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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

Get to Know Craig Riedel: State Representative

Representative Craig Riedel is currently serving his first term as Ohio's 82nd House District Representative. Riedel grew up on a farm outside of Attica before attending Ohio State University. He earned his degree in civil engineering and went on to work for Nucor Vulcraft Group for 27 years. Riedel is very involved in his local community having been a youth football, basketball, and baseball coach as well as serving as a Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Defiance St. Mary Pastoral Council and is a member of the Defiance Rotary Club.

Get to Know Keith Faber: State Representative

Former Senate President Keith Faber is now serving as Representative of Ohio's 84th District. He served in the Senate from 2013 to 2016 after previously serving in the House from 2001 to 2007. Outside of his legislative work, Faber is the principal partner with Faber and Associates, a law firm specializing in civil litigation and mediation. He received his Juris Doctorate from the Ohio State University and his Bachelor's from Oakland University in Michigan. He is a member of the Mercer County Republican Party and also served two terms on the Mercer/Auglaize YMCA Board of Directors.

Political News and Notes

Kasich Names Conway and Friedeman to PUCO

Governor John Kasich announced his appointment of Daniel Conway and Lawrence Friedeman to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Both were among five finalized for the two vacant seats. Energy attorney Daniel Conway will replace current commissioner Lynn Slaby and Lawrence Friedeman, IGS Energy Vice President, will replace Howard Petricoff.

Motter Calls for Increased Transparency

Miranda Motter, the president and CEO of the Ohio Association of Health Plans, testified before a House panel on the Affordable Care Act that the OAHP wants to increase transparency so Ohioans have more information about the cost of the medical services they are obtaining. Motter added efforts should be made to identify key cost drivers, including medical service rates and prescription costs.

Comment Period Open on ESSA

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria presented a draft of the state's response to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act to the Joint Education Oversight Committee on Thursday. Currently, the ESSA plan is open for a public comment period and is expected to be submitted in April.

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