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**NOW
OPEN!**

Let's Play at the Park!

Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis and Pickleball Courts are NOW OPEN!

The Village of East Palestine is excited to announce that the brand-new sports courts at East Palestine Park are now open and ready for play! This marks a major milestone in the community's ambitious \$25 million multi-phase park revitalization project.

Village leaders have emphasized that these improvements are about more than just amenities – they represent an investment in quality of life, community spirit and economic opportunity.

"We are looking forward to hosting community events here and the everyday joy the park upgrades will bring to our residents," said Village Manager **Antonio Diaz-Guy**.

Residents are encouraged to stop by the park and be among the first to enjoy the newly finished courts.



Community Events CALENDAR

We have some exciting events coming up this fall.

■ Fall Tasting

Saturday, September 27

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

East Palestine Memorial Public Library

Sponsored by Friends of the East Palestine

Memorial Public Library

From snacks to desserts to finger foods. Please join us and bring your recipe and some to share!

■ Apple Butter Days

Saturday, October 11

6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Log Cabin

Sponsored by the East Palestine Area

Historical Society

Enjoy craft vendors, a community yard sale, civil war campsite and reenactors, fun and food.

■ EP Eagles #1506 \$1000 Reverse Raffle

Saturday, October 18

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

320 E. Taggart St.

Sponsored by the East Palestine Eagles #1506

Open to the public. Only 100 tickets available at \$20 per ticket. DJ/Karaoke Mike Johnston and other games of chance available.

■ EPFD 150th Year Celebration

Saturday, October 18

12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Clark Street Fire Station

Sponsored by the East Palestine Fire Department

Free event with bounce houses, chance auction, trunk or treat, face painting, DJ, kids crafts, scavenger hunt and more!

Food truck fare also onsite and available for purchase.



The Village of East Palestine is gearing up for an exciting new community tradition this fall. Village Manager **Antonio Diaz-Guy** has issued a challenge to residents and business owners -- let's transform East Palestine into "Halloweentown"!

The goal is to create a festive, family-friendly atmosphere that celebrates the beauty of autumn and the fun of Halloween. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their homes, yards and storefronts with pumpkins, lights, scarecrows and all things spooky and creative. Imagine entire streets glowing with fall color, perfect for evening walks, family photos and visits from out-of-town guests.

"We want East Palestine to become a destination this season," Diaz-Guy said. "If we start early, our whole community can shine as a Halloween wonderland."

The project is more than just fun decorations – it's about building community spirit and giving families a reason to explore and celebrate together. For some added fun, we will hold a community contest. (See details below). Residents are also invited to share their decorating plans on social media using #EastPalestineHalloweentown to showcase their creativity and inspire others.

So, grab your pumpkins, string up some lights and dust off those spooky decorations. Let's get started and show everyone just how magical fall in East Palestine can be!



HOW IT WORKS

- Have your decorations up by **October 15th**
- Snap a photo of your decorated home/yard/storefront
- Submit your photo online <https://epohio.org/halloweentown/>



CATEGORIES

- **Council's Favorite** – overall choice of Village Council
- **Scariest** – spine-tingling décor
- **Funniest** – decorations that make us laugh
- **Most Creative** – unique, out-of-the-box displays



PRIZES

Winners will be reviewed and selected by Village Council, Village Manager, and the Mayor by majority vote and announced at the October 27th Council Meeting. Prizes include:

- **\$50 Amex Card**
- **Yard signs for bragging rights**
- **Feature spotlight in the community newsletter and on social media**

More details will be posted soon on the Village's Facebook page – stay tuned!

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

The Golden Spa LLC

A Bright New Spot for Pets in East Palestine

When **Kari Breick** opened The Golden Spa LLC in East Palestine this summer, she brought with her more than ten years of experience in veterinary care and a lifelong love of animals. Located on State Route 14, her new grooming salon is quickly becoming a go-to destination for local pet parents.

Kari's journey began with grooming school in 2011, followed by an associate's degree in veterinary assisting. She worked in general practice and emergency veterinary care before deciding to create a space that allowed her to focus on joy. "After ten years in the veterinary field, you get mentally and emotionally drained from the hard moments," she shared. "I wanted something happy – something that let me pamper animals and make their families smile."

The Golden Spa offers full-service grooming for dogs, cats and even exotic pets. Kari recalls her very first client being a bearded dragon in need of a nail trim. Services include baths, trims, shave downs for long-haired cats, nail caps, ear cleaning, anal gland care and even fun

extras such as safe, non-toxic pet hair dye and nail art.

The name of the spa has special meaning. "The name actually came from my Golden that I rescued, Willow," Kari said. "She only has three legs, and her story touched my heart. I wanted her to continue with me in this journey – which is why her face is on our billboard as a cartoon."


Kari runs the business with a small, friendly staff and hopes to expand its services in the future. "My ultimate goal is to add a doggy daycare, so pets have a safe and happy place to stay while their owners are at work," she noted.

Her background in veterinary medicine is what sets The Golden Spa apart. "When you bring your pet here, you're not just getting care – you're getting exceptional care," Kari emphasized. "I know the ins and outs of behavior and medical issues, and I make sure pets are treated safely and compassionately."

Kari is also committed to community involvement, from sponsoring her son's bantam football team to donating



baskets for local events. "I want to see East Palestine thrive with more small businesses, restaurants and shops," she said. "We deserve to be known for our community spirit."

- Call (234) 396-0964 to make an appointment.
- Follow them on Facebook.  [Golden Spa LLC](#)
- [Online booking](#) is also available.

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Kari Breick



Breakfast is Served

A Bulldog Tribute to Our Senior Community

We would be honored to have you join us for a special Senior Citizen Breakfast on **Thursday, October 23**, in the East Palestine Elementary Cafeteria.

This event is our way of celebrating you and all you mean to our community. It's a chance to share in our Bulldog Pride, meet our wonderful students, and hear important updates from Superintendent, **Dr. James Rook**. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m., and we'll wrap up by 11:00 a.m. The E-6 entrance on West Grant Street (marked "Media Center / Cafeteria") will be open for you. This timing is precise due to the use of our cafeteria for breakfast and lunch for our students.

To ensure we can accommodate everyone, please let us know if you plan to attend. Please call us at **(330) 426-5302** or email allison.oltmann@myepschools.org.

We are so excited to host you and share this special morning together full of Bulldog Pride!



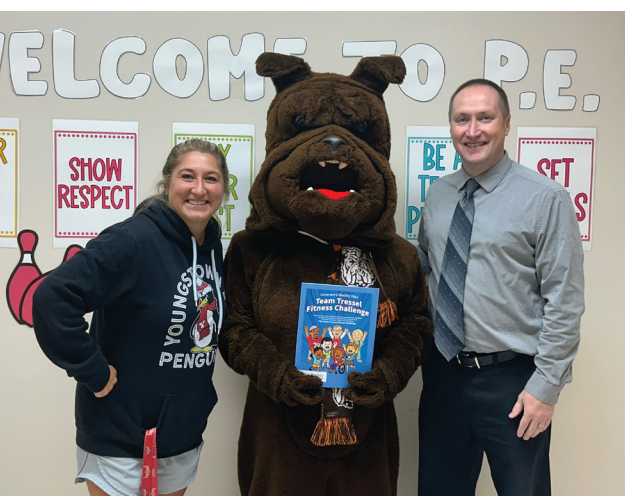
A New Chapter at EPHS

Introducing Project EP

The East Palestine School District is excited to announce a new course at East Palestine High School: Project EP. This is a project-based, student-led class designed to give our students hands-on experience in leadership and entrepreneurship.

Project EP challenges students to identify opportunities and create solutions that can make a positive impact within the school district and in our community. The goal is to develop real-world business skills while fostering a sense of civic responsibility and innovation. This course is a chance for our students to turn their ideas into action and contribute to the future.

We can't wait to see what our students accomplish. Look for updates on their projects in future issues!



PE Teacher Mrs. Franklin and EPES Principal Mr. Clunen

EP Joins the Team Tressel Fitness Challenge

East Palestine Elementary School's fourth-grade students are getting a head start on healthy habits by participating in the Team Tressel Fitness Challenge, a new statewide initiative for Ohio students in grades 4 through 8. Led by Ohio Lieutenant Governor **Jim Tressel**, the program focuses on building lifelong routines in three core areas: fitness, nutrition and sleep.

The Team Tressel Fitness Challenge is a 90-day program designed to help students set and achieve personal wellness goals. Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, it encourages kids to find activities they enjoy. Students progress through three levels – Bronze, Silver, and Gold – by setting goals in each of the core areas. Participants are required to practice their goals for 60 of the 90 days. The challenge provides a workbook with reflection pages and tips to help students track their progress and stay motivated. The ultimate goal is not to compete against others but to build a healthy routine they can maintain throughout their lives.

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Have you been missing your monthly issue of *East Palestine Progress*? It now is only printed quarterly, in January, April, July and October. To receive the monthly digital issue in your email in between print editions, you need to subscribe.

We hope you have enjoyed reading the positive news and information we have shared about our community.

Please subscribe via the link below and continue reading articles to stay up to date on all the issues affecting the village.

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