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Form 8-K October 15, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 13, 2004

First Defiance Financial Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 0-26850 34-1803915

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (419) 782-5015

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On October 13, 2004, the Registrant and The Genoa Savings and Loan Company ("Genoa Savings") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") which provides for the merger of a to-be-formed subsidiary of Registrant with and into Genoa Savings and the subsequent merger of Genoa Savings with and into First Federal Bank of the Midwest, the principal operating subsidiary of the Registrant. A copy of the Merger Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1. The Registrant and Genoa Savings issued a joint press release announcing the execution of the Agreement on October 13, 2004, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The Merger Agreements provides for the Registrant to acquire the 359,647 issued and outstanding shares of Genoa Savings for \$30.22 in cash per share. The total value of the transaction when the value of unexercised stock options is included is \$11.0 million.

The merger is subject to approval by the shareholders of Genoa Savings as well as federal and state regulatory authorities and other conditions customary for transactions of this nature.

The information set forth above does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired. Not Applicable
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits
 - 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of October 13, 2004 by and among First Defiance Financial Corp., First Federal Bank of the Midwest, and The Genoa Savings and Loan Company
 - 99.1 Press Release, dated October 13, 2004

SIGN6ATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Defiance Financial Corp.

By: /s/ John C. Wahl

John C. Wahl Executive Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 15, 2004