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Focus on Frankford: Four on the Floor Veterinary Clinic

By Bob Smiley



Doctor D'Ingianni with her friend Isetta

Leslye D'Ingianni was born with a love of animals right from the start in Auburn, New York and growing up in Abington, it continued to grow.

By High School she was thinking she would like to become a veterinarian but was discouraged by her guidance counselor. She moved on to other things and excelled at breaking barriers in a variety of pursuits.

She did classic auto body restoration and was successful at buying and renovating real estate. She wanted a farm and now has one on 30 acres, raising all her own organic crops, in Mays Landing, New Jersey.

With all of that, something was missing. What was never fulfilled in her life, was that long ago desire to become a Vet and so, one day, she headed back to school.

She graduated from Stockton University in 2006 and the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2016 and became Doctor D'Ingianni.

With her dream finally realized she found the Frankford Animal Clinic on Leiper Street in Frankford.

She spent a year there gaining valuable experience and made many friends, both 2 and 4 footed which she treasures to this day.

Then she decided it was time for a change and founded the Four on the Floor Veterinary Clinic.

She is a mobile Vet who will come to your home and treat your pets. She specializes in dogs and cats. Sick calls and wellness visits are available. She also provides end of life hospice care and end of life transition in the comfort of your home.

She knows how pet owners feel for their animals. She has Mr. Snuffy, a Dashound, Isetta, a

Dashound, Wigit, a Dashound, Cannoli, an Exotic Short Hair, Cotton, a Devon Rex, Cowboy, a Devon Rex, Nabisco, a Quarter horse Clydesdale mix and Snicker Doodle a Standard bred.

She commutes from South Jersey on a regular schedule to see her clients in Frankford and loves meeting new people as well as serving the old ones.

She treasures Frankford for its diversity and enjoys sitting down with the people in the comfort of their home as she cares for their 4 footed friends.

When you ask what is the most rewarding thing about working with animals, she says "Every day is a surprise, a challenge, a small kiss, a soft purr, gentle nicker, can teach and remind you to love and cherish life."

If you would like to reach Doctor D'Ingianni to make an appointment or for more information, call 1-609-625-1015.

May marks the 10th year for the Frankford Gazette.
See page 6 for something new.

Castor Avenue Speedway



Photo credit Mari Carrasquillo

By Bob Smiley

I have been watching the efforts of the people in Northwood to take on the speed problem on Castor Avenue between Foulkrod and Pratt for a couple of years now. They had some success in that the Streets Department studied the Speedway and concluded that yes traffic was running too fast. They made promises to do some fixing and they did some fixing but not as much as they promised, at least to date. What they did was lay some strips across

the lanes that are about as thick as cardboard which are intended to remind people to slow up. Cardboard might have worked better. The accidents are still happening and speed still speedy.

Northwood was promised by Councilwoman Sanchez that she would arrange a sit down with the Streets Department to resolve the issue. So far, no meeting. There are solutions to this problem but they are not being implemented.

Saturday morning, April 29th, Mari Carrasquillo, who lives about a block away from Castor and Foulkrod, posted on Facebook the first news about the accident. The car was traveling South on Castor and as it approached the intersection of Foulkrod, came into contact with the utility pole on the West side of the street. The car and pole were heavily damaged.

The power lines shorted out creating some fireworks that took some time to be extinguished. No further information about the accident investigation by the police was available as of today.

On May 16th another accident occurred and then again on May 20th an accident at Castor and Dyre Streets.



Accident on Castor Avenue on May 16th—photo by Kaofi Lay-Montgomery



Frankford Bike Ride for Peace & Resource Fair

RAIN OR SHINE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017
10 AM to 2 PM

Meet at Aria - Jefferson Health - Frankford
4900 Frankford Avenue
Parking lot at Frankford & Wakeling Sts.

Bike Riders & Vendors Registration: 9:30 AM
(Vendors, please bring your own tables and chairs! Thank you!)

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Congratulations to Kyra M. Lewis

By Sophia Lewis

This is the year of excellence for Kyra M. Lewis, a Penn State University student from the Frankford section of Philadelphia.

It was not long ago that this early graduate from the PA Virtual Charter School Class of 2013 entered college at the age of 16. At the prime age of 20 she has a lot to smile about. When Kyra embarked at Penn State Abington Campus, she knew it was going to require hard work and dedication. She credits her tears of jubilee to her supportive family, friends, and mentors but above all she graciously gives thanks to God as she has obediently followed the plan which was presented before her. Kyra is a determined young woman. She not only motivates herself but she inspires others through her charming personality.

Penn State Abington honored students at its annual Awards and Leadership Reception with families, friends, and other supporters in the audience on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Kyra Lewis received the following award:



Kyra Lewis on graduation day

Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award: Recognizes an undergraduate enrolled at a commonwealth location whose outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship have been directed into programs and services that have positively influenced fellow students and have contributed to the prestige and well-being of their campus, and, hence, to the reputation of the University as a whole: Kyra Lewis.

Lewis served as an Orientation Leader for three years including as the head Orientation Leader. She is the founder and president of the Beauty Club, an organization that promotes beauty from within, by recognizing the power of self-esteem and a body positive image.

"She has contributed to a culture at Abington that sees beauty in all, regardless of size, color, religion or any other defining factor that is used to label others," according to Gina Kaufman, director of Student Affairs.

Kyra graduated from Penn State Abington on Friday, May 5, with a baccalaureate degree Psychological Social Sciences and a minor in Human Development. Following graduation she has accepted the generous career offer to work at Bancroft as a Clinical Assistant in New Jersey. Kyra intends to return to school for her master degree in the Fall of 2018. She will marry Lance Corporal Shyeem Gayle of the United States Marines on Sunday, July 16, 2017.

Kyra's family and community of friends are overflowing with joy over the ambitious milestones that this young woman has achieved. Many well wishes as she continues in her future endeavors.

St. James' Flea Festival

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

8:00AM-3:00PM

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STEM at Northwood Academy Charter School

By Amy Kelly

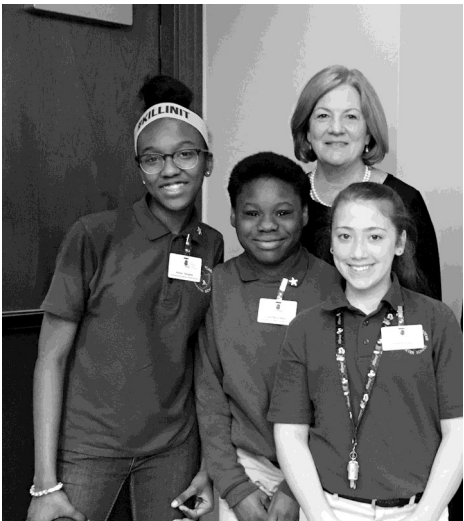
STEM (science, technology and math) is alive and well at Northwood Academy Charter School! Aside from the typical science, technology and math classes that you would expect in an elementary school,



Students (Jola Banji-Ajala, Isabella Israel and Amaya Burgess-Ginyard) with Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, John Fernandez, MD

the students at Northwood Academy are immersed in programs and presentations that demonstrate the value of STEM in our world.

Through a partnership with iPraxis, an organization that focuses on inspiring students to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the students at Northwood Academy are given the opportunity to be mentored and expand their



Students (Amaya Burgess-Ginyard, Jola Banji-Ajala and Isabella Israel) with President & CEO of CTCA, Nancy Hesse.

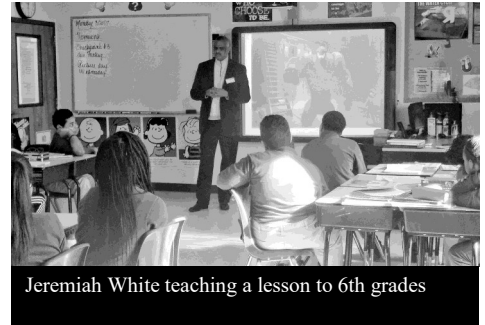
knowledge. The 6th grade students were recently taught lessons by iPraxis president, Jeremiah White. He explored the effects on human inventions and ideas over time. Mr. White challenged the students to imagine their dreams becoming a reality

and the work required to make that happen. There are even recent discussions on creating an Innovation Lab at the school where students could create and learn about patents. Giving the students the resources to make their dreams come to life is thrilling for all involved.

In March, Northwood was given the privilege of hosting guest speaker, Dr. Hadiyah-Nicole Green, a medical physicist who is breaking ground in the realm of cancer treatment using lasers. Dr. Green's message was one of hope. Using personal tragedy as a motivator, Dr. Green decided that the current treatment of cancer was not enough and with that came her drive towards a career in physics. The 8th grade audience was in awe of Dr. Green's ability to rise above adversity and lead a life dedicated to science. Presenters such as Dr. Green are life changing role models for our youth, and Northwood Academy recognizes the opportunity to provide such inspiration to their students.



Student (Jola Banji-Ajala) looking at cells at CTCA lab.



Jeremiah White teaching a lesson to 6th grades

Throughout the third trimester, several 7th grade students have chosen to be part of an elective class hosted by The Cancer Treatment Center of America. Northwood Academy's ongoing relationship with CTCA has expanded this year thanks in part to CTCA's new CEO, Nancy Hesse.



Dr. Hadiyah Green speaking to students about her research.

se. This unique learning experience was offered to students who are interested in careers in the medical field. This off campus classroom is being taught by surgeons, nurse practitioners, dieticians and genetic counselors. The students have the chance to view the medical field in practice and see the dedication that these careers require.

STEM is an acronym that is not just about teaching crucial subject matter, but creating opportunities beyond what a classroom can offer. Health Fairs, Pi Day, Robotics Club, Science Fairs and guest speakers make STEM come to life for Northwood Academy students. With all the motivation, information and inspiration being provided Northwood Academy feels assured that future scientists, technology pioneers, engineers and mathematicians are among their student body.



Veterans of the Month: Bill McGeehan and Leon Brantley

Thank you for your service!!!



Bill McGeehan was born in 1940 while his family lived on the 1400 block of Front Street. He attended St. Michael's grade school and went to Northeast Catholic high school, graduating in 1959.

That same year he enlisted in the Air Force and was trained in Technical Reconnaissance and assigned to Westover Air Force Base. He was there through the Cuban Missile Crisis and released from active duty in 1963. He joined the Philadelphia Police Department.

He married Marge and they settled in Frankford. They have been married now for 52 years and together they have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

After 5 years with the Police Department, he left and went on the road, driving trucks in delivery service and then construction. He retired in 1989 and has been busy since volunteering his time with various charitable groups, his church (St. Joachim) and now, Keep the Faith in Frankford. He is an outdoorsman who never misses deer season or the chance to catch a fish.



Leon Brantley was born in 1949 and grew up in Frankford and Tacony. He went to Hamilton-Disston Elementary School and Lincoln High School. In January of 1967 he enlisted in the Army and went to Basic Training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. After basic training, he went to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii with the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery as a base piece gunner. He served in Vietnam with the 23rd Infantry Division Americal from December of 1967 until November of 1968. He survived the Tet offensive. He was separated from active duty in 1970 and was honorably discharged in 1973 and is now U.S. Army retired.

He has been married and is a father, grandfather and great grandfather. He has had several careers, among them, working for General Tire in Waco, Texas, the City of Philadelphia, the Naval Depot and the Postal Service and is now retired.

He has been active in the Frankford community serving with the Frankford Plan in the 1990s. He has helped many veterans with his knowledge of veterans' benefits and disability issues. He is a born story teller and one of the primary advocates for the history of the African-American presence in Northeast Philadelphia.



Leon salutes the at the memorial at Wilmot Park on Memorial Day 2016

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Randolph Jr. passed away in May. Charlie grew up in Frankford and worked at many jobs along the Avenue. The last was at the Frankford Beer distributor on Paul Street. He was proud to be an Army veteran. He was a member of American Legion Post 224.

John Berry passed away in May. He was a Frankford native and a proud Korean War Army Veteran. He was also a member of American Legion Post 224.

Eugenie M. Grodek passed away on May 17th. She was a refugee from Poland after World War II and came to Philadelphia with her brother Leon in 1950. They settled into a house on Orthodox Street. She left no family but many friends throughout Frankford. She was 93 years old.



These young ladies, watched over by their dad, were selling cup cakes at the Flea Market held at the Historical Society of Frankford on May 20th.

New from the Frankford Gazette

Frankford Heroes

It's about your family and friends, neighbors and cousins. It's all about Frankford and the men and women who have served their country from Frankford since the birth of the nation.

Frankford Heroes includes the stories of over 50 young men from Frankford who gave their lives in the service of their country. It also includes the veterans, men and women, who have been highlighted over the last 3 years in the Gazette and the full roster of all Frankford veterans.

Our young men and women on active duty, in the reserves and the outstanding youth in the Jr. ROTC at Frankford High School continue this tradition of service today. The sacrifices of these men and women and that of their families cannot be forgotten. For that reason, we think it is important to tell their stories.

The book can be ordered online at our home page at www.frankfordgazette.com. Just click on the picture of the book and you will taken to the order page.

Call 215-847-5506 for more information if you cannot order online.

Frankford Heroes

Small town patriotism
in a big city neighborhood



Robert F. Smiley
Richard W. Johnson

Frankford Friends School Spring Fair



There was a lot of fun and games at the Spring Fair at FFS on May 20th. Above you can see it takes a steady hand for face painting.

5/19/2017

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WHEN: Saturday, June 3, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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For More Information:

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Coming Up in Frankford

Live Music - Each Saturday 7pm - 10pm - - Great Awakenings Cafe, 1466 E Cheltenham Ave.

Children's Story and Craft Hour - Each Thursday 10am - 11am - Great Awakenings Cafe, 1466 E Cheltenham Ave. Ages 2 to 5

Power Circle - Every Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club, 1709 Kinsey Street - For teens 14 to 18 - - Light dinner, resources, guest speakers, open discussion

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, June 1, 7pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue,

Overington Park Flea Market - Sat, June 3, 9am - 1pm, Overington Park, 1300 block of Orthodox Street - Reserve a space \$10. Please bring your own table. 215-533-7747

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, June 4, 12pm - 5pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM:

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, June 6, 7pm, - Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet In the Park from May to September.

Neighborhood Advisory Com-

mittee Meeting - Thu, June 8, 7pm - 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St.

Food Truck Friday - Fri, June 9, 11am - 2pm, 4600 block of Paul Street - TO BE ANNOUNCED. Call Frankford CDC for more details at 215-743-6580.

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, June 13, 7:30pm, 1507 Orthodox St. - THE LENAPE AND PENNYPACK CREEK Roland Williams
www.mfxservice@gmail.com
Come share Roland's lifetime exploration of our local Pennypack Park and the discovery of evidence of Lenape Indian camps and hunting grounds. He will display and discuss many of the artifacts he has found along the water way and the possibility that many more are waiting to be discovered. REFRESHMENTS SERVED. ADMISSION FREE - DONATIONS ACCEPTED

2nd Annual Bike Ride for Peace - Sat, June 17, 10am - 1pm, Aria - Jefferson Health, Frankford Campus, 4900 Frankford Ave.

St. James Flea Festival - Sat, June 17, 8am - 3pm, St James Lutheran Church, 5185 Castor Ave. - It's a Flea Market! It's a Basket raffle! It's Fun & Games! IF you'd like to Be a vendor, please contact us at 215-743-2412 Join us for food, prizes and fun!!

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, June 20, 7pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St,

15th Police District PSA1 Meet-

ing - Thu, June 22, 7pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave. 5:30p.

Food Truck Friday - Fri, June 23, 11am - 2pm, 4600 block of Paul Street -Sum Pig food truck. Call Frankford CDC for more details at 215-743-6580.

Senior Breakfast - Tue, June 27, 8am - 10am, Aria Health, Frankford - 2nd floor cafeteria -Aria will provide our community seniors with monthly, insightful tips and information on issues that are directly affecting you and your health. Breakfast will be provided free of charge. To reserve your seat call 1-877-808-2742 and then press 2.

At the Library

4634 Frankford Avenue

For Adults

Fitness @Frankford! Exercise to our wonderful collection of fitness instruction videos. Open to Adults and Teens - Every Monday @5:30

Laptop Computer Time- Adults only - We will have brand new laptops for use starting April 2017! Brush up on your computer skills with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Every other Tuesday - 11a-1p.

For Teens

Laptop Computer Time- Teens and Children - We will have brand new laptops for use starting April 2017! Brush up on your computer skills with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Every other Thursday - 3:30-

Teen Third Thursdays - Crafts, games and fun for *Teens Only*. Snacks will be provided. Third Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

For Children

Wii Wednesdays with Vince - Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince on the 4th Wednesday of the month. For Teens and school-aged kids. Every fourth Wednesday

Minecraft Club - Come build and play Minecraft with other kids, ages 8 to 14. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagan. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only! Saturdays | 2:00 pm, June 3

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan. | 6:00pm

Preschool Storytime - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 11:00am

Mr. Pagan's Reading Club for Boys - Come to listen and talk about fun, interesting scary books for boys ages 9 to 12 and to do a fun activity. Members are eligible to win books. Come and join PRCB. Select Saturdays | 2:00pm

Movies and Popcorn - Come enjoy a movie and freshly made popcorn with our new popcorn maker. 1st Fridays | 3:15pm

Services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

4442 Frankford Ave.

8:30AM SIMPLE AND

SHORT WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00am

10:00AM Main WORSHIP SERVICE

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1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

Email: campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com

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at St. Joachim's Catholic Chapel



Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Saturday - 8am (Spanish)

Chapel is open for personal prayer
From 7 to 9pm, Monday through Friday

Chapel is on the corner of Church St. and Griscom St.
Schedule will begin Monday, January 9th

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