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A NEW CHAPTER FOR A HISTORIC LANDMARK

THE DEPOT'S FIRST TENANT!

Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery is bringing new life to our historic freight depot

The Village of East Palestine is proud to announce that **Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery** will become our historic, and revitalized train depot's first tenant! With an anticipated opening of **Spring 2027**, this partnership between the **East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation (EPCIC)** and Black Diamond marks a major milestone in the depot's transformation, and reflects our community's commitment to growth, heritage, and high-quality destinations for the future of East Palestine.

Black Diamond Brewery and Distillery is known across Ohio for their small batch bourdon, craft beers, and Appalachian-inspired spirits, with many locations throughout central and southern Ohio. Their brand is based on celebrating **regional history**, revitalizing communities, and creating gathering spaces that are built on local identify. Founded as a historic redevelopment company, Black Diamond has been able to invest in the adaptive reuse of historic properties, and has established chef-driven dining concepts are the cornerstone of their development model.

This East Palestine location will serve as a **full-service restaurant** centered around elevated tavern cuisine, and showcase Black Diamond's in-house brewery and distillery products. With drawing this location's menu from their Circleville and Waverly Taproom offerings, the East Palestine Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery menu will be shaped by a local chef that plans to execute their brand.

With a hopeful opening **as early as winter 2026**, Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery blends the history of our village and hometown pride, while bringing new flavors to the table for residents and visitors alike. We look forward to welcoming this addition to our village and the momentum it will bring to our continued efforts of the EPCIC revitalization plans, bringing this refreshed and reimagined transformation! For more information, Black Diamond invites you to visit their website to learn more about their business, and to follow along on the renovation journey through the coming seasons upon opening: [Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery](http://BlackDiamondBrewery.com).





Getting Their Green Thumb!

East Palestine Middle School Students to plant flowers at local greenspace, and welcomes a Wind Phone!



Students at the East Palestine Middle School do not just celebrate Earth Day, they show what Bulldog pride looks like in action. Partnering with Threshold Residential Services, Inc., our middle schoolers are getting ready to roll up their sleeves, dig into the dirt, and put their green thumbs to work.



Their efforts bring new life to the Community Sensory Garden! What was already a special place for residents tucked behind Huntington National Bank, became an even more meaningful spot thanks to the energy, teamwork, and genuine care these students poured into it.

Happy Earth Day



Students gathered on May 20th, 2026, to attend to the Community Sensory Garden!

FIND MY FRIEND!

Spot our little penguin friend (3) waddling around our newsletter!



Student gardening photos featured are from 2025.



City Park Rentals Available!

East Palestine City Park facilities are open for rent and here is how to reserve a spot!

The Village of East Palestine City Park is readily available for hosting family gatherings, graduation parties, birthdays, organization meetings, and more! From shaded tree gazebos to our shelters and Community Center, residents and community visitors can find the perfect outdoor space for their events. Don't now how to rent a space? Here is a guide on how!

How to reserve and rent at City Park:

1. Visit <https://eastpalestine-oh.gov/>
2. Hover over *Government*
3. Click *Parks and Recreation*
4. Find the gold button *Park Facility Reservation Form* and fill out the form with required information. Yes, it is that easy!

The rental rates, along with the pool pass prices, are available on the same page for reference. Scroll down the page to view a list of all available facilities with their prices, and be able to plan out event ahead of time.

If you do not have access to our website, please contact the Municipal Office at 330-426-4367 extension 20 for assistance on making reservations. Please note that the Municipal Office is open Monday through Friday, 8AM-4PM.

Rules:

- Alcohol is not permitted in the Park Community Center or anywhere within our Park.
- Reservations will not be made more than a year prior to the event.
- All persons/organizations who rent park facilities are given 48 hours to re-rent the same facility for the same day of the week the following year.
- A complete list of rental rules is available in the Municipal Building.



E-WASTE DROP OFF

June 20th 10AM-12PM @ Centenary Methodist Church (40 S Market Street)

MATERIAL ACCEPTED FREE OF CHARGE:

PCs, Laptops, Phones, Scanners, Hard Drives, Servers, Unused Printer Cartridges/Toner, Cell Phones, Stereos, VCR/DVD players, Routers, MP3 Players, Cameras, Keyboards, Paper Shredders, LCD Monitors, Game Consoles/Accessories, Networking Equipment, UPS

MATERIAL ACCEPTED WITH A CHARGE:

CRT Monitors (\$20 Fee), Printers (\$10 Fee), TVs (\$20 Fee)



East Palestine Clinic Grand Opening

East Liverpool Hospital - EP health Clinic relocates to downtown East Palestine and opens its doors with a ribbon cutting ceremony



East Palestine Clinic
A Service of East Liverpool City Hospital

The **East Palestine Clinic**, previously located on West Rebecca Street, reopened its doors on April 30th to our community with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new location will be more visible to their patient base, being now located on West Main Street by the Dollar Tree and The Arctic Circle.

The clinic was remodeled and updated accommodate a modern lab for more efficient patient care. The East Palestine Clinic now offers testing for Flu, COVID, Strep, Lyme and RSV, alongside offering adult and child vaccines, and even sports physicals, and has the ability to refer to specialists if needed.

Lauren McIntosh, DNP, FNP-BC, leads the East Palestine Clinic as the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner in delivering compassionate, quality care to patients, and better

healthcare to our community, joined by Caroline Reckner, MA, and Stephanie Vargo, Receptionist, alongside her at the clinic.

The East Palestine Clinic was accredited in March 2026, as a **Rural Health Clinic by QUAD A. Medicare Program**. They partner with the **University of Kentucky, Yale, and University of Pittsburgh** with an East Palestine train derailment health research study to navigate the long-term health of those who may have been impacted by the train derailment in 2023.

The Clinic is open **Monday through Friday, 8AM-4PM, 79 West Main Street** in East Palestine. Give them a call at **330-362-4920** or visit www.primehealthcare.com for details. The East Palestine Clinic is a service of East Liverpool City Hospital.



"We are incredibly grateful to the Ohio Department of Health for their generous support of our new site of our primary care clinic, their partnership helps us provide high-quality care to the residents of East Palestine. Our move to this new site reflects East Liverpool City Hospital's unwavering commitment to being an active, visible part of the East Palestine community. We continue to strive to provide exceptional healthcare, improve health outcomes, meet the growing healthcare needs of those we serve, and are dedicated to being a trusted partner in this journey for years to come,"

-Stephanie Conn, President and CEO of East Liverpool City Hospital.





Business HIGHLIGHT

Diamond Fresh Meat & Deli

Quality meats for affordable prices!



Diamond Meats is proud to be managed by **Terry and Kim Rankin**, whose leadership and expertise continue to strengthen and grow our local meat market. Purchased in 2023 from Duane Doyle, Diamond Cattle Farms hired Terry and Kim Rankin to manage and oversee operations. Terry joins the organization as

Corporate Meat Manager, bringing **more than 25 years of professional meat-cutting expertise**. He currently manages sausage production and meat cutting while his wife, Kim, serves as Director of Operations. Kim transitioned from a career in nursing to now supporting operations across all Diamond Meats locations- Rogers Flea Market & Auctions, Diamond Meats & Eats in Lisbon, and East Palestine. Soon, there will be a Diamond Meats meat market located in the Columbus area.

They have also introduced their popular Smoked Meats and Sausages, now available in a variety of customer-favorite flavors such as maple blueberry, hillbilly, teriyaki, honey BBQ and more. These new offerings complement their already extensive lineup, which includes kielbasa, hot dogs, multiple bacon options (including Canadian bacon), smoked pork chops, hams, and much more.

For those who haven't visited yet, Diamond Meats also features a deli, offering fresh, high quality options for every taste. Diamond Meats proudly uses only fresh **USDA Choice or Better Beef**, all-natural farm raised pork, and all meat is sourced from their own animals or sourced from local farms. This continues to be processed and packaged in store. There are no hormones, no preservatives, and are freezer wrapped for freshness (vacuum seal available).

\$5 OFF!

\$5 OFF purchases of \$50+ when you use this physical coupon!

Will honor \$2.50 off purchases of \$25 or more when you mention this article from the EP Newsletter at checkout!
Available only at East Palestine Diamond Meats

Diamond Fresh Meat & Deli
171 East Taggart Street
East Palestine, OH 44413
330.426.1000

STORE HOURS
Monday - Tuesday
11 AM - 2 PM
Wednesday - Sunday
7 AM - 8 PM

DIAMOND
Fresh Meat & Deli

NO HORMONES - NO PRESERVATIVES - JUST GREAT MEAT
FARM TO TABLE GOODNESS

"With quality meats for such good prices, we cannot believe the line is not out the door all the way to Pennsylvania!"

yum!

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

FIREWORKS AT CITY PARK

SATURDAY
JULY 4TH
@ DARK

EAST PALESTINE CITY PARK

Hosted by the East Palestine Firefighter Association

FIREWORKS
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LIVE MUSIC!



Food vendors & live music



Bring your own lawn chairs & blankets

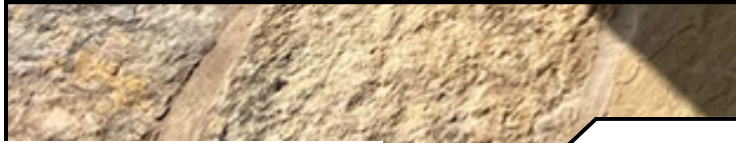


Free parking

BIGGER.

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BRIGHTER.



Strength in Every Stone
 The spirit behind *New Life Masonry*



New Life Masonry has been a trusted name in Mahoning and Columbiana County since **1985**, known for dedicated focus on high-quality stonework, brickwork, and restoration services. As one of our region's most experienced masonry repair specialists, Jim Mayhew, owner and founder, has built his reputation on craftsmanship, integrity, and long standing community relationships.

sites, which Jim claims is his "very own playground".

Jim has been **self-employed since he was 22 years old**, and his grandson, Antonio Cruz-Hernandez, assists him in maintaining the business. Jim has expressed his deep gratitude for his business that keeps him busy, and was able to be booked for all of 2026 by June 2025.

Many of our residents have cherished the stellar work at **Glenview Cemetery's refreshed mausoleum**, and the story behind New Life Masonry is one to treasure for decades to come. **Jim Mayhew** is also the marvelous individual behind the work at the **Centenary Methodist Church**. Not only does Jim do the gorgeous stonework on his own, but also builds the scaffolding he uses on

With the restoration of Glenview Cemetery's mausoleum being one of his favorite projects, Jim would love to maintain business in East Palestine and the surrounding area to further deepen his roots of connection with our residents and businesses. To learn more about Jim's work, inquire for business, and view the wonders he has created and restored, visit NewLifeMasonry.com.

"Retirement is for men who can't get paid for what they want to do" - Jim Mayhew

New EP Community Improvement Corporation Member Appointed

The EPCIC elects board members and brings on a new individual for the team

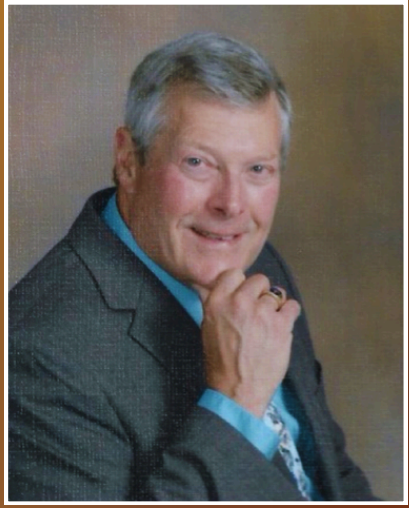
The **East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation (EPCIC)** has officially appointed their 2026 board members, and continues to uphold their mission of restoring properties throughout East Palestine and serving as a catalyst for revitalization efforts that strengthen our village's long-term growth and appeal. Appointed board members: **Tim Blythe**, Village Council Member, Owner of Blythe Appraisals LLC, **Tom Brittain**, Owner of Brittain Motors, **Gary Clark**, Substitute Teacher, Retired, **Barb Herriott**, Village Council Member, Retired, **Melissa Smith**, Owner of 1820 Candle Co.

With several familiar faces returning to the board of the EPCIC, the corporation is also pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Clark as a **new member** of the East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation.



"I am excited to join the team at EPCIC. I have recently retired after spending ten years in the field of research grants at YSU, where I worked on proposal preparation, post award compliance, and reporting. I had previously worked for East Palestine thirty-eight years as a Police Officer, Police Chief, and City Manager. I hope to contribute to the EPCIC by drawing from my previous experiences."

These are skills that will be instrumental as the EPCIC seeks financial support for ongoing and future revitalization projects. In addition to this professional experience, Clark has remained actively involved in our community as a substitute teacher for **East Palestine Schools**. His engagement within the village, combined with his extensive grant-writing abilities, positions him to support the EPCIC's efforts to restore, enhance, and reimagine properties across town.



Gary Clark, Substitute Teacher, Retired



East Palestine City Schools

Hello Ohio Statehouse: EPMS GATE Club Takes Columbus

It is one thing to learn about government in a textbook; it is another to see it in action! Thirty of our **EPMS Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Club** students recently traded the classroom for the halls of the **Ohio Statehouse in Columbus**.



From exploring historic rotunda to learning about the legislative process, our members got an up-close look how leaders shape the future of our state. It was an inspiring day of discovery, critical thinking, and civic engagement.



We are so proud of these bright minds for their curiosity and for representing our school with such excellence! We look forward to seeing how these future leaders apply what they learned to their studies back home at EPMS! A special thank you to **Mrs. Susan Wagner**, who through her guidance, made this experience possible. Also, a HUGE thank you to all of those who helped support the club's fundraising efforts, whether through baking cookies which were sold during lunches at EPMS or by attending their Family Feud event!

Class of 2026 Top Ten

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KAYLA BLAND
VALEDICTORIAN



OLIVIA DYKE
VALEDICTORIAN



GABRIELLA KIRBAUGH
VALEDICTORIAN



CAMI KRIDLER
VALEDICTORIAN



OLIVIA SNEDEKER
VALEDICTORIAN

It is with immense pride that we celebrate the Class of 2026 Top Ten! These distinguished students have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. We congratulate them on this prestigious milestone and look forward to the bright futures they will undoubtedly build! Kayla Bland (Valedictorian), Olivia Dyke (Valedictorian), Gabriella Kirbaugh (Valedictorian), Cami Kridler (Valedictorian), Olivia Snedeker (Valedictorian), Rylee Hoover (Salutatorian), Aubrey Weber, Laney Bistarkey, Brady Brubaker, Alyssa Dilling.

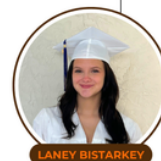
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RYLEE HOOVER
SALUTATORIAN



AUBREY WEBER



LANEY BISTARKEY



BRADY BRUBAKER



ALYSSA DILLING



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