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# Best Version Media Hello, Neighbors!

Hello Springfield! I hope all is well. November is one of my favorite months of the year. The air is crisp and perfect for neighborly firepits, Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and people take time to appreciate their local businesses with Small Business Saturday. It's a time to celebrate relationships, partnerships, friendships, and of course families. For me, this month is about recognition, appreciation, and thankfulness. I truly appreciate this community and how we support each other and look out for each other. And in times of devastation and sadness, like the recent fire at St Francis, you really see what a community is all about. Be thankful for ours. #springfieldstrong #prideinallthings

I always like to highlight our new sponsors that help my small business grow and allow us to deliver *Springfield Neighbors* magazines to you every month. Without our sponsors, there is no magazine. We have a few new sponsors I would like to recognize.

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As we enter the season of gratitude and giving, we're excited to bring you a November issue filled with local stories and helpful insights from around our community.

This month, we shine a light on the incredible bond between people and animals with an expert piece from Springfield Crossings, highlighting the healing power our furry friends provide. If you're looking for unique holiday gift ideas, be sure to check out our gift guide both residential and commercial needs. With over 50 years of combined experience, they are excited about the opportunity to connect with and assist the residents of Springfield. And if you were wondering, "Nittany" refers to Penn State. WE ARE!

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With the holidays just around the corner, Small Business Saturday is a perfect opportunity to support local shops, and we have a feature to guide you through this special day. In school news, we celebrate Springfield High School's recent National Blue Ribbon Award and the exciting teacher grants from the Springfield Area Education Foundation (SAEF), both of which bring pride and promise to our district.

Finally, we are honored to profile Delco Helping Hands, a local charity making a meaningful difference in our area.

Thank you for continuing to be part of this vibrant community. We hope this issue leaves you feeling inspired and connected.



Heather Schumacher

**Content Coordinator** 

#### COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

# **MASTER GARDENERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THEIR 33RD ANNUAL GARDEN CONTEST**

#### By Holly Thorpe

The Thirty-Third Annual Garden Contest held by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Delaware County has concluded another banner year of celebrating gardeners all over this fair county. The Master Gardener judges saw 23 gardens of many sizes, both ornamental and vegetable, and have highlighted a few of them.

Of the residential ornamental gardeners, one standout garden was a beautiful two-acre property in Newtown Square managed by Trish Adams. She and her husband moved from Florida into their lovely mid- century home five years ago and began removing all of the invasive and aggressive plants. On either side of a meandering stream, they planted many native trees and shrubs, such as sycamore and bald cypress, creating habitats for wildlife. Their showcase fenced-in gardens, with an in-ground pool as its centerpiece, are well planted with many pollinators. They won second place in intermediate large ornamental gardens.

Another ornamental garden of a smaller scale is that of Sandra Webberking in Springfield. She has a very exotic and unique garden full of tropicals. It is also a showcase

for the many garden ornaments that she welds together to create tall, whimsical metal flowers and trellis forms. Her garden placed first among intermediate small ornamental gardens. The enclosed vegetable beds at the home of Matthew Braunbeck in Newtown Square won first place this year in the residential intermediate vegetable garden category. Matthew and his two daughters tend a vegetable-raised bed garden using wood repurposed from their home renovation project to form the beds and fence enclosures. They have a variety of vegetables supported by companion herbs and edible pollinator flowers. The daughters love picking something every day for dinners, and they even love weeding the garden!

Tucked away on a street in Chester is Kristina Platt's beautiful urban homestead. Kristina made maximum use of space for an interesting variety of vegetables, fruit trees, and shrubs in the dozen-plus raised beds, containers, and on trellises and fences. In her organic practice, she interplanted companion pollinator plants and herbs amongst the vegetables, introduced beneficial nematodes, and used compost as mulch. Her garden layout





included great succession planning, spacing, and crop rotation, which yielded healthy and abundant crops. Her experimental peanut bush, 8-foot- tall raspberry, and beehive were all a very delightful surprise. This well-executed garden won first place in the advanced vegetable group.

There is a community garden at the Proclamation Presbyterian Church located on Bryn Mawr Avenue. Its congregation includes many gardeners who help with a lovely prayer garden situated in a brick-walled area. It is a very inviting space for meditation and wellness. They have fully planted this shady garden with many small trees, shrubs, and perennials and have lovely seating areas throughout. The garden won first place for intermediate community gardens this year.

The Stratford Friends School on Bishop Hollow Road has begun an amazing school garden filled with a sensory garden and gourds growing on trellis fences. There are

Matthew Braunbeck's Raised Bed Veaetable Garden

> Proclamation Presbyterian Church Prayer Garden

> > Kristina

Garden





colorful raised beds filled with spoon tomatoes and even a hoop house where plants can be started from seed. Their garden won first place in the youth garden category.

Lastly, there is a wonderful demonstration rain garden at the Newtown Square Township Building that won first place in advanced community gardens. Planted three years ago by a team of volunteers, the garden is a most educational space for young and senior gardeners. It shows the viewer how native pollinators can co-exist in a space that needs only the rain that Mother Nature provides. The gardeners also planted a companion garden at the neighboring baseball fields with signage to help viewers understand the plant names and the pollinators attracted to the garden. There is more information about the rain garden in the Newtown Square Library, and the library also sponsors occasional lectures to help residents learn more about the benefits of having their own pollinator rain garden.



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By Thomas Foran, Cellucci Foran Insurance



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"I often get asked, 'When would I need whole life insurance?'" says Mike Cellucci & Tom Foran. "While a term life plan can be a great start for life insurance protection in your 30s and 40s, the best approach is often a blend of term and permanent life insurance that provides lifelong coverage and builds cash value."

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# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT © Best Version Media SHOP SMALL THIS NOVEMBER 30

#### **By Heather Schumacher**

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY: CELEBRATING LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

Every year, on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, communities across the United States come together to celebrate Small Business Saturday. This special day, nestled between the shopping frenzies of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, is dedicated to supporting small, locally-owned businesses that are the backbone of our neighborhoods.

#### **A BRIEF HISTORY**

Small Business Saturday was launched by American Express on November 27, 2010, during the aftermath of the 2007-2008 financial crisis. The goal was simple yet impactful: to encourage holiday shoppers to patronize small, local businesses instead of large retain chains. The initiative quickly gained traction, with local

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officials and community leaders promoting the day. By 2011, the U.S. Senate had passed a resolution officially recognizing Small Business Saturday.

#### WHY IT MATTERS

The importance of Small Business Saturday extends beyond just a single day of shopping. Small businesses are vital to the health of local economies. For every dollar spent at a small business, approximately 67 cents stays within the local community. This means that shopping small not only supports the business owners but also helps fund local schools, parks, and public services.

Moreover, small businesses often provide unique products and personalized services that you won't find at big-box stores. They are the coffee



shops where baristas know your name, the boutiques with one-of-a-kind finds, and the family-owned restaurants serving up recipes passed down through generations.

#### **GOALS AND IMPACT**

The primary goal of Small Business Saturday is to drive more traffic to small businesses during the holiday season, a crucial time for retail. Over the years, the initiative has seen tremendous success. In the decade since its inception, consumers have spent over \$120 billion at small businesses on Small Business Saturday. This surge in spending helps small businesses thrive and grow, creating jobs and fostering a sense of community.

#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Participating in Small Business Saturday is easy and rewarding. Simply choose to shop at local businesses on this day. Spread the word by sharing your experiences on social media using the hashtag #SmallBusinessSaturday. Many small businesses offer special promotions and events to mark the occasion, making it a fun and festive way to kick off your holiday shopping.

By supporting Small Business Saturday, you're not just making a purchase; you're making a difference. So, this November, let's come together to celebrate and support the small businesses across Delaware County that make our communities unique and vibrant.



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# THOUGHTFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS:

### **CUSTOM FRAMING FROM MADAM MITER**

#### By Elaine Jacobs

In the age of online shopping, finding a truly unique and meaningful gift can be challenging. While convenience is at our fingertips, it's worth asking: does quick and easy always align with the spirit of holiday giving? This season, consider gifting something personalized and lasting custom framing from Madam Miter, a one-stop custom frame shop located on Springfield Road in Clifton Heights.

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#### SCHOOL NEWS

# © Best Version Media SPRINGFIELD AREA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION **AWARDS NINE TEACHER GRANTS**

#### By Lisa Smith, SAEF Director of Development and Communications

The Springfield Area Educational Foundation (SAEF) is excited to announce the recipients of nine teacher grants this year. SAEF supports a variety of projects aligned with its mission to enhance educational experiences across all age groups and academic levels.

At the Springfield Literacy Center (SLC), Marie Koethe received funding for additional books for the book swap/ice cream social for 2024 and 2025, and Molly Easton was awarded a grant to host an author assembly through her "Bringing Stories to Life" initiative. LeAnne McGlynn also won support for her "Colors of the World" crayon project.

At Sabold Elementary, Michael Trycieckyj was awarded a grant for a new sound system in the music room, and Alyssa Paolucci received funds for flexible seating options. Stephanie Santella secured funding for CBL refurbishment at both Sabold and Scenic. Springfield High School saw two recipients: Jacqueline Falcone for oil immersion microscopes and Jim Collin for tools and equipment for the Survey of Building Trades course.

SAEF is proud to contribute to these innovative and impactful projects that will enrich the learning experiences of students across the district.

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in the Springfield School District by contributing to the Springfield Area Educational Foundation (SAEF). Contributions fund grants for teachers, allowing them to bring innovative projects and resources to the classroom.

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# MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

#### By Karen Lilly

As fall approached, I began to think about the rich source of music in our schools. I wondered about the benefits of a school music program, particularly here in Springfield. To find out, I interviewed three professionals: Marylee Fairfield, music teacher at Our Lady of Angels in Morton, Jeremy Judd, former music teacher and now principal of Lehman Intermediate School in the East Stroudsburg Area School District, and Mark Stanford, Springfield High School's band director and music teacher.

My main focus was to understand how a school music program impacts students and the community. It's clear that music programs bring people together for events like parades, band and choir concerts, and even orchestra performances, which Springfield offers. However, I was



surprised to learn about the many benefits music provides to schools themselves.

Jeremy Judd highlighted how music fosters school pride and builds a positive culture. Marylee Fairfield noted its impact on classroom listening skills, as students learn to listen closely to others. Mark Stanford added that school bands often represent the school and community at large, enhancing the district's appeal to newcomers. All three agreed that music programs contribute to improved academic performance and test scores, benefiting both students and schools.

Of course, the most significant benefits are for the students. Music can be a niche where students excel, developing pride and success. Mr. Judd spoke about how engaging the brain through music can enhance other areas of learning, while Mrs. Fairfield emphasized how it teaches organizational and problem-solving skills.

As Mr. Stanford and I discussed Springfield's program, I was impressed by its continuity. From general music classes in elementary school to band, orchestra, and chorus in high school, the program builds musicianship over time, while also fostering lasting friendships. The comprehensive curriculum offers students a well-rounded music education, teaching them everything from recognizing melodies to mastering time management and discipline.

Music is a skill, and schools play a crucial role in developing it. Last night, as I sat on my porch, I heard the sound of the Springfield marching band. It was nostalgic, reminding me of home in the Poconos. Thank you, Springfield High School marching band and Mark Stanford—I look forward to hearing more!

For those interested in attending a Springfield School District performance, check the district calendar at ssdcougars.org/district/ district-calendar.

# © Best Version Media SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED **AS NATIONAL BLUE**

#### By Heather Schumacher

Springfield High School recently earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School designation for 2024. This honor is awarded to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic performance or make significant strides in closing achievement gaps among student groups. Recognized for its dedication to creating a vibrant learning environment, Springfield High School stands out for its comprehensive approach to education, fostering both academic excellence and a strong sense of community involvement.

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The award underscores the district's commitment to fostering a growth mindset among students and staff, and its focus on the four pillars of academics, arts, athletics, and service. The achievement places Springfield among an elite group of schools nationwide, celebrating their efforts in providing high-quality education and preparing students for future success.

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The Smith Family: NEIGHBORS BY CHANCE, FRIENDS BY CHOICE

By Heather Schumacher | Photo by Maureen Brant Photography

The Smith family has been part of the Springfield community since 2020. Jason, 42, and Paige, 32, live near Scenic Hills with their two sons, Liam and Owen. Since moving in, they've become active in the neighborhood through their work, their children's sports, and various family activities.

Jason and Paige met at a mutual friend's pool party in Plymouth Meeting and have built their life together over the years. Their family enjoys regular trips to the beach, with Avalon and Stone Harbor among their favorite destinations.

Paige is originally from Pittsburgh and earned a degree in Engineering from West Virginia University. She works as an engineer at Boeing while completing a Master's degree at Johns Hopkins University. Jason, who grew up in Chester County, attended Octorara High School before graduating from both Rider University and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. He now works as a Production Manager and Project Manager at JE Scholtz Millwork. Jason also has a long background in wrestling—he was a PIAA state finalist, competed in NCAA Division I at Rider, and was recently inducted into the PIAA District 1 SE Regional Hall of Fame. He currently coaches wrestling for the Springfield School District.

Their sons, Liam, 5, and Owen, 2, are already involved in sports. Liam participates in wrestling, soccer, baseball, and swimming, while Owen, though still young, has shown an interest in wrestling and enjoys being active. The boys also share a close bond with their extended family, especially their grandfather, Poppy.

The family has faced tragedy as well. Their middle son, Gavin, passed away and would have been 3 years old. They continue to remember and honor him in their daily lives.

Before moving to Springfield, the Smiths lived in Conshohocken but were looking for a more familyfriendly area closer to work. They were drawn to Springfield by its community feel and familyfriendly environment. They now spend time playing outside with neighbors, visiting local parks, and enjoying the pool in the summer. Their neighbors have become a meaningful part of their life in Springfield, with Paige and Jason describing the bond as, "neighbors by chance, friends by choice."

In addition to their work and family responsibilities, Paige volunteers at the Springfield Swim Club, and Jason stays involved in youth sports, coaching wrestling for the Springfield Athletic Association (SAA), soccer with Rose Tree Soccer Club, and baseball for







Drexel Hill Little League. Their involvement in these activities keeps them connected to the community and their children's interests.

At home, the family has two rescue cats, Percy and Clif, who have become part of their household and are popular among their neighbors.

The Smiths also make time for family vacations. They join over 30 relatives for a yearly trip, most recently to Sandbridge, Virginia, and next year they plan to travel to Kiawah Island, South Carolina. They also take regular trips to the Jersey Shore, with Avalon, Stone Harbor, and Cape May among their favorite spots. Through their work, volunteer activities, and time spent together, the Smith family has found Springfield to be a place where they feel connected and at home.

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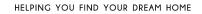


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# **DELCO HELPING HANDS**

#### By Melissa Minor

Delco Helping Hands is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families throughout the Delaware County community. We provide assistance with necessities for babies, children, adults, and even pets. Our team organizes community outreach efforts to help families during holidays and other significant life events. We also offer access to community connections and share local resources via our online forum.

We operate a community pantry in Prospect Park, serving all Delaware County residents on Saturday evenings. Visitors can

# FIRE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

#### By Heather Schumacher

On October 7, 2024, a devastating fire broke out at St. Francis of Assisi School in Springfield, leaving the community in shock and mourning. Though the two alarm fire resulted in significant damage to the historic building, fortunately, no one was injured. Firefighters battled the blaze for several hours.

Springfield's fire and ambulance company's were supported by many neighboring companies including Morton-Rutledge Fire Company, Clifton Heights Fire Company, Collingdale Fire Company, Garrettford-Drexel Hill Fire, Primos-Secane Fire company, Holmes Fire Company Station 43, Bon Air Fire Company, and Middletown Fire Company, Broomall Fire Company, Garden City Fire Company, Rocky Run Fire Company, Manoa Fire Company - Station 56, Swarthmore Fire & Protective Assn. - Station 14, and Rose Tree Fire Company also responded. It was a Delco community effort.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the parishioners, clergy, and all those who have called St. Francis of Assisi home. The loss of such a significant building is not just a loss of bricks and mortar; it represents the end of a chapter filled with memories, celebrations, and community spirit. We stand in solidarity with the parish as they navigate this difficult time, hopeful for the resilience and support that will guide them toward healing and rebuilding.



receive assistance with a variety of non-food items. We offer a baby pantry with diapers and formula, a household pantry stocked with cleaning products and toiletries, menstrual supplies, a teen pantry with hygiene products, and more.

We are incredibly grateful for the community's support through donations. Donations are accepted every Saturday starting at 4 PM. The only items we cannot accept are large furniture and food. Without the generosity of our community, we would not be able to keep our shelves stocked.

Each year, we also host fundraisers to help cover our operational costs. Our next event is Big Prize Bingo, where all prizes are valued at \$100 or more. Tickets are available for \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. If you're interested, feel free to contact us on Facebook at Delco Helping Hands or via email at delcohelpinghands@ gmail.com.



We also love hosting community events. Currently we are preparing for our fourth annual Christmas Giveback. We are currently seeking sponsors who are interested in being matched with a Delaware County family in need of assistance this holiday season.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Delco Helping Hands is that we are a 100% volunteer-run organization. Every individual who contributes behind the scenes also has a fulltime job. Our team consists of an amazing group of women dedicated to making Delaware County a stronger and better place.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join our efforts. If you're interested in giving back or getting involved, please reach out to us!

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Address	Sq. Ft.	Beds	Baths	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market
87 Meetinghouse Lane	1,628	3	2/1	\$565,000	\$565,000	1
551 Maplewood Road	1,316	3	1/1	\$450,000	\$525,000	0
483 Kerr Lane	1,709	3	3	\$275,000	\$372,500	25
1517 Country Club Drive	1,524	2	2	\$180,000	\$180,000	1
230 Harwicke Road	1,436	3	1	\$380,000	\$380,000	6
135 Snyder Lane	2,117	4	3	\$515,000	\$565,000	3
225 Lynbrooke Road	1,925	5	4	\$425,000	\$385,000	15
59 Indian Rock Drive	1,672	3	2	\$469,000	\$492,000	7
1419 Palmer Drive	1,596	2	2	\$430,000	\$441,000	4
100 Shelburne Road	1,580	3	2	\$540,000	\$540,000	5
117 Barbara Drive	1,490	3	2	\$425,000	\$407,500	10
481 Harwicke Road	1,259	3	2	\$460,000	\$500,000	7
207 Sunnybrooke Road	1,899	3	2	\$399,900	\$360,000	24
824 W. Rolling Road	2,222	4	3	\$649,000	\$610,000	91
718 Hilltop Road	1,749	3	2	\$489,000	\$515,000	6

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# CALENDAR

Times, dates and locations are accurate at the time of publication, but be sure to always check before heading to an event, as these things can change.

#### Monday, November 4 Author Visit with Dr. Paul Kahan @Springfield Township Library

Be one of the first to hear author Dr. Paul Kahan speak about his newly released book, *Philadelphia: a Narrative History.* Philadelphia is famous for its colonial and revolutionary buildings and artifacts, drawing millions of tourists annually. But Philadelphia existed long before the Liberty Bell was first rung, and its history extends well beyond the American Revolution. Join historian Paul Kahan on exploring the people, places, and events that make Philadelphia unique: Independence Hall to Eastern State Penitentiary, Benjamin Franklin and Betsy Ross to Cecil B. Moore and Cherelle Parker.

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

#### Saturday, November 9 Bingo Night Bonefitting Delco He

#### **Bingo Night Benefitting Delco Helping Hands** @St. Gabriel's Church, Norwood

BYOB drinks and snacks and join us for this fun night! For more information visit delcohelpinghands.org.

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm, games begin at 7:30pm

Cost: \$30 for advance tickets/\$35 at door

#### Saturday, November 9 Paint & Storytime: Turkey Plate

LITTLE BEES! Toddlers and Kiddies ages 18 months – 5 years old are welcome to come out and make this fun turkey plate for Thanksgiving. First we will paint then we will have Storytime! Project will be available for pick up 10 days after event. This paint is nontoxic and washes out of clothing with just water. \*For toddlers we recommend at least one adult per child to help with craft. Time: 10-11am Cost: \$28

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#### Saturday, November 9 Designer Bag Bingo

@Prospect Park Fire House, 1001 Lincoln Ave. Prospect Park Library presents Designer Bag Bingo! All proceeds benefit the library. Time: Doors open at 6pm, game starts at 7pm Cost: \$30/person

#### Monday, November 11 Veterans day Parade in Media

Come out and support your service men and women with a fun parade down State St.

#### Monday, November 11

Philadelphia Boys Choir Concert @Springfield High School Auditorium Time: 3pm For more information, please visit www.saef.net

#### Tuesday, November 12 LGBTQ+ Book Club

@Springfield Township Library We are a community of adult readers discovering and sharing LGBTQ+ fiction and nonfiction works. Whether you're a longtime advocate or just beginning to explore LGBTQ+ literature, our group is a welcoming space for you to connect with others who share your interests. This book group is designed for adult conversation and will meet on the second Tuesday, of every other month. The book for our November meeting will be *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. Copies are available throughout the Delaware County Library System.

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

#### Thursday, November 14 Game Night

@Media Borough Parlor Room and Porch
We have over 100 games available to play! Come
learn a new game (we have a game tender to
recommend and/or teach!) or play your favorite.
BYO Snacks & Drinks. 301 North Jackson Street
- In the Parlor Room, located off the covered
porch. Looking forward to also making use
of the porch as the weather allows. All ages
welcome.

#### Friday, November 15 YMCA of Eastern Delaware County Impact Celebration

@Drexelbrook Event Center Dress in your favorite 1920s gear while we listen to some great music. This year's honorees are Delco Helping Hands and Hope for Hallie. Time: 6:30-9:30pm

#### Saturday, November 23 Early Evening Owl Prowl

@Tyler Arboretum Join us for an after-hours hike through the Pinetum and some areas outside the deer exclusion fence. Be on the lookout for Great Horned, Screech, and Barred Owls. Less likely but always possible are Saw-whet and Longeared owls. Don't miss this rare chance to listen to owls calling under a starlit sky! For ages 15+. To register, please visit tylerarboretum.org. Time: 5-6:30pm

#### Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

#### Saturday, November 30 Small Business Saturday

#### Wednesday, December 4 Tree Lighting Event

The Annual Springfield Fire Company Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year's tree lighting will include a small parade down Saxer Ave. Time: 5:30pm

#### SHREDDING EVENT SUMMARY

September's shredding event sponsored by Allstate - Mallon Insurance Group, Toscana Gourmet Pizza and Fiorenza's Friends for Food (F4) was a success! Over 2,000 pounds of food was collected and given to St. Mark's Food Pantry in Broomall. Approximately 4,000 pounds of paper was shredded and recycled. Thanks to all who participated!



# © Best Version Media SAF NEWS SPRINGFIELD AREA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INDUCTS ATHLETES IN THE HALL OF FAME

#### By Lisa Smith, SAEF Director of Development and Communications

The Springfield Area Educational Foundation (SAEF) recently inducted four individuals into the Springfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame, while also honoring the 1962 SHS Football team. Congratulations to Lois Carocci (coach), Julianna Jeffers (Class of 2007), Andre Nelson (Class of 2006), and Brad Warner (Class of 1997) for their achievements.

The Hall of Fame, established in 1991 by Skip Werley, Jack Peoples, Joe Stumpf, and Joe O'Brien, was created to honor athletes, coaches, and contributors who have significantly impacted Springfield High School's athletic programs. Since its inception in 1992, 216 individuals and 28 teams have been inducted, recognizing outstanding performances on the field, court, or track, as well as the contributions that have helped sustain SHS athletics over the years.



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#### CORRECTION

In a previous issue, we incorrectly reported that the All Delco Baseball Team was compiled by the Delco Times. The team is actually designated by Delco Baseball Now. To find out more, please visit delcobaseballnow.com.











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