



THE OHIO FIELD SCHOOL



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- 1 Josh Deemer (L), ODNR-Southern District Preserve Manager, with Ohio State visiting scholar, Anping Luo (center), and Frank Isabelle (R), students from the 2018 Ohio Field School class.
- 2 Sarah Dove (L) and Ryan Patrus (R), students from the 2017 Ohio Field School class, interview Jack Stockham (center) during their driving tour of Shawnee State Forest.
- 3 Luna Luo (L) and Molly Rideout (R), students from the 2018 Ohio Field School class, clean and sort type for their service project, which involved assisting with the restoration of Bloody Twin Press.
- 4 Ana Mitchell, also a student from the 2018 Ohio Field School class, takes fieldnotes on a bench at Alexandria Point Park just before heading out for a walking audit of the Ohio River and historic Boneyfiddle area.



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WHAT DOES **RECOVERY** MEAN TO YOU?

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- 1 Writing on a window on a building in the Boneyfiddle historic district in Portsmouth in spring 2018.
- 2 Artwork created by participants at ASCEND Counseling and Recovery Services for Whitney Folsom-Lecouffe's art therapy class. This work was exhibited as Canary in the Coal Mine: Escaping the Opioid Crisis at the first annual Visualizing Appalachia symposium at Shawnee State University in 2018.
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**DO YOU HAVE
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Keri Craft
PHOTOGRAPHY

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- 1 Closeup of a tree in Shawnee State Forest after the 2003 ice storm. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
- 2 The Ohio River after a heavy rain. Photo courtesy of Kevin Craft via Instagram @kevin_craft_photography.





HOW DO YOU **GATHER** WITH OTHERS?



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- 1 Shawnee State Park Naturalist Jenny Richards leads a group nature walk and discusses the history of a cistern located located at Vastine Hollow. Read more about Vastine Hollow on Scioto Historical at sciotohistorical.org.
- 2 2017 annual Martin Luther King Jr. walk from Shawnee State University to the North End.
- 3 Bicyclists riding through the Boneyfiddle historic district in Portsmouth for the Ohio Olympics in Senior Cycling. Photo courtesy of Toni Dengel photography. Follow Portsmouth Connex, a local health and wellness advocacy group, on Facebook and online at connexmoves.org!
- 4 People shopping at the Portsmouth Farmers Market on the Roy Rogers Esplanade.





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- 1** Amari (L), Roger Jones (center), and David Parker (R) in front of the 14th Street Community Center during the quadrennial North End Super Reunion that took place in summer 2017. Search for the North End Super Reunion on Facebook!
- 2** Poet Brian Richards (L), and artists Kinsey Hall (center), and Ryan Sprinkle (R) walking the ridge by Bloody Twin Press near Shawnee State Forest. Follow Brian and Kinsey's process of restoring the press on Instagram @BloodyTwinPress.





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BROUGHT TO THIS PLACE?**



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- 1 Zac Nance (L) and Jessica Pacula (R), who moved to the area a couple years ago, at the music jam session at Port City Pub in Portsmouth.
- 2 Justin Carman (L) and Emily Harper (R), who moved from Cincinnati to Adams County (just outside the Scioto County line) to raise their family close to nature.
- 3 Three generations of fruit farmers at Hooples Fruit Farm in Otway: Mary Hoople Freeman (L), Cory Freeman (center-left), Bridgette Compton (center-right), and Shari Freeman (R).





**HOW DO FOLKS
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- 1 A blessing box located in the Boneyfiddle historic district in Portsmouth.
- 2 Community activist Andrew Carter (L) poses with students from the Watch Me Grow youth homesteading program. Students from left to right: Dante Hamrick, Taliyah Gripper, Tyrin Lewis, Skylin Robinson, Alberto Poxes, Leonardo Poxes. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram @watchmegrow.
- 3 The Portsmouth City Fire Department and rural fire departments with the Ohio Valley Firefighters Association work together to develop and operate a water shuttle to respond to water breaks that impacted SOMC in June 2018. Photo courtesy of Justin Clark, Facilities Director of the Southern Ohio Medical Center and local fire departments.
- 4 Portsmouth's first LGBTQIA + Pride Festival, hosted by the Portsmouth Welcoming Community in summer of 2018. Photo courtesy of Ann Linden. Follow Portsmouth, OH LGBT Pride on Facebook!





**WHAT DOES
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- 1** Shawnee State Park Naturalist Jenny Richards leads a hike with a homeschool group to look at mushrooms, orchids, and snake eggs in Shawnee State Forest. Photo Credit: Al Momrik.
- 2** A volunteer shows off a box turtle she found during the 2018 annual FOSBC (Friends of Scioto Brush Creek) Creek Sweep. Follow Friends of Scioto Brush Creek on Facebook!
- 3** Laura Thomas of the 2018 Ohio Field School class (L) and Barbara Bradbury of Hurricane Run Farm (R) stop to admire flowers peeking through dead leaves at Raven Rock State Nature Preserve. Follow Hurricane Run Farm on Facebook!
- 4** Portsmouth's first LGBTQIA + Pride Festival, hosted by the Portsmouth Welcoming Community in summer of 2018. Photo courtesy of Ann Linden. Follow Portsmouth, OH LGBT Pride on Facebook!





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- 1 Dog sculpture molded by artist Charlie Haskins out of a statue he found at a thrift store. Follow Charlie on Facebook at Charlie Haskins Custom Art!
- 2 Dried flower arrangement by Arla Miller and displayed in her home.
- 3 Custom knives handmade by Ryan Sprinkle. Follow Ryan on Instagram @folkloremaade.

