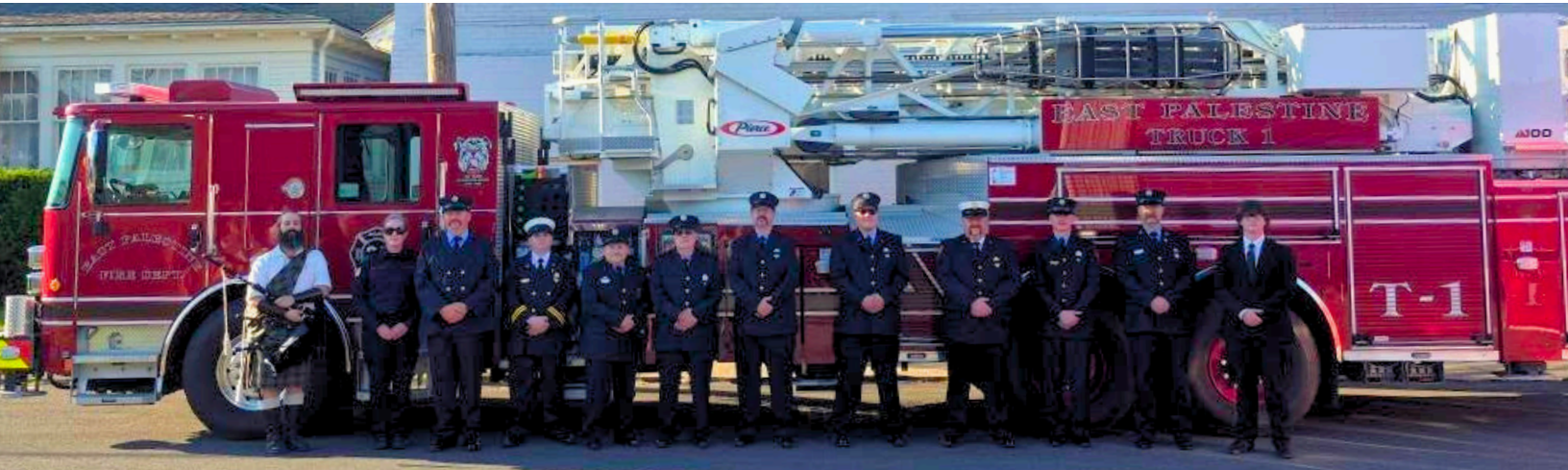




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# FIREWORKS AT CITY PARK

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Our community is joining together again in a memorable day of family, friends, food, and fireworks as our Independence Day Celebration at City Park is making its return from 2024! Bringing many of individuals and groups from around the region, this celebration, thanks to the **East Palestine Firefighters Association**, will fill our park with the familiar sense of connection that has long defined East Palestine and our hometown gatherings.

As we look towards the day, it is clear that the fireworks are more than show- they are a celebration of our nation's independence, a symbol of our progress, resilience, and our continued commitment of making East Palestine a place where community events feel meaningful and deeply rooted in who we are.

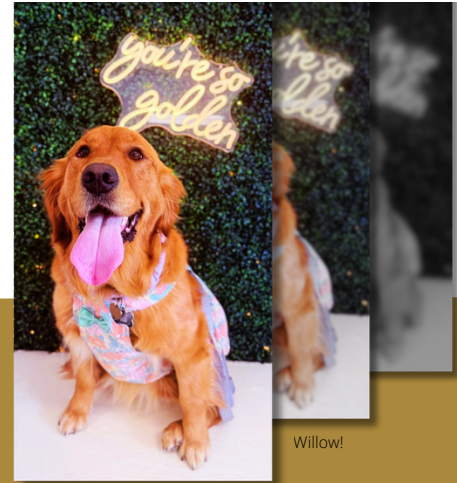
From morning events starting with the **Pet Parade (10AM) and Bike Parade (12PM)**, to the return of our beloved historic **Bed Races (registration at 1PM, races at 2PM)**, and musical guests **The Oldies, The Figs, Junkyard, and Trainwreck**, the Village of East Palestine would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the East Palestine Firefighters Association, the East Palestine Park Board, and our small business owners for showing up for our community yet again in events that are certain to be remembered for a lifetime.



*Want to share your photos from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Tag the Village of East Palestine, Ohio in your posts on Facebook and @villageofepohio on Instagram! Use the #Celebrate250WithEP to be showcased in a post recapping our weekend!*



East Palestine Village Manager, Antonio Diaz-Guy and the East Palestine Chamber of Commerce cutting the ribbon with Golden Spa LLC!



Willow!

## LOCAL PET SALON REOPENS AT NEW LOCATION!

Golden Spa LLC reopens their doors on East Taggart Street, neighboring Skills Salon LLC

East Palestine celebrates another exciting milestone with the reopening of Golden Spa LLC on East Taggart Street! The move marks a new chapter for this business which quickly became known for its charming atmosphere, high-quality services, and genuine commitment for animal care. The spa's expanded service areas and refreshed aesthetic allows the Golden Spa to continue offering the exceptional experiences pets and owners have come to love.

**Kari Brieck, Owner**, has been dedicated to animal care from the start. After graduating high school, she earned a certificate from **Animal Behavior College**, an Associate's degree in **Veterinary Assistant Technology**, and gained hands-on experience as a Shift Supervisor in both **General Practice and ER protocols**. Her time at **Green Tree Tech** helped shaped her vision for a grooming environment where animals feel safe, supported, and truly stress-free. With getting her recertification in grooming for the latest techniques through **Penn Foster**, Kari and the team at Golden Spa are ready to care for your furry friends. Kari has always aimed to provide services not commonly found in our region, including allowing owners to stay with their pets during appointments and offering emergency grooming support when needed.

The Golden Spa's growth continues with new additions coming soon! Later in Summer 2026, the salon will open a **private cat studio** designed specifically for feline comfort. The space will feature a cat tree and calming cat pheromones- a separate area away from dogs to ensure a peaceful experience. This expansion will also increase scheduling capacity in the main salon, allowing the team to serve even more pets in the community and surrounding areas.

**Emergency services** remain an important part of Golden Spa's mission. Kari shared that for local rescues or any pet in need, whether due to severe matting, soiling, medical concerns, or neglected coats, the salon is available after hours between 8pm-12am to ensure that those animals get the care they need as soon as possible.

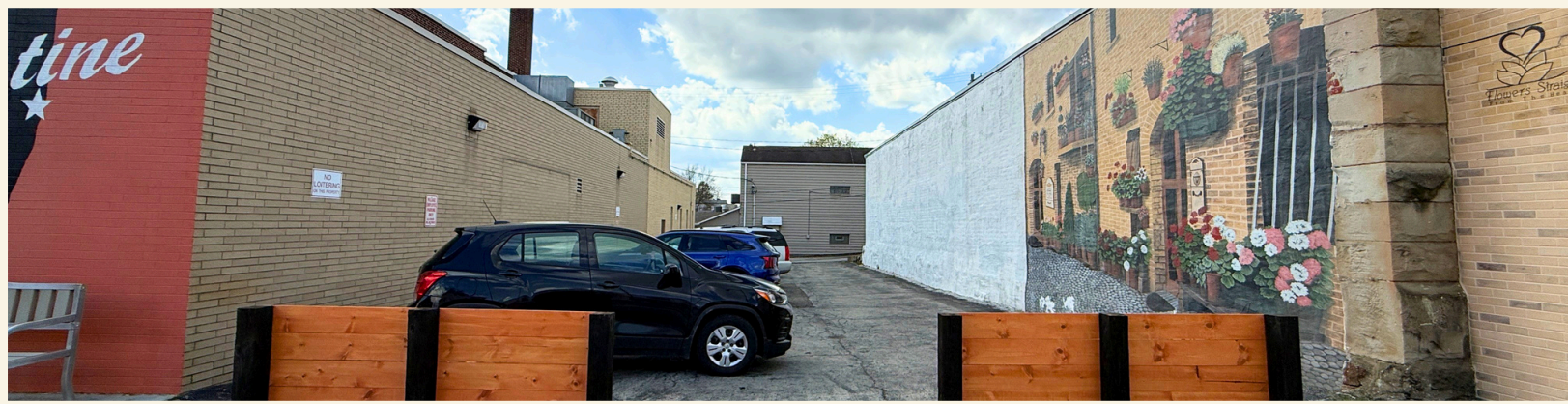
The Golden Spa's continued success reflect both their expertise and their heart for the community. We congratulate Kari and her team on this exciting reopening and look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make in East Palestine!



Featured is Kelsey, Kari, Willow, Finley and Danielle

“  
*My motivation has never been financial. I am dedicated to helping animals, and that commitment is in every decision I make.*  
 -Kari Brieck, Owner  
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## EAST PALESTINE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT EP CLASS COLLABS WITH THE VILLAGE FOR NEW POCKET PARK

Reimagining a Space. Building Our Future. Together.

**The Project EP Class** is an innovative, locally curated program at East Palestine High School that integrates our students into real-world community development initiatives. With their concepts and design refined with feedback sessions and public input, and the project supported by the East Palestine Village Council and East Palestine Board of Education, **Kealin Simon, Parker Rutledge, Peyton Rutledge, and Luke Kinkead** have shaped the vision for a new Pocket Park, located on Market Street.

Pocket Parks are known for being a high-impact project in a small footprint. These parks deliver community engagement and benefit with minimal land, and turns underused spaces into multi-use beautification spaces. What the East Palestine Municipal Office currently uses for parking, will in time be a

space to gather with friends, have lunch, play games, and even watch movies. These pocket parks assist with property values of neighboring businesses and buildings, local visual appeal, along with increasing pedestrian activity and dwell time. Not only does this project bring our students and local government together with the project partners, but the Project EP Pocket Park will support downtown business growth and expand outdoor seating for local dining establishments—strengthening the connection between existing and planned redevelopment projects.

The preliminary engineering, budgeting, and design for the pocket park are complete. With funding, the Project EP Pocket Park is positioned to move forward with bid selection, and to obtain the final permitting needed for selection.



## CITY PARK PLAYGROUND

The Village of East Palestine is pleased to share the **updated renderings** of City Park's new playground! Designed by East Palestine's local youth in August 2025, City Park's new playground will be a highlight for children of all ages, and a place for families to gather, and for children to let their imagination run wild.

The playground will be located in the inner half circle of the northern side of City Park, next to the pool and the Community Center. With an **anticipated opening of Spring 2027**, the site for the playground **will begin work in late summer/early fall of 2026**.

There will be a wooden playset zone, swinging area, a modern play structure, and a jumping pillow. A jumping pillow is a two inch thick bounce surface that adds a fun, energetic twist to the new space. This refreshed play area will be **accessible and inclusive**, including many opportunities for those with physical disabilities to access and play. Don't worry, there will be shade, too!



## Historic Log House Museum CIRCA 1840S LOG HOUSE

The East Palestine Log House Museum is tethered to a great part of our local history. What now is owned and maintained by the **East Palestine Historical Society** was once a home to one of our earliest recorded resident physicians, and our first Postmaster in 1836, Dr. Robert Chamberlain.

Many may remember the name of **Dr. Chamberlain** from our beloved mural at the East Palestine Post Office above the Postmaster's office door, by Rolf Stoll. Dr. Chamberlain served as township trustee in 1834, and township clerk in 1839. Following service as being a surveyor for the county, and for the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, helping layout the line from the Ohio River to Salem.

The last residents of the home, **John and Mary Bozick**, lived there from 1927-1978: 51 years. In 1978, the Bozick's donated the log house to our East Palestine Historical Society, where it was later moved from the corner of West Main and Walnut Street to **555 Bacon Avenue**. It now sits on City Park property and is known for being East Palestine's first museum!

The East Palestine Log House Museum serves as not only a testament to East Palestine's pride in history and tradition, but in our present day is a location of community gatherings and local celebrations. The Log House Museum is one of our most enduring local treasures, and is a

landmark that has protected our community's story for more than a century. It stands as a reminder of how far we have come and remains a cornerstone of our local history as we work towards a brighter future. As our revitalization continues and new life emerges in our downtown, the Log House Museum will continue standing strong, right alongside the progress shaping our next chapter.

In celebration of the **United States' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, this museum has been entered in a highlight article that spotlights historic buildings across the country, and will shine a brighter light on East Palestine's pride in tradition while honoring our history!



 The Village of East Palestine, Ohio





## OHIO LOOKS TO EAST PALESTINE: GRIT SUMMER PROGRAM SPARKS STUDENT CAREER SUCCESS

### GRIT Summer Bootcamp



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Innovation is thriving in our schools. East Palestine High School recently stepped into the state-wide spotlight by hosting the **GRIT Summer Workforce Program**- a powerful initiative designed to launch high school students directly into rewarding, high-demand careers.

In an exciting partnership with **Future Plans**, this year's program equipped students with the tools to explore career opportunities, identify their personal strengths, and map out a concrete plan for future success. Best of all, this incredible opportunity was **100% free** to all high school students across Ohio, allowing participants to earn vital graduation points and industry certifications that local employers are actively looking for.

Students took part in rigorous, focused training on three specific industries that are shaping the future of our regional economy:

- **Healthcare:** Training the next generation of essential medical professionals and patient care advocates.
- **IT & Cybersecurity:** Equipping tech-forward minds with the tools to secure data systems and manage digital networks.
- **Manufacturing & Construction:** Giving hands-on learners practical skills in precision building, industrial design, and trade operations.

Hosting a state-wide program of this scale underscores our district's commitment to preparing the next generation for long-term economic success. We are incredibly proud of every student who participated and showed the State of Ohio what true East Palestine "grit" looks like. **If you would like to learn more about workforce development or stay updated on future district programs, check out details at [myepschools.org](http://myepschools.org).**

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE ON US! SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM RUNNING THROUGH AUGUST 20TH

The school year may be over, but the East Palestine School District is still here to support our community's families. We want to remind everyone that our Summer Meal Program is now open, offering **free breakfast and lunch** to anyone under 18. Running Monday through Thursday until August 20<sup>th</sup>, the program is a simple, no-cost way to ensure your kids get nutritious meals while enjoying their summer break.

Families can head to the High School Cafeteria via **Door HS-1** during the following times:

- **Breakfast:** 8:30AM - 10:00AM
- **Lunch:** 11:00AM - 1:30PM

We love seeing our students stop in, catch up with friends, and fuel up for their summer activities!

To view daily menus, visit [myepschools.nutrislice.com](http://myepschools.nutrislice.com). For specific questions regarding the program, please contact Todd McIntosh at [todd.mcintosh@epschools.k12.oh.us](mailto:todd.mcintosh@epschools.k12.oh.us).

**Breakfast:**  
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**Scan for Menu!**

**Program Details:**  
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**Free to all Students!**

**June 15 - August 22**



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