

## Sarah Miller Adams, 92, Fashion Artist; Wrote Travel Articles For Newspapers

Sarah Miller Adams, a former fashion artist and Madison Avenue copywriter, died on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, in Westfield, where she lived during her youth. She was 92 and had returned to New Jersey to live after having spent some 50 years in New York City.

Known as Sally, she was born in Port Arthur, Tex. and lived in Europe with her parents for several years before moving to Westfield in 1925. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1932. She attended Smith College and the University of Michigan and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University.

She was the widow of Nelson R. Adams, an oil company executive who died in 1965. During her marriage, she lived in Paris for several years and spoke French fluently.

Her fashion art was done for a New York department store during the period when drawings of women's clothes were predominately used in advertising. She also was a talented painter and writer and worked for

several New York advertising agencies. Her travel articles appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and other publications.

She was a member of the Appalachian Hiking Club in New York and a group known as the Shore Walkers, which frequently held hikes and commented on New York City history, which she knew very well. For years she was a member of the Forest Hills Tennis Club.

She was the daughter of the late Albert E. and Susie Frederick Miller and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lawrence G. Foster (Ellen) of State College, Pa. and Westfield, and two brothers, Frederick R. Miller of Santa Rosa, Calif. and Robert D. Miller of Westfield.

Burial was private. A memorial service is being planned for December at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. October 12, 2006

## Marjorie Prodo, 78, Active In Church, D.A.R. and Mayflower Descendants

Marjorie (Wass) Prodo, 78, of Exeter, N.H. died on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at Suncook Lodge at Riverwoods of Exeter. She had previously lived in Westfield, N.J., Severna Park, Md., Cranbury, N.J. and Brentwood, N.H.

Born August 21, 1928 in Arlington, Mass., the daughter of Harold and Helen (Lockhart) Wass, she was raised in Winchester, Mass. and Scarsdale, N.Y. Mrs. Prodo attended Westbrook Junior College and the Parsons School of Design. She was employed at U.S. Rubber, where she met her husband.

Mrs. Prodo enjoyed quilting, decorating and spending time with her grandchildren. She was also active in her church. She was a member of the D.A.R. and the Society of Mayflower

Descendants.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, of Exeter; one son, William, and daughter-in-law, Karen, of Fairfax, Va.; one daughter, Jennifer Cashman of Exeter; four beloved grandchildren, and her sister, Winifred Everett, and her husband, Edward, of Chatham, Mass.

Burial was private. A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 7, at the Rye Congregational Church in Rye, N.H. Memorial donations may be made to the Seacoast Hospice, 10 Hampton Road, Exeter, N.H. 03833.

Arrangements were by the Brewitt Funeral Home in Exeter, N.H. To sign an online guest book, please visit [www.brewittfuneralhome.com](http://www.brewittfuneralhome.com). October 12, 2006

### Prayer to

#### The Blessed Virgin

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. D.W.

### Young Democrats Club

#### To Meet Tomorrow

FANWOOD - A group of local students interested in politics will meet in Fanwood tomorrow, Friday, October 13, at 4 p.m. to form a Young Democrats Club. The meeting will take place in the Forest Road Park Recreation Building in Fanwood.

Daniel Zucker, a vice president of the Fanwood Democratic Club, has volunteered to act as the adult adviser for the Young Democrats. Tovi Spero and other local students have expressed an interest in forming the group, Mr. Zucker said.

High school age students from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains area are invited to attend the meeting to suggest possible activities for the group. For more details, please call Mr. Zucker at (908) 889-5894.

### Franklin School Posts Annual Pumpkin Fair

WESTFIELD - The Franklin Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold its annual Pumpkin Fair on Saturday, October 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, located at Clark Street and Dudley Avenue in Westfield.

A Franklin tradition, this event will feature a haunted house, obstacle course, auction, 50/50 raffle, arts, crafts, games, food and treats. The fair will take place rain or shine, and all proceeds will benefit the Franklin PTO.

## Obituaries

### Kenneth W. Johnson, 34, Good Friend, Profound Thinker Touched Many Deeply

Kenneth W. Johnson, 34, died on Monday, October 2, 2006.

He was the beloved son of Mary Tracy Johnson and Kenneth W. Johnson, Sr. and the loving brother of Mary M. (Markey) Johnson, Helen M. Johnson and Kevin M. Johnson. He will be deeply missed by his two aunts, his uncle and his cousins.

During his life, Kenny touched many people with his unique combination of penetrating thought and genuine concern. Kenny had a profound influence on the lives of his family, his close friends from Rutgers, his girlfriend, Clare M. Wilderson, and many others who considered Ken their family. The void he leaves may heal, but it will never be filled.

Born and raised in Westfield, Ken

lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. for the last eight years. He was a 1990 graduate of Westfield High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Rutgers University.

For the past eight years, he was a waiter for the City Crab Restaurant in Manhattan. Ken loved books and films and had a passion for music.

A memorial gathering was held on Friday, October 6, at the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to one of the following charities: Corpwatch, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, No. 702, Oakland, Calif. 94612; Center for Food Safety, 660 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE No. 302, Washington, D.C. 20003 or MoveOn, [www.moveon.org](http://www.moveon.org). October 12, 2006



Kenneth W. Johnson

### Dorothy S. McFarlan, 102, Was Active In Church, College Club and Alumni

Dorothy S. McFarlan, 102, of Westfield died on Tuesday, October 10, at her home.

Born in Bayonne, she lived in Westfield since 1934.

A 1926 graduate of Douglass College, Mrs. McFarlan had been employed with the Bayonne Board of Education for a few years as an elementary school teacher.

Along with her late husband, Alden McFarlan, she was very active in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where they were elders. Mrs. McFarlan also was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

She was a member of the College Women's Club of Westfield.

In 2001, she received the Van Guard Award as a distinguished alumna of

Douglass College. As an alumna, she held numerous class offices, including president, and most recently was class correspondent.

Her husband predeceased her in 1995. Surviving are two sons, Russell McFarlan and Richard McFarlan; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090. October 12, 2006

## Community/Education News



Jay Boyle



Bill Oakes

## Lifestyles Planning Expo Set For October 22 In Westfield

WESTFIELD - A Lifestyles Planning Expo presented by Acorn Financial Services, Inc. will take place on Sunday, October 22, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch of the Westfield Area "Y," located at 422 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The focus of the event will be maintaining a productive and financially secure lifetime. Westfield residents Jay Boyle and Bill Oakes, both senior associates with Acorn Financial Services, Inc., will host the event.

Highlights will include food tastings by area restaurants, entertainment, prizes, gift bags, health screenings by Trinitas Hospital and many exhibitors offering current information on such topics as career and financial planning, real estate, entertainment options, house and garden, dining and nutrition, fitness, long term care planning, legal issues and insurance.

Author, educator and consultant Adriane G. Berg will give two keynote speeches, entitled "Aging Like

the Rich and Famous" and "Planning for Lifelong Independence."

Additionally, there will be book signings by Ms. Berg and "Murder She Wrote" author Don Bain. Contributions of \$5 at the door will benefit the "Y"'s Scholarship Fund.

### Tours of Roosevelt

#### Scheduled for Oct. 21

WESTFIELD - Escorted tours of Roosevelt Intermediate School will be conducted on Saturday, October 21, while the Franklin Fair is in progress between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Since renovations at Roosevelt are part of the bond that the Westfield Board of Education will propose in January, the board invited the public to tour the 80-year-old school and get a firsthand look at the areas that need updating. Roosevelt School is located at 301 Clark Street. Tours will start at the breezeway connecting the original building and 1964 wing of the intermediate school.

## Elias R. Mako, 86, Held Several Patents; Was Owner of Business In Westfield

Elias Robert "Goldie" Mako, 86, of Staffordsville, Va. and formerly a long-time resident of Westfield, N.J., died on Saturday morning, October 7, 2006, at his home after a long illness.

Born on January 11, 1920 in Cleveland, Ohio, he was a son of the late Louis and Lena Smolak Mako. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Adelbert College, Western Reserve University in Ohio.

A four-year veteran of the United States Army in World War II, he ran a laboratory testing the quality of food to be used for army consumption and also blood.

As director of Research for Phillip Carey Manufacturing Co. in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., Mr. Mako tested and compounded high temperature products. He was a specialist in compounding mixtures, in simplifying industrial processes and in food preparations for which he held several patents.

Mr. Mako's own company, Chemical Union Corporation of Westfield, was novel in that its main application was location of by-product streams, their detoxification and subsequent economic usage. A consultant, he was

an international authority on lithium, its chemistry and recovery.

Mr. Mako was a past officer of the American Institute of Chemists in New York. He also was president of the Cherry Hill (N.J.) Unitarian Fellowship. Under his direction, the group became a church, bought property and called a minister.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Leona Glen Schafer Mako of Staffordsville, Va.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Elias "Chip" and Liza Mako of Mendham, N.J., Emery and Inga Mako of Hope Valley, R.I., Christopher and Tina Mako of Walnutport, Pa. and Geoffrey Mako of Easton, Pa.; eight grandchildren and his brother, Emery Mako of Willoughby, Ohio.

Services will be private and at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Elias Mako's name to: Doctors Without Borders, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, Md. 21741-5030.

The Kendall Funeral Home at 605 Snidow Street in Pembroke, Va. is serving the Mako family. To send online condolences, please visit [kendallfuneralhome.com](http://kendallfuneralhome.com). October 12, 2006

## Patricia Wythe, 75, Devoted to Family; Was Known For Fine Arts and Crafts

Patricia M. Wythe, 75, wife of Stephen L. Wythe, of Pickens, S.C., formerly of Westfield, N.J., went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at Palmetto Baptist Medical Center in Easley, S.C.

Born in Wyandotte, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Malcolm and Eva Hogan. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed creating a wide variety of fine arts and crafts.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, is a daughter, Shirley Beasley of Knoxville, Tenn.; four sons, Stephen M. Wythe of Green Brook, N.J., F. David Wythe of Chapin, S.C., Scott J. Wythe of Hyattsville, Md.

and Christopher L. Wythe of Seattle, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and her sister, Shirley Block of Phoenix, Ariz.

In addition to her parents, a brother, Fred Hogan, predeceased her.

A memorial service will be scheduled and announced by the family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Cancer Charities Foundation, 65 International Drive, Greenville, S.C. 29615 or to the Hospice Care of South Carolina, 110 Dillon Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29307.

The Dillard Funeral Home is assisting the Wythe family with arrangements. October 12, 2006

## Fanwood CERT to Offer Free Home Safety Courses

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will offer free home safety courses including basic home fire safety, basic first aid training, terrorism/major disaster awareness and other practical safety tips for families in Fanwood.

Everyone over the age of 18 who is a Fanwood resident (or a caregiver for a Fanwood resident) or who works in Fanwood is welcome to attend. There are five different citizen

### Local Students Act as Orientation Leaders

AREA - Two local students acted as orientation team leaders for the class of 2010 at Susquehanna University (SU).

Christopher Doremus of Scotch Plains and Courtney Veeck of Fanwood helped make up the orientation team, which is composed of upper class students who desire to help new students make the transition to life at SU.

The team leaders assist new students and their families in unloading cars, moving in to their residence halls and answering questions. During the four-day orientation, team leaders also attend orientation events with the new students and facilitate small group discussions.

Christopher is a sophomore business administration major and a 2005 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS). He is the son of Bruce and Donna Doremus.

Courtney is a junior biology major and a 2004 graduate of SPFHS. She is the daughter of Robert and Joy Veeck.

### Principal Escorts Manganello to School

WESTFIELD - Joe Manganello, a fourth grader at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, won the raffle to have Principal Joe Malanga escort him to school for Walk to School Day.

This event is being celebrated as an opportunity to rediscover walking to school as a safe, healthy way for parents to spend quality time with their children and to increase campus safety by leaving their cars at home.



WALK IT OFF... Wilson Elementary School Assistant Principal Cheryll Berkowitz, student Joe Manganello and Principal Joe Malanga pose for a photo after arriving at school from their morning walk.

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