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Form 8-K
February 25, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): FEBRUARY 25, 2003
(FEBRUARY 22, 2003)

RURBAN FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO	0-13507	34-1395608
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

401 CLINTON STREET, DEFIANCE, OHIO 43512

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (419) 783-8950

NOT APPLICABLE

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

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ITEM 1. CHANGES IN CONTROL OF REGISTRANT.

Not Applicable.

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ITEM 2. ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. BANKRUPTCY OR RECEIVERSHIP.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On February 24, 2003, Rurban Financial Corp. ("Rurban") announced that it had entered into a definitive Purchase and Assumption Agreement with First Federal Bank of the Midwest, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Defiance Financial Corp. The Purchase and Assumption Agreement outlines the sale of assets and assumption of deposits at Rurban's Hancock and Putnam County branches. Under the Agreement, First Federal Bank of the Midwest will acquire approximately \$176 million in deposits and \$115 million in loans. See the Press Release issued by Rurban on February 24, 2003, included with this filing as Exhibit 99.

ITEM 6. RESIGNATIONS OF REGISTRANT'S DIRECTORS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) None required.
- (b) None required.
- (c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

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Purchase and Assumption Agreement dated February 22 and among Rurban Financial Corp., RFC Banking Company and First Federal Bank of the Midwest

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Press Release of the Registrant dated February 24,

ITEM 8. CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

Not Applicable.

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

Not Applicable.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RURBAN FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: February 25, 2003

By: /s/ Keeta J. Diller

Keeta J. Diller, Vice President,
Corporate Secretary

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