

DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR FOUNDATION GRANDSTAND PROJECT UPDATE

1. The Capital Campaign Committee officially kicked off the \$750,000 fundraiser during the 2009 Defiance County Fair band night. Jim Schmidt of Jim Schmidt Chevrolet-Ford, Hicksville, is the honorary chairman, Chad Peter from Defiance Clinic, and Joe Nester, Nester Ag Consulting are co-chairmen. Many other community members serve on this committee.
2. All project funds raised are managed by the Defiance Area Foundation, 511 Perry St, Defiance, Ohio 43512. All gift and pledges should be sent to this address.
3. Campaign status to date includes:
 - a. \$100,000 commitment each from Corressel Foundation and the County Commissioners.
 - b. \$125,000 gift-in-kind donations
 - c. \$25,000 gift from the Defiance Area Foundation.
 - d. \$430,000 from individuals, area businesses, financial institutions, agricultural families, agriculture related businesses, and young farmers.
 - e. \$250,000 pending pledges.
 - f. Countywide 4-H youth and FFA members will be involved with selling raffle tickets on a 4-wheeler donated by Becks Hybrids.
4. Design Committee recommended the following:
 - a. Phase I – Dependent on gift commitment totals at that time to begin work on an 1800 seat, steel column grandstand with full canopy and full slab shortly after 2010 fair – approximate cost \$650,000.
 - b. Phase II – Summer, 2011 construction continue fundraising and dependent on gift commitment totals at that time begin building under the grandstand to provide restrooms, concessions, ticket booths. Approximate cost \$350,000.
 - c. Phase III – Dependent on gift commitment totals at that time, addition of press box. Approximate cost \$30,000.