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# Ex-Irwin leaders face federal suit

## FDIC: Bank approved 19 faulty loans, causing millions of dollars in losses

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A \$42 million lawsuit by Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. alleges that four former Irwin Union Bank officers approved risky loans for millions of dollars — including one to a broke college student without income — without properly examining whether the debtors could make the loan payments.

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FDIC, the agency that helps oversee the nation's financial industry, said in its lawsuit that the four executives "negligently, grossly negligently and in breach of their fiduciary duties approved 19 poorly

underwritten" development and commercial real estate loans.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Indiana, contends that the banking executives disregarded clear deficiencies in the loan applications, resulting in millions of dollars in losses for the Columbus-based bank. The former bank officers named in the suit are Bradley J. Kime, Irwin Union's president of commercial banking; Duncan Burdette,

Irwin Union's chief credit officer; Kim Roerig, executive vice president of U.S. banking; and Michael Waters, senior vice president.

According to court documents, one case involved a planned 107-unit apartment complex in Glendale, Ariz., for which all four officers approved issuing a \$4 million loan to a 24-year-old college student whose prior three years' tax returns reflected no income and whose report-

ed net worth of \$7.5 million "was adjusted to zero after removing \$7 million in property owned by his mother and \$500,000 in cash that could not be verified."

According to the FDIC suit, the loan went into default and caused a loss of at least \$2.59 million.

FDIC wrote that Kime, Burdette and Roerig also approved a loan of

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# School funding changes ahead

## Officials: Picture worse than it seems

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Schools in the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. will see more state funding during the next two school years, according to estimates on the Indiana General Assembly website.



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However, the Flat Rock-Hawcreek school district faces a slight cut in the first year.



KATHY GRIFFEY

But officials in both districts said the picture is worse than it first appears for reasons that include a pending re-evaluation in February and the fact that school systems never recovered from a \$3 million education spending cut in 2008.

Indiana lawmakers last month approved a two-year budget that increases K-12 funding overall in the state by 2 percent in the first year and 1 percent in the second.

Because of a change in the funding formula, 121 districts

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### What schools will get

The state budget approved by the Indiana Legislature calls for slight increases in K-12 funding the next two years, but the amounts school districts will receive will vary because of a funding formula. Here is how the funding will affect Bartholomew Consolidated and Flat Rock-Hawcreek school corporations compared to the state averages.

District	2013-14	2014-15
BCSC	+ 2%	+ 0.6%
FRHC	-0.9%	+ 0.4%
State	+ 2%	+ 1%

### LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

# FRESH SEASON

## Homegrown produce returns downtown for fifth season

**N**EW products, a different layout and the introduction of an additional market await shoppers at the fifth annual Columbus Farmers Market opening this weekend.

This season's shoppers can look forward to seeing their favorite vendors along with a few new ones, said Lori Moses, the market's co-manager.

"We're looking forward to returning vendors and are definitely going to be full this year," Moses said.

Market chairwoman Becky Church said several new vendors at the Saturday market are offering a range of different and unique items, including

homemade all-natural soaps, natural pet supplies and crafts.

"Things tend to go in trends," Church said. "But the mission is to provide a quality market for the community."

Among the latest additions are produce from Bush's Farm Market and Driftwood Organics, plus barbecue from Pop's Belly BBQ.

Shoppers might notice

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LORI MOSES

### Columbus City Farmers Market

The Columbus City Farmers Market is conducted Saturday mornings in the FairOaks Mall parking lot.

The market includes 15 vendors, featuring a variety of items from produce to plants and crafted items by local artists.

**When:** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, through Sept. 28

**Where:** 25th Street side parking lot of FairOaks Mall, between Carson's and J.C. Penney

**Information:** 378-0539

### Columbus farmers markets

**What:** Summer Columbus Farmers Market

**When:** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, June 1 to Sept. 21

**Where:** In the Cummins' parking lot on Brown Street, between Fifth and Eighth streets.

**What:** Summer Midweek Columbus Farmers Market

**When:** 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 5 to Sept. 25

**Where:** Downtown on Fourth Street, between Jackson and Washington streets

**Information:** 371-1866, columbusfarmersmarket@gmail.com



Farmers Market patron Jeff Bradley, left, chats with vendor Eric Simo during the spring Farmers Market on Fourth Street in downtown Columbus. **Background:** Radishes are one of the items visitors to area farmers markets will find for sale.

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# Solar firm on way back

## Company signed \$400,000 contract

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The top executive of Nusun Inc. said his company has survived where other solar energy companies have failed and he plans to tell Columbus City Council that the business is making progress.

City officials said last week that they were concerned that Nusun had not met employment goals promised in 2011 when the city, county and state came up with almost \$900,000 in incentives for the Columbus company.

The city holds the mortgage for the company's plant on International Drive in the Walesboro Industrial Park but is forgiving the monthly payments. The city could start making the company pay back the loan or even foreclose on the property, Mayor Kristen Brown said.

Ryan Stout, the company's chief executive officer, said the solar business has taken a huge

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### About Nusun Inc.

**What:** A solar panel manufacturer that received local and state incentives in 2011.

**Incorporated:** 2009.

**Where:** 12,500-square-foot building at 7440 S. International Drive, Woodside Industrial Park.

**Expected employees as of December 2012:** 80.

**Actual employees as of February 2013:** 15.

### Incentives:

■ \$125,000 in Columbus EDIT funds.

■ \$100,000 in Bartholomew County EDIT Funds

■ \$100,000 in Columbus TIF funds

■ \$500,000 grant from Lawrenceburg casino funds.

■ \$71,859 grants out of \$600,000 possible from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

**Monthly mortgage payments being forgiven:** \$6,875.

### All in the family

The June edition of Farm Indiana features Moenning Hill Farm, operated by the Rogers family in Seymour. Look for the section inside today's Republic.

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### Did yours make the cut?

What are the best and worst ways to wear your hair? Columnist Doug Showalter weighs in on results of a survey from a national hair-cutting chain. See **Opinion, Page A6.**

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**Freda June Bridgewater Bobbitt, 81,** Seymour  
**Bertha Perkinson Bradley, 91,** Columbus  
**Paul R. Burbrink, 85,** Crawfordsville  
**Harry W. Crouch, 84,** Brown County  
**John Edward Gibson, 48,** Columbus  
**Elbert "Bert" Green, 91,** Greensburg  
**Linda Sue Greger, 66,** French Lick  
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