others, no experience necessary. Caller Laurie B. will do a beginner lesson starting at 7:15. Beginners are most welcome. Contra dance is a folk dance made up of long lines of couples.
Info: 570-253-2020 or
thecooperageproject.org.

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NOV. 28**Farm-to-Table Thanksgiving Dinner to Go**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Settlers Inn, Hawley. Pick up your traditional Thanksgiving dinner ready to heat at The Settlers Inn. Order by Nov. 21; pick up Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 570-226-2993 or desk@thesettlersinn.com.

NOV. 28**Fuss Free Thanksgiving to Go**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Deck at The Dock on Walenpaupack, Hawley. Pick up your traditional Thanksgiving meal ready to heat. Takeout orders accepted through Nov. 21. Pickup Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 570-226-4388.

NOV. 28**Thanksgiving Buffet**

Noon-5 p.m. The Waterfront at Silver Birches, Hawley. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving buffet. Reservations required.
Info: 570-226-4388 or
info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

NOV. 28**Thanksgiving Dinner at The Inn**

Noon-6:30 p.m. The Settlers Inn, Hawley. Thanksgiving dinner with all your holiday favorites. Reservations required. Info: 570-226-2993 or desk@thesettlersinn.com.

NOV. 29, 30**Santa Christmas Tree Express**

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Dash down the tracks to the track-side Christmas tree farm. Visit with Santa, pick your favorite Christmas tree (trees are an additional cost), and enjoy complimentary hot chocolate. Once the train arrives back, the crew will unload the trees so you can take yours to your vehicle. You are responsible to attach it to your car, so be sure to bring the proper supplies to do so. Cash and credit cards accepted for trees.
Info: 570-470-2697 or
info@thetourbridgeline.net or
thetourbridgeline.net.

NOV. 30**Shop Small, Shop Local**

10-5 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. 20% off many artists' pieces plus lots of art under \$25. Info: 570-251-1181 or Info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

NOV. 30**Poconos Lights**

5-10 p.m. Poconos Park, Bushkill. Witness the holidays come to life in a breathtaking display of creativity and imagination, designed to kindle the spirit of togetherness and wonder. Be captivated by the brilliance of countless lights illuminating the night, transforming Poconos Park into a mesmerizing symphony of color and merriment. Experience over one mile of holiday cheer in a drive-thru Christmas experience.
Info: 855-722-7938 or poconospark.com.



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