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love or know GOD.

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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.**

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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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“Listen! The wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with  
leaves, we have had our  
summer evenings, now  
for October eves!”

– *Humbert Wolfe*

**O**ctober is the most spooktacular time of year. Get connected to the area's fall and Halloween things to do to make this season bootiful!

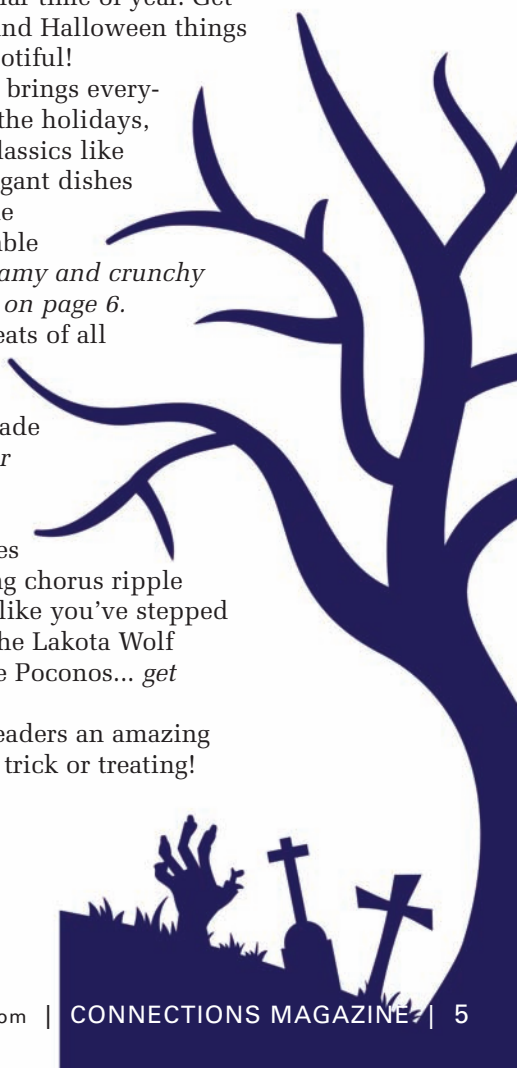
Yum... if there's one food item that brings everyone together more than most during the holidays, it's warm, delicious desserts. From classics like pumpkin pies and cookies to extravagant dishes like souffles, loved ones can savor the flavor of sweet treats at the dessert table all season long. *Get connected to creamy and crunchy desserts with classic pumpkin flavor on page 6.*

Halloween calls for candies and treats of all kinds as trick-or-treaters roam neighborhoods. Don't forget to stock your own snack supply with homemade goodies... *get connected on page 8 for homemade Halloween treat ideas.*

Put a little howl in your October... if you've ever dreamed of locking eyes with a wolf, hearing a pack's haunting chorus ripple through the forest, or simply feeling like you've stepped into a National Geographic special, the Lakota Wolf Preserve is just a short drive from the Poconos... *get connected on page 18.*

Wishing all our ghost and goblin readers an amazing fall season. Stay safe out there while trick or treating!

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*Creamy*

**and Crunchy Desserts with  
Classic Pumpkin Flavor**



**If there's one food item that brings everyone together more than most during the holidays, it's warm, delicious desserts. From classics like pumpkin pies and cookies to extravagant dishes like souffles, loved ones can savor the flavor of sweet treats at the dessert table all season long.**

This much-loved version of pumpkin pie is a delicious take on a traditional dessert that's perfect for any time of year. Even if you've never baked a pie, this easy rendition makes it a cinch to share with your nearest and dearest.

It's made with Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin, which is more than just a seasonal product. You can enjoy it as a go-to for smooth, pure pumpkin in baked goods, chilis, savory dishes or morning smoothies as a wholesome boost full of earthy pumpkin flavor.

Or you can celebrate its deliciousness in these coffee house-style Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cookies. Featuring a rich, buttery flavor, these pumpkin cookies are rolled in cinnamon sugar, bake up soft and boast a sweet, crunchy exterior that's perfect for those who love pumpkin spice.

Find more inspiration for holiday baking and beyond by visiting [greengiantvegetables.com](http://greengiantvegetables.com).

## Pumpkin Pie

*Prep time: 15 minutes*

*Cook time: 50-55 minutes*

*Servings: 8*

- 1 pie crust (store-bought or homemade), at room temperature
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Roll out dough to 2 inches larger than pie dish. Gently press dough into dish until it lines bottom and sides. Trim dough to within 1/2 inch of dish edge. Fold edges underneath themselves, creating thick 1/4-inch border. Crimp edges with fingers. Refrigerate. Preheat oven to 375 F.

In large bowl, whisk eggs and sugars until smooth. Add pumpkin, cream, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Stir until well blended.

Slowly pour filling into pie shell. Cover edges with thin strips of aluminum foil. Bake 25 minutes. Remove foil. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

## Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 70 minutes

Yield: 48-50 cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks

For Rolling:

- 2 tablespoons cane sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

In small saute pan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir regularly until butter turns deep golden brown, 8-10 minutes. Pour browned butter into heat-safe bowl or measuring cup and refrigerate until cooled, but not solid, about 15 minutes.

In large mixing bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.

In separate medium mixing bowl, stir browned butter and brown sugar. Whisk in pumpkin and vanilla extract followed by eggs and egg yolks.

Gradually mix wet ingredients into dry until evenly mixed. Refrigerate dough 30 minutes.

Form dough into four separate logs 2-3 inches in diameter and about 7 inches long. Wrap each cookie dough log with plastic wrap. Freeze dough 30 minutes, or until ready to bake.

For rolling: Preheat oven to 350 F and line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Stir sugars and cinnamon on large plate. Unwrap desired amount of dough (thaw slightly at room temperature if dough is completely frozen) and roll each log in sugar mixture.

Slice into 1/2-inch slices. Place on baking sheet 3 inches apart.

Bake 14-15 minutes. Repeat with remaining cookie dough.

Cool cookies at room temperature on baking sheet 10 minutes before transferring to cooling rack and cooling 10 minutes.



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# Homemade Halloween *Treats*

**Halloween calls for candies and treats of all kinds as trick-or-treaters roam neighborhoods, but don't forget to stock your own snack supply with homemade goodies.**

Skip the store-bought sweets this year and instead opt for ideas like these that can be whipped up in the comfort of your own kitchen.

## Party Mix

As one of the easiest recipes you could imagine, a Halloween-themed party mix simply calls for your favorite snack-type foods tossed together in a group-sized bowl or individual con-

tainers. You can try just about anything from candy corns and miniature chocolates to pretzels, popcorn and more.

## Spooky Cupcakes

Kid-friendly treats are the name of the game when it comes to Halloween, and there's almost no better way to get children involved in the kitchen than with some personalized decorations. Bake your preferred cupcakes - chocolate or vanilla - then call on the kiddos to use icing and toppings for creepy custom creations.

## Pumpkin Pie

There's nothing wrong with going with a classic. While it may not scream All Hallows' Eve, pumpkin is the fla-

vor of the season, which makes pumpkin pie a traditional taste this time of year. Because most versions call for a fairly small number of ingredients, it's a simple way to bake a desirable dessert. Plus, you can easily give pumpkin pie some Halloween flair using whipped cream to "draw" a spooky Jack-o-lantern-like face.

### Creepy Cookies

Whether your family craves chocolate chip or prefers the sweetness of sugar cookies, you can lay out your favorite dough and use seasonal cookie cutters - think Frankenstein, witches, ghosts, spiders and more - for a frightful bite.



### Caramel-Dipped Apples

Skip out on bobbing for apples and instead dip yours in caramel for a traditional Halloween treat. Just insert wooden skewers in the tops of your apples, dip the opposite end into melted caramel and enjoy. To add a bit of fun and flavor, sprinkle chopped nuts or crushed candies on the caramel end of each apple.

Find more snacks, desserts and treats at [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

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# Affordable Tips to Boost Your Home's *Energy Efficiency*

## Five Budget-Friendly Ways to Save Energy and Money

*Provided by Disaster Blaster*

Improving the energy efficiency of your home doesn't require a hefty investment or professional renovations. With a little creativity and some inexpensive solutions, you can make meaningful changes to your living space and save money on your utility bills.

*Below are four cost-effective suggestions to help keep your home warmer this winter!*

### 1. Weatherstripping and Sealing Doors & Windows

Drafty doors and windows are among the biggest culprits when it comes to wasted energy in the home. Air leaks force your heating and cooling systems to work harder, driving up your bills and reducing comfort. Weatherstripping is a simple solution that involves filling the gaps where air typically escapes by applying self-adhesive foam or rubber strips to the

edges of doors and windows.

You can begin by inspecting your home for areas where you feel drafts or notice light coming through closed doors or windows. Once identified, clean the area, measure the gap, and apply weatherstripping. For larger gaps or cracks, caulking may be more appropriate. This process not only keeps your home cozier in winter and cooler in summer, but it also protects against moisture and pests.

Weatherstripping does require some maintenance as it does deteriorate or weaken over time. It's a good idea to periodically check and replace worn-out weatherstripping to maintain

its effectiveness. The transformation is immediate—you'll notice your rooms feel more comfortable, and your HVAC system won't have to work overtime.

**Estimated Cost:** Most weatherstripping products are extremely affordable, ranging from \$5 to \$20 per roll or package at hardware stores. Caulk is similarly priced, with tubes costing about \$3 to \$8 each. For a typical home, the total cost for sealing all windows and exterior doors is often under \$50, especially if you do it yourself.

## 2. Switch to LED Lighting

Lighting accounts for a significant portion of household energy use. Traditional incandescent bulbs consume more electricity and have shorter lifespans than modern alternatives. By replacing these bulbs with LED lights, you can reduce energy consumption dramatically.

LED bulbs use up to 80% less energy than incandescents and last many times longer. The switch is straightforward: simply purchase bulbs appropriate for your existing fixtures and replace old ones as they burn out. For best results, consider converting all frequently used lights, such as in the kitchen, living room, and exterior areas. In addition to energy savings, LEDs emit less heat, contributing to a cooler environment during warm months.

Moreover, LEDs are available in a wide variety of brightness and color temperatures, allowing you to personalize your home's ambiance while saving money. Consider dimmable options to further control energy use and create more flexible lighting.

**Estimated Cost:** LED bulbs typically cost between \$2 and \$8 each, depending on brand and features. While initial costs may seem higher than incandescents, the longevity and efficiency quickly make up for the investment. Outfitting an average home with LEDs can cost from \$25 to \$75, depending on how many fixtures you convert, with immediate returns on your electric bills.

## 3. Insulate Your Water Heater and Pipes

Water heating is another area where energy waste is common—especially if your water heater or pipes are exposed and uninsulated. Heat loss forces your heater to work harder, using more electricity or gas to maintain water temperature. One simple solution is to wrap your water heater in an insulating blanket and add foam sleeves or tape insulation to accessible hot water pipes.

Water heater blankets are easy to install and

designed to fit most standard tanks. Pipe insulation prevents heat from dissipating as hot water travels from the heater to your faucets, so you can enjoy warmer water more quickly and efficiently. This tip is particularly valuable in colder climates or older homes where tanks and pipes may be located in unheated basements or garages.

By insulating these components, you reduce standby heat loss, leading to lower energy bills and a longer lifespan for your appliances.

**Estimated Cost:** Insulating blankets for water heaters typically cost between \$20 and \$40. Pipe insulation is available for around \$1 to \$3 per six-foot length. For most homes, both projects can be completed for \$30 to \$60, and installation is simple enough for most homeowners to tackle as a weekend DIY project.

## 4. Install Smart Power Strips

Many electronic devices and appliances continue to draw power even when turned off—a phenomenon known as “phantom load.” Smart power strips are designed to cut off power to devices that aren't in use, reducing wasted electricity.

Standard power strips offer only basic surge protection and manual on/off switches, while smart versions can sense when devices are in standby mode and automatically disconnect them. Some can even be programmed to turn off at certain times, or controlled via smartphone apps. Consider connecting entertainment systems, computers, or small kitchen appliances to smart strips to maximize savings.

This simple addition can make a tangible difference, especially in homes with numerous electronics. It's also a more convenient solution than unplugging devices individually, saving time while conserving energy.

**Estimated Cost:** Smart power strips range from \$15 to \$40 depending on features and brand. Outfitting a few key areas in your home will likely cost \$30 to \$80. The investment quickly pays for itself in energy savings, and some utility providers offer rebates or discounts for purchasing energy-efficient products.

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## Book Review

### SCHOOL'S IN SESSION AND YOU LIKE THAT A LOT.

You have a nice teacher and you're making new friends, doing things you've never tried before, and you're learning, which is your job now. But sometimes, you just want something fun to read, so try these great books...

Think about your grandma or grandpa. Are they quiet and calm? Or are they more like the grandparents inside "My Grandma and Grandpa ROCK!" by Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, illustrated by Tiffany Everett (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, \$18.99)?

Everybody's grandparents are different. Some "wear funny clothes and have funny hair." Most like music and they can sing a lot of songs. Ask them about Led Zeppelin or Garth Brooks. Ask them about Tupac. If you're 4-to-8-years old, ask them to read this book to you.

It may be hard for a kid to believe, but we are all made of stars and in "Together, United" by Tami Charles, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Scholastic, \$18.99), they will see we are not as different as we may seem.

Even kids ages 4 to 8 can make change. They can be a part of a team because they are talented and capable of making dreams come true. This book helps them understand that, and it's quite empowering, even for grown-ups.

If there's a pet in the house, it's natural to want to know what they want and in "My Dog Smudge" by Sujean Rim (Atheneum, \$18.99), a little girl asks around.

What is Smudge trying to say? For smaller kids, ages 3-to-5, this interactive book will be a hit, with its open-the-door flaps and nonsense words that you'll want to sound out, for extra giggles. And the ending...? Sweet as can be.

New parents will absolutely want to see "Love Stays Strong" by Paula Schneider,

illustrated by Nicole Wong (Philomel, \$18.99) among the shower gifts this fall. It's a soft, quiet book about love, how it stays, how it grows, and how a child can count on love being around forever. For the littlest reader ages 1-to-3, this book is like wrapping up in a cozy blanket.

And finally, if you remember how much fun those "Choose Your Own Adventure" books were back when, look for "The Curiosity Chronicles: Time Machine Trouble" by Chris Ferrie, Byrne Laginestra,

and Wade David Fairclough (Sourcebooks Explore, \$14.99).

Uh-oh. The possibly-evil Norvax Corporation may be planning to use their secret time machine for nefarious purposes. Can your 8-to-12-year-olds and their friends stop them? This book is part of a series, an update on those choose-your-own books of your childhood, and your preteen will find them just as much fun as they always were.

And if these books aren't enough for your young reader, head to your favorite bookstore or library. The staff at both places will be able to figure out what book is perfect for even the most reluctant reader. They'll find the next book in a series, or a whole new series to enjoy. They can help make reading something your kid likes a lot.

## Kids' Books for Fall



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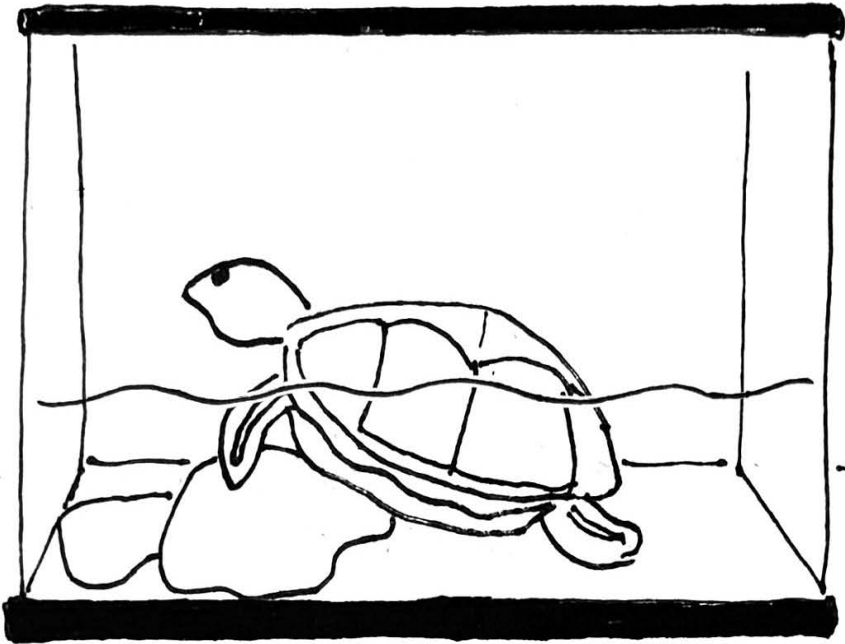


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# THE TURTLE

By The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Dear Editor,

It's difficult for us to know if we have grown in character. That is until we experience an event that makes it clear that we did. When we act differently from how we acted before, we become aware that we have grown or at least changed. I had such an event, and I think we can learn a great deal from it.

The event was when Mrs. Helen Baxter, the most powerful volunteer at my church, asked me to let her pet turtle live in my pond. My answer proved to me that I had changed. And I think in a positive way. But let's start at the beginning.

When I became the senior pastor of The First Church of God's Love, it was my first ministerial work. My father-in-law, Reverend Mr. Silas Patriot DoGood, who founded the church, was my mentor. He saw in me the successor to his ministry and not his introverted and shy son. So, while Willie, his son, was in England getting his Ph.D. in music, I lived with Silas and his wife being trained to assume leadership of his congregation. Yes, I had training, but I had no confidence.

Shortly after I had assumed leadership of the church, Helen Baxter, a member of the church, asked me to make her 17-year-old son "normal" and to perform an exorcism on him. I didn't have the confidence to say no; she was the most powerful volunteer at the church and could influence everyone.

Helen told me that Nathan, her son, kept a messy room and didn't always do his homework. But worst of all, he reminded her of her ex-husband. He looked like her ex, walked like him and even sounded like him. So, when Helen came back after a week visiting her sister in Buffalo to find her cat, Cleo, strangled in her yarn and her six chickens dead, she knew Nathan had to go. She didn't realize it was because Cleo got into her sewing basket, and the chickens died from a local disease.

I knew that evil burned in fire, so I devised a ceremony to remove all evil from Nathan. I filled a sleeping bag with water and froze it. I had Nathan lay next to it on his bed with no light; he was afraid of the dark. I then tried to scare evil out of him and onto the ice with

strange sounds and by jumping out at him. Exasperated, Nathan moved out of Helen's house the next day and went to live with his aunt in Buffalo. Helen told everyone that my exorcism was a great success.

A decade later Helen once again asked me for a favor. However, during these many years I had a book published "Recipes for Overcoming the Fear of Living and the Fear of Dying", had my congregation grow and had been invited to guest lecture at various churches, including one in England.

After Nathan left Helen's house, she continued to feed and care for his pet turtle. It lived in a glass tank especially designed for very small turtles. However, now it had grown to be big and needed a new home. Helen knows of the half acre pond which sits below the parsonage. She thought it would be a good home for the pet. "Would you put Nathan's turtle in your pond? It's too big for home."

Believing that the turtle would not survive in nature, I said "No." It was used to being fed, having fresh water put into its tank and was kept at a healthy temperature. While those reasons were totally rational, what gave me the strength to say no was my confidence.

I sat in the parsonage parlor with a cup of green tea and my homemade oatmeal cookies and thought about moral courage. Somehow, we must build up a resume of good deeds so our self-confidence is strong enough to overcome the most powerful influencers. I realize that I have grown and am thankful.

Amen.



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# Creating an INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

..... Provided by Michael Krupa

**You've identified your goals and done some basic research. You understand the difference between a stock and a bond. But how do you actually go about creating an investment portfolio? What specific investments are right for you? What resources are out there to help you with investment decisions? Do you need a financial professional to help you get started?**

## A good investment portfolio will spread your risk

It is an almost universally accepted concept that most portfolios should include a mix of investments, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investment vehicles. A portfolio should also be balanced. That is, the portfolio should contain investments with varying levels and types of risk to help minimize the overall impact if one of the portfolio holdings declines significantly.

Many investors make the mistake of putting all their eggs in one basket. For example, if you invest in one stock, and that stock goes through the roof, a fortune can be made. On the other hand, that stock can lose all its value, resulting in a total loss of your investment. Spreading your investment over multiple asset classes should help reduce your risk of losing your entire

investment. However, remember that there is no guarantee that any investment strategy will be successful and that all investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal.

## Asset allocation: How many eggs in which baskets?

Asset allocation is one of the first steps in creating a diversified investment portfolio. Asset allocation means deciding how your investment dollars should be allocated among broad investment classes, such as stocks, bonds, and cash alternatives. Rather than focusing on individual investments (such as which company's stock to buy), asset allocation approaches diversification from a more general viewpoint. For example, what percentage of your portfolio should be in stocks? The underlying principle is that different classes of investments have shown different rates of return and levels of price volatility over time. Also, since different asset classes often respond differently to the same news, your stocks may go down while your bonds go up, or vice versa. Though neither diversification nor asset allocation can guarantee a profit or ensure against a potential loss, diversifying your investments over various asset classes can help you try to minimize volatility and maximize potential return.

So, how do you choose the mix that's right for you? Countless resources are available to assist you, including interactive tools and sample allocation models. Most of these take into account a number of variables in suggesting an asset allocation strat-

egy. Some of those factors are objective (e.g., your age, your financial resources, your time frame for investing, and your investment objectives). Others are more subjective, such as your tolerance for risk or your outlook on the economy. A financial professional can help you tailor an allocation mix to your needs.

## More on diversification

Diversification isn't limited to asset allocation, either. Even within an investment class, different investments may offer different levels of volatility and potential return. For example, with the stock portion of your portfolio, you might choose to balance higher-volatility stocks with those that have historically been more stable (though past performance is no guarantee of future results).

Because most mutual funds invest in dozens to hundreds of securities, including stocks, bonds, or other investment vehicles, purchasing shares in a mutual fund reduces your exposure to any one security. In addition to instant diversification, if the fund is actively managed, you get the benefit of a professional money manager making investment decisions on your behalf.

**Note:** Before investing in a mutual fund, carefully consider its investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses, which are outlined in the prospectus that is available from the fund. Obtain and read a fund's prospectus carefully before investing.

## Choose investments that match your tolerance for risk

Your tolerance for risk is affected by several factors, including your objectives and goals, timeline(s) for using this money, life stage, personality, knowledge, other financial resources, and investment experience. You'll want to choose a mix of investments that has the potential to provide the highest possible return at the level of risk you feel comfortable with on an ongoing basis.

For that reason, an investment professional will normally ask you questions so that he or she can gauge your risk tolerance and then tailor a portfolio to your risk profile.



## Investment professionals and advisors

A wealth of investment information is available if you want to do your own research before making investment decisions. However,

many people aren't comfortable sifting through balance sheets, profit-and-loss statements, and performance reports. Others just don't have the time, energy, or desire to do the kind of thorough analysis that marks a smart investor.

For these people, an investment advisor or professional can be invaluable. Investment advisors and professionals generally fall into three groups: stockbrokers, professional money managers, and financial planners. In choosing a financial professional, consider his or her legal responsibilities in selecting securities for you, how the individual or firm is compensated for its services, and whether an individual's qualifications and experience are well suited to your needs. Ask friends, family, and coworkers if they can recommend professionals whom they have used and worked with well. Ask for references and check with local and federal regulatory agencies to find out whether there have been any customer complaints or disciplinary actions against an individual in the past. Consider how well an individual listens to your goals, objectives, and concerns.

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# POCONO secrets

## The Lakota Wolf PRESERVE

By LA Guzda

**If you've ever dreamed of locking eyes with a wolf, hearing a pack's haunting chorus ripple through the forest, or simply feeling like you've stepped into a National Geographic special, the Lakota Wolf Preserve is just a short drive from the Poconos.**

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[www.PoconoSecrets.com](http://www.PoconoSecrets.com).*

This hidden gem offers a rare chance to see wolves, foxes, bobcats and lynx up close in a natural, forested habitat. Located in Columbia, New Jersey (Warren County), in the foothills of the Delaware Water Gap and the Kittatinny Mountains, this non-profit facility has been welcoming visitors since 1998. Lakota is part wildlife sanctuary, part outdoor classroom, and part soul-stirring adventure.

### Meet the Pack

Founded by Jim Stein and Becky Mace, the Lakota Wolf Preserve is home to four wolf packs — timber, Arctic, tundra, and British Columbian. Lakota is dedicated to the care of animals born in captivity that cannot return to the wild. What makes Lakota particularly special is its size and setting — the largest natural-habitat preserve of its kind in the Northeastern U.S.

### What to Expect

Visitors join “wolf watches,” guided tours where you can stroll or hop a shuttle up to the preserve. From the viewing area,





you're surrounded on all sides by the wolf compounds. Your guides explain wolf behavior, pack dynamics, and survival skills — while the wolves provide the visuals. It's not uncommon to see playful wrestling matches, affectionate nuzzles, and, if you're lucky, a pack howl.

A wolf pack howl is one of nature's most haunting and primal sounds. It typically begins with a single wolf raising its muzzle skyward, releasing a long, mournful note that starts low and rises in pitch before trailing off. The sound is both melodic and wild—a deep, resonant call that seems to come from the earth itself.

Within moments, other pack members join in, each adding their own voice to create a complex symphony. The howls don't harmonize in any human sense, but rather weave together in overlapping waves—some high and piercing, others low and throaty. Younger wolves might add yips and barks to the chorus, creating a layered tapestry of sound that can carry for miles across the landscape.

The entire chorus usually lasts between 30 seconds to two minutes. There's something both beautiful and unsettling about it—the sound speaks to something ancient in us, a reminder of wilderness and the untamed world that once surrounded our ancestors.

The howl cuts through silence like nothing else, echoing through the forest, a declaration of presence, territory, and the unbreakable bonds of the pack.

## Why it's Worth the Trip from the Poconos

For folks in the Poconos, Lakota is close enough for a day trip or an overnight adventure. It offers something unique—the chance to learn, observe, and connect with animals that are usually heard about but seldom seen. It's both educational and inspiring, especially for families, photographers, or anyone interested in wildlife and conservation.

## Practical Info & Tips

- Location: 89 Mount Pleasant Road, Columbia, NJ 07832.
- What to bring / wear: Good walking shoes, weather-appropriate clothing (it's outdoors and terrain can be uneven), camera. Rain or shine, though tours may be cancelled in extreme weather.
- Don't bring: Pets are not allowed. No feeding or touching the wolves. Smoking/vaping is prohibited throughout the preserve.

**[www.LakotaWolf.com](http://www.LakotaWolf.com)**



# THE AREA'S *GOOD STUFF*

## OCT '25

### Ongoing Events

#### MONDAYS

##### Brewpub Bingo

6-8 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Until Dec. 29. Free fun and the chance to win WBC prizes. Family-friendly event. Must be 21 to drink with ID. Free to play. Info: 570-390-7933 or [content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com](mailto:content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com).

#### 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@cocooncoffeehouse.com](mailto:info@cocooncoffeehouse.com) or [hawleysilkmill.com](http://hawleysilkmill.com).

#### THURSDAYS

##### Live Music by John Curtin

6-9 p.m. Ledges Hotel, Hawley. Reservations: 570-226-1337. Info: [info@ledgeshotel.com](mailto:info@ledgeshotel.com).

#### THURSDAYS

##### Jazz Nights at Here & Now Brewing Company

6:30-9 p.m. Here & Now Brewing Company, Honesdale. Through Dec. 25. Musical guests appear weekly and each week takes you on a different journey of sound. Free. Info: 570-253-0700 or [info@hereandnowbrewing.com](mailto:info@hereandnowbrewing.com).

#### THURSDAYS-SATURDAYS

##### Maple Syrup Tasting on the Farm

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Pocono Mountain Maple, Newfoundland. Through Dec. 19. Indulge in a tasting of all organic and kosher maple syrup flavors each with its signature taste. Visit the farm store café. Try a maple water tasting; all-natural hydrating electrolyte drink sourced directly from the maple trees. Info: 570-499-8974 or [info@poconomtnmaple.com](mailto:info@poconomtnmaple.com).

#### WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS

##### Live Music at the Brewery

Call for hours. Until Dec. 28. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Enjoy live tunes from NEPA and Tri-State artists while sipping on delicious brews. Free. Info: 570-390-7933 or [content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com](mailto:content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com).

#### THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS

##### Boat House Yoga

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Pocono Mountain Maple, Newfoundland. Until Nov. 13. Awaken your body and spirit surrounded by nature's stillness. Water-based yoga classes offer a peaceful setting for flow, reflection, and renewal. Info: 570-499-8974 or [social@poconomtnmaple.com](mailto:social@poconomtnmaple.com).

#### THURSDAYS-FRIDAYS

##### Maple Syrup Tasting on the Farm

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Pocono Mountain Maple, Newfoundland. Until Dec. 19. Indulge in a tasting of all organic and kosher maple syrup flavors each with its signature taste. Pair your tasting experience with complimentary treats from the farm store café. Top off your visit with a refreshing maple water tasting; an all-natural hydrating electrolyte drink sourced directly from our maple trees. Info: 570-499-8974 or [info@poconomtnmaple.com](mailto:info@poconomtnmaple.com).

#### THURSDAYS-FRIDAYS

##### Pocono Mountain Maple Tours

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Pocono Mountain Maple, Newfoundland. Until Nov. 22. Educational guided step-by-step tours of the maple syrup process from how it's sourced to the cooking process at the sugar shack. After your tour, enjoy the scenic views and don't forget to stop by the farm store. Tours are about 45 min. long. Call for starting times. Info: 570-499-8974 or [info@poconomtnmaple.com](mailto:info@poconomtnmaple.com).

#### FRIDAYS

##### Hawley Farmers' Market

2-5 p.m. Bingham Park, Hawley. Through Oct. Delicious fresh & local produce and more. All types of PA Preferred fresh & local produce in season. Rain or shine. Info: 570-226-1644 or [hawleyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:hawleyfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

#### FRIDAYS-MONDAYS

##### Public Tours at Grey Towers

Noon-3 p.m. Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford. Through Oct. 31. The home of Gifford Pinchot, America's first forester and founder of the USDA Forest Service. Info: 570-296-9630 or [greytowers@fs.fed.us](mailto:greytowers@fs.fed.us).

#### SATURDAYS

##### Wayne County Farmer's Market

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Next to Dave's Super Duper grocery store, Honesdale. Through Oct. 25. Fresh and local produce. All types of PA Preferred fresh and local produce in season.

Items like microgreens, seasonal garden vegetables, cold brewed coffee, fresh eggs, meats, and of course fabulous baked goods. Free.  
Info: 570-488-5435.

### **SATURDAYS**

#### **Newfoundland Farmers' and Artisans' Market**

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Mid-May to Oct. Locally grown produce and local meats, fresh baked goods, small batch jams and jellies, hand painted artworks, candles, soaps, dog treats and jewelry; all made here by area farmers & artists and offered in a beautiful dog friendly park setting that includes walking trails and a playground. Free parking. Info: Facebook page or gardeningjones@yahoo.com.

### **SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

#### **Wallenpaupack Brewing Company Brewery Tours**

Noon-6 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Through Nov. 30. Step behind the scenes and discover where your favorite craft brews are made. Call to secure your spot or ask a beertender during your visit.  
Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

### **SUNDAYS**

#### **Milford Farmers' Market**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Historic Milford, 506 Broad St., Milford. Until Oct. 26. Stop by and shop for local goods. Rain or shine. Free.  
Info: milfordmarketpa@gmail.com.

## **October 1-31**

### **OCT. 1-5, 8-13, 15, 17-19, 22, 25, 26, 29**

#### **Pocono Foliage Express**

Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Call for times.  
Info: thestourbridgeline.net or 570-470-2697 or info@thestourbridgeline.net.

### **OCT. 3, 4, 5, 10, 13, 17, 19, 22, 25, 26**

#### **Autumn Dinner Train**

Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Call for times.  
Info: thestourbridgeline.net or 570-470-2697 or jhiller@thestourbridgeline.net.

### **OCT. 7**

#### **Acoustic Bluegrass Jam**

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

### **OCT. 9, 23**

#### **Senior Gathering**

1:30-3:30 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Welcoming afternoons designed to bring older adults (60+) together in a warm and friendly setting. Light refreshments, engaging conversa-

tion, and curated programming in the heart of your community. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

### **OCT. 9, 23**

#### **Mobile Market at The Cooperage**

3-5 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Offers better access to fresh local produce, meats and dairy for seniors and others in the community who want great local food. In the pocket park in front of the Cooperage. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

### **OCT. 10**

#### **"Home Inspired" Opening Reception**

5 p.m. WCAA Gallery & Artisan Shop, Honesdale. Exhibition runs Oct. 9-Nov. 21.  
Info: 570-729-5740 or waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com or waynecountyartsalliance.org.

### **OCT. 10**

#### **"Happy Tattoo Curated" Opening Reception**

5-8 p.m. WCAA Gallery & Artisan Shop, Honesdale. Exhibition runs Oct. 10-Nov. 21.  
Info: 570-729-5740 or waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com or waynecountyartsalliance.org.

### **OCT. 10-13**

#### **Harvest Family Camp Weekend**

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Experience PEEC in the splendor of autumn. Animal presentations, canoeing & kayaking, nature hikes, crafts, campfire and more. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

### **OCT. 11**

#### **Pocono Mountains Marathon Race Festival**

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Promised Land State Park, Greentown. Run through the autumn splendor. There will be race lengths for all athletes, and the full marathon will be a certified Boston Marathon Qualifier. Registration includes t-shirt, medal and fast ankle running socks.  
Info: 610-592-7273 or schuykillriverrunners@gmail.com.

### **OCT. 11**

#### **Toast to Milford**

9 a.m.-9 p.m. Downtown Milford. Step out to stroll, sip, taste and toast at shops, restaurants and galleries all over town. Free.  
Info: 570-832-1381 or toasttomilford@yahoo.com.

### **OCT. 11**

#### **Harvest and Heritage Day**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Downtown Honesdale. Family-friendly event features artisan vendors lining Main St. Shop the local stores, decorated with beautiful fall décor, and grab a delicious bite at one of the fantastic restaurants in the area. Rain date Oct. 12. Info: 570-253-5492 or events@visithonesdalepa.com



**OCT. 11****Harvest Festival**

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Celebrate Fall at PEEC's annual Harvest Festival. Enjoy animal presenters, arts & crafts, hands-on activities, conservation exhibits, live music, local food, old-timey activities, & more. No registration required. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**OCT. 11****A Haunting at Sayre House**

Noon-5 p.m. The Sayre Mansion Inn, Bethlehem. Live musical entertainment, theatrics by local performers, an amazing gathering of creative and talented artists & vendors specializing in the odd and unique, historical tours of the mansion with a paranormal flare, scavenger hunt, wine tastings, tarot readings & more. Victorian and steampunk attire welcome. Info: 610-882-2100 or [innkeeper@sayremansion.com](mailto:innkeeper@sayremansion.com)

**OCT. 11****Dockside Live with Greg Kondrat**

2-5 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Hawley. Live music, tasty bites and great spirits. Info: 570-226-4388 or [info@silverbirchesresortpa.com](mailto:info@silverbirchesresortpa.com).

**OCT. 11****Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Show**

8-10 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. One of the first U2 tribute bands to perform in America now has the reputation of being the preeminent U2 tribute show. Info: 570-300-5990 or [marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com](mailto:marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com).

**OCT. 11-12****Boo at the Zoo**

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Claws 'N' Paws Wild Animal Park, Lake Ariel. Enjoy an animal parade, piñata, games, snacks and more. Receive \$1 off admission if you come in costume. Info: 570-698-6154.

**OCT. 11****Harvest Harmonies - John Stanley**

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or [info@threehammerswinery.com](mailto:info@threehammerswinery.com).

**OCT. 11, 18, 19, 25****Pumpkin Patch Express**

4 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Trip to the Pumpkin Patch where children pick a pumpkin to bring home. Photo-ops. Cider & donuts available for purchase. Info: [thetourbridgeline.net](http://thetourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [jhillier@thetourbridgeline.net](mailto:jhillier@thetourbridgeline.net).

**OCT. 11-25****Ghost Tours**

Tours start at 6 p.m. and depart every 15 minutes. Last tour leaves at 9 p.m. Wayne County YMCA, Honesdale. Not recommended for children under 8. Guided tour through the haunted streets of downtown Honesdale. Discover brand-new ghostly tales, explore haunted locations, and hear eerie stories from the past.

Info: 570-253-5492 or [events@VisitHonesdalePA.com](mailto:events@VisitHonesdalePA.com).

**OCT. 12****HOO Done It?**

Noon-2 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. An exciting exploration into the world of owls. Solve the mystery of who is responsible for the disappearance of Mrs. Hen. Was it one of the owls, or is another creature? Program is intended for kids and families and will include a trail walk. Wear closed-toe shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Info: 570-226-3164 ext. 2 or [rachel@delawarehighlands.org](mailto:rachel@delawarehighlands.org).

**OCT. 12****Dockside Live with Johnny D**

2-5 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Hawley. Live music, tasty bites and great spirits. Info: 570-226-4388 or [info@silverbirchesresortpa.com](mailto:info@silverbirchesresortpa.com).

**OCT. 12****First Class Dinner Train**

5 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Info: [thetourbridgeline.net](http://thetourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [jhillier@thetourbridgeline.net](mailto:jhillier@thetourbridgeline.net).

**OCT. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28****Ghost Tours**

7-8 p.m. The Sayre Mansion Inn, Bethlehem. Spirited 60-minute guided tour of the inn, featured on the Travel Channel's show, "Ghosthunters." Your guide will walk you through some of the areas that have had the most reported activity. The tour will end in the lower level of the mansion where devices will be set up to detect any activity that evening. Info: 610-882-2100 or [innkeeper@sayremansion.com](mailto:innkeeper@sayremansion.com).

**OCT. 14-22****Germanfest**

10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Silver Birches Resort, Hawley. Celebrate German culture, food, and music at Germanfest. Start with a lively strudel-making demonstration. Enjoy an authentic buffet-style German meal with schnitzel, bratwurst, and German chocolate cupcakes, plus an open bar with draft beer, wine, and soda. Dance to the George Stalter Band, interact with characters wearing traditional German costumes, and join in the Germanfest Olympic Games for a

day filled with fun and tradition.  
Info & reservations: 570-576-0484.

### **OCT. 15**

#### **Harvest Your Health: No Tricks, Just Treats with Essential Oils**

4:30-5:30 p.m. Wayne County Public Library, Honesdale. Discover simple essential oils tips to boost immunity, calm stress, and feel your best this season. Presented by Helen Mele Robinson, PhD. Contact Miles to register at 570-253-1220 or mkeesler@waynelibraries.org.

### **OCT. 17**

#### **Teen Art Lounge**

6-8 p.m. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. Grades 6-12. Creative Creation with Lindsay Barrett-George. Collaborate with local artists while hanging out with friends. Pre-registration required.

Info: jessica@thecooperageproject.org or 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

### **OCT. 17-19**

#### **Black Bear Film Festival**

Various venues, Milford, including The Milford Theatre, Grey Towers, and Forest Hall Studios. Entertaining, educating, inspiring, and celebrating the community with great film events and honoring those who make films locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Info: blackbearfilmfestival.org or 570-832-4858 or blackbearff@gmail.com.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **Nature Photography**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Learn some beginner techniques on how to frame a picture and then apply those skills on PEEC's trails. Great for children and those starting from scratch. Participants will need a camera for pictures, even a phone camera will do. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **Alcohol Ink Landscapes**

10:30 a.m.-Noon. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **Acrylic Painting**

12:30-2 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **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.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **Harvest Harmonies - Rob Viola**

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or info@threehammerswinery.com.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **Pastels**

2:30-4 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

### **OCT. 18**

#### **Halloween Bash 2025**

7-10 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Adult dance party and costume contest presented by The Wayne County Arts Alliance and The Cooperage Project. Info: 570-729-5740 or waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com or waynecountyartsalliance.org.

### **OCT. 19**

#### **Introduction to Orienteering**

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

### **OCT. 19**

#### **Abstract Alcohol Ink**

10:30 a.m.-Noon. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

### **OCT. 19**

#### **Create Your Own Walking Stick**

Noon-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Create handcrafted walking sticks with PEEC. Wood, tools, gloves, and aprons will be provided, as well as suggestions and pointers on how to personalize your work. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

### **OCT. 19**

#### **Alcohol Ink Tiles**

12:30-2 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

**OCT. 19****Wacky Science Adventures**

1-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Put on your lab coats and prepare to conduct some crazy experiments. You'll get to build your own rocket, create a cushion for an egg, and more. Prepare to get your hands a little dirty. Great for kids. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**OCT. 19****Watercolor Painting**

2:30-4 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or [info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**OCT. 20****Wayne Highlands Quilt Guild**

4-6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Hawley. Do you love to quilt? You're welcome to join & make new friends who share your passion for quilting. At each meeting there is a Show & Tell. At some meetings there are hands-on learning presentation, sewing of an item to donate to charity or a speaker. For more info, call Deb at 908-358-2670 or [debszoo@gmail.com](mailto:debszoo@gmail.com).

**OCT. 24****Bat-tacular Program with Optional Bat Walk**

5-7 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Engaging, hour-long talk about the world's only flying mammal. After the presentation, join DHC for an optional walk through the Reserve (6-7 p.m.). Wear closed-toe shoes and clothes for the weather. Flashlights recommended. Advance registration requested. Info: 570-226-3164 ext. 2 or [rachel@delawarehighlands.org](mailto:rachel@delawarehighlands.org).

**OCT. 24****Scenes From an Italian Restaurant-Billy Joel Tribute**

7-10 p.m. Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Wade Preston, star of Billy Joel's Broadway hit, "Movin' Out," performs a show of standards from the "Piano Man". Feast on a dinner of traditional Italian fare during the show. Info: 570-536-6020 or [info@hotelanthracite.com](mailto:info@hotelanthracite.com).

**OCT. 24****Comedy Night at the Brewery**

8-10 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Next Stop Comedy features a novel line-up with acts seen on TV and heard on your favorite podcasts. Contains adult content. Info: 570-390-7933 or [content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com](mailto:content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com).

**OCT. 24 & 25****Storytelling Dinner**

6-9 p.m. The Settlers Inn Restaurant, Hawley. Listen to spellbinding tales that embrace the spirit of Halloween. Enjoy live music. Reservations: 570-226-2993. Info: [desk@thesettlersinn.com](mailto:desk@thesettlersinn.com).

**OCT. 25****Girl Scout Badge Festival**

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Come to PEEC for a fun day of hands-on badge work. Brownies work to complete their Bug Badge. Juniors work to complete their Eco Camper Badge. Cadettes work to complete their Primitive Camper Badge. Seniors work to complete their Eco Adventure Badge. Overnight options available; ask for info. Don't forget to bring a lunch. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**OCT. 25****Mystery Zoom**

Noon-1 p.m. Delaware Highlands Conservancy. Engage with them each week on social media to try and guess the theme based on clues and questions they share. Each Zoom covers a different topic, so see if your guess was right. And if the topic sparks your interest, stick around and learn something new. Zoom meeting details will be emailed to you after registration. Free. Info: 570-226-3164 or [rachel@delawarehighlands.org](mailto:rachel@delawarehighlands.org).

**OCT. 25****Apple Fest at Apple Valley Restaurant**

Noon-5 p.m. Apple Valley Restaurant, Milford. Enjoy live music, beer garden, kids crafts, an apple pie baking contest, fun and games, a costume parade, more. Info: 570-296-6831 or [astratton@milfordhospitalitygroup.com](mailto:astratton@milfordhospitalitygroup.com).

**OCT. 25****An Afternoon with Edgar Allan Poe**

1, 3 & 5 p.m. Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford. Annual dramatic reading by the American Readers Theatre. Appropriate for ages 13 and up. Info: 570-296-9625 or [info@greytowers.org](mailto:info@greytowers.org).

**OCT. 25****Live Play: Dracula**

2-4 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Brings to life the original Broadway script, based on Bram Stoker's iconic novel. Table seating tickets include a cocktail server (credit card required) during the show. The Milford Theater Bar will be open one hour before the show, serving wine, beer, cocktails and concessions. Info: 570-300-5990 or [marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com](mailto:marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com).



**OCT. 25****Harvest Harmonies - Marc Von Em**

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or [info@threehammerswinery.com](mailto:info@threehammerswinery.com).

**OCT. 25****Nature at Night**

7-8:30 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. A pleasant fall evening is the perfect time to head outside. Take a walk in the woods to listen for owls, look at stars, and enjoy the music of the night. Enjoy fun activities that test your night vision. Bring a flashlight. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**OCT. 25****Science Cabaret at Farm Arts Collective**

7-10 p.m. Farm Arts Collective, Damascus. An evening of flash talks and performances exploring mental health, neuroscience, and innovative treatments. Event features four scientists from The Waters Lab at Mt. Sinai presenting cutting-edge research. Includes farm-fresh food, refreshments, and a post-show reception with the artists and scientists. Info: 845-661-7657 [jess@farmartscollective.org](mailto:jess@farmartscollective.org).

**OCT. 25****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](http://thecooperageproject.org).

**OCT. 26****Intro to Camping**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Learn the basics of camping, and how to prepare for a trip. Go over how to plan and pack for a camping trip, how to set up a tent, and more. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**OCT. 26****Waterfall Tour**

1-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. The Delaware Water Gap has quite a few waterfalls within the park that all flow into the Delaware River. Join PEEC for the morning to check out some of the larger and well known falls in the park. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**OCT. 26****Pumpkin Patch Express Boo Bash**

4 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Dress up your little ghouls & goblins for a scenic train

ride to the Pumpkin Patch, where children pick a pumpkin to bring home as well as a small surprise. Petting zoo, costume contest, outdoor activities, photo-ops, more. Cider & donuts available for purchase. Info: [thetourbridgeline.net](http://thetourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [jhiller@thetourbridgeline.net](mailto:jhiller@thetourbridgeline.net).

**OCT. 28****Halloween Parade**

7-9:30 p.m. Downtown Honesdale. 4th St. up Main St. to 10th St. Rain date Oct. 30. Info: Facebook or [info@honesdalejaycees.org](mailto:info@honesdalejaycees.org).

**OCT. 29****Wraith Paranormal**

4:30-5:30 p.m. Wayne County Public Library, Honesdale. Join Ricky & Christy Williamson from Wraith Paranormal as they shares their experiences with the paranormal. Wraith Paranormal have investigated homes and businesses in the surrounding area and out of state since 2013. Contact Miles to register at 570-253-1220 or [mkeesler@waynelibraries.org](mailto:mkeesler@waynelibraries.org).

**OCT. 31****Trick or Treating**

Noon-3 p.m. Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Join us for Halloween Trick or Treating on the first floor of the Hawley Silk Mill. Info: 570-226-6130.

**OCT. 31****Blue Moon Express**

6 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Put on your Halloween costume and board the train for an evening of music, spirits, and Halloween fun at the outdoor venue. Beer, wine, and spirits to taste and purchase, as well as delicious wood-fired pizza. Passengers must be 21 and over with proper ID. Info: [thetourbridgeline.net](http://thetourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [jhiller@thetourbridgeline.net](mailto:jhiller@thetourbridgeline.net).

**OCT. 31****Halloween Bash at Glass**

6-9 p.m. Glass - wine.bar.kitchen, Hawley. Have a spooktacular time with Halloween inspired food and cocktail specials, staff in costumes and DJ Nicholas Sommon providing the entertainment. Costumes encouraged. Regular menu also available. Info & reservations: 570-226-1337 or [info@ledgeshotel.com](mailto:info@ledgeshotel.com).

## On the Horizon

**NOV. 1****Halloween Flash Event**

Noon-7 p.m. Vivid Ink, Honesdale. Predrawn designs; first come first served; 18+; cash only. Snacks, refreshments and prizes. Info: Facebook or 570-245-1564.



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