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FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL AND OKTOBERFEST WITH THE MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Submitted by Brendan Rae

Millington residents are extremely fortunate compared to the inhabitants of the fictional Scottish village of Brigadoon. Whereas Brigadoon comes to life only once every 100 years for just one day, Millington, thanks to Millington Volunteer Fire Company, comes to life every year and the festivities last for a whole month.

This year, Millington is set to rouse from its slumbers on Saturday September 8, 2018 for yet another September to remember as the Fire Company kicks off its post-Labor Day social calendar with its 4th Annual Food Truck Festival. The month is perfectly bookended with the Fire Company's Oktoberfest extravaganza on Saturday September 29, 2018.

Millington's Oktoberfest, also in its 4th year, is rumored to be a topic of concern at the highest levels of the Bavarian government. As yet unconfirmed reports indicate that officials worry that the crowds at the Munich Oktoberfest may be significantly reduced this year due to revelers' preference for Millington's Oktoberfest.

Food Truck Festival attendees will sip, gulp, chew and munch their way through a virtual cornucopia of exotic dishes prepared by chefs painstakingly chosen by the Firehouse gourmards after a rigorous selection procedure. Each dish they prepare will be perfectly complemented by an unparalleled selection of the most exquisite offerings of the grape and grain ever assembled in Long Hill Township, each chosen to accentuate the subtle flavors of each and every viand and titillate even the most jaded of palettes. Suffice to say that only the finest Old and New World wines will be served along with premier selections of none but the craftiest of local craft breweries.

The mellifluous strains of rock, pop and jazz provided by the most gifted of local bands will permeate the afternoon and evening air to put the final touches on yet another memorable Food Truck Festival provided courtesy of the Millington Volunteer Fire Company.

Everyone is invited to join Millington Volunteer Fire Company in this annual fundraiser. It is a unique opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, catch up with neighbors after the long summer break, and meet new people. We look forward to seeing you.

(photo) Veteran firefighter, Ed Gerecht, being assisted by fellow firefighters following an acute case of olfactory over stimulation at the 3rd Annual Food Truck Festival in 2017. Happily Ed is now fully recovered after an intensive course of aromatherapy. From left to right are firefighters Declan Rae, Chris DeBiasse, Ed Gerecht, and Anthony DeBiasse.

Throughout the month of September, the Millington Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a series of events for their annual fundraiser.



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SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCOUT REGATTA

Students at the Crossroads School in Westfield participated in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," the school's summer version of their annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. In a raingutter regatta two students race handmade sailboats down a narrow channel, whoever reaches the end of the channel first is the winner. The students can decorate and name their boats before the race.

Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Union County Educational Services Commission for over 5 years to provide Scouting programs to special needs youth in Union County at The Crossroads School (Pack 45) and The Westlake School (Troop 1571), both in Westfield. The Westfield United Fund sponsors the program and pays for the students' registration and material costs.

Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school

social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in Munsee, Raritan Valley, or Watchung Mountain, please contact Program Executive Will Adams at will.adams@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x234.

For Black River, Fishawak, and Sussex, please contact Program Executive Michael Loughman at michael.loughman@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x 226.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in our area, please contact Program Executive Will Adams:

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(above) Students from Crossroads School in Westfield participating in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," where they raced handmade sailboats down a narrow channel.

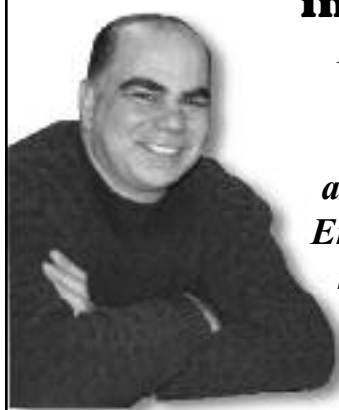
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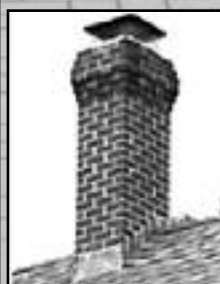
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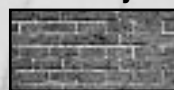
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Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be honoring local citizens at the 2018 Good Scout Awards Dinner to be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at The Primavera Regency in Stirling.

This year's honorees are Bob English and Carol Prasa of Long Hill, Michael Fogarty of Warren, Anthony Ingrassia and Christopher Vander Fliet of Watchung, and Lawrence Najarian of Basking Ridge. The event recognizes these six outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs are Wayne Hanlon and Bruce Meringolo, both active volunteers in the community.

Bob English is the Captain of the Long Hill First Aid Squad; Carol Prasa is Past Chair & Current Member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee in the township of Long Hill; Michael Fogarty is the Scoutmaster of Boy

Scout Troop 228, Warren; Anthony Ingrassia is President of Ingrassia Construction; Christopher Vander Fliet is a Civil Engineer at Petry Engineering in Fairfield and a member of the Watchung Historical Society; and Lawrence Najarian is an ophthalmologist at Bedminster Eye & Laser Center located in Bedminster and is an active volunteer in Boy Scout Troop 555, Basking Ridge.

Funds raised through the Good Scout Award dinner will go to support the Scouting programs in the Patriots' Path Council. Over 5,000 adult

volunteers deliver the values of Scouting to over 16,000 Scouts in the counties of Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and most of Middlesex.

For more information on Scouting, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact Jennifer Volz, Sr. Development Director, at 973-765-9322 ext. 249 and/or jennifer.volz@scouting.org.

Registration for the event available online at ppcbasa.org/special-events



(above) Lawrence V. Najarian, MD of Basking Ridge, ophthalmologist at Bedminster Eye & Laser Center located and is an active volunteer in Boy Scout Troop 555.



(above) Carol Wolf Prasa of Long Hill, Past Chair & Current Member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee in the township of Long Hill.



(above) Christopher A. Vander Fliet, Civil Engineer at Petry Engineering in Fairfield and a member of the Watchung Historical Society.



(above) Bob English of Long Hill, Captain of the Long Hill First Aid Squad.



(above) Michael Fogarty of Warren, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 228.



(above) Anthony Ingrassia of Watchung, President of Ingrassia Construction.

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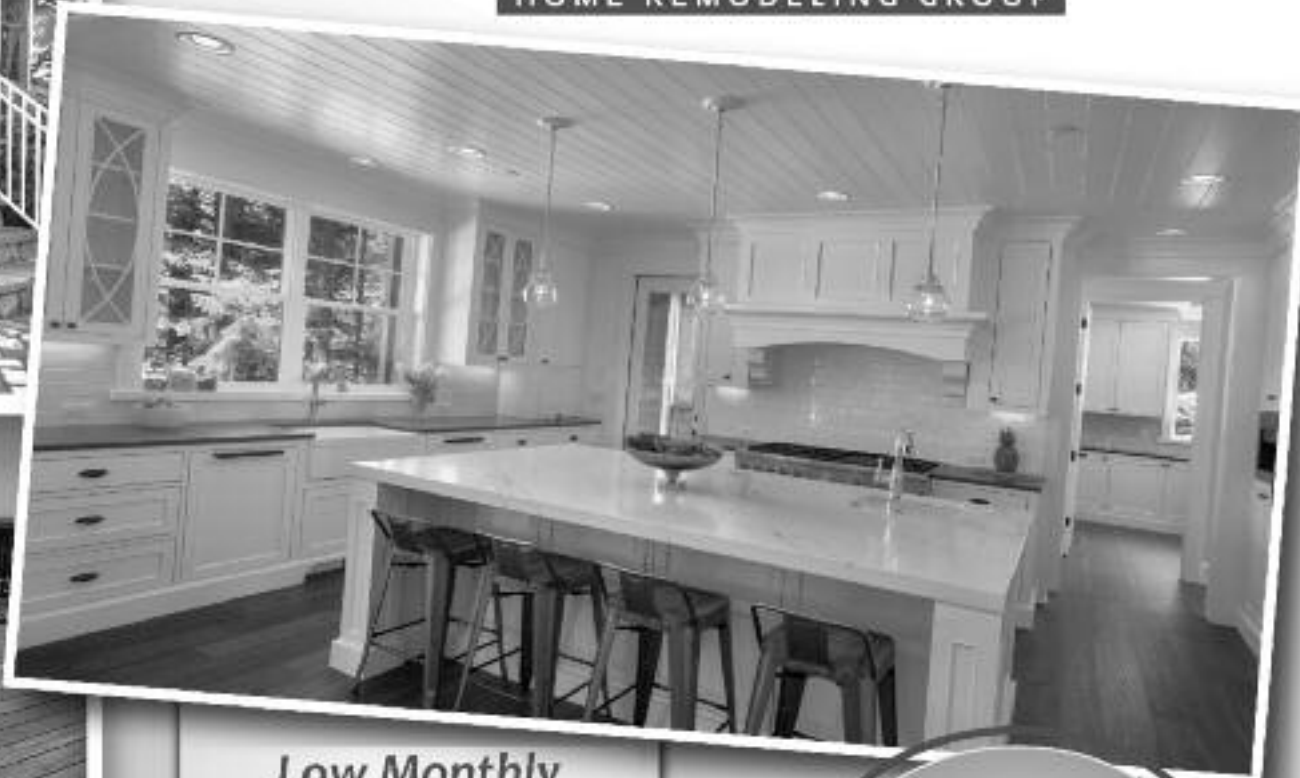


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WOMAN'S CLUB ENTER 63RD YEAR

Submitted by Chris Bjornstad

The Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights, a 501(c)3 organization and member of the GFWC (Greater Federation of Women's Clubs) and NJSFWC (New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs) begins its 63rd year in September.

The members of the Club hold two fundraisers a year with the proceeds given to the Berkeley Heights Public Library, Rescue Squad, YMCA, and Education Foundation; the YWCA of Union County Domestic Violence Program; St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth; and a scholarship to a graduating senior from Governor Livingston High School.

On the social front members play round robin,

duplicate bridge, and mahjong. We go to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, have an international luncheon, a summer picnic, Holiday luncheon, and a Chinese Lunar New Year luncheon.

The Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at the YMCA of Berkeley Heights, 550 Springfield Ave., at 12:15 p.m.

We cordially invite residents of Berkeley Heights and the surrounding area to our General Meetings this Fall. On September 18, 2018 a presentation will be given by Tamara Slawney on "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and on November 20 speaker John Prescott will present "Women's History of Union County."

Any questions, call Carol at 908-464-2651. We hope to see some new faces in September!

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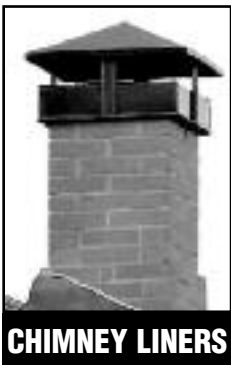


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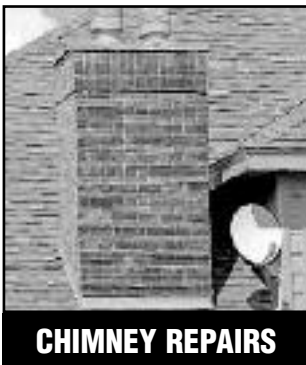
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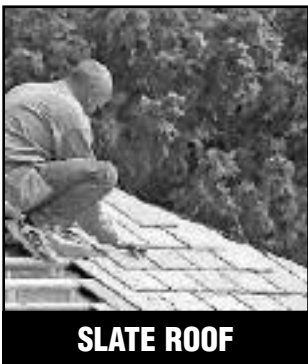
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS REPAIR HOMES IN APPALACHIA

Submitted by Sr Niky Burgos

A team of nearly 75 teens, young adults and adults from St. Vincent de Paul Church in Stirling, NJ not only gave up a week of their summer to serve the less fortunate in Preston County, WV, but also raised more than \$20,000 to fund the trip, particularly for necessary building materials and supplies.

The teens worked with the Summer Home Repair Program, run by the Catholic Church of Preston County, which provides home repairs at no cost to low-income families and individuals from June through early August. The program began in 1985 after flooding destroyed many homes in the area, and has only grown since then.

The group worked with ten families to repair roofs, build a wheelchair ramp, fix porches, and install doors and much more. Adult volunteers

worked tirelessly not only to complete the work, but also to teach the teens new skills, which according to the adult volunteers was complemented by the teens own skills, especially math as they worked together in calculating and designing their projects.

The theme this year was Adventure - "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure!" (St. Pope John Paul II). The teens became mindful throughout the week, and thereafter, that one's entire life is an adventure WITH and FOR Christ. When we surrender our own plans for the adventure God has in store for us we lose nothing and, in fact, gain everything.

"This is my third year on Appalachia and each year it never ceases to be an amazing experience. When people ask me what I'm doing over the summer, I always reply with this trip, as it is the best week of my summer. Upon my

return this year, my mom asked me if my group, leader, or overall experience was better than the previous two years that I have gone on the trip. After thinking about something that could push this year into the 'best year yet', I simply decided that each year is so unique in the experiences I have that I can't quantify a 'best year'. That, I think, is what is so special about this trip. I can experience totally different things each year, with the same and new people, all while helping those who need it most. That's what keeps me coming back year after year."

At the end of the week, many teens shared similar personal reflections with the group.

Volunteers agreed that as much as they had given, they had received so much more in return from the homeowners and the experiences they had on the trip.



(above) The teens, young adults and adult volunteers who traveled to Preston County, West Virginia for our annual mission trip to provide service and share their faith with families in need.

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LONG HILL TOWNSHIP LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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This summer children were awarded one raffle ticket for every 140 minutes that they read. Prizes for the Long Hill Township Library program were raffled off at the conclusion of the program.

For the Teen Summer Reading Program, teens submitted a raffle ticket for each book they read

during the program.

The Summer of Learning Program ended Friday August 18, 2018. The total reading times for all of the participants has yet to be tallied. However; the combined participation of both the Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs was 354 students.



(above) Mackenzie, age 7 of Millington, won the giant stuffed dragon. Mackenzie has named the dragon Marco. She read 2940 minutes for the program.



(above) Asher, age 8 of Stirling, won the popular mystery box prize which was a giant alien with a surf board. He read 2520 minutes for the program.



(above, left) Chloe Apuzzo of Gillette won the teen grand prize, a 13" MacBook Pro with 2.3GHz dual-core i5 processor, 8GB memory, and 256 GB storage.



(above, right) Jordan Hotra, age 9 of Millington, won the 9.7" iPad with 256 GB storage and an Apple Pencil. Jordan read a total of 3120 minutes for the program.

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Plans are to dine outside on the front lawn as has been the custom each year; some indoor seating will also be available. In the event of rain, the entire event will be held indoors. As in previous years, bagpiper David Palladino is scheduled to make an appearance, to provide the proper Scottish flair for the event.

The dinner is catered by Argyle Restaurant in Kearny, NJ. Their Fish & Chips dinner is legendary and loved by many in the community. Dinner includes fish, chips, coleslaw, beverage

and dessert. A "chicken option" is available for those who prefer it. Take-out meals are available and welcomed.

Funds raised at this annual event support the church and its missions. The church's mission of "Feeding Those Who Hunger" is met in a literal sense here: in the past 4 years of this event, well over 100 free dinner tickets have been given to community members in need.

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From a small, backyard, family operation to an internationally acclaimed wildlife rehabilitation center

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"This is a milestone for The Raptor Trust and we are so proud of all we have accomplished. It's a great time to put on an event to celebrate and to thank our friends and supporters," said Chris Soucy, Executive Director at The Raptor Trust.

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A stalwart advocate for birds and wildlife for over three decades, The Raptor Trust was established as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in Millington, NJ in 1982 by Dr. Leonard and Diane Soucy. The organization has become one of the

nation's leading wildlife rehabilitation centers for birds and has built a reputation for educational excellence through the programs they conduct, both onsite and statewide at schools, libraries, universities, garden clubs and more. The Raptor Trust admits more than 5,000 birds each year for medical care and has handled over 100,000 wild birds since its inception. The Raptor Trust is open to the public 365 days a year.

Honoree: William F. Conger

The event will honor William F. Conger, The Raptor Trust's Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"Bill has truly been a hero among NJ environmentalists. He has brought management expertise to TRT, along with a tremendous devotion to the birds, including his favorites: hawks and owls. His friendship with the founders and their shared passion helped lead the organization from its humble origins to one of the foremost avian rehabilitation centers in the US," said Event Chairperson, Nancy Miller-Rich.

Mr. Conger and his wife, Nancy, raised their family in Long Hill Township, living there for more than 30 years. Bill has spent 45 years in the financial services industry and is presently a Principal at Red Hook Management, a Registered Investment Advisor in Morristown, NJ. He formerly served on the Board of Gill St Bernard's School, and is currently on the Board of the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center.

The Event:

The 35th Anniversary Celebration will feature both a silent and live auction, some of The Raptor Trust's live hawks and owls, educational activities, cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, various food stations and live music. Celebrity auctioneer Nick Dawes from "Antiques Roadshow" will do the auction honors. The Honorable Thomas H. Kean will speak at the event.

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