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EAST PALESTINE STREET FAIR

The East Palestine Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring our annual Street Fair! This year, the Chamber is bringing our community a refreshed, and reimagined event, with four days of rides, games, food, and more opportunity to make memories—but let's not forget how this tradition started.

For over 137 years, the East Palestine Street Fair has been one of our community's most beloved traditions. The earliest documented street fair dates **back to 1887**, which makes our fair one of the oldest street fairs in Ohio. The fair is organized by the community instead of the county. What began as a simple community gathering has grown into a signature event that brings residents, families, and visitors together year after year.

The first fairs in East Palestine were held at **City Park**, where early organizers showcased local businesses, agriculture, and entertainment. These early celebrations featured everything from carnival animals (such as elephants, *wink* *wink*), blimps, to even homemade aircraft exhibitions in the early 1900s. As our fair grew, it eventually moved to Market Street, where it remains today.

While no single founder is named in surviving records, the fair has long been shaped and supported by local merchants, civic leaders, and the East Palestine Chamber of Commerce, all working together to create an event that highlights our town's spirit and strengthens local business.



Today, the Street Fair remains a cherished tradition where memories are made, neighbors reconnect, and East Palestine's history continues to shine.

This year, the Chamber of Commerce is switching things up for our street fair, introducing many new games, activities, and special guests. The street fair rides and games are provided by **McGinnis Amusements Inc.**, bringing back many of our favorite rides, along with some new ones to attract more visitors to our area.

Our East Palestine Annual Street Fair will be **Wednesday, May 20th, through Saturday, May 23rd**. Each day will bring a refreshed schedule, with several fan-favorite events shifting to new days and times to create a

smoother, more enjoyable experience for everyone. This enables residents, community members and visitors more opportunities to enjoy the fair at their own pace.

- **Wednesday, May 20** — EPGO Group (5 PM–10 PM) The fair kicks off with the EPGO Group taking center stage, bringing energy and excitement to opening night!
- **Thursday, May 21** — East Palestine's Got Talent (5 PM–10 PM) Our community talent showcase is on Thursday this year, giving performers a prime evening slot and plenty of room for friends and family to cheer them on, along with a special guest announcer. *Sign up information located at the bottom of page 3.*
- **Friday, May 22** — 95.1 Willie (5 PM–11 PM) Friday night now features live entertainment from 95.1 Willie, extending the fun an extra hour as we head into the weekend, with a mechanical bull!
- **Saturday, May 23** — BINGO (1 PM–11 PM) Thanks to the American Legion, we will finish the fair in an evening of lively and engaging games of BINGO!

“This is where our town turns simple moments into lifelong memories” -Lenny Glavan, Chamber President”





Elevating the View at Reid Memorial Stadium

Eagle Scout candidate Steven Telischak leads stadium upgrades!

East Palestine High School student, **Steven Telischak**, a Life Scout with Troop 22, is completing his Eagle Scout project with a major improvement at Reid Memorial Stadium. As both an EPHS football player and member of the EPHS band, Telischak recognized the American flag's visibility has been inadequate from the field during the National Anthem. His project aims to strengthen visibility, school spirit, and community pride.

Telischak's plan includes installing a new 45-foot flagpole and donating five flags: two U.S. flags and creating three custom Bulldog spirit flags,

which the community are actively voting on. Telischak and his fellow scouts also plan on building three benches, all honoring significant parts of Steven's life: Veterans, Troop 22, and the EPHS Class of 2028.

A formal dedication of the new flagpole is planned for the first home football game of the 2026 season on **Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 PM**, with local Veterans raising the flag before the National Anthem.

Steven Telischak's project reflects patriotism, leadership, and a strong sense of community pride for the

Village of East Palestine. **Scan the QR code below to vote for your favorite flag!** If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to East Palestine School District and place in memo Steven Telischak Eagle Scout Flagpole Project and mail to P.O. Box 24 East Palestine, Ohio 44413 or visit venmo.com/BulldogFlag. Thank you!



Brewing Creativity with EPHS

EPHS Student Partners with The Village to Design Full City Roastery Banner

The construction site of **Full City Roastery**, where PNC Bank once stood, now proudly features its first set of banners, offering a vibrant preview of what is to come for this future community gathering space opening in 2026.

Amara Wilson, a student in Mr. Kunselman's EPHS shop class, designed a custom banner showcasing several fan-favorite pieces of Full City merchandise, including the signature coffee cup and the beloved Bulldog Blend.

The Village's banner highlights the **official 3D rendering** of the brand-new Full City Roastery- a warm, welcoming and beautifully designed space that will soon take shape in the heart of our downtown business district on Market Street.

The Village of East Palestine extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Levi Kunselman and **EPHS Principal Mr. Dwayne Pavkovich** for partnering with us on this stellar project. Their support has played a key role in bringing this vision to life, and offering a glimpse of real-world experience to students.





East Palestine's Community Decorating Contest

Celebrating creativity, patriotism, and hometown pride for the 250th Anniversary of the United States

In honor of the United States's 250th Anniversary, East Palestine is joining communities across the nation in a year of celebration, and we are kicking things off the celebration with a **Community Decorating Contest!**

Residents are invited to decorate their homes or businesses in the following categories: **Best Business, Best Street, Best Use of Lights, Best Use of Landscaping, and Most Original.** This contest is open to residents and businesses inside the 44413 zip-code and registration via our Google Form is *required*. To enter, please scan the QR code to fill out a registration form.

Winners of each category will be announced on the Village of EP

Ohio's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, along with being announced at East Palestine's City Park Independence Day Celebration before the firework show. Winners for Best Business, Best Use of Lights, Best Use of Landscaping and Most Original will be awarded a VISA e-gift card, this does not include Best Street. Winners of the Decorating Contest will also be featured on local news, and have bragging rights for the rest of 2026!

For more information on our Decorating Contest, please visit our website, <https://eastpalestine-oh.gov/> and view News & Alerts to read the rules, regulations, restrictions, and requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Stewart, Village Marketing Producer, at c.stewart@eastpalestine-oh.gov.



EP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS



Get ready to shine, have fun, and show the town your amazing talent!

MUSIC | DANCE | ART

THURSDAY MAY 21 @ 6:30

Downtown During the Street Fair



REGISTER ONLINE
OR
PICK UP AN APP @ KATS KRYSTALS/
VENDOR VAULT

330-420-5664

Katskrystals545@gmail.com

Dog Days 2026 *A Tradition Built by Community* May 9th, 2026



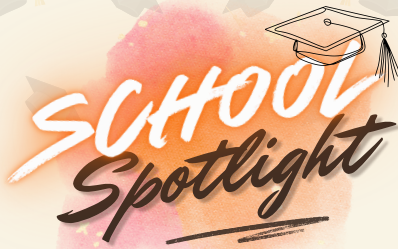
East Palestine Elementary School Cafeteria
Sign-in: 8:00am - 8:30am
Lunch: Noon
(Provided by the East Palestine Park Board)



Scan the QR code and complete form to show your commitment to helping our community! Have questions? Please reach out to epdogdays@epschools.k12.oh.us

Spring Fling Recap





EPES Hosts "The Masked Reader 2"

The mystery has been solved, and the masks have come off at East Palestine Elementary School when they hosted their second annual "The Masked Reader" Family Engagement Night, drawing a large crowd of families, students, and staff for an evening dedicated to the joy of reading.

Building on the success of previous literacy initiatives, the event, dubbed "The Masked Reader 2", challenged students to guess the identities of mystery staff members who performed readings while disguised in elaborate costumes. The gymnasium was filled with excitement as the secret readers were finally revealed to the cheers of the audience.

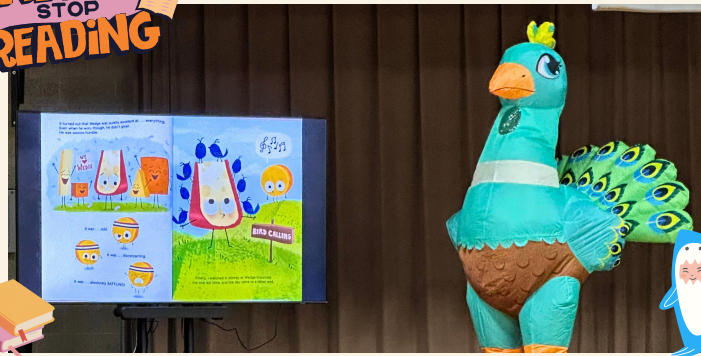
The evening's featured story was *The Big Cheese* by Jory John and Pete Oswald. In a commitment to fostering a love for reading at home, the district ensured that every student in attendance received their very own copy of the book to add to their personal library.

"The night was a huge success," school officials noted. *"We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the families who took the time to join us and give a special shoutout to our dedicated staff members who stepped out of their comfort zones to make this event so memorable for our students."*

Events like "The Masked Reader" are part of an ongoing effort to strengthen the bond between the school and the community, ensuring that East Palestine students have the resources and encouragement they need to succeed both inside and outside of the classroom.



NEVER STOP READING



Honoring Excellence: The Class of 2026



As the academic year draws to a close, the East Palestine School District looks toward our graduating seniors with immense pride. **The Class of 2026** has reached the final milestone of their K-12 journey, and their impact on our halls and our community has been profound. This class has distinguished itself through a commitment to both tradition and innovation. We have watched these students excel in the classroom, lead on the athletics fields, and showcase incredible talent in the arts. Notably, many of our seniors have helped set a new standard, proving that East Palestine students are ready to meet the demands of the modern workforce with skill and integrity.

Commencement Ceremony Details

The District is honored to celebrate the achievements of these young adults with their families and invited guests:

- **Date:** Saturday, May 23rd
- **Time:** 7:00pm
- **Location:** Reid Memorial Stadium

Reid Memorial Stadium provides a beautiful backdrop for this tradition as we recognize the hard work and dedication of the Class of 2026. *Admission to the stadium is limited to those with official commencement tickets.*

To Our Graduates

To the Class of 2026: As you prepare to walk across the stage, remember that you carry the support of the entire community with you. You have navigated challenges with grace and pursued your goals with determination. While you may be moving on to new adventures, your roots remain here. You will always be a part of the Bulldog family, and we look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish in the years to come.

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, and staff of the East Palestine School District, congratulations to our seniors and their families!

Go Bulldogs!





85 North Market Street East Palestine, OH 44413



Our Village website has a Community Events Calendar! You can stay up to date with local events and submit your own! Visit epohio.org, go to Around Town, and click "Submit Event" to submit an event to our calendar!

