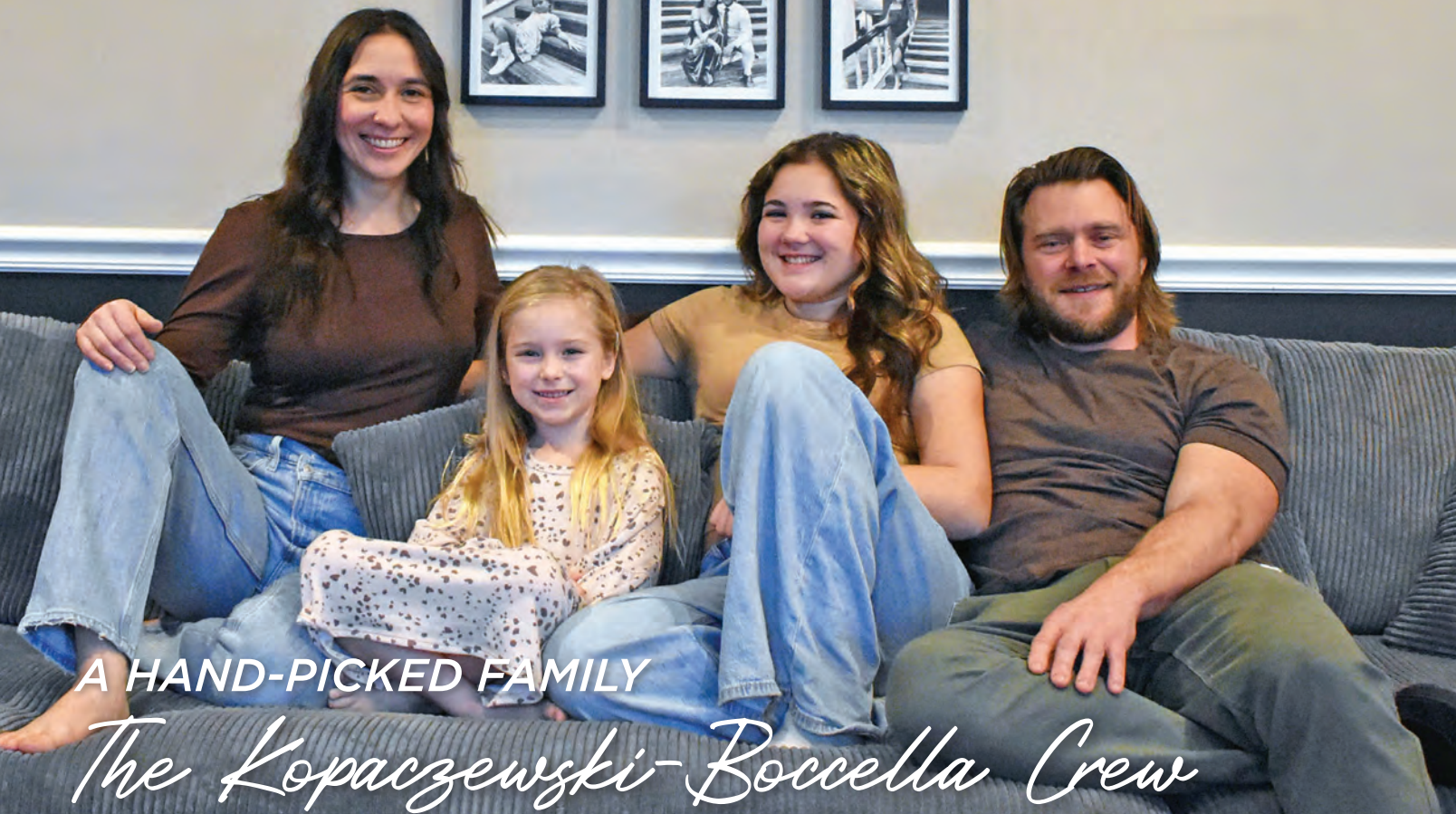


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The Kopaczewski-Boccella Crew

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GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON IS HERE!

Submitted by **Tristan Gansky**
Written by the Girl Scouts of Troop 572

Girl Scout cookie season is here, and Troop 572, a local 4th grade troop, is excited to be back selling everyone's favorite treats through March 8! You can find Girl Scouts selling cookies at booths around our community, in your neighborhood, and online. If you want to find a booth near you, you can use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder at gsep.org.

This year, there's a brand new cookie that our troop – and many customers – are excited about: Exploremores! Inspired by Rocky Road ice cream, this cookie has a delicious mix of flavors and has already become one of our troop's top picks. In fact, when we voted on our favorites, Exploremores tied for first place with Caramel deLites, Thin Mints, and Lemonades. Adventurefuls, Caramel Chocolate Chip, and other classic cookies followed closely behind. Everyone has different tastes, but we can all agree that Girl Scout cookies are yummy!



Photos provided by Troop 572

But selling cookies is about much more than tasty treats. Local troops sell Girl Scout cookies to support their activities. Cookie sales help pay for camping trips, badge work, outdoor adventures, and hands on learning experiences. Selling cookies also teaches us how to set goals, manage money, work as a team, and build leadership skills like responsibility, confidence, and communication.

When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you're not just buying a box of cookies; you're supporting girls as we grow into confident leaders, learn important life skills, and work together toward shared goals. We hope you'll stop by a booth, grab a box from your local Girl Scout, or order online this season. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts and helping make cookie season a success!



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Hello Neighbors!

February has a way of reminding us what matters most. Between the warmth of Valentine's Day and the reflection of Black History Month, this is a month that invites us to look inward, celebrate outward, and appreciate the people and stories that shape our days here in Springfield.

In this issue, we're sharing a beautiful reminder of what it means to choose family with intention. You'll meet Nick Boccella, Jessica Kopaczewski, and their daughters, Abigail and Sabina — a family who "hand picked" one another and quickly found themselves embraced by their new Colonial Park community. Their story is full of humor, adventure, and the kind of neighborly connection that makes Springfield feel like home.

Black History Month offers us another chance to explore the history woven into the world around us. Just beyond our township borders lies Upper Darby's Underground Railroad Walking Tour — a powerful journey through the homes, farms, and meeting places that helped freedom seekers on their path north. You'll also find a curated list of recommended reads to help deepen your learning this month.

This issue also shines a light on the many ways our local students and organizations

closed out 2025 with creativity and generosity. From winter concerts and festive buddy program crafts to handwritten cards delivered across the neighborhood, our schools continue to model community at its best. And don't miss this month's Little Library Challenge — with a new photo and another chance to win the Springfield Swag Bag.

As we look ahead to America's 250th birthday in 2026, Delaware County is gearing up for an ambitious, countywide celebration. Inside, you'll learn how America250PA Delco is working to honor our history and how you — residents, volunteers, and community partners — can be part of it.

Love, history, service, and community — February may be the shortest month of the year, but it never lacks heart.

Wishing you warmth, reflection, and meaningful connections this month.

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GETTING QUOTES FOR A NEW ROOF

By Michael Shaw,
Mikey Shaw Roofing



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While pricing is important, it shouldn't be your only focus.
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Your roof plays a critical role in protecting your home, making it one of its most essential components. When replacement becomes necessary, taking the time to research and select an experienced, properly credentialed contractor is key. Recommendations can come from many places, but it's wise to look beyond a single source before reaching out. Talk with neighbors and relatives about who they hired and how the project went, and consider visiting a local roofing supplier to ask for contractor referrals.

Once you've done that, narrow your options and request quotes from three roofing professionals, preferably those with plenty of experience and great reviews. While pricing is important, it shouldn't be your only focus. Estimates should generally fall within a close range of each other; larger gaps often indicate differences such as scope of work, heavy advertising costs or missing insurance or certifications. Reviewing and comparing the scope of work is one of the most important steps a homeowner can take. Each estimate should spell out the scope of work, including the number of existing shingle layers to be removed, along with specific materials such as the type of plywood if required, ice and water protection, shingle type, ridge ventilation and caps.

To help with your final decision, keep this checklist in mind:

- Discuss scheduling, project length, dumpsters and material deliveries. Communication should stay consistent throughout the job.
- During the estimate, ask about ventilation, insulation, decking condition, flashing and warranties. Ask if the contractor sees any potential issues—they should point them out.
- Ask about manufacturer warranties covering materials and labor. Extended warranties can be costly, but proper installation should always meet code requirements.
- Ask for local references and check out online reviews.
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HBO'S *TASK* PUTS OUR COUNTY ON THE MAP



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By Terrence Casey

Move over, Hollywood! Delco became the capital of the entertainment world in 2025.

HBO's gritty new crime drama *Task*, created by Brad Ingelsby (of *Mare of Easttown* fame), has brought cameras, celebrities, and a whole lot of Delco pride to our township and the surrounding area.

The show stars Mark Ruffalo as Tom Brandis, a former priest-turned-FBI agent leading a task force to stop a string of violent robberies in the Philadelphia suburbs. And where does this troubled hero live? Right here in Springfield (or Broomall, close enough for us to claim.)

From the very first episode, *Task* makes it clear that this isn't just another generic crime show. It's a love letter to Delaware County. "Before you're even three minutes in, you see Mark Ruffalo driving along listening to KYW Newsradio's 'Traffic on the Twos' report about a stolen car on the Blue Route just before Springfield," wrote Stephanie Farr in

The Philadelphia Inquirer. That's right; our local traffic woes are now part of HBO canon.

The show's creator, Brad Ingelsby, grew up in Chester County and has a deep affection for the region. "The sense of duty and family I observed growing up in Delaware County has become a subject I'm very passionate about," Ingelsby told *Time Out*. "I like writing characters and stories set in this region of Pennsylvania... it's in the blood in my veins."

Local landmarks pop up throughout the series, giving eagle-eyed viewers plenty to spot. In episode two, Ruffalo's character grabs a hoagie from A Cut Above Deli in Newtown Square. Later, characters stop by Barnaby's — now Ridley House — on MacDade Boulevard. Even Rita's Italian Ice in Collingdale gets a cameo, with Ruffalo's adopted daughter working behind the counter.

And while Springfield hasn't hosted a major shoot (yet), its name and spirit are woven into the show's

fabric. The Blue Route mention, the accents, the roast pork sandwiches with horseradish — it's all unmistakably Delco. Ruffalo himself called the Delco accent "the craziest dialect I've ever heard," adding, "It's like the north meets the south, with a mid-Atlantic twist" in an interview with *Entertainment Tonight*.

The show's authenticity is no accident. Ingelsby and his team filmed across Delaware County, including Ridley, Aston, Upper Chichester, Marcus Hook, and Media. Courtroom scenes were shot at the Delaware County Courthouse, and outdoor sequences took place in Ridley Creek State Park.

For Springfield residents, *Task* is more than just a binge-worthy drama; it's a chance to see our community reflected on screen. Whether it's the familiar roads, the accents, or the local haunts, the show captures the heart of Delco life with grit and grace.

So next time you tune in to HBO, keep an eye out. You might just see a piece of Springfield — and a whole lot of Delaware County — stealing the scene.

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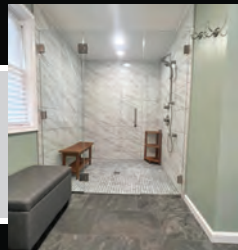
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THIS VALENTINE'S DAY, SHOW YOUR PET SOME LOVE

By Dr. Timothy Mann,
Springfield Vet



Valentine's Day isn't just about romantic dinners and heart-shaped chocolates; it's also a perfect moment to celebrate the unconditional love we receive from our pets. Whether they greet us with a wagging tail, a gentle purr, or a curious flick of the tongue, our animal companions enrich our lives every single day. This February 14th, consider sharing the love right back with a few thoughtful gestures tailored to your pet's needs and personality.

1. GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH

Nothing says "I love you" like making sure your pet is healthy and comfortable. If your pet hasn't had a wellness exam in the past year, Valentine's Day is a great reminder to schedule one. Annual checkups allow us to detect potential issues early: dental disease, arthritis, weight changes, or underlying conditions that aren't always obvious at home. For senior pets or those with chronic illnesses, twice-yearly visits may be recommended. A healthy pet is a happy pet, and preventive care is one of the greatest acts of love you can offer.

2. TREATS (IN THE RIGHT AMOUNTS)

While humans enjoy chocolate on Valentine's Day, our pets should definitely steer clear of it. Instead, treat them to something safe and species-appropriate. Dogs often love freeze-dried meats, peanut-butter-based treats (xylitol-free, of course!), or a puzzle toy filled with kibble. Cats may enjoy lickable purées or catnip-infused toys. The key: moderation. Just like us, pets can overdo it on the indulgences.

3. QUALITY TIME: THE ULTIMATE LOVE LANGUAGE

Your companionship is your pet's favorite gift. Take your dog on an extra-long walk, settle in for a dedicated play session with your cat's favorite wand toy, or better yet, snuggle up on the sofa with your cat and dog to enjoy a movie (might we suggest *Homeward Bound*)! Give your pet the gift of your time doing their favorite things.

4. ENRICHMENT THAT COMES FROM THE HEART

Consider adding something that brings joy year-round. A new scratching post, a chew-resistant toy, a comfy bed, interactive feeder or toy, there are so many options when it comes to spoiling our 4 legged friends!

5. CAPTURE THE MEMORIES

Lastly, use the day as an excuse for a mini photo session. These small snapshots of love become treasured keepsakes as the years go by. Share your memories with us on social media by using #springfieldvetcares so we can see your fur babies this Valentines Day!

This Valentine's Day, celebrate the bond you share. After all, the purest love often comes covered in fur!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN DELAWARE COUNTY

By Terrence Casey

EXPLORING UPPER DARBY'S UNDERGROUND RAILROAD WALKING TOUR

Just minutes beyond Springfield lies a remarkable concentration of sites connected to one of the most courageous chapters in American history: the Underground Railroad.

Today, residents can explore this legacy through Upper Darby's self guided Underground Railroad Walking Tour, a reflective journey across places where enslaved men, women, and children once sought freedom with the help of brave local abolitionists.

The walking tour highlights the deep abolitionist roots of the area, especially among the Garrett, Sellers, Rhoads, and Pennock families — names that appear again and again in the historical record. These families were part of a broad Quaker network in Delaware County actively resisting slavery long before the Civil War.

Many belonged to the Pennsylvania Anti Slavery Society and supported the free produce movement, which encouraged boycotting goods made by enslaved labor.

One of the first stops on the tour is Thornfield, a key Underground Railroad station at 3218 Garrett Road. Owned over time by several members of the Garrett family, Thornfield played a vital role as freedom seekers traveled north. The house served as a link in a chain that extended from Wilmington — where famed abolitionist Thomas Garrett Jr. helped an estimated 2,700 people escape slavery — to stations throughout Upper Darby.

Not far away sits the former site of Riverview House,

the birthplace of Thomas Garrett Jr. Built in the late 18th century, the home later sheltered fugitives on their way toward freedom. In an 1858 letter, Garrett described sending a woman and her seven children — Ann Maria Jackson and her family — to relatives in Upper Darby after their dramatic escape from Maryland.

The tour also includes Hoodland, now home to Sellers Library, once the residence of Abraham and Elizabeth Pennock. Abraham Pennock was a leader in the Pennsylvania Anti Slavery Society and editor of *The Non Slaveholder*, a periodical advocating a boycott of slave produced goods. His home became a gathering place for prominent abolitionists, including poets John Greenleaf Whittier and James Russell Lowell.



ARRIVAL FROM MARYLAND, 1859.
ANN MARIA JACKSON AND HER SEVEN CHILDREN—MARY ANN, WILLIAM HENRY, FRANCIS BARRISA, WILHELMINA, JOHN EDWIN, ERENEZER THOMAS, AND WILLIAM ALBERT.



Photos are courtesy of Upper Darby Township.

Thomas Garrett Jr.'s hat. Nearby, Sellers Hall, one of the oldest buildings in Delaware County, was once a station where as many as 30 freedom seekers found shelter at a single time.

The final stop brings visitors to Friends Southwestern Burial Ground, resting place of several key abolitionists whose homes and farms appear throughout the tour. This quiet cemetery ties together the personal histories of those who risked so much in service of freedom.

To plan your visit and access maps, background materials, and site descriptions, go to www.upperdarby.org.

RECOMMENDED READS DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The following recommendations were made by Delaware County Council and the county library system in 2024:

- *Mae Among the Stars*, by **Roda Ahmed**
- *The Crossover*, by **Kwame Alexander**
- *Trombone Shorty*, by **Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews**
- *Mighty Justice*, by **Dovey Johnson Roundtree and Katie McCabe; adapted by Jabari Asim**
- *Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb*, by **Veronica Chambers**
- *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams*, by **Lesia Cline-Ransome**
- *Jackie Ormes: The First African American Woman Cartoonist*, by **Nancy Goldstein**
- *Hidden Figures*, by **Margot Lee Shetterly**
- *Gil Scott-Heron: Pieces of a Man*, by **Marcus Baram**
- *Voices in the Mirror: An Autobiography*, by **Gordon Parks**
- *The Measure of a Man*, by **Sidney Poitier**
- Books by **Jason Reynolds**
- *Nigeria Jones*, by **Ibi Zoboi**
- *Open Wide the Freedom Gates*, by **Dorothy Height**
- *Langston Hughes*, edited by **Arnold Rampersad and David Roessel**
- *The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South*, by **Michael W. Twitty**
- *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*, by **Kadir Nelson**
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DELCO250: A COUNTYWIDE CELEBRATION 250 YEARS IN THE MAKING

By Terrence Casey

As the United States prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of its founding, Delaware County is stepping forward in a big way. The national Semiquincentennial – guided by the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and its America250 Foundation – has been underway since 2020 and will culminate on July 4, 2026.

In Pennsylvania, the statewide America250PA Commission is working to make the milestone “EPIC”: *Educate, Preserve, Innovate, Celebrate*. Here in Delco, the local effort – America250PADelco – is bringing that vision to life with a mission to ignite imaginations, celebrate diverse stories, inspire service, and highlight 250 years of American history through Delco’s unique lens. Their goal is simple but ambitious: ensure that everyone who lives or works in Delaware County can find meaningful ways to participate and feel pride in being part of this historic moment.

Delco has always played an outsized role in the American story. William Penn first landed here in 1682, establishing our county as “Where Pennsylvania Began.” Today, the traditions of civic engagement and community spirit are still vibrant, – found in historic sites, bustling main streets, cultural institutions, natural spaces, and the everyday experiences that make Delco home. America250PADelco hopes to amplify that spirit through programs, partnerships, and celebrations that will resonate long after 2026.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A major part of the Semiquincentennial effort is mobilizing residents to serve their community. Through Delco Volunteers, all local nonprofits, groups, municipalities, and schools can register for a free Golden License and post 2026 volunteer opportunities. The county-wide call to service aims to inspire “We the People of Delco” to engage with our shared history, improve civic spaces, and work together to ensure we remain *DelcoStrong for 250 More Years*.



Photo provided by America250PADelco

Organizations can also become Community Program Partners, co-creating this county-wide celebration. Whether it’s a parade, performance, exhibition, reenactment, day of service, tree planting, or neighborhood cleanup – any program with a tie to the 250th is welcome. Partners receive county-wide marketing support, new collaborative connections, fundraising guidance, website visibility, and the opportunity to be selected as a signature America250PADelco project.

America250PADelco is creating space for every resident to join in – honoring our past, celebrating our present, and building a stronger future together.



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A HANDPICKED FAMILY

The Kopaczewski-Boccella Crew of Colonial Park

By Terrence Casey | Photos by Terrence Casey and submitted by the Kopaczewski-Boccella family

When Nick Boccella, Jessica Kopaczewski, and their daughters, Abigail and Sabina, moved into Colonial Park over the Fourth of July weekend, they were searching for a place where two households could blend into one. What they found, Jessica said, was far more than a new address.

"We felt blessed," she said. "We had been so warmly welcomed by the neighborhood." In just a few months, the family became a bright, enthusiastic presence on their block, building connections, jumping into community events, and hosting their first neighborhood food drive.

A FAMILY THAT HAND-PICKED EACH OTHER

Nick and Jessica's story began with a mutual choice. "We hand-picked each other," Jessica said. Their first date, in Media, set the tone for their future together: easy conversation, shared curiosity, and a memorable octopus entrée. Since then, their greatest memory together had been an Iceland camping and road trip adventure — an experience that strengthened their love of both the rugged outdoors and each other.

CAREERS BUILT WITH SKILL, CARE, AND LEADERSHIP

Nick has spent more than 13 years in the carpenters' union. When he isn't on a job site, he enjoys gaming, lifting weights, or tending to the family's flock of

four chickens: Nugget, Blondie, Cruella, and the unforgettable Hennifer Lopez. Two are Ameraucanas and two are Rustic Rocks.

Jessica manages multiple dental practices throughout the tri-state area. Outside of work, she leans into creativity wherever she can find it: painting, crafting, gardening, hosting gatherings, and catching live music. Her enthusiasm for making things beautiful and welcoming permeates their home life.

ABIGAIL AND SABINA: ARTISTS, DANCERS, AND ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNERS

Thirteen-year-old Abigail is a seventh grader at ETR. Dance has been part of her life for a decade, and she continues to pour her heart into it at Ms. Carmela's studio. She is also active in theater through ETR and the CCC Shines Program, extending her love of performing into new artistic forms. Her sketchbooks are rarely far from reach; drawing remains one of her favorite outlets.

Seven-year-old Sabina, a first grader at SLC, began her first year of dance at the same studio as her sister. Like Abby, she loves to draw, often sitting beside her sister with pencils and markers spread across the table. She also enjoys school, with a special excitement for math, and eagerly practices new concepts at home.



JUMPING INTO COMMUNITY LIFE

Despite being new to Colonial Park, the family immediately embraced community life. They participated in the Dutton block party, volunteered with their daughters' schools, helped with Home & School events, and created one of the standout trunks at this year's Trunk or Treat at SLC. Their first neighborhood food drive, held this past season, became a meaningful experience they hoped to repeat annually.

They quickly saw that Colonial Park offered exactly what they had hoped for. "It felt like Pleasantville back there," Nick said. "Super warm, welcoming, and kind." October's block party was a defining moment — an event that cemented friendships and made the neighborhood feel deeply like home.

A SILLY, LOUD, JOYFUL HOME

Step inside their home on a weekend, and you might hear laughter before you even reach the door. "We were a super silly family," Jessica said. "Lots of loudness and laughing." They prioritized open communication, compassion, and a shared commitment to creating a happy, healthy home. Weekends were packed with family activities, local events, and mini adventures — anything that allows them to enjoy time together.

TRAVELERS AT HEART—WITH MAGICAL MEMORIES FRESH IN HAND

Travel remains one of the family’s favorite ways to connect. Jessica had explored much of the U.S., Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe, and she had been excited to show more of the world to Nick and the girls. She tended to prefer tropical destinations, while Nick gravitated toward the cold – a dynamic that made choosing trips an adventure.

Theme parks became a family trend recently. This past summer, they attended a wedding at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville and made the most of the expansive water park. They also camped at Frontier Town in Maryland, where the highlight for the girls – unsurprisingly – was renting a golf cart.

And this winter brought a particularly magical experience: the girls had opened their Christmas surprise and learned they were going to Disney World.

A WARM WELCOME—AND AN OPEN INVITATION

Jessica summed up their family’s openness and enthusiasm simply: “We loved to make new friends and get involved, so say hi!” Whether at school events, neighborhood gatherings, or out in the yard with the chickens, this is a family eager to bring warmth wherever they go.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Compiled by Terrence Casey

Editor's Note: Springfield Neighbors always welcomes community news submissions. Share your school events, neighborhood updates, and standout moments by emailing terrencecasey@bestversionmedia.com.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS LITTLE LIBRARY?

Congratulations to Donna Neary, who correctly identified the location of last month's Little Library, at Rolling Road and Leamy Ave. Now it's time for a new challenge!

Each month, *Springfield Neighbors* features a photo of a different Little Free Library hidden somewhere in our township. These charming book-sharing boxes are popping up in front yards, near parks, and along quiet streets, and we want you to find them!

Take a close look at this month's photo. Do you recognize the setting? If you think you know where this Little Library lives, email your guess to terrencecasey@bestversionmedia.com. The first correct response will win next month's Springfield Swag Bag (est. value \$20), packed with goodies from local shops and restaurants.



Photo by Terrence Casey



Photos by Brian Kenyon

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WINTER PERFORMANCES SHINE IN SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS

December brought a full slate of seasonal performances to Springfield School District. Pictured below: Scenic Hill Elementary's third graders presented their Winter Sing, and the school's band and orchestra performed their winter concert. The Springfield Literacy Center also hosted its cheerful Winter Sing, showcasing young students' voices and enthusiasm.



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ST. FRANCIS STUDENTS DELIVER LUNCH TO SPRINGFIELD POLICE



Courtesy of Springfield Police Department

Springfield Police received a welcome surprise when St. Francis of Assisi School students stopped by with lunch as a gesture of appreciation for local officers.

ETR BUDDIES SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

The ETR Buddies Club brought joy to Springfield neighbors before the holidays, delivering more than 75 handwritten cards they spent weeks creating. Club members enjoyed a bright December day sharing kindness and strengthening community connections.



Courtesy of Springfield School District

ST. DOROTHY STUDENTS CRAFT ANGELS TOGETHER

St. Dorothy School second graders teamed up with their seventh grade buddies for a festive craft session, creating handmade angels and enjoying time together as part of the school's buddy program.



Courtesy of St. Dorothy School

CARDINAL O'HARA HONORS INCOMING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Courtesy of Cardinal O'Hara High School

Cardinal O'Hara High School recognized academic scholarship recipients from the incoming Class of 2030 during a ceremony at The Ballroom at Ellis Preserve. Students and their families heard remarks from school leaders, senior Matthew Chin, and alumna Meredith Hannigan '21, now a nurse at Paoli Hospital. Hannigan highlighted how O'Hara graduates use their education to improve lives and "bring about change in just about every area."

TRASH TRUCK FIRE HIGHLIGHTS BATTERY SAFETY

Springfield Fire Company responded to a trash truck fire on the 300 block of Rambling Way after the township recycling crew's load of cardboard ignited. Fire officials determined that an improperly disposed lithium ion battery caused the blaze. No injuries were reported. Residents are reminded that batteries are hazardous waste and should never be placed in regular trash or recycling.



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February 6-14

And Then There Were None

Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island with dark secrets that seal their fates.

Run Time: 2 hours with a 15 minute intermission

@Players Club of Swarthmore

Details: pcstheater.org

February 6

Ballet of Lights: Cinderella in a Sparkling Show

A glow in the dark reimagining of the classic Cinderella story performed by illuminated dancers in a magical, immersive ballet experience.

Time: 9:00 pm

@Media Theatre

Details: feverup.com

February 7

Nature Knits Workshop Series

Create your own naturally dyed scarf using colors from vegetable scraps like onion skins and avocado pits. All materials supplied.

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge

Details: fws.gov

February 7

Candlelight: 90s Unplugged

A candlelit string quartet tribute to iconic 1990s rock and alternative hits.

Time: 6:45 pm

@Media Theatre

Details: feverup.com

February 7

Candlelight: Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons

Experience hits from two arena rock giants in a glowing, intimate candlelight performance.

Time: 8:45 pm

@Media Theatre

Details: feverup.com

February 8

Candlelight: Tribute to Whitney Houston on Strings

A luminous string quartet performance

featuring the greatest hits of Whitney Houston.

Time: 6:45 pm

@Media Theatre

Details: feverup.com

February 12

Swinging Night: LIVE MUSIC with Joe Smith and His Little Big Band

Put on your dancing shoes for an evening of classic big band favorites from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, and more.

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

@Springfield Township Library

Details: delcolibraries.libcal.com

February 13

Afternoon Movie: The Greatest Showman

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

@Springfield Township Library

Details: delcolibraries.libcal.com

February 13

Cupid's Arrow Archery

Learn archery basics at this free program led by certified instructors. Open to all, including kids age 8 and up. No equipment or registration required.

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge

Details: fws.gov

February 14

Valentine's Day Story Time (Ages 0-4)

Enjoy Valentine themed stories, crafts, and games designed for little ones.

Time: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

Valentine's Day Story Time (Ages 5+)

A session for older children featuring themed stories, hands on crafts, and festive games.

Time: 11:00 am – 11:45 am

@Springfield Township Library

Details: delcolibraries.libcal.com

February 14

Stewardship Saturday - Volunteers Needed!

Join experienced Weed Warriors to remove invasive plants or help plant natives to improve wildlife habitat. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge

Details: fws.gov

February 21-23

Friends of Springfield Library Book Sale

A three day community sale featuring fiction, nonfiction, children's books, and more—plus Monday's bargain "bag sale."

Times:

• Feb 21 (Sat): 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

• Feb 22 (Sun): 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

• Feb 23 (Mon): 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

@Springfield Township Library

Details: delcolibraries.libcal.com

February 21 - March 1

Rapunzel! Rapunzel!

A Very Hairy Fairy Tale

Visit an enchanted fairy tale land filled with dragons, a charming prince, an evil would be queen, a talented hair stylist, and of course the princess with very, very long hair.

Time: 60 minutes

@Players Club of Swarthmore

Details: pcstheater.org

February 24

Dracula's Relevance and Influence in the 21st Century

Explore Dracula's ties to Victorian fears and discover why the vampire myth continues to resonate in modern culture.

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

@Springfield Township Library

Details: delcolibraries.libcal.com

February 27

Candlelight: Best of Bridgerton on Strings

A romantic candlelit evening featuring music from the beloved Netflix series performed by a live string ensemble.

Time: 6:45 pm

@Media Theatre

Details: feverup.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 2
Groundhog Day

Saturday, February 14
Valentine's Day

Monday, February 16
Presidents' Day / Washington's Birthday

February 27

Candlelight: Queen vs. ABBA

A candlelit showdown celebrating the greatest hits of two iconic pop powerhouses.

Time: 8:45 pm

@Media Theatre

Details: feverup.com

February 27-28

Get The Led Out – Two Epic Nights of Zeppelin!

A high energy, studio faithful recreation of Led Zeppelin's music performed by veteran musicians delivering the depth, intensity, and layered sound of the original recordings.

Time: (Times vary by evening; listed as a two night engagement)

@Lansdowne Theater

Details: thelansdownetheater.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Harlem Wizards to Take On Springfield Teachers in March 6 Showdown

High-flying hoops and family-friendly fun are headed to town as the Harlem Wizards face off against Springfield teachers at 7 p.m. on March 6 in the Springfield High School blue gym.

More than a fundraiser, the annual Wizards vs. Teachers game delivers a full night of entertainment. Basketball fans can expect the Wizards' trademark mix of slick ball-handling, teamwork, alley oops and gravity defying slams. Even non-basketball lovers will find plenty to enjoy: the event blends comedy, theater, and crowd interaction, creating an atmosphere filled with oohs and aahs, laughter, and nonstop energy.

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565 Kirk Rd	1,716	4	2/0	3	\$575,000	\$610,000	12/03/2025
1579 Country Club Dr	1,596	2	2/0	2	\$430,000	\$455,000	12/04/2025
2605 Red Oak Cir	1,192	2	1/1	34	\$314,900	\$292,000	12/04/2025
864 North Ave	1,110	2	1/0	12	\$380,000	\$370,000	12/04/2025
145 Wood Rd	1,617	3	2	5	\$424,900	\$450,000	12/05/2025
504 Minshall Rd	1,748	3	3	4	\$599,999	\$610,000	12/08/2025
70 Meetinghouse Ln	1,328	3	1/1	3	\$449,999	\$480,000	12/09/2025
72 Colonial Park Dr	1,568	3	2	13	\$500,000	\$500,000	12/09/2025
730 Dutton Cir	1,600	3	1/1	5	\$475,000	\$475,000	12/09/2025
247 Orchard Rd	1,727	3	1/2	15	\$454,900	\$415,000	12/11/2025
232 S Highland Rd	1,226	3	1/1	61	\$475,000	\$400,000	12/12/2025
165 Summit Rd	3,269	6	3/1	1	\$850,000	\$815,000	12/17/2025
530 Hempstead Rd	1,817	4	2/0	101	\$499,000	\$450,000	12/18/2025
1521 Snead Grn	2,324	2	2/1	5	\$549,900	\$560,000	12/19/2025
608 Old School House Dr	1,720	4	3	3	\$599,999	\$650,000	12/19/2025
623 Old School House Drive	2,066	4	3/1	23	\$550,000	\$450,000	12/19/2025
89 Saxer Ave	1,504	3	2/1	50	\$439,900	\$323,000	12/19/2025
1366 Nicklaus Dr	1,419	2	2/0	95	\$419,900	\$403,000	12/23/2025
140 N Rolling Rd	6,365	6	4/0	74	\$975,000	\$800,000	12/23/2025
937 Greenbriar Ln	1,256	3	1/1	11	\$415,000	\$415,000	12/23/2025
338 Wayne Ave	1,400	3	2	3	\$495,000	\$517,000	12/29/2025

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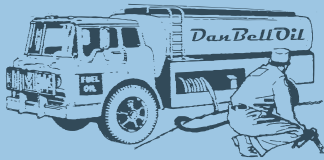
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