

# Defiance Dems

News You Can Use

November 2005

## And the winners are ...

Tim Holtsberry	<b>Defiance City Council President</b>
Joe Eureste	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
Richard Ankney	Defiance Twp Trustee
Thomas Dietsch	Milford Twp Trustee
Otto Meyer Jr	Richland Twp Trustee
Gary Crites	Washington Twp Trustee

For the other eight Democratic candidates, consider this Round One, and start preparing for the next time. Shake more hands, attend more events, become the person to see in your precinct! In this Republican stronghold, we'll have to work harder yet to get a better toehold. Please use this newsletter to speak out on issues.

## Surprise! ... bias @ Crescent-News

The C-N failure to give equal time to letters on *both* sides of a topic led Ken & Karen Christiansen last year to cancel their subscription in protest. Editor Helberg seems to have learned nothing from this. When Janet Beardsley's letter to the editor on Social Security was attacked, Marj Castanien wrote to set the facts straight ... whereas the C-N did not see fit to publish *her* letter, yet another tirade against Janet was given space. Janet's own rebuttal was ignored, too,

Please provide us a copy of any submitted-but-unpublished letter sent to C-N. We plan at some point to publish the lot, and thereby expose the newspaper's bias..

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### **Urgent message from ODP NW Ohio Regional Coordinator**

Ohio is at a crossroads. We must take back the State in 2006. Competitive State House races are needed to keep the momentum going in each and every county in Ohio. ... A candidate is needed for District 74; filing deadline is Feb. 16 - - don't let the Republicans go unchallenged! DNC Chair Howard Dean has stated that Democrats will not give up in any place in America. We must keep the fight going. Help your Party by becoming a candidate. Your Party and your Country need you.

...Steve Chaffin

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

## Ideas contest ... hurry, ends Dec. 5!

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$100,000 2 runners-up: \$50,000 ea.**

The 21 finalists will be featured in a book.

The **SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)** wants fresh, commonsense ideas to improve lives of everyday Americans. From health care to education, from offshoring of jobs to tax policies – what idea do you have for a better America?

In 175 words less, submit your entry in English or Spanish. Components:

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For details go to the above website. There you can read other people's ideas and comment on them. Beginning in January, you can vote on them. The website is fascinating.



I had another bad dream about Social Security.

*The New Yorker*

## Screening of Wal-Mart documentary highly successful

Recent screening of the Robert Greenwald documentary "Wal-Mart: the high price of low cost," in over 7,000 locations was a tremendous success. Here's a little of the feedback:

Norwich: "Wow. At the Norwich Public Library last evening we had to close the doors and turn folks away!"

Milwaukee: "We were thrilled with the turnout and media coverage for our two screenings."

Portland: "Had a fantastic screening at Bridgeport UCC in Portland, Oregon on Saturday night... a packed house."

Flagstaff: "more then 800 people. ... standing and sitting in the aisles. We have another screening planned."

Madison: "More then 900 people waiting in line in the snow to see the film."

from Santa Maria, California:

"We published letters to the editor, put up posters and passed out flyers. At the premier the room was packed. The most crucial of the screenings was 48 hours prior to a city council meeting where Wal-Mart reps were coming to try to get the zoning code changed to allow for a 55 acre super-center. At the city council meeting the chambers were packed. Impassioned by the stories in the film by people just like them, the audience got a bit rowdy....Wal-Mart failed to get the council members' approval with a vote of 5-0 against them! ..."

**Napoleon, Ohio:** In our part of the country, there were few showings. Nearest was at the home of Melissa and Jeremy Davies in rural Napoleon, super hosts. Guests were from Archbold, Pemberville, Defiance and Napoleon. It's difficult to imagine how anyone seeing the documentary could ever again shop in Wal-Mart or want one in their town.

**Borrow the DVD** If you wish to borrow the DVD, please call 419 782-6996 or email [defiance.democrats@gmail.com](mailto:defiance.democrats@gmail.com). For a complete list of DVDs and books available from our library, register (free) at our website (the Library and some other sections are not visible to unregistered visitors).

## Here's to you, Roger!

Roger Schomburg, Treasurer of the Defiance County Democratic Party for 15 years, has resigned his post to fight cancer. He enjoys visitors and hearing from friends, so don't be shy about keeping in touch. Keeping him company through the day are a pair of adorable Scotties, Katie and Bailey, ... and a Nanday Conure parrot, all of them lovingly spoiled.

Contact Roger at 419 784-4550, 21911 Roehrig Rd, or [sadieark@earthlink.net](mailto:sadieark@earthlink.net)

## Help Raise Ohio's Miserable Minimum Wage

The Ohio Democratic Party will help spread the word about Ohioans for a Fair Minimum Wage. We are part of a coalition of organizations across Ohio who are supporting an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to increase the State Minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$6.85 per hour.

Ohio and Kansas are the *only* states in the Country whose minimum wage is less than \$5.15. We cannot allow Ohio workers to continue to be treated like second class citizens. We need to circulate petitions and get over 323,000 signatures.

To find out where you can sign a petition (or pick up one to collect signatures), call Vic Vogel at 419 784-4021.

*excerpt from:*

### **Don't Criticize Me**

by Calvin Trillin (Dec. 5, *The Nation*)

(A ballad crooned to the tune of "You Go to My Head" by George W. Bush ...)

Don't criticize me. 'Cause that's just the thing our enemies want

And it damages our terrorist hunt,

And endangers every grunt at the front.

...

Don't criticize me. Evil foes would welcome that kind of strife.

Since their goal is crushing our way of life,

We might have to smear both you and your wife.

Don't criticize me.

Don't criticize me.

**Kudos to Sarah Maxwell, of the Fulton Co. Democratic Party for organizing a moving ceremony on Veterans Day weekend, at Archbold OH. An album of photos taken at the event is on our website *and* on the [ohiodems.org](http://ohiodems.org) website.**

To subscribe to Defiance Dems newsletter, send \$5 check made out to "Defiance Co. Democratic Party," ... indicating it is "for newsletter." to Vic Vogel, 28237 SR 281, Defiance OH 43512

