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Ohio has a GOP governor primary

It's not the competitive one we expected

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President Donald Trump-endorsed entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy spent months clearing the Republican primary field of well-funded, well-known challengers in the race for governor.

It worked. Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost dropped out after losing the Ohio Republican Party's

endorsement to Ramaswamy. Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel, a prominent former head football coach at Ohio State University, decided not to run.

Ramaswamy, a 40-year-old biotech billionaire backed by a who's who of GOP politics, heads into the May 5 Republican primary as the front-runner – but not the only name on the ballot. He'll face Casey Putsch, a northwest Ohio business owner, car enthusiast and watchmaker, and Heather Hill, a former school board president from southeast Ohio.

The Republican primary is less about whether Ramaswamy will win and more about how much

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Briar Lehman works on an S-hook during a beginner blacksmithing class in Roscoe Village, overseen by Cord Stottlemire. PHOTOS BY LEONARD HAYHURST/TRIBUNE

FORGED HISTORY

Historic blacksmith shop offers hands-on lessons in canal-era life



The blacksmith shop in Roscoe Village on Whitewoman Street.

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COSHOCTON – Briar Lehman of Massillon has always been fascinated by blacksmithing, but never had an opportunity to give it a try. That was until his wife, Megan, enrolled him in a recent blacksmithing class in Roscoe Village as a Christmas present.

“This has been engrossing. It's something I knew about, but had no experience with in the real world. It's been a really interesting, hands-on learning process,” he said.

The Roscoe Village Foundation, which operates the recreation of a canal era town, is offering beginner blacksmith classes. Dates of future classes are expected to be announced soon.

Angel Underwood, marketing and visitor

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Tuscarawas YMCA honors volunteers, new board members

Jane Imbody

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The Tuscarawas County YMCA celebrated its volunteers and highlighted its achievements during its annual meeting and recognition dinner, recently held in New Philadelphia.

According to a community announcement, the event drew 96 attendees, including volunteers, members, staff and guests. The meeting covered news and financial updates from 2025 and honored individuals who contributed to the YMCA's success.

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