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Meet primary candidates who want to run Ohio's elections

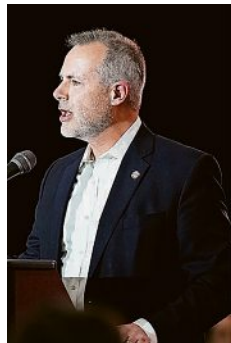
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Ohio voters will soon decide whether they want an established elected official or political newcomer to run their elections.

Two Republicans and two Democrats are running in the May 5 primary for chance to become Ohio's next secretary of state. The winners will face off with Libertarian candidate Tom Pruss in the Nov. 3 general election.

On the GOP side, Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague is competing against

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Treasurer Robert Sprague, left, and Marcell Strbich are running in the 2026 GOP primary for Ohio secretary of state.

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Rep. Allison Russo, left, and Bryan Hambley are running in the 2026 Democratic primary for Ohio secretary of state.

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Terra State students learn to live-record vinyl with Toledo Symphony



Kris Watts, left, Terra State Community College recording arts student, works the recording boards for the special vinyl record being produced from Chloe and the Steel Strings' Terra performance with Toledo Symphony String Quartet.

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'We were just really blown away'

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FREMONT – Local band Chloe and the Steel Strings teamed up with the Toledo Symphony String Quartet for a special performance at Terra State Community College, which is being produced as a vinyl record by Terra students.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to be able to record something, to see a concert, to eat some brownies and also to bring the whole project full circle and put it on a vinyl record, and I think that's a great thing," Terra State Director of Music Technology Brennan Willis said.

The live recording was held in the

Terra State Recital Hall with the attached recording studio. Terra music tech students recorded the live show in front of a dinner audience of 80. The event happened March 25, but mixing and other production work is going on now, with the record getting mailed to dinner recipients in a few more weeks.

"Yes, we are recording this," Willis said, pointing at the adjacent Terra recording studio. "So, we have all these audio lines, and some are coming in here and some are going over there, and some are back here and some are going both places. It's been a fun setup to do if you nerd out about stuff like that like I do, and it's fun to look at and geek out about."

The Toledo-based band's music is described as a mix of cosmic Ameri-

cana, folk and alt-country.

"Recording with the Toledo Symphony String Quartet came about when, about two and a half years ago, we were opening for a band in Cleveland and a woman came and put her business card on the stage," Chloe Ward said. "I was excited that it had occurred because we're so used to putting our business cards on other people's stages."

She and her husband (and the band's bass player), Connor, immediately followed up, and the woman said the Toledo Symphony was interested in doing a collaboration.

The Terra live show and recording was their second event together. Willis had seen the first event in November

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Forhan



Kulewicz

Ohio attorney general race: Meet the Democratic candidates

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For the first time in eight years, Ohioans will pick a new attorney general to act as the state's top law enforcement officer and head of the largest public interest law firm in the state.

Republicans are expected to nominate Keith Faber, who has been state auditor since 2019. In the May primary, Democrats will pick either former state representative Elliot Forhan or retired Vorys partner John Kulewicz to be the party nominee for attorney general.

Attorney General Dave Yost cannot run for reelection due to term limits.

The attorney general represents state agencies, pension funds and public colleges and universities, investigates and prosecutes charity fraud and Medicaid fraud, and operates the peace officers' training academy, state crime labs and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The attorney general can also join multi-state lawsuits on behalf of

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