

# Defiance Dems

News You Can Use

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## Exercise your vote ...

**In *some* nations, voting's quite scary; but not *here* sez Tom, Dick and Mary**  
*(so, just do it ... vote!)*

Below are our Democratic candidates. For nonpartisan positions, candidates' party affiliation will not appear, so please familiarize yourself with who is running in your precinct.

Tim Holtsberry	Defiance City Council Pres.
Daniel Bohn	Defiance City Council
Joe Eureste	Defiance City Council
Jack Hale	Defiance City Council
Gregory Crites	Ney Council
J. Hohenberger	Sherwood Village Council
Brian Rogers	Sherwood Village Council
Scott Rohrs	Sherwood Village Council
Daryle Rogers	Adams Twp Trustee
Bernard Ryan	Adams Twp Trustee
J. Stinefelfer	Farmer Twp Trustee
D. Vermillion	Farmer Twp Trustee
Richard Ankney	Defiance Twp Trustee
Charles Bakle	Defiance Twp Trustee
Thomas Dietsch	Milford Twp Trustee
Otto Meyer Jr	Richland Twp Trustee
Gary Crites	Washington Twp Trustee
Howard Tropepe	Defiance City School Board
Steve Smith	Central Local School Board

*Tip:* By voting for only these candidates and no other (even if the machine prompts you to "select three" of a group), the likelihood of their winning is better.

Reside on a busy street and willing to display a yard sign? Call 782-9881 (ask for Tim) or 782-4021.

**Kudos to Tim Holtsberry, David Plant and Pat Walter for the Sep 19 Candidate Forum and tasty catered dinner. ... Great speakers and press coverage, glowing feedback from those present!**

Visit our website [www.defiancedems.org](http://www.defiancedems.org)

## Issues 2, 3, 4 and 5: YES!

Reform OHIO Now (RON) issues were given a heads-up by the conservative newspaper Columbus Dispatch on Feb. 27, 2005: "At best, Ohio's system is anti-democratic. At worst, it is corrupt, protects politicians and is indefensible against charges that it deprives voters of choice."

Volunteers could make our day ... get fresh air and exercise while leaving RON flyers at the door of registered voters. If you have an hour or two to donate, drop by the law firm of Arthur, O'Neil, Mertz & Michel, 901 Ralston (782-9881 or 1-800-782-9009) to pick up flyers and Walk Sheets for your preferred area. (Yard signs and bumper stickers are available.)

The opposition is spending a million dollars a week on a TV smear campaign, trying to protect the status quo. If these issues to hold politicians accountable do not pass, petitions will have to be circulated all over again to get on the 2006 ballot. Aaargh. Let's put shoulders to the wheel.

## Defiance Co. Dems also endorse:

**State Issue 1** - Jobs for Ohio bond issue, which will help create and keep more good jobs without raising taxes.

**County Issue 1** - *Renewal* of tax for providing and maintaining senior citizen services or facilities.

**County Issue 2** - *Renewal* of tax for mental retardation and developmental disabilities programs.

*The Defiance Co. Democratic Party  
neither endorses nor opposes the other Issues.*

## Absentee Voting for Nov. 8 election

If you are 62 years old or more, you can vote absentee. Other reasons: ●you will not be in the county on Nov. 8., ●you or a close family member will be in a hospital, ●illness or disability will prevent your going to the polls, ●you are a full-time fireman, peace officer or emergency medical service provider, ●you will be on active duty with the organized militia, ●you will be incarcerated for a misdemeanor, ●religious reasons.

Simply fill out an application for Absent Voter's Ballot OR make the request in writing (details below) OR go in person to the Defiance County Board of Elections, which recently moved to 1300 E Second St, Suite 103, Defiance, during weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (phone: 782-2906, 782-8543)

Written requests should contain the following information:

- your name and voting residence
- "for Nov. 8, 2005 General Election"
- reason for request (if you are 62 or older, you need no other reason)
- print AND sign your name
- the current date

excerpt from:

### Reassuring the Right

by Calvin Trillin (Oct 31, *The Nation*)

The President, who never tires  
Of naming cronies, named Ms. Miers  
To be a Justice. I'm not kidding.  
He said he knows she'll do his bidding.  
The social-issues right went crazy.  
They called her record much too hazy.  
Though through the code, with some contortion,  
Bush signaled that she hates abortion,

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## Protect your kids from the Pentagon

If a predator was sneaking into your kid's high school and grabbing personal information, then contacting your kid without your being told about it – how loudly would you scream at this dirty sneak?

Well, it's happening in schools all across America, and the predatory sneak is the Pentagon. Bush's infamous No Child Left Behind law requires schools, *without telling parents*, to release to military recruiters information on students as young as 16, including grades, ethnicity, S.S. numbers, email addresses and cell phone numbers. They already have profiled 30 million youngsters, allowing military recruiters to hustle your kids into a war without your consent or knowledge.

Three groups – Working Assets, Mainstreet Moms, and ACORN – have created an easy-to-use website for opting out: **LeaveMy Child Alone.org** It helps you produce and send letters to both the Pentagon and your local high school. ... The letter to the school requires it to remove your child's data from any list being released to recruiters.

from The Hightower Lowdown nwsltr Nov 2005

## One of 4 Ltrs to Ed (none from OH) in May's *Vanity Fair* re Mar piece "Ohio's Odd Numbers":

Thank you, Mr. Hitchens, for your article regarding the voting irregularities you became aware of in Ohio. Many of us are very familiar with what you found. The mystery is why the media are not more interested in investigating the possible voter fraud. If any of the allegations are true, it calls into question our very idea of democracy.

I find it mind-boggling that the press can follow stories of election fraud in other countries with major headlines and commentary, but simply turn a blind eye to our own country. It raises this question: Is this silence from fear or is there a more sinister reason? At any rate, it makes conspiracy theories inevitable.

ELIZABETH HAM  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Poll workers needed for Nov. 8. Hours 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. \$87. Training 2-2.5 hours pays \$25. ... For more information, call Board of Elections, 419 782-2906 or 782-8543)**