

Frederick J. Cofer, AT&T Retiree; Was Tennis and History Enthusiast

Frederick James Cofer, a longtime resident of Westfield, N.J., died at the Genesis Healthcare facility in Westfield on Sunday, August 31, 2014.

Frederick Cofer was born in Paterson, N.J. on June 14, 1925. He attended Glen Rock High School, graduating in 1943, and attended Brown University and graduated in 1948. Frederick received a master's degree from New York University in Business Administration. He also served in the United States Navy, earning the rank of lieutenant. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Frederick worked for Western Electric for many years in New York City. He retired in 1985 from AT&T, which

had taken over Western Electric. Frederick enjoyed his membership at the Westfield Tennis Club and spent many hours at Tamaques Park jogging and playing tennis. Frederick had a lifelong passion for reading history.



Frederick J. Cofer

Frederick was predeceased by his daughter, Caitlin Cofer Rotchford, and his stepson, William McDonald. He is survived by his loving wife, Faith McDonald Cofer; daughter, Lisa Gonnella; son, James Cofer, and stepson, Edward McDonald. His life is honored by his nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who also survive him.

A memorial service will be planned in the future.

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Richard Manrodt, 90, Decorated Vet.; Had Been Plant Manager at Red Devil

Richard H. Manrodt, 90 years old, passed away Thursday, July 3, 2014. A former resident of Westfield for 40 years, he died in Hollywood, Fla., where he had lived for the last few years with his daughter since the death of his wife in 2011.

Richard served in World War II in the South Pacific as a member of the armed combat engineers. He received many medals, among them the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. It is New Jersey's highest military award. He was very involved in the VFW and was chairperson of the annual poppy drive for several years. He worked for Red Devil in Union, N.J. for 50 years, working his way up to plant manager.

Predeceased by his wife, Loretta Manrodt, he also was predeceased by two sisters, Mabel and Winifred. His

sister Ruth passed several weeks after him. He is survived by two children, Linda Manrodt of Hollywood, Fla. and Richard W. Manrodt (daughter-in-law, Diana) of Stockholm, N.J., and three grandchildren, Donald and Savannah Simpson of Hollywood, Fla. and Rebecca Manrodt of Stockholm, N.J. He also is survived by four brothers, William and Robert of Florida, Manfred of Virginia and Donald of New Jersey. He also has an extensive family of nieces, nephews and cousins.



Richard H. Manrodt

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014, at the VFW hall, 479 South Avenue East, Cranford, N.J. 07016, beginning at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a veterans charity of one's choice.

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Angelo Del Monaco, 90, Army Veteran; Active In Rotary and St. Helen's Church

Angelo D. Del Monaco, 90, of Westfield passed away peacefully on Monday, September 8, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

Angelo was born in Pietracupa, Italy and came to the United States in 1940, settling in Westfield. He was employed as general manager of Kings Supermarket in Maplewood for 45 years, before retiring in 1990.

Angelo served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Maplewood and an usher at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Predeceased by his wife, Mary (Di Maio) Del Monaco, in 2000 and his daughter, Margaret Ball, in 1999,

Angelo is survived by his loving son, John, and his wife, Elissa; his grandson, Eric, and his wife, Lindsay, and his great-grandson, John. He also is survived by his sister, Mary Buscaino.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 13, at 10 a.m., at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Friends may visit Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, tomorrow, Friday, September 12, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Entombment will be at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad.

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Scotch Plains Day October 5 To Include Classic Car Show

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Day celebration will take place this year on Sunday, October 5. Held on Park Avenue in downtown Scotch Plains, the festivities will include live entertainment, rides, food and booths to shop.

In addition, the Scotch Plains Lions Club will host a Classic Car Show that day. The car show will take place in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building parking lot on Park Avenue.

Cars should arrive around 9 a.m. and enter from Singer Street, behind the parking lot and municipal building. The show will run from 11 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Park Avenue will be closed to traffic on this day. Trophies will be awarded for Best Cars, to be presented around 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in showing a car is asked to contact Don Wussler, 396 Parkview Drive, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076; (908) 889-1709. The cost is \$18 per car in advance or \$20 at the gate.

The Scotch Plains Lions Club is part of Lions International. As is the aim of the Lions Clubs, all proceeds raised will be used to support multiple community needs as well as various organizations serving the blind and visually impaired.

Obituaries

Frederick Bradley, Jr., 87, Had Long Career in Airline-Aerospace Industry

Frederick W. Bradley, Jr., 87, of Westfield passed away peacefully on Friday, August 29, 2014, at the Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains.

Born and raised in Trenton, N.J., he was a graduate of Trenton Central High School in 1945. In the spring of his senior year, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve Corps, serving as a Pharmacist Mate at the National Naval Medical Center.

Mr. Bradley was a member of the Colgate University Class of 1950, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1955.

Mr. Bradley had a long and influential career as one of the premier financiers and advisers to the Airline and Aerospace Industry, working closely with airframe and engine manufacturers as well as airlines across the world.

Mr. Bradley began his career at W.R. Grace & Co. in its South American passenger transportation businesses and later worked as a consultant focused in the aeronautical industry. He joined the First National City Bank of New York in 1958 and rose to become a senior vice-president of Citibank, N.A. (as the First National City Bank was renamed) in charge of the bank's global airline and aerospace business. While at Citibank, Mr. Bradley pioneered many of the innovative financing strategies used by the global airline industry today to acquire aircraft that often cost into the billions of dollars including structured financings utilizing global debt capital markets, leveraged tax-motivated lease financing, operating lease approaches, and asset-based, aircraft portfolio lease securitizations. He was well re-

garded throughout the industry for his ability to solve problems in what was often a cyclical, troubled industry by finding innovative but credible solutions and by supporting his clients through their difficult financial periods. He was the lead banker for many of the industry's principal companies, among these The Boeing Company, United Technologies, Pan Am and SAS.

After retiring from Citibank in the early 1990s, Mr. Bradley joined various boards of directors including America West Airlines, Inc. (a predecessor company of American Airlines), where he served for seven years until 1999. He also served as the chairman of the board of ALPS 92-1 and 94-1, as chairman of the board of AerCo Limited and as a senior aviation industry adviser to the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan. Mr. Bradley also was a director of First Citicorp Life Insurance Co., and the Institute of Air Transport, Paris, France and was president of the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) International Airline Training Fund of the United States.

He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth White Bradley, who died in 2012. He is survived by his daughters, Margaret Olivia Bradley and Anne Elizabeth Bradley.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 16, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., with services beginning at 8 p.m., at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood. Memorial contributions may be made to Colgate University (www.colgate.edu) or to the U.S.O. (www.uso.org). For additional information or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

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Frederick Bradley, Jr.

Scotch Plains Library Offers Sept. Activities For Teens

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library invites teens in grades 6 to 12 to participate in the many after-school activities planned for September, from homework help to art workshops and book clubs.

On Monday, September 15, teens are invited to go to the lower level of the library to "meet up" with their friends and quietly do homework. Teen librarians will be available to help and new books will be on display.

On Monday, September 22, in celebration of Banned Books Week, there will be a discussion of the graphic novel "Maus" by Art Spiegelman. To borrow a copy of the book, contact the Reference Desk.

On Monday, September 29, local artist Leah Zara-Acevedo will present a "Let's Monet Art Workshop." Participants will learn how to put their own creative spin on well-known works of fine art. Pre-registration is required.

To round out the month, teens are invited to join their friends and meet new ones at the library's monthly Teen Scene on Tuesday, September 30, at 3:30 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to play Wii and board games, enjoy an after-school snack and check out new books.

These teen programs are free and open to all. Those interested are encouraged to register through the library's website, scotlib.org, by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or e-mailing library@scotlib.org. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

Miller-Cory to Celebrate National Anthem Sunday

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum invites visitors to commemorate the 200th birthday of America's national anthem during a program this Sunday, September 14, between 2 and 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

The presentation, entitled "The Star-Spangled Banner - Representative of All We Hold Dear," will give the history of how a young Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the song, how it became the national anthem and other interesting facts. Tours of the museum will be included, along with demonstrations of 18th-century open-hearth cooking using authentic colonial methods and seasonal ingredients. Admission will be \$3 for adults and children age 13 and older; \$2 for children ages 3 to 12 and free for those under age 3.

The museum's autumn events will continue on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, with its participation in Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend. The annual "Halloween Hocus Pocus" event will take place on Sunday, October 26; reservations are required for this program.

The Miller-Cory House Museum, a fully restored and furnished farmhouse built in 1740, is a nationally recognized living history museum. It is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail.

The museum is available for tours for school and other community groups during the week as well as for Scout troops after school on weekdays. Special programs also may be arranged on site for schools and other groups. For more information, visit the museum's Facebook page, call the office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail millercorymuseum@gmail.com. The website is millercoryhouse.org.

See it all on the Web! www.goleader.com

Agnes M. Bobal, Was Ebasco Engineer; Rake and Hoe Garden Club Member

Agnes M. Bobal, née Rapach, died peacefully at home in Katy, Tex. on Friday, September 5, 2014, with her family at her bedside.

She was born April 16, 1927 in Perth Amboy, N.J., to Joseph and Mary Mraz Rapach. Agnes was 18 years old when she met her future husband, Albert, by chance at a Sadie Hawkins dance. Al knew that night that she was the girl he wanted to marry, and from that time on they were never apart. They married in 1949 and moved to Westfield, N.J. in 1953, where they lived for 30 years. Following Al's retirement from the Westfield public school system, they moved to Leisure Village West in Lakehurst, N.J. They relocated to Texas in 2005 to be closer to their daughter, Kathie, and her family.



Agnes M. Bobal

Agnes was a remarkable woman in many ways. Upon graduation from high school, at age 16, she was immediately recruited by the Department of Defense to assist in the war effort by studying engineering in an intensive two-year course at Rutgers. Following the war she was employed for the next four years as the only female engineer at Ebasco Services in New York. After her marriage and during her first pregnancy in 1950, the commute to New York became difficult. Ebasco so highly valued her work that she was allowed to work from home four days a week, coming into the office only on the fifth day — a rare arrangement in those days.

Agnes had been affected by serious health troubles since the age of seven, when she contracted rheumatic fever. In 1960 she suffered a nearly fatal heart infection and was hospitalized

for two months. After that, she was not allowed to climb stairs or do anything physically taxing, so she diverted her energy and creativity into flower arranging, as a member of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club in Westfield, and became an expert in needlework and rug hooking. One of her proudest creations was a 9-foot by 12-foot hooked rug made from hand-dyed wool strips cut from jackets, skirts and trousers donated by friends and PTA members.

Despite her ongoing health problems, Agnes was always smiling and upbeat. She and Al traveled extensively in Europe, Eastern Europe and northern Africa. Every year they escaped New Jersey's cold and snow by wintering in the South, and avoided the state's hot, humid summers by spending those months in northern New Hampshire. Agnes' gentle and friendly nature allowed her to connect with people and make friends everywhere she went.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Albert Bobal; two daughters, Patricia and her husband, Dan Chukurov, of Red Bank, N.J. and Kathie and her husband, Albert Shultz, of Katy, Tex.; three grandchildren, Peter Shultz and his wife, Lauren Osborne, Martin and his wife, Yumi Shultz, and Katina and her husband, Stephen Arvidson; two sisters, Margaret Parkerton and Rose Gochal, and a treasured sister-in-law, Bernice Palisi.

A memorial service in New Jersey will be scheduled at a later date. Her ashes will be interred at Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, N.J.

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5K Run/2-Mile Walk Oct. 5 To Aid Paul Jackson Fund

WESTFIELD — The Paul Jackson 5K/2-Mile Walk/Kids Fun Run will be held on Sunday, October 5, at Oak Ridge Park in Clark.

The Paul Jackson Fund, started 23 years ago in Westfield, assists families who are in a financial crisis because of a long-term illness or disability. The Fund was created to help Mr. Jackson, a 1979 Westfield High School graduate, when he became paralyzed as a result of surgery to remove a spinal cord tumor. When Mr. Jackson no longer needed the financial assistance, he began to help other families in need. Over the years, The Paul Jackson Fund has assisted hundreds of families who found themselves in dire situations. After a courageous battle with cancer, Mr. Jackson passed away in 2009. His wish was for the work of The Fund to continue.

The upcoming event will include a 5K Run, 2-Mile Walk and a Kids Fun Run. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The start times are: 5K Run at 9:30 a.m.; 2-Mile Walk at 9:45 a.m. and the Kids Fun Run, for ages 2 to 11, at 10:30 a.m.

The course is entirely within the park on paved paths. Mile clocks and water stops will be provided. The Paul Jackson 5K is a certified USATF race. The 2-Mile Walk is wheelchair-friendly.

The entry fee for the Run and Walk is \$23 (USATF \$20) by Monday, September 29. After September 29, the fee will be \$25. Registration also will be open the day of the race. The fee for the Kids Fun Run is \$9. All participants raising \$100 or more will run/walk for free. Individuals may register online at RaceForum.com/pauljackson.

All pre-registrants will receive a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the winners, overall and by age groups. All children participating in the Kids Fun Run will receive Finisher Ribbons. This community event will include refreshments, a disc jockey, random prizes and kids' activities.

Individuals, groups and teams are welcome. Support is encouraged for this annual fund-raising event by creating a FirstGiving page — which allows individuals to seek donations online in support of The Paul Jackson Fund. Interested persons are advised to visit firstgiving.com/pauljacksonfund. Prizes will be awarded to those raising different levels of support.

For more information about this event, to learn more about The Paul Jackson Fund, or to make a donation, visit pauljacksonfund.org or call (908) 233-6110.

Calvary to Celebrate Sunday School Start-up

CRANFORD — The Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, will host its Sunday School start-up celebration at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, September 14. Worship will follow at 10:30 a.m., including a "Blessing of the Backpacks." A church picnic will then take place at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

The church will return to two services, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., the following Sunday, September 21. Sunday school will continue at 9:30 a.m. along with coffee, fellowship and choir practice for adults. For more information, call (908) 276-2418 or visit calvarycranford.com.

Grief Support Organizations To Host Second Death Café

SUMMIT — Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss and the Center for Life Transition will host Union County's second Death Café, a casual meeting of community members for a facilitated discussion of all topics related to death and dying, on Thursday, September 18, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. It will take place at Mondo, located at 426 Springfield Avenue in Summit.

"Part of the mission of Imagine is to normalize grief in our society and to create resilient 'Good Mourning' communities that know how to support children and adults when they are grieving any type of loss," said Mary Robinson, founder and executive director of Imagine. "Talking about death and dying can reduce fear and stress, open communication and prepare families for end-of-life decision-making. It can actually improve the quality of life."

A Death Café offers participants an opportunity to share ideas, fears and dreams and to raise awareness about the normalcy of death and the need to talk about it. This is a group-directed discussion of issues about death and dying rather than a grief support or

counseling session. For more information, contact Imagine Program Director Mandi Zucker at (908) 264-3100 or Mandi@imaginenj.org.

The idea to bring people together over tea and cake to discuss death originated in Death Café founder Jon Underwood's house in London, England. A 41-year-old father of two, Mr. Underwood believes, "that using my limited time to work around death is the best thing that I can do to help make this a better planet." He developed the idea from the writings of Bernard



Mary Robinson

Crettaz, a Swiss sociologist who said talking about death leads to authenticity.

Imagine is a free, year-round, grief support center located in Westfield and serving all of Union County and beyond. Further information is available at imaginenj.org. The Center for Life Transition, located in Chatham, assists bereaved adults with support and understanding after a loss. Free, year-round, professional-led support groups are available for adults of all ages. For more information, call (973) 908-6004.

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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 who can withstand your power. 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 may 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 as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

Say this prayer on three consecutive days. Publish this prayer after the favor is granted.

K.A.G.