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NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN EAST PALESTINE

A New Sweet Shop Opens Where Previous Dogs on The Run was Located:

Located at **15 South Market Street**, The Arctic Circle Shaved Ice and More has quickly become a vibrant addition to East Palestine's growing small-business community. This locally owned food service brings a refreshing mix of **shaved ice, Perry's Ice Cream, specialty drinks, freeze-dried treats, hot foods, and nostalgic candies**, offering residents and visitors a fun, flavorful stop right in the heart of town.

Known for its friendly service and creative menu, The Arctic Circle continues to expand their offerings to meet customer demand. Their most recent addition, **freshly prepared wings**, has already generated excitement among regulars. With each new item, the business adds even more variety to the local food scene. For added convenience, customers can also enjoy their favorites delivered straight to their door through **DoorDash**.

After a successful soft launch on New Year's Eve, 2025, The Arctic Circle Shaved Ice & More is preparing for their official grand opening on May 1, 2026. The business is currently open daily from 11AM- 8PM, welcoming guests to stop inside, and enjoy a treat that brings a little extra brightness to the day.





UNITED STATES POST OFFICE MURAL



During the Depression of 1934-1943, The Procurement Division of the United States Department of Treasury commissioned murals in post office buildings across the country as part of the New Deal. The objective was to secure artwork that met high artistic standards for public buildings, so art could be accessible to all people. These murals were intended to boost the morale of the American people suffering the effects from the Depression and ensured jobs during a time of people being out of work.

East Palestine's post office has one of these murals above the Postmaster's office- created by **Rolf Stoll** (born in 1892 in Heidelberg, Germany and passed away in Florida of 1978). Stoll moved to the United States in 1912, and painted the oil-on-canvas mural "Early East Palestine and Dr. Rhett Chamberlain's Post Office and Warehouse" for the post office in 1937. His artwork was sponsored by the Treasury Section of Fine Arts. Other of Stoll's work included landscapes, murals and watercolors, but he was prominently a portrait painter. He painted many distinguished Clevelanders and taught portrait painting at the school of art. Between 1925 and 1954, Stoll had 126 pieces of artwork accepted into the Cleveland Museum of Art's May Show and won many awards.



Did you know that Rolf Stoll was only documented to have painted ONE mural as a part of the New Deal? Our East Palestine post office is the only post office in the United States with one of Stoll's murals.



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Home Contractor at Leslie Run Partners with EP Schools



Meet the Developers

Developed in November 2011, **Erik Liber**, owner of HSH Drywall started as a drywall subcontractor and grew his business to the Cleveland area. Coming back to their roots in the Columbiana County area, Liber and **Ryan Kelly**, director of programs relations of HSH Contracting, now work to integrate students into the workforce during high school. Kelly works with government agencies, businesses, and more to identify real estate opportunities and relationships to contract and build homes.

Liber and Kelly have worked together to incorporate their passion in including our youth into their daily job profession, and look forward to working with them to illuminate their future.

Working with the School District

Every Thursday, students from the **East Palestine High School's shop class** visit Leslie Run construction sites and shadow carpenters and electricians thanks to HSH Contracting and Pantheon. These weekly on-site learning experiences started in early December of 2025, leading through the end of January 2026. In February throughout the end of the school year, students will be able to start working live on site for job experience.

HSH has also been working with Lisbon 3D Concrete Printing, and a leadership class at Columbiana schools with these same methods.



Erik Liber and EP's shop class in Leslie Run home



Antonio Diaz-Guy speaks about municipal side of development

Our Goals

By providing opportunities to visit Leslie Run, students are able to interact in real world conditions of jobs they plan to pursue in their future after high school. This provides awareness of opportunity to grasp what they will be working with and identifies unique interest in fields like manufacturing and technology.

East Palestine is a place to build affordably, and also curate career paths with students. In tandem with HSH Contracting and our schools, we will aid in shaping a better future for our youth, and preparing them for what is to come.



Did you know that East Palestine was first called Mechanicsburg? In 1833, the name was changed to Palestine, like the region in the Middle East. However, there was already a town named Palestine in Ohio. So, when the town became a village in 1875, it became East Palestine.



SCHOOL Spotlight

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

Preschool and kindergarten registration for **NEW STUDENTS** for the 2026-2027 school year will open on Thursday, February 12, 2026. The Elementary and Preschool offices will be open February 12, from 10:00AM – 8:00PM. Beginning on February 17, both offices will be open for registration on school days from 10:00AM – 4:00PM.

This is an online registration with a follow up visit to the appropriate office to provide required documents in person. **There will be no packets distributed.** A student **MUST BE 5 years of age by September 8th, 2026**, to enroll in kindergarten.

Please follow these steps to complete the enrollment process for **NEW STUDENTS ONLY:

1) If you are NEW to the district you will need to create an account. Please fill out all of the online registration documents by using the Final Forms link on the district webpage myepschools.org **(Do not complete online before 2/12/2026)**.

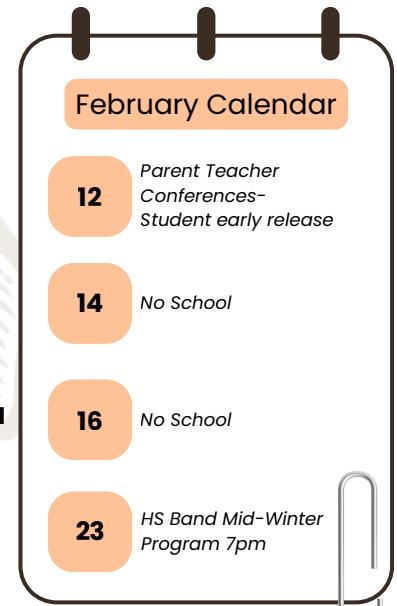
2) Once all of the forms have been submitted online, please bring the following to the registration office- original/certified birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, parent/guardian driver's license or State ID, custody paperwork or court documents (if applicable), signed physician medical statement (for Preschool registration ONLY!)

Preschool Registration Office: E-1 Door located at **200 West North Avenue, East Palestine, OH 44413**

Kindergarten Registration Office: E-9 Door located at **195 West Grant Street, East Palestine, OH 44413**

Please follow this step if you have an **EXISTING East Palestine Preschool Student

If you have a preschooler going into preschool again or into kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year, please go into your Final Forms account and update your child for next school year. Do not create a new account.



Mrs. Mollenkopf and Mr. Zimmerman in the 2026 Tournament of Roses Rose Parade

Traveling to Southern California and rehearsing with band directors from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Panama, Mrs. Mollenkopf and Mr. Zimmerman marched into the New Year in Pasadena, California in the Rose Parade. The Rose Parade is a New Year's Day parade held every year, and is one of the most watched holiday traditions in the U.S. Floats in this parade are decorated entirely with real flowers and roses sourced from around the world. This remarkable annual tradition started in 1890 to show off Southern California's warm winter weather and blooming flowers. It originally featured horse-drawn carriages decorated with roses.

East Palestine Band Director, Jennifer Mollenkopf shares, ***"It is an honor to be a member of the BDMB and to represent East Palestine! As a performer, it reminds me of what it's like to be a student again- making new friends, playing music together for a common goal. I'm forever thankful for all the band directors who taught and encouraged me over the years.***

Music impacts people in so many ways. During the float judging, our group was able to meet some families of organ donors, those who have literally saved the lives of others. We performed 'Amazing Grace' for them, in tribute. When we found out one of our members' daughters was a donor, it meant even more- it was an emotional moment none of us will forget, as many of us played through streaming tears.

The opportunity to belong to this organization is one I will treasure forever. Performing alongside friends, colleagues and forever students, making connections with people from across the country. It's more than just a band!"



East Palestine Distinguished Hall of Fame

What makes East Palestine special? Our people. On January 16 and 17, our community came together to celebrate the class of inductees into the Distinguished Hall of Fame- individuals whose achievements embody Bulldog pride, perseverance, and excellence.

The celebration kicked off Friday evening at center court during the boys' basketball game, where the crowd offered a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our honorees. The recognition continued on Saturday, with a formal induction luncheon, featuring stories on the remarkable legacy each of these legacies have built.

Please join us in congratulating the **Class of 2026**:

The 2009 4x100m State Champion Team- Dalton Cope, Jeff Farkas, Trevor Patterson, Shane Peterson, and Coach Jim Young. Individual inductees- Alexandra Casi, Lori Montgomery-Cascio, Mrs. Elma Sutherlin, Sgt. Robert Wirks, and DJ Yokley.

Nominations are accepted year-round and can be found on the district website at

<https://www.myepschools.org/page/distinguished-hall-of-fame>.

Please reach out to Allison Oltmann with any questions at

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Healthy at HOME



Staying healthy through the winter does not have to mean big changes or complicated routines. Small, steady habits at home can make a real difference in how we feel during the colder months. Consistency matters far more than intensity, and every little bit helps.

Winter is a great time to support your immune system with simple daily choices, which can also help prevent you from catching any illnesses. Drinking enough water, eating nutrient-rich foods like citrus, leafy greens, vegetables, and keeping a regular sleep schedule all go a long way. Opening the blinds for natural light can brighten your space and refresh your mood, helping your home feel healthier too.

Well-being is not just physical. Creative hobbies, reading, or journaling can lift your spirits on gray days. Reaching out to a friend or neighbor can make a big difference as well- connection is one of the most powerful wellness tools we have. Progress, not perfection, is what keeps us moving forward.

Boost your Metabolism:

- Oats- steady energy and fiber
- Eggs- protein that maintains muscle and boosts calorie burn
- Berries- antioxidants that support metabolic function
- Greek Yogurt- protein and probiotics for balanced energy

Support Gut Health:

- Yogurt/Kefir- probiotics that support digestion
- Bananas- gentle on stomach & has prebiotic fiber
- Oats- helps digestion move smoothly

Maintaining Healthy Blood Pressure:

- Leafy Greens (spinach/kale)
- Beans and Lentils- heart health
- Berries- improved vascular function
- Sweet Potatoes- potassium

You can find all of these foods and more at East Palestine's local grocery stores!

The Way Station and EPGO Present

Stay Active, Stay Social, Stay Strong

The Way Station and EPGO partnered together to give you this "free" indoor Winter Walking Program, for adults 18+, from January through May 2026 (Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM).

This program is designed to help adults:

- Stay active during winter
- Improve balance, strength and coordination
- Walk safely in a stair-free environment
- Enjoy motivation, creativity and fun
- Walk at your own pace
- Socialize with other adults

Available are Fitness challenges, featuring creativity and brain games. These are planned to be utilized when you get tired of walking or need a break.

Plans are in progress to provide free onsite health screenings through a partnership with East Liverpool Hospital.

Contact Barb Kliner at **(234) 855-4777**, or email **Bkliner99@gmail.com**

Location:

109 Rebecca Street, East Palestine, Ohio 44413
(Presbyterian Church Building)
(Stair-free entry from Rebecca Street)

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