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Be Our Guest at an East Palestine Prom

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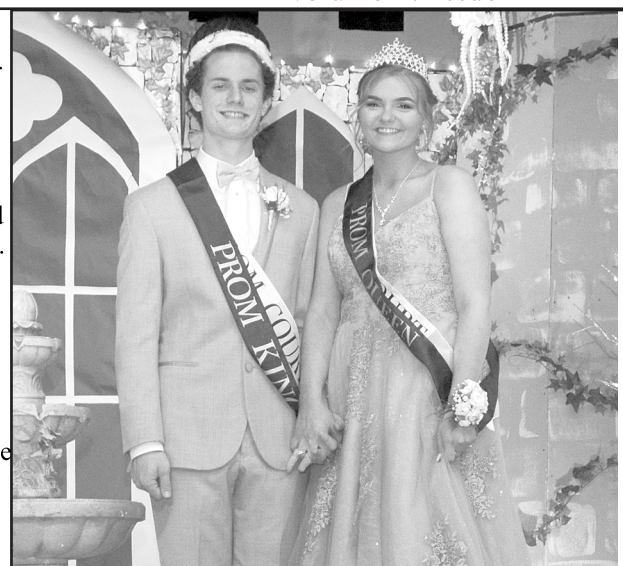
As most people know, our 2019 Prom was held on April 27th. We got to the school and there were people spread all around with their friends and family. Once we came inside, we had met Mr. Rook and Mrs. Sansenbaugher to be checked in. Then we had walked down the hall to meet Mrs. Randolph to sign our names for promenade. After getting signed in, students would be directed to the band room for photos or to the cafeteria to sit at their assigned tables, which was done by Mrs. Babik and Angela Hacker. Students were allowed to socialize and talk with their friends until it was time for promenade. The stage had a beautiful background with a carriage, castle and lanterns.

Once promenade was done and everyone had returned to the cafeteria, we were lined up and taken to the auditorium to watch as the 2019 Prom King and Queen were announced. Congratulations to Thomas Schwerin III and Cheyla Gaskell for winning. We were all allowed to meet with friends and family who attended for pictures for about 15 to

20 minutes. All students then met back at the cafeteria to their assigned tables where we were dismissed by table and bus numbers.

A short ride later we had arrived at The Links at Firestone Farms. We were released by bus and went inside to our assigned tables. There was a cardboard cut-out of Cinderella's glass slipper by the first door we entered. It was a truly beautiful venue to say the least. Each table had an amazing centerpiece. There were roses in jars with candles at each side on some tables. Others had golden carriages placed, and the tables who had neither had candelabras with jewels dangling down. Near the door was a big cardboard cut-out of an open book that said "Once upon a time East Palestine High School Prom" with a story on the other page. Each person had their own cup placed in front of their chair on the table to help them remember the night.

While we had waited for the food to be ready, many people went to the bar to get a drink, with a choice of water, lemonade or unsweetened tea. There was also a table for appetizers with an assortment of fruits, yogurt,



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Prom King and Queen: Thomas Schwerin and Cheyla Gaskell

pretzels, and dip. Once the food was ready the prom court and their table were allowed up first, then each table was dismissed by number. While waiting for food, and while eating, they had played jazz music to set a calm mood. For food there was pasta with red sauce and meatballs, seasoned mashed potatoes, a broth for the potatoes, salad bowl with dressings, bread rolls and turkey. After everyone had finished eating, slices of cake were brought out and placed on a separate table.

The enthusiastic energy was felt by all students as DJs took requests, and students were dancing on the floor and speakers.

Cheurco Wins Holocaust Writing Contest

By Morgan Rutledge
Staff Writer

Every year the Jewish Community Council has a Holocaust Writing Contest for students. This year Morgan Cheurco won the contest for grades nine and ten with her essay called *Do Not Stand Silent*. The theme of this year's contest was "Remembering Kristallnacht".

When I asked Morgan how it felt to win this award, she said, "It feels really good to know that all the hard work I put into this essay has earned me this award."



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Sophomore Morgan Cheurco wins essay contest.

Unwind at the English Festival

By Paige Thomas
Editor



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2019 English Festival Participants

The 41st annual YSU English Festival occurred April 10th - 12th, nine of East Palestine's own students went to the festival. To prepare for the English Festival students are required to read a list of books, and when the time comes, they participate in a number of activities based on a track they are assigned. Prior to the festival beginning, students can enter art, music, and essay pieces based off the novels for judging as well as participate in reading and writing competitions while there.

Attending the festival were freshman Autumn Cooper, Piper Lambert, Dai Scarberry, Evan Smith, and Kiley Weaver. The only sophomore participant was Katherine Simon. The remaining students were juniors: Kierra Barr, Bri Horvath, and Paige Thomas, who all have gone to the English Festival all three years.

Some of the activities our students participated in were Not-So-Trivial Pursuit, Writing Games, Poetry Workshops and Insights. Students are also given the opportunity to meet guest speakers and get books signed. One of the 2019 guest speakers was Neal Shusterman, author of *Unwind* and *Thunderhead*, which were two novels on the booklist. The other speaker, Steve Sheinkin, had two novels, *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* and *Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team*.

When asked about his first experience at the YSU English Festival 9th grader Evan Smith says, "I had a very good time. It was nothing like I expected."

Any students looking to participate in the 42nd annual English Festival may speak with Mrs. Wollet or Ms. Jornigan.

Letter From the Editors

Dear EPHS Students,

Welcome back Bulldogs! It's fourth quarter, and we all know what that means...it's almost summer!

We would like to congratulate the softball team on placing 2nd in the league and both the girls and boys track team on finishing 2nd in the EOAC. An additional congratulations to the spring tennis team and baseball team.

Hopefully everyone did well on their state tests. Now, it's time to get ready for finals. Remember, finals go in as a separate grade, but they are still a crucial part of your report card. So, try your best, make sure you study, and ask your teachers questions.

Prom was April 27th, and we hope everyone had a super fun night.

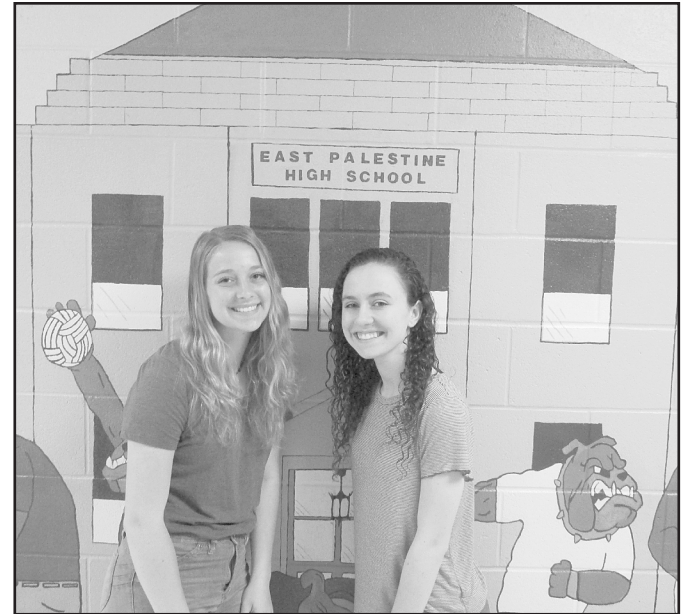
The courtyard is now open to juniors and seniors who are eligible, talk to your

teachers to see what the requirements are and to check if you are eligible or not.

Seniors, May 17th is your last day before final exams; on behalf of the journalism staff, good luck to you all in your future endeavors and thank you for the time you put in at East Palestine High School. You will all be missed!

Your 2018-2019 Editors,

Paige THomas and Macy Rosen



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Staff Question: What Are Your Fun Plans for Summer '19?

Lilli Miller
Assistant Editor



A: I am participating in the county fair for the seventh year in a row. I also plan on spending time with my friends and boyfriend. We plan on going on vacation.

Caitlin Bable
Staff Writer



A: Spending lots of time with my friends and my boyfriend, going camping, and going to Virginia.

Larissa Busch
Staff Writer



A: Going to New York to visit family.

Courtney Hallock
Staff Writer



A: I plan on spending time with my family and boyfriend. I also plan on going on my first vacation.

Natalie Hamner
Staff Writer



A: I plan on attending conditioning for Geneva College Track and Field to prepare for the upcoming season.

Sydney Muransky
Staff Writer



A: I plan to go on a nice relaxing vacation and spending a lot of time with family and friends.

Morgan Rutledge
Staff Writer



A: Spending lots of time with my friends and having fun.

Abby Stock
Staff Writer



A: I plan on hanging out with friends and hopefully going swimming a lot.

Clayton Wright
Staff Writer



A: I have a vacation after school ends, and I am going to Myrtle Beach.



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Meet, Defeat, Repeat

By Macy Rosen
Editor

On your marks, get set...go! It's track season once again, and the defending EOAC champs are back at it again with a great season.

The 2019 team consists of Caitlin Bable (Sophomore), Emily Berger (Sophomore), Heather Bishop (Sophomore), Malynn Bistarkey (Sophomore), Bree Browne (Junior), Mayzen Chamberlain (Freshman), Patience Champney (Freshman), Sara Cozza (Junior), Lizzy Everson (Freshman), Faith Figley (Sophomore), Hope Figley (Sophomore), Gracie Fitzsimmons (Sophomore), Sophia Foster (Freshman), Shaelee Guy (Junior), Mykenzee Hawk (Freshman), Rachel Hill (Sophomore), Alexcia Hughes (Junior), Jami Jones (Junior), Juli Jones (Junior), Savannah Jones (Sophomore), Rylie Jurjavcic (Freshman),

Jaliyah Mixon (Junior), Mikayla Oates (Sophomore), Macy Rosen (Sophomore), Payton Sherry (Sophomore), Danielle Spurio (Sophomore), Breanna Struble (Freshman), Kaylea Ward (Sophomore), and Emily Zimmerman (Junior).

There are six seniors on the team this year: Madison Cannon (319), Natalie Hamner (341), Madelyn Hostetter (320), Cierra Ogg (327), Madyson Pickett (218), and Shelby Russell (304).

At the Ward & EP Girls Invitational at home, the girls placed 5th overall with 44 points: Jaliyah Mixon came in 4th place in discuss, Emily Zimmerman 2nd in the 3200 meter run, the 4x200 meter relay (Payton

Sherry, Rylie Jurjavcic, Madyson Pickett, Macy Rosen) in 6th, the 4x800 meter relay (Hope Figley, Emily Zimmerman, Malynn Bistarkey, Faith Figley) in 3rd.

On March 26th against Lisbon, Leetonia, Southern Local, and Heartland; the girls placed 1st overall with a final score of 139 points: Juli Jones 1st and Jami Jones 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles, Mikayla Oates 1st; Payton Sherry 2nd; Sophia Foster

3rd in high jump, the 4x800 meter relay; the 4x200 meter relay; and the 4x100 meter relay all got 1st, Faith Figley 1st in the 400 meter dash. At the April 2nd quad meet; the girls placed 2nd overall with 71 points against United, Toronto, and Southern Local: Jami Jones came in 1st in the 100 meter hurdles, Jaliyah Mixon 1st in discus, Hope Figley 2nd in the 800 meter run, Macy Rosen 3rd in the 200 meter dash, Sara Cozza 2nd and Emily Berger in 3rd in long jump.

Congratulations on winning 2nd place in the EOAC, and good luck finishing out this season. Seniors, hopefully your final year of track was great!



The 2019 EPHS Girls Track Team

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Leave it All on the Track

By Natalie Hamner
Staff Writer

Our high school track and field season began in the month of March and runs through the month of May. Our 2019 Boys Track team consisted of 28 athletes. The freshmen consist of Tyler Bistarkey, George Bosworth, Cooper Figley, Dominic Ludt, and Tommy Shasteen. The sophomores consist of Christian Blymiller, Dominic Fertsch, Damian Jackson, Nevan Lee, Konnor Thomas, Zach Thorpe, and Brandon Turcola. The juniors are Dominick Cathers, Ryland Doucette, Matt Garcia, Gavin Lambert, Dominick Lohr, Patrick Ludt, Cole Rutlege, Josh Welch, and Jon White. Lastly, the senior boys track members are Daniel Bender,

Andrew Cunningham, Stephen Darlington, Hunter Debee, Jon Thiry, and Connor Wisbith.

When asked what his most memorable memory from Track was, senior Jon Thiry explained, "My greatest memory would be when the guy throwers work together and have a fun time at practice."

The track team is coached by our very own history teacher Mr. Young. When asked how has this season been different than past seasons, and what he hopes for in future seasons, Mr. Young stated, "This season has been great. Both the boys and girls teams have been fun to be around.

They've worked hard to become good track athletes. This season has pretty much been the same as past seasons, although I would like to see our kids embrace our track traditions a bit more firmly. Our teams are relatively young, so the future looks bright."

We also asked first time track member Connor Wisbith how he felt about his first year of track. He stated, "It was different. Not as rough as football but definitely a new experience for me."

Congratulations on winning 2nd in the EOAC. The boys are looking to close out their



2019 EPHS Boys Track Team

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season with three regularly scheduled meets, followed by districts, regionals and state.



Bulldog Pride



Bulldog Tennis

By Caitlin Bable
Staff Writer

This year's spring tennis team consists of two seniors; Micah Beal and Parker Wisser, one junior; Matt Garcia, three sophomores; Hope Figley, Faith Figley, and Ricky Bell, and two Freshman; Brian Dunlap and Eddie Patterson. The team has practices at the park from 4:15-6:00 p.m. where they prepare for matches by stretching, jogging, and doing light hitting.

Getting a win as a team is a goal that they hoped to accomplish this spring, which they did!



2019 EPHS Spring Tennis Team *Magic Moments*

When recently asked about what he will miss the most about playing on the team, graduating senior, Micah Beal responded, "playing matches with everything I have."

The entire team works very hard to meet their goals, and we look forward to seeing more people join the team next year.

Softball Slides Into a Successful Season

By Morgan Rutledge
Staff Writer

The East Palestine Softball Team is coached by head coach Dan McKinstry and assistant coaches Logan Gatchel, Jen Andre, and Clarence Andre. The team has two seniors Delaney Early and Taylor Hostetter. The underclassmen include four juniors: Jade McBride, Kenzee Johnston, Caitlyn Mohny, Harlie Detrick; six sophomores, Mckenna Griffith, Joclyn Fristik, Morgan Cheurco, Ivy Burkett, Marisa Noel; and one freshman, Madison Telischak.

The team is 16-6 and in the league. Their first victory came to Columbiana when they fought back and won 15-12. Their other wins come from victories over United, Leetonia, Southern, and Youngstown East. The losses this season have come to tough teams like Lisbon, Salem, and Columbiana.

When asked about her team this season

Taylor explained, "My senior year was a pretty good year. I'm so blessed to play with the girls and that I got to play this year with them. I love them all!"

Also Delaney stated, "I am so grateful I was able to spend my senior year with such a supportive and fun group of girls. I will miss all of them along with my favorite sport."

The girls had a great season this year. Their league record was 11-3 and their overall record was 17-7, ending the year on a heartbreaking tournament loss. The girls were Sectional Champs.



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Diamond Dawgs Swing for a Winning Season

By Sydney Muransky
Staff Writer

The East Palestine baseball team consists of 18 players. Six of the eighteen players are seniors. These members include Daniel Bender, Brock Cheurco, Connor Elliott, Abel Figley, Jordon Fristik, and Justin Hooley. Junior members of the team are Lautaro Cordero, Daniel Dellick, Dalton Vance, and Cameron Wischerman. Sophomore players include James Buckius III, Dakota Fiest, Zion Figley, Sean Helpy, Kenneth Holly, and Brandon Turcola. There are two freshman on the 2019 team and that includes Brady Kridler and Cooper Vance.

The team can have multiple games a week, but sometimes they can be canceled due to rough weather. If they are not playing in a game chances are the Bulldog Baseball team is practicing or lifting. If you would like to attend an East Palestine game, Vance's fields are located on State Route 14 in Unity. Our team's field is the last in the complex.

The 2019 coach of the Bulldog Baseball team is Dr. Nocera. He has been coaching the team for 2 years. "I really enjoy the players, teaching and watching them grow," he explains. Dr. Nocera assists players to the best of his ability and helps them succeed as a team and individual players.

Baseball can be a tricky sport if you do not know all the technicalities. There are many skills and tricks you need to practice in order to succeed at baseball. Dr. Nocera says, "Pitching, team speed and team chemistry" are the strengths our baseball team holds. Although the team is doing great, there is always room for improvement. Nocera continues, "We need to be a little better defensively over all. We have a solid team, and I expect us to have a winning record at the end of the year and make playoffs."

The leaders of Diamond Dawgs this season consists of three seniors, this includes Jordon Fristik, Brock Chureco, and Connor Elliott. There are also two juniors: Cameron Wischerman and Dalton Vance and also one freshman, Cooper Vance. There has been two players that have surprised the coaches with all their accomplishments thus far in the season. Dr. Nocera says he was surprised at Justin Hooley's recovery and improvement in his game after his arm surgery. Also, Abel Figley has been a nice addition and surprise to the team.

"The season has been really fun, and we are improving everyday," says Abel about this season.

The boys baseball team had a successful season. Their overall record was 16-8-1, and their league record was 8-5-1. Up until their final tournament game against South Range, these boys completed their season on a 15 win winning streak which showed the amount of improvement these players made throughout the season.



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The Woods

By Caitlin Bable
Staff Writer

It was a warm summer evening, the sky was turning to dusk, and the warm breeze softly blew across my sun-tanned skin and through my blonde hair. Since the sun was going down, I pushed my sunglasses up and on top of my head, having no need for them. As I was walking home down the sidewalk, the aura seemed off. I stopped and looked behind me before continuing down the road, about to turn onto the wooden boardwalk leading to my house.

As I tucked my hair behind my ear, a hair raising sound arose from the trees. I stopped once more, too terrified to take another step. It surely wasn't human. I didn't know what it was; I still really don't. Curiosity took over my fear, and I wanted to know what that sound came from. I glanced around once more and went off into the woods, in which I had never been in before. I contemplated turning back, but I knew I would never forgive myself for not exploring. As I reached the opening in the trees, the grass became thick green moss on the soft forest floor. I continued, farther and farther, as I looked up at the tall trees. It was getting darker, and I heard eerie sounds in the distance. The sounds erupted from deadly creatures that I would soon discover for myself. I could barely see a thing, and I was becoming uneasy with all the bewailing noises. I grabbed at my pocket, feeling for my phone. Once I found it, I turned it on to see that there was no service at all, and my battery was drained completely from 95% to 1%. Panic shot through me as I tried to remember which way I walked into the woods. I started my terrifying walk, thinking that I was on my way out. Little did I know that I was actually just walking deeper into the darkness, deeper into the tall trees, where creatures that blend into the blackness of my surroundings towered over me, watching my every move. Shivering and shaking from the nerves, and now a slight chill. I felt cold precipitation fall from the sky and onto my bare arms and legs. I started to fall harder and faster. I heard cracks of thunder over me and saw dark clouds light up in white outlines from lightning. I had hoped I was only having a bad dream right then and there, but I knew I wasn't.

As I continued walking, my feet were sinking into the muddy ground. The moon was completely covered by the black and menacing thunder clouds, making it even more dark than it already was. The heavy and cold raindrops splattered on my skin and on the ground. I had been walking for several hours it felt like, and there was the occasional lightning strike that lit up the sky with a flash of light. I could see the creatures lurking, but it was quick enough I couldn't find a way out.

Tired, I stopped and listened for a bit. In the distance I thought I heard water running, perhaps from a stream. I started off in that direction. The temperature seemed to be dropping by the minute. It was freezing. It still is a mystery to me as to how it had gotten so cold in summer time. Even at night, during a storm. I wandered in the direction of where I thought I heard water trickling, and when I got there, there was no stream. I heard the sound again, followed by rustling in the trees near me. I gasped and covered my mouth as I slowly stepped backwards as my back pressed up against something. Screaming in terror, I whipped around to see what it was.

The creature was large, and jet black in color. I slowly looked over it, studying its demeanor. It just sat there in front of me, with broad shoulders, and a cold intimidating stance. Its eyes were tints of deep reds and oranges, as it stared right past me into the distance, as if I wasn't there. I didn't want to run, fearing it was set off by motion, so I stayed put. A gust of frigid cold wind blew, causing me to shiver, and branches on the trees to crack. I looked up to see that the creature's gaze was now fixed upon me, with a chilling determined look. Its muscular dog-like features were interesting, but terrifying as well. I stood there, trying my best not to move as another gust of wind came. The creature taking its eyes off me and looking in the direction of the wind stood up and started running off, disappearing into the pouring rain.

After it was gone, I took off running in the opposite direction, rain hitting my face like needles. Trying my best not to trip over anything, I slowed down to catch my breath, breathing in cold air. The wind started picking up heavier, and whipping the rain harder. I covered my face to shield my skin from the pelting water as I heard another hair-raising sound. It was quiet, but audible. It sounded like a million tiny whispers all around me. I listened as closely as I could through the rain and what I heard was unpleasant, and sent chills through me.

"You aren't safe," murmured the whimsical voices, my heart beating hard and fast. Then, as if on cue, I heard branches crack in the distance. It was coming from more than one place. The decision whether or not to run or to stand still was killing me. I didn't know what to do, so I slowly crept away, in the direction that I didn't hear any branches break. As soon as I took a step, sticks cracked and made noise. I froze as I heard large steps come closer and closer to me in all directions. I was petrified. I turned around and saw large, terrifying, figures emerge from the trees. I couldn't quite see them, but I saw their eyes, the same red and orange flame-like, glowing eyes that I had seen before.

Without thinking, I made a run for it. I ran as fast as I could, hearing the large, barbaric creatures, pound the ground as they bolt behind me. Hot tears were starting to roll down my face and mix with the rain that was soaking my clothes. As I kept running, I soon came to an opening in the trees. Moonlight poked through the thick clouds illuminating the opening, as I felt the rain stop and the thunder and lightning cease. I slowed my pace, not hearing the steps behind me anymore, as the wind slowly blew again. It was more like a warm breeze this time. I heard the same mystical whispers that I had heard before. The ghoulish mutters disturbed me again as they spoke.

"Keep going," mumbled a few voices. I didn't know what to think; although, they were right the first time. I figured it was just best to believe what I had heard, for the sake of my sanity, but as if I wasn't already insane enough, taking advice from creepy voices in the wind. I kept walking.

I wiped the rain water from my face and rubbed my eyes. It was starting to become daylight. I must have been walking all night. It seemed impossible; but at the same time, it felt like I had been there for even longer than just a single, troublesome night. I eventually found my way back to the wooden walkway that leads to my house. I didn't turn back once to peer back into the woods, and I tell myself I never will again.

The trees stood almost silent, but I could hear them whisper as the vibrant green leaves danced in the warm evening breeze. There was not a cloud in the dawn sky. It was shades of oranges and yellows and blues as the sun lazily seemed to be dipped into the water over the horizon. Calm little waves gently crashed upon the smooth rocks and the white sand at the shore of the lake in front of my home, and left lines of crushed shells and sea glass of many colors. The dim sunlight was reflected in twinkles as the water rippled over itself. The Earth acted as if nothing had happened, and everything was at last perfect. At least, I could pretend that everything was.

Recipe For Homemade Lemonade

Ingredients:

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups of sugar
- 8 cups of water
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of lemon juice

Directions:

1. In a small pan bring one cup of water and your sugar (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups) to a boil, stir until sugar is dissolved. Once dissolved, let it cool to room temperature. Then cover and refrigerate until chilled.
2. For this step you can use lemon juice you can buy in bottles or juice from fresh squeezed lemons, whichever you prefer. Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave the pulp. In a pitcher mix your chilled sugar and water together with lemon juice and the remaining 7 cups of water.
3. Set in refrigerator until chilled and enjoy.

Courtney's

Tips and Tricks:

For this recipe, I personally used lemon juice you buy in bottles at the store. It had a really nice taste, just the right amount of sourness. I recommend this recipe for anyone who would like to enjoy a nice cool summer drink.

I, Tia Bricker, leave my hope, trust, and love to the teachers of EP. I leave positivity, constructiveness, and persistence to the students.

I, Larissa Busch, leave behind the knowledge that Mrs. Winland is the most fun and easy-going teacher here. Respect. I also want to say, even if she won't be here next year, that Ms. Brown is an amazing substitute and a great teacher.

I, Madison Cannon, leave my peanut allergy to Mckenna Griffith, my "what's for lunch?" to Bailey Davis, my hot gossip to the lunch table, my cheer skills to Ryleigh Harn and Sara Cozza, my fire playlist to Macy Rosen, and my dancing to Emily Berger.

I, Colton Cook, leave all the juniors the most wonderful, and "nicest" teacher...Mrs. Randolph!

I, Andrew Cunningham III, leave my discipline of a Buddhist monk to the future classes of EPHS. I leave the direct training that the vinaya provides to Joshua Mohny. I leave the practical rules that define the status of a monk to Josh Reeder. I leave the teachings of the Buddha to Josh Welch. I give the food a monk is allowed to collect, receive and consume between dawn and midday to Josh Bland. I leave the making of their own robes to Joshua Chaffee. I leave the inability of using T.V.'s and videos for entertainment by a monk to Faith and Hope Figley.

I, Stephen Darlington, leave my jump shot to Cathers because he doesn't have one, my height to Juli Jones because she needs a growth spurt, and I'll leave my hops for Tybuck and JB so they can finally dunk.

I, Isabella Deeter, leave Ivy Frye my love, hopefulness, and joy. I leave Madelyn George all my hugs and love. I leave my love for Rotary to Courtney Stewart and all of my fellow Rotarians. I leave my love and gratitude to my loving teachers, and everyone who supported me.

I, Delaney Early, leave Sam Early the strength to get through his senior year and to enjoy it as much as he can, love you buddy! I know you will miss me on your long car rides to school. I also leave the softball team my work ethic and passion for the sport. Enjoy every moment, especially the seniors! I loved playing with all of you my senior year, good luck in the upcoming year! I leave Harlie Detrick our fun times on the field throughout the last 6 years of high school and travel softball. Enjoy your senior year, I will miss you Har! I leave Morgan Rutledge the outfield; go after every ball with 100% and have confidence! I also leave Kenzee Johnston our Wendy's trips and our hip bumps on the field before games. Finally, I leave Joclyn Fristik speed on the basepath, keep up the good work!

I, Emily Felger, leave Ivy Burkett my mediocre tennis serves, Paige Thomas all of my laughter (just in case no one laughs at your amazing jokes), and I leave Hannah Felger my two-hour school days.

I, Abel Figley, leave Dominick Cathers my football locker, Nick Fierro my lineman skills, Faith and Hope half of my athletic ability, Paige Snyder the other half of my athletic ability and half roaming ability, Cameron Wischerman my parking spot, and Tyler Bistarkey my nice outfits.

I, Jordan Fristik, leave Joclyn Fristik all of my learning skills, athletic skills, and my ability to make everyone laugh. Have a great last 2 years of high school and keep killing it.

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I, Cheyla Gaskell, leave all of my gratitude and love to everybody who has made all of high school worth it. I leave my appreciation to the amazing teachers who have made an impact on me, my life, and who have become a reference for the type of person I want to be. I leave all of my heart and nothing but good luck for my girls on flag line. Overall, I leave my entire start of adulthood and my legacy between the walls of this school to the future generations who will have their starts here as well.

I, Courtney Hallock, leave Rourk Polojac my singing and music reading abilities. I leave my brother Logan Hallock my grades. Finally, I leave my attendance in the trash where it belongs.

I, Madelyn Hostetter, leave my volleyball jersey to Mace, 4 x 8 baton to Hope and Faith, the panda head to Billy, I leave my jokes to Selá, my nickname powers to Ryleigh, and I leave my parking spot to Lys, the spotify to Brando, all my long jump skills to Sara(Sorry), my distance runs to Heather, dancing skills to Bergy, Summer Dunkin runs to Griffy, speed workouts to Cole and Thorp (Good luck), and my crappy math skills to Kenzee, and all my smiles to Youngy.

I, Lilliona Miller, leave Aiden Shaffer, my dearest cousin, my grades. I will leave my brother, Ethan Miller, my attendance. I'm going to leave my attitude to Logan Hallock. Good luck you three; I love you guys.

I, Sydney Muransky, leave my parking spot in the GL to Allysa Hostetter or Macy Rosen. My daring skills to Tyler Bistarkey and the 6th period chats to Youngy. The cat in Mr. Young's wall to Paige Thomas. My attendance, Senioritis and my routine before school to Olivia Figley. I leave the broken bleachers to all the underclassmen who will be at Bulldog football.

I, Avery Oates, leave Mikayla Oates the reputation of our last name. Nick Daubenmire gets my parking spot, and I am passing my colorguard skills to the rest of the girls.

I, Jarred Osberg, leave the drum line to Kaedance Boso.

I, Madyson Pickett, leave Malynn the volleyball court. Always work your hardest and don't let anyone tell you that you aren't good enough. I also leave Caitlyn McTrusty my strength and motivation to finish high school. I leave the bulldog football fans the front row of the student section--cheer loud!! I also leave Emily Berger with my confidence on the volleyball court. I will miss running plays with you, but never give up on yourself and become the best hitter you can be! Finally, I leave my happiness and best wishes to the rest of the EPHS students. Enjoy high school while it lasts, because it is over in the blink of an eye.

I, Blaize Reynolds, leave Nick Fierro my parking spot in the gravel lot and my pass blocking skills.

I, Maiah Richburg, leave all my teachers with love and generosity. I leave all my will power, strength, and love to Bree Browne. I leave all my knowledge to the underclassmen in hopes that they all graduate with [a] high understanding of life. I leave all my artistic abilities to Miles Frank. I know he will become something huge in the future. Lastly, I leave all my thanks to Mrs. Randolph for helping me through my last year.

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I, Betty Runkles, leave my life, drama, people, and the cafeteria food. I leave my teacher (Mrs. Babik) to Autumn Cooper.

I, Shelby Russell, leave Kaedance Boso my personality, my flag line skills to Morgan Murphy, my saxophone skills to Caitlin Bable and Abbie Andre, and Jaliyah Mixon my fashion statement.

I, Thomas Schwerin III, leave Miles Frank all my art experience, and wish him a successful art career.

I, Parker Sherry, leave my sister Payton Sherry the ability to keep my mom and "the General" busy, to continue to work hard in the classroom and to shoot for the stars because you can achieve anything. Love you, Payton. I leave Cameron Wischerman my snow shoveling skills, Nick Fierro an open invitation to bale hay and work on being a center any time, Josh Welch my Camp Kon O'Kwee GaGa Ball skills. The EPHS Football and Basketball teams dedication to the weight room and being leaders on the field and in the classroom. Jonathan Bertovich to be the last out to leave the gym after working out extra after practices; and Cooper Vance my ability to hit dingers after basketball games. To the EPHS student body: be kind and respectful to all of the teachers, and be sure to work hard in school.

I, Nathan Taylor, leave my glass eye to Kiley Weaver and 50 cents to Dr. Nocera.

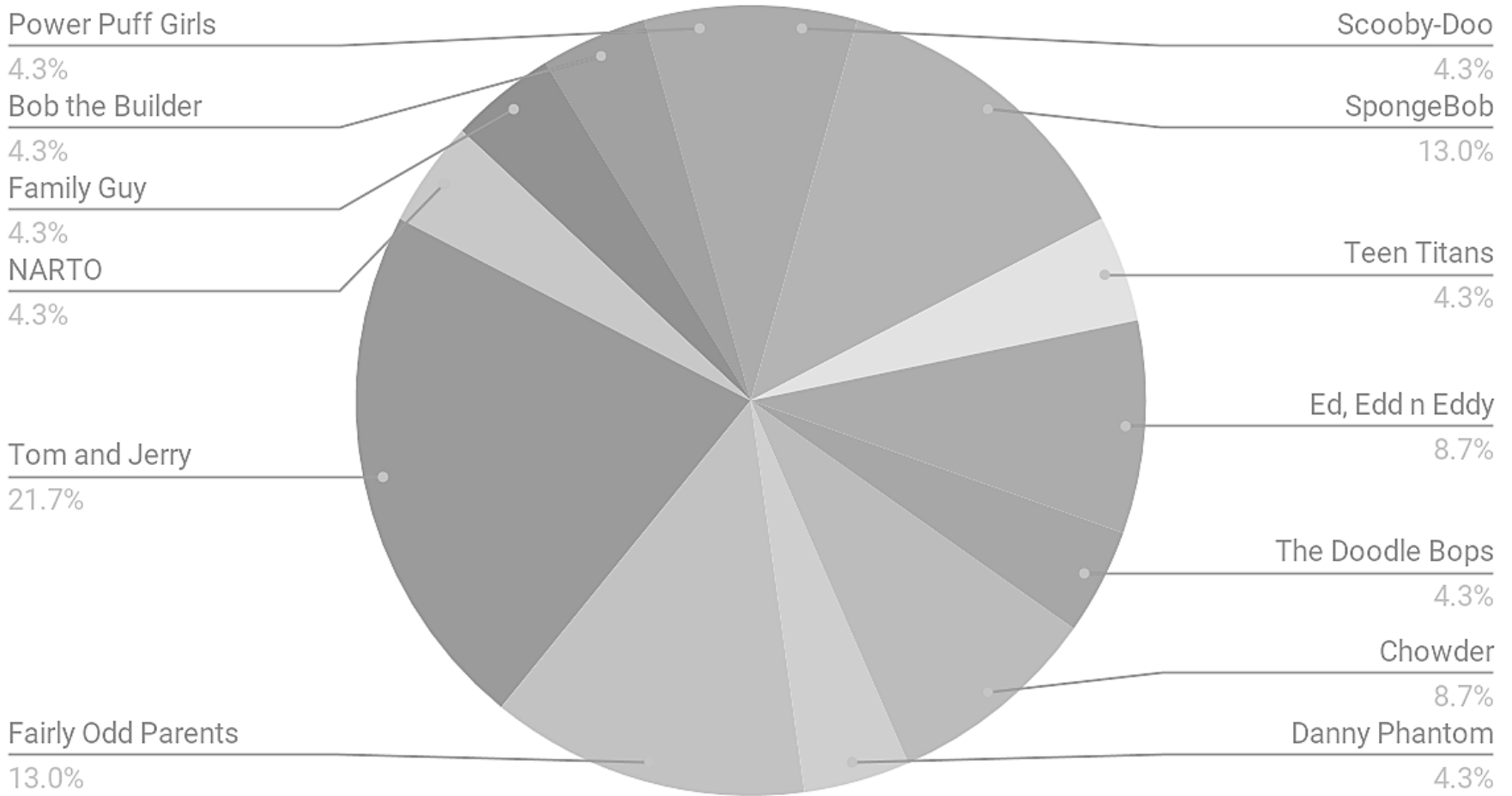
I, Alyssa White, leave a word of encouragement to all of the underclassmen, if you think it is smart to mess around all day long in school doing nothing all day, it is not. Because when it gets down to a month and a half until you are supposed to graduate and you haven't passed any of your classes you need to graduate, good luck on getting to walk at graduation! Good luck Bulldogs!

I, Amanda R. Wilson, leave my mace to Juli Jones to drop on her face too. I leave my obnoxious amounts of mellophone spit to Alysa Hostetter. I leave my loud mouth to Shelby Ogg, my smiling morning face to Dominik Lohr, Dejo mi ingles fluido para Lautaro Cordero (I leave my fluent English to Lauti.) I leave my alarm clock to Mason Shields, and I leave my hands to Emily Berger.

I, Samantha Woods, leave my 5 star binder to my dearest cousin Makensie Artrup, my grades to Macey Miller and my attitude to Lilly Graves. For my band sections I leave everything I know to Taylor Ortiz, Gracie Fitzsimmons, and Jonny White. I love every single one of you, and I wish you the best of luck in your school career.

Senior Wills III

What was your Favorite Childhood Cartoon?



Seniors were asked to remember their favorite cartoon.

Clayton Wright, Staff Writer

Series Review: Northern Rescue

By: Abby Stock
Staff Writer

The show I reviewed is called Northern Rescue and begins with a family whose lives are being altered by life circumstances. After being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that has spread to multiple places, Sarah West, the mother of the West family, died of cancer. After she passed away, search and rescue commander John West and their three children Maddie, Scout, and Taylor, uproot their lives and go live with their Aunt Charlie in Turtle Island Bay.

This show goes through the process of grieving in the mind of each of the children. Each child seems to handle the grief differently.

Maddie becomes rebellious and ends up getting herself arrested multiple times. She finds a letter that was supposed to be mailed to a guy named Rick Walker. The letter contained some information that would end up changing her life.

Scout becomes distant and isolates himself from his family. He went out for the wrestling team and got kicked off for being in multiple fights with another boy on the team.

Taylor becomes very upset and sad most of the time. After an embarrassing moment during a spelling bee, she finds ways to avoid becoming viral online.

I think this show has good quality of showing what grief is really like. It pulls out the major effect of losing a loved one. I would definitely recommend this series to anyone who likes shows about life stories or a drama genre.

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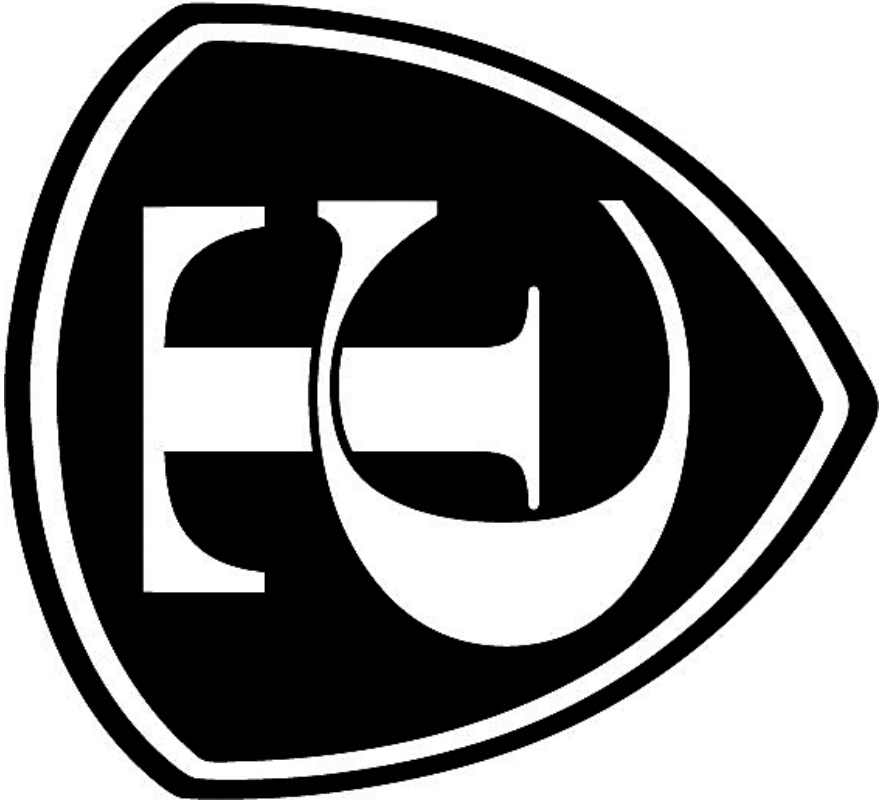
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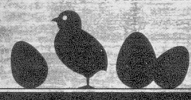
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Good Luck to All of Our Senior Staff Members!

A Tribute to Our Great Educators

By Larissa Busch

Staff Writer

At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we want to pay tribute to some retiring teachers that have dedicated the majority, if not all, of their careers to the students and district of East Palestine: Georgan Lazzara, Wendy Boyles, Debbie Repasky, Melissa Gatchel. Thank you!



Mrs. Lazzara will be sadly missed from the math department by the high school staff and students. After teaching for 32 years total, I asked her what she liked most about her experience teaching in East Palestine Schools. She explains, "I love to teach! The interaction with the students both in and outside of the classroom. Also, the very dear friends that I have made over the years that I will always cherish and remember." I also asked her what she plans on doing in retirement. She shared that she will "spend more time with my children and their families because they all live out of town so that means some travel to get to their homes. I will be going to many of my grandchildren's activities. Two are starting Kindergarten in August."

Mrs. Georgan Lazzara
EPHS Math Teacher



Many people know Mrs. Boyles as a favorite middle school ELA teacher. In her time serving EP she has enjoyed, "Friendships and relationships that will last beyond retirement... [She explains,] My life is nicer because of the people, staff and students, who have become a part of my life." In deciding to retire this year she explains, "Many factors worked together to make the 2018-2019 school year my last year of teaching. My age and my desire to be more available to my children and my grandchildren are the two biggest reasons why I am retiring now." Lastly, when discussing what she anticipates about retirement she explains, "I am not sure what life after retirement would be. I do know that it would include more time with family and time to work outside at home, but beyond that..." Mrs. Boyles will definitely be missed next year.

Mrs. Wendy Boyles
EPMS ELA Teacher

At the elementary school, Mrs. Repasky is retiring. When asked to reflect on her teaching career, she explained, "I really enjoyed my earlier years of teaching. Mostly because there weren't as many state mandates. Teachers were freer to do their jobs and make decisions about students without all the paperwork and meetings. I have had some super students over the years, and every educator I have worked with has been outstanding. I have made some wonderful friends throughout the years too." In retirement Mrs. Repasky plans to combine her hobby and continuing to help children. She explains, "I am a quilter. I plan to spend my time making quilts and other items out of fabric. I recently discovered a wonderful collection of stuffed animal patterns that I love making. I plan to donate them to [the] police and fire department for children they may encounter during an emergency. I also want to read more, work in the garden more, and in the winter simply watch the birds at my feeder."



Mrs. Debbie Repasky
EPES 2nd Grade Teacher



Mrs. Melissa Gatchel
EPES 3rd Grade Teacher

Another EPES teacher retiring this year is Mrs. Gatchel. As a 3rd grade teacher, she has been a consistent presence in the elementary school since 1987. She explains, "I can't say enough about the wonderful people I've interacted with during my career, especially my students and my colleagues. It's been incredibly rewarding to see my students grow and develop over the years. I've enjoyed working with and learning from my colleagues. Their support and encouragement, both professionally and personally, have been greatly appreciated...I also remember coming together with colleagues from Captain Taggart when the new elementary school was completed. I'll never forget coaching middle school girls' basketball. We always had so much support from our parents and fans." In retirement, Mrs. Gatchel intends to spend more time with her family and is excited to welcome her grandson into the world in August.

Senior Edition: Say What?

**Stephen
Darlington**



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: POWER by Kanye West to get me ready for a great day.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Easy money gang.

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: If you are 18 you should be able to sign yourself out.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: Too many to choose.

Madee Foster



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: Old Town Road by Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Bored, tired, annoyed.

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: Having to take 8 classes when I only needed 2 more to graduate.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: Photography .

**Sydney
Muransky**



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: I have a large playlist but I think "It Takes Time" is frequently played.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Are we done?

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: You should be allowed to leave and get lunch.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: I wish we had a little fashion elective.

Avery Oates



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: I drive in silence to start the sadness bright n' early.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Ready to leave.

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: Students with study hall 1st period should be allowed to come later.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: American sign language.

Dominic Posey



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: My mom brings me to school.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: GET ME OUT !!!

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: Rules are rules.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: Football history.

Chad Ratliff



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: Legends by Juice Wrld.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Thank the Lord.

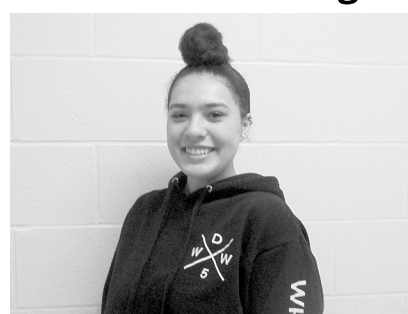
Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: Less homework.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: Recess.

Maiah Richburg



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: Xanny by Billie Elish.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Tea is spilt.

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: N/A.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: Different language class other than Spanish.

Amanda Wilson



Q: If you drive to school what's your most played song?

A: Jacked Up by Weezer.

Q: Describe your senior year in 3 words.

A: Where to next?

Q: If you could change one school rule what would it be?

A: Dress Code.

Q: What's one elective you wish we had?

A: ASL or French.