Fall Fun & Activities
Hygienic apple bobbing and other fun autumn game alternatives

Bobbing for apples is a game that has been around for centuries. An autumn tradition often associated with Halloween and other fall festivals, the concept of bobbing for apples is, according to History.com, rooted more in romance than Halloween trickery.

As a British courting ritual, young ladies and their potential suitors would vie for certain apples to land a potential mate. Eventually, the tradition faded into obscurity. But apple bobbing was reinvented in the Americas when immigrants introduced the game to children and adults during Halloween parties.

Recently, apple bobbing has fallen out of favor again, with parents lamenting the unsanitary conditions and potential spread of germs, not to mention the hazard of drowning. Thankfully, there are various alternatives to apple bobbing that can still make for an exciting Halloween game.

**Hanging Apples**
Rather than putting apples in a barrel full of water to float, tie strings to the stems. Then hang each individual apple to a clothesline. Without using their hands, participants must eat the majority of the apple of their choosing. Apples can be replaced with other treats, such as doughnuts.

**Fishing for Apples**
Attach a magnet to an end of string tied to a stick to make a fishing rod of sorts. Cut out paper apples and adhere something metallic to the cutouts, such as paper clips. Kids take chances fishing out their selections. Each cut-out earns players a prize.

**Candy Catch**
Participants line up holding a small receptacle, such as a cone-shaped party hat turned upside down or a small plastic pumpkin. While an adult tosses candy into the air, the children try to catch it in their containers.

**Apple Toss**
As a variation on a beanbag game or ring toss activity, players can aim a plastic apple or pumpkin into a hole or barrel. Red ping pong balls tossed into canning jars or plastic cups can work as well.

**Bobbing Twist**
Party hosts can still float apples in a bucket of water, having participants bob in a different way. They can try to scoop apples out with a small spoon or two chopsticks. Let imaginations reign supreme while keeping germs out of the apples.
Halloween takes place during a time of year characterized by earthen-colored chrysanthemums, leaf-lined walkways and crisp autumn air. As colorful as the costumes children wear for trick-or-treating may be, nature’s beauty is unsurpassed this time of year, and the scores of pumpkins, gourds and squashes on display only add to that colorful melange. The Cucurbitaceae family may be best known for pumpkins, squash and gourds, but there actually are 800 species that belong to this family. While they share many of the same properties, these fruits each have their own unique attributes. The main differences between squashes, gourds and pumpkins is their intended purposes — whether they’re ornamental or edible.

**Squash**
Squashes come in summer and winter varieties. Winter ones do not actually grow in the winter; in fact, they’re harvested in late summer and early fall, but the name references the hard shell casing that protects the tender pulp inside. Zucchini are summer squash because their outer flesh is tender, while butternut, acorn, spaghetti, and hubbard squashes are winter squashes because they feature a tough skin. Even though it takes some effort to crack that shell, the dense, nutrient-rich flesh inside is well worth the workout.

**Gourds**
Gourds are essentially ornamental squashes; they aren’t cultivated for eating. Instead they are bred to look beautiful and unique in autumn centerpieces. Types of gourds include autumn wing gourd, warted gourds, turban gourds, and bottle gourds. Each gourd is unique in its shape and color.

**Pumpkins**
Pumpkins come in ornamental and edible varieties. Even though all pumpkins can be consumed, some taste better than others. Small pumpkins tend to be decorative because, according to Nutritious Life, they do not have enough meat inside to make them worthy of cooking. However, sugar pumpkins are best for baking and cooking favorite recipes, states the resource Pumpkin Nook.

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Local participating businesses will have their vehicles decorated and their trunks filled with treats for area Halloweeners. Members of the Kingston Police, Fire and Street Departments will be there to join in the fun, and entertainment will be provided by Magic 93.

HKQ Kids, a non-profit organization established by Attorney Joe Quinn and the law firm of Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn for the purpose of promoting child safety in Northeastern PA, will be providing Clip-on Flashing Safety Lights to all Halloweeners. The Flashing Safety Light has batteries included and will last for up to 10 hours. When worn properly, it will help make your kids more visible while they are Trick or Treating.

“We are proud to be part of this annual event. Providing a safe environment for children and their families is important to everyone here at HKQ Law, and we invite everyone to attend a night that promises good, family fun,” said Attorney Michelle Quinn, HKQ Law.

Additional information can be found online at www.hkqlaw.com, www.hkqkids.org, and on Facebook.
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Star Wars Halloween Pics to benefit local rescue
Halloween pictures featuring Star Wars characters in professional costumes by Keystone State Squad!
Village Pet Supplies and Gifts will be hosting this event on
Saturday, October 13th from 10am till 3pm at their Hanover Twp store
located next to Gerritys on the Sans Souci Pkwy, and on
Sunday, October 28th from 10am till 3 pm at their Luzerne store
located next to Gerritys on Union St.
Pictures will be $10 each, cash or check only. All proceeds benefits Rescue Warriors. All pets must be on leashes, no aggressive pets please.
For more information call 570-735-5905 (Hanover store), or 570-338-2294 (Luzerne store).

Masonic Village Octoberfest, enjoy fall foliage and festive live music while visiting vendors, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct 5, Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgeway Drive, Dallas. Info, 570-675-1866.

Community Contra Dance, 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 6, Church of Christ Uniting Fellowship Hall, 776 Market St., Kingston, with music by fiddler Ryck Kaiser and pianist Peg Shutes and calling by Bob Isaacs. No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission is “pay what you wish.” Come early at 6:15 p.m. for optional pot-luck supper. Info, 570-333-5007 or folkloresociety.org/dancing.

Rummage sale, sponsored by the Women’s Association of First United Presbyterian Church of West Pittston, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Institute, Wyoming Avenue and Institute Street, Wyoming. “Bag Day” begins at 1 p.m. Coffee and cake available at snack bar. Info, 570-609-5410

Orchestral Blockbusters, presented by Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, featuring Mozart’s Overture to The Marriage of Figaro, Brahms’ bucolic Symphony No. 2 and Brahms’ bucolic Symphony No. 2.

Bach, Brazil, Beatles, Broadway and More, played by classical guitarist Jay Stevesky, 3 p.m. Oct. 7, Dietrich Theater, 60 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. Free tickets will be available at the door or seats may be reserved by calling 570-996-1500

Reptiles and Amphibians of Northeastern Pennsylvania, presented by naturalist Rick Koval, 11 a.m. Oct. 6, Dietrich Theater, 60 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. After his presentation you will have a chance to meet and greet some of these creatures up close and person-
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al. Reserve tickets by calling 570-996-1500. Tickets will be available at the door as long as they last.

**Holy Family Parish Fall Bingo**, sponsored by Confraternity of Christian Mothers, doors open at noon and games begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 7 at Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch. Homemade food and refreshments. Baskets, gift cards, small appliances and monetary gifts are among the prizes. Admission $5. To donate a prize, call the rectory at 570-822-8983 or Theresa Youngblood at 570-824-4558.

**Archaeology open house**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 at Frances Dorrance Chapter, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, excavation at Coxton Yards. Anyone wishing to try their hand at digging will be shown how. Artifacts found locally also will be on display. The Coxton dig is located down a dirt road. This road is off Coxton Road and runs next to the Lackawanna River for about a mile and then turns due north for about another mile. There will be signs to guide the way.

**Taste the Local Harvest**, an awareness-building event for local farms, breweries, wineries and land conservation, sponsored by North Branch Land Trust, 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 7, Huntsville Golf Club, Dallas. This year’s event will celebrate the farmers and recognize the hardships they face due to flooded crops and destruction of their fields. Tasting tables will host local beers, wines, produce, beef, chicken, turkey, cheese, honey and more. Tickets are $60 per adult; $15 for children ages 6 to 12; free for ages 5 and younger. For tickets, call the NBLT office at 570-310-1781.

**Sixth annual Kelci Ever After 6K Run and 2K Memory Walk**, in memory of Kelci Gibbons, 11 a.m. Oct. 7, Frances Slocum State Park, Mt. Olivet Road, Kingston Township. Registration 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Pavilion 3. Cost is $20 and includes a t-shirt while supplies last. Proceeds go to the Kelci Ever After Fund at the Luzerne Foundation which distributes funds annually to local non-profits and charities.

**Harvest Moon Tea**, Oct. 12 at Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgeway Dr., Dallas. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tea service begins at 6:30. Benefits the residents of Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Cost is $30. Seasonal teas, tea sandwiches, salad, scones and dessert included. Tableside magic performed by Bill Dickson. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 1 at the Meadows. Info, 570-675-8600.

**Night at the Races**, sponsored by Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and first race “post time” is 7:15 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Wilkes-Barre Township Fire Department, Watson Street, Wilkes-Barre Township. Admission is $5. Cost to purchase a horse is $10 and includes admission. Tickets and info, 570-825-2875.

**Modern Witchcraft**, an informational seminar, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Reading Room at the Osterhout Library, 71 South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Join us to have your questions answered, learn the facts, and debunk the stigma. If you have any questions about this event, or would like to RSVP, please call the Information Services Desk at 570-821-1959. Light refreshments served.

**Shawnee Fort Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution luncheon**, to celebrate 100th anniversary of end of World War I, noon Oct. 20 at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, 77 E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre. The program, presented by local historian, Tony Brooks, will highlight the life of Col. Asher Miner. The event is open to the public and proceeds will benefit Shawnee Fort Chapter community projects and historic preservation efforts. Entree of roast beef or chicken franaica. Advance reservations are $30 and must be received by Oct. 6. Info, Kathleen Smith at smithkdar2001@hotmail.com or 570-704-9809.

**Spook-o Bingo**, 3 to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Hoyt Library, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. For ages 13 and older. A game for both the experienced and novice bookworms, theme is scary stories. Please register by Oct. 20 by calling 570-287-2013, ext. 230.

**St. Andre Bessette Parish Toy Bingo**, Nov. 3 at St. Mary’s Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Admission $10. Advance tickets are recommended because the event has sold out the last two years. For tickets or info call Mary at the parish office, 570-823-4988.

**The Story of the First Thanksgiving**, presented by Rebekah Parry of Pilgrim Presentations, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Nov. 7, Community Room of the Hoyt Library, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. Join us for a fun and tangible way children can learn about why the Pilgrims came to America. The presentation is free and open to children, and groups of children, of all ages. Registration is mandatory. Call 570-287-2013.

**St. James Church annual fall bazaar**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10 at 2161 Route 940, Dritos, with home made soups, hot dogs, BBQ, desserts, and beverages. A bake sale and white elephant table also will be offered. Tours of the historic church founded by Mrs. Sophia Coxe will be conducted.

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Autumn Timber Festival  
October 6th & 7th  
Shawnee Mountain Ski Area  
Come out for this action-packed autumn event and enjoy lumberjack competitions, blacksmith demos by Jim Doherty, saw mill demos, chainsaw sculptures, children's activities and live music with food and craft vendors galore.

Pocono Food Truck & Art Festival  
October 20th & 21st  
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Pumpkin glamming workshop
September 29 + 30 AND October 6 + 7 11am-3pm
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Two sizes to choose from: Tiny Pumpkins $10 | Pie Pumpkins $12
Prices include glamming materials, pumpkin and guidance from our staff. Fall FUN for all ages!

The Pumpkin House
An Evening Event
October 19 + 20 + 21 AND 26 + 27 + 28, 5pm-9pm
Admission – ADULTS $9 | KIDS $6 (ages 2-11, under 2 no charge)
Join us to see over 500 carved pumpkins creatively displayed throughout our greenhouse and gardens. This year’s theme is “THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING”. Join the staff and come in costume!
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Food Truck vendors and some Tunkhannock Farmers Market vendors will be selling yummy snacks....also enjoy our campfire and roast a s’more!

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