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## OUTSTANDING CITIZENS TO BE HONORED AT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 2018 GOOD SCOUT AWARDS DINNER - OCTOBER 2

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](mailto:jennifer.volz@scouting.org).

Registration for the event available online at [ppcbbsa.org/special-events](http://ppcbbsa.org/special-events)



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



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



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



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

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## FOUR GENERATIONS OF MARSH FAMILY VISIT ROTARY - JOHN SR. HONORED

John Marsh Sr., a resident of Watchung, was recently awarded the prestigious "Paul Harris Award" for his volunteer work for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary.

John is shown here visiting his son at the Bath

Maine Rotary Meeting. His Grandson Jesse Marsh was visiting from Sweden with his son, Cosimo. John Marsh, Jr. and his wife, Anne, are past presidents of the Bath, Maine Rotary Club.



(above, l-r) Cosimo Marsh being held by Jesse Marsh, John Marsh Jr., John Marsh Sr.

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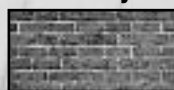
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On September 11, 2018 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung will hold a memorial service to honor those who lost their lives during the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. The service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the

Village Green at the Watchung Circle across from the Texier House.

In case of inclement weather the service will be held inside Borough Hall 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung. All are invited to attend.

## WATCHUNG SENIORS CLUB

Seniors 55 and older are invited to attend the Watchung Seniors Club meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June at 11:00 a.m. at the Firemen's Exempt Hall (lower level, handicap accessible),

57 Mountain Blvd., Watchung. Refreshments are served. Guest speakers, bus trips, an annual pizza party and a picnic at the end of the season. For more information please call Tony at 756-6954 or Madelyn at 908-561-1932.

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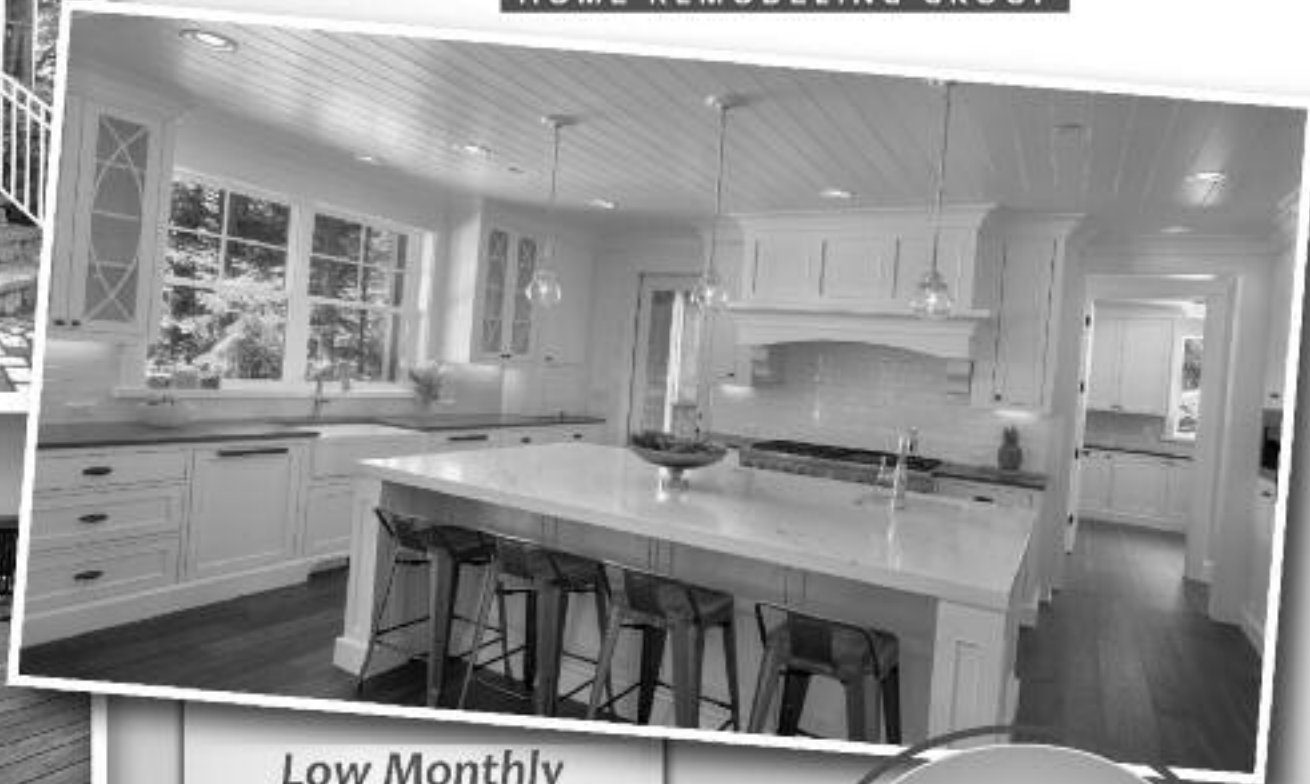


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## THE RAPTOR TRUST CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

From a small, backyard, family operation to an internationally acclaimed wildlife rehabilitation center ... The Raptor Trust will be celebrating 35 years of caring for New Jersey's wild birds at The Raptor Trust's 35th Anniversary Celebration on September 27, 2018. The event will be held at The Stone House at Stirling Ridge, 50 Stirling Rd, Warren, NJ 07059, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dress is business casual.

"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.

For more information and to register for the event visit online at [TheRaptorTrust.org](http://TheRaptorTrust.org).



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(above) William F. Conger, Event Honoree

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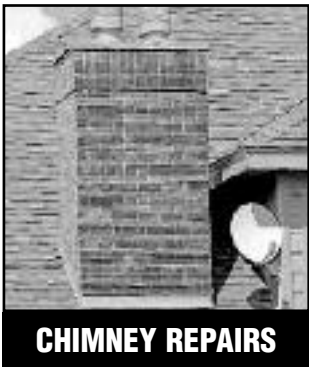




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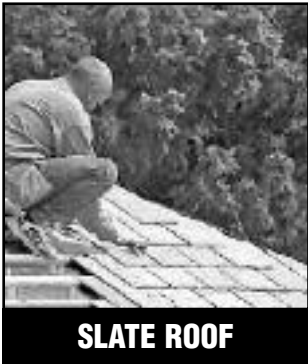
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#### Bingo with Miss June

September 7, 4-4:30 p.m.

(ages 4 and up)

#### Teen Game Night

September 12, 7-8 p.m.

(ages 6-12)

#### Music with Miss Donna

September 18, 10-10:30 a.m.

(ages birth - 5)

#### Teen Advisory Board (TAB) (teens)

September 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### Bizarre Birds

September 25, 4-4:45 p.m.

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### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Mah Jong Club of Watchung

September 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25;  
1-4 p.m.

#### The Canasta Group

September 6, 13, 20, 27; 1-3 p.m.

#### Watchung Book Discussion Group:

"Testament of Youth,"

September 13, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

## "SHIFTING CLOUDS" AN EXHIBIT BY ARTIST SPENCER SOLETTA AT WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

Opening the 2018-19 season at the Watchung Arts Center, painter and sculptor Spencer Soletto will present "Shifting Clouds" in the Center's Lower Gallery. The exhibition will be on display from September 4 through September 29, with an opening reception on Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

Spencer Soletto was born and educated in Somerville New Jersey, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from NJIT in 2016.

Passionate about his surroundings, his art began with haiku poetry, photography and philosophical studies while working and researching in fields where natural and mechanical forms coexisted and worked with each other for innovative, environmentally friendly design.

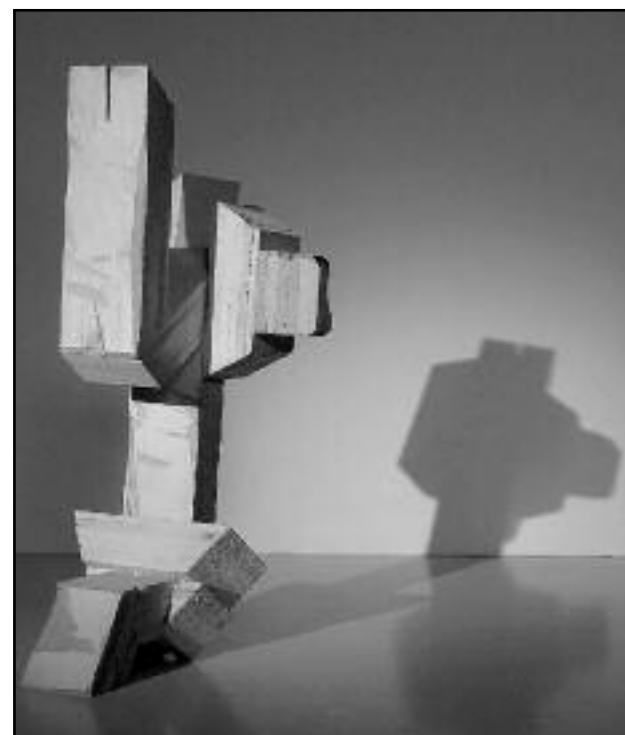
He began sculpture and painting to express his desires to combine natural with mechanical, fluid with structure, finding balance and form through

this chaotic synthesis. Using industrial materials Spencer is entirely self-taught, influenced by a wide range of artists including the material and processes themselves.

Spencer's art has appeared in a series of pop up shops in Chelsea NYC, in various group showings around NYC including 107 Bowers gallery, and incorporated in a large scale set design as graffiti artist. He is currently working out of locations in Somerville and Warren New Jersey.

Soletto intends his work to be viewed "in a similar calm and playful manner as cloud viewing. Provided with a large field of various forms I ask the viewer to search through finding both natural beauty of the clouds as they are themselves or what they seem to look like."

The Watchung Arts Center is located at 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ. For more information, call (908)-753-0190 or email wacenter@optonline.net. You can also visit their website watchungarts.org.



(above) Art by painter and sculptor Spencer Soletto, who will present "Shifting Clouds" exhibition at the Watchung Arts Center.

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## WARREN TEEN IS BLAZING HIS OWN N.J. RODEO TRAIL

Kai Lorimor of Warren is helping to put New Jersey on the rodeo map.

The 14-year-old boy started bull riding just over a year ago and joined the New Jersey High School Rodeo Association. Today, he is the state Bull Riding champion, All-Around Cowboy and Rookie of the Year for the junior high school division. He completed his first year with a trip to the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo in South Dakota, and recently competed in the Koloa Plantation Days Rodeo in Hawaii, where he took the winning buckle for steer riding in the three-day event.

Typically known as a Western sport, Kai fell in love with bull riding after viewing a YouTube video.

"I thought it was cool and I asked my parents if they could find me a place where I could learn," Kai said.

He soon found a home at Luck of the Draw Bull Riding in Monroeville, which is in South Jersey. He trains alongside professionals and "goes through about three or four bulls" during a

session, testing himself at a higher level each time.

Kai remembers that the first time he got on a bull he fell off even before they could lift the gate.

"Once I did it, though," he said, "it was such an adrenaline rush. I was hooked."

Under the tutelage of Scott Lynch, his coach at Luck of the Draw, Kai has come out of the chute blazing.

"I feel that he's the reason why I've had so much success," Kai said of his coach. "He just doesn't tell you how to get on the bull, he shows you. And he explains everything."

Lynch also serves as an inspiration for his student. Lynch was 35 when he broke into the sport and pursued a professional career until he tore a muscle in his shoulder. That's one of the reasons why the very young rider has set his goals so high.

"I want to be the youngest Professional Bull Riding Champion ever, at the age of 18," said Kai, who just completed Warren Middle School

and will begin Watchung Hills Regional High School in September.

Kai has a ton of respect for rodeo pros "who never quit and always get up." He is well aware that bull riding is a dangerous sport, and broken bones and worse are always possible.

"You really have to want it," Kai said. "I pray before I ride. My faith is one of the things that keeps me going."

Judging by Kai's success so far, there's no telling how far he can go in this sport or how long he will continue to ride.

"At least until my 50s or something like that," he said. "It doesn't have to be professional then, it's just something that I love to do."


Luck of the Draw Bull Riding has a practice pen for all levels. No experience is necessary and gear is provided at no additional cost. "Bull Riding School" sessions are conducted on Saturdays and Sundays each month.

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(above) Kai Lorimor of Warren at the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo in South Dakota.



(above) Kai Lorimor representing New Jersey in the South Dakota competition.

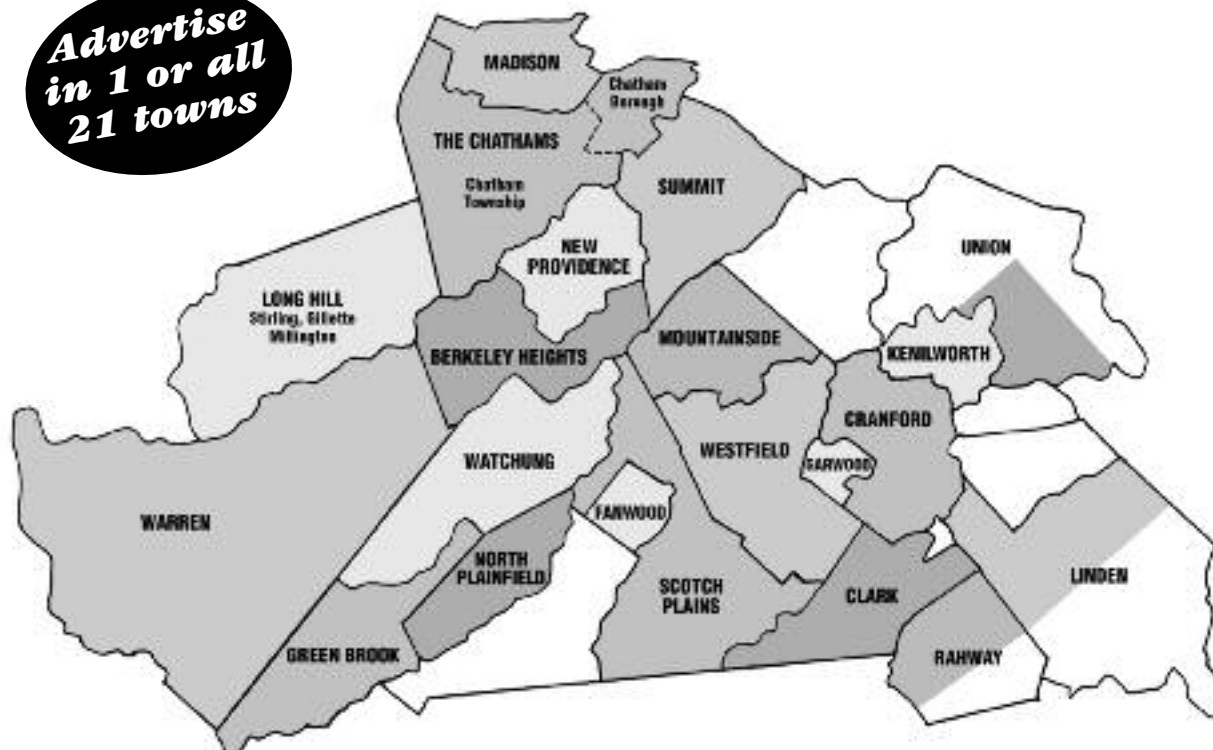
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