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For immediate release:

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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Chris Friesen, a native of Redding and a graduate of Central Valley High School, is currently leading the Cedarville College (OH) women's basketball team in both scoring and rebounding.

Friesen, a 5-7 sophomore is averaging 18.2 points and 10.9 rebounds for the Yellow Jackets, who are currently 3-11. Her rebounding standard is tops in the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference and she has paced the team in the category in every single contest which includes a season high 19 boards versus Findlay College.

So far this season Friesen has enjoyed performances of 26 points (twice), 30 points, and just recently a career high of 32 points against Tiffin University.

"I'm surprised myself," says Friesen, who as a freshman last year averaged about 11 points a game. "But I had a different job last year (to give scoring support). Now my job is to lead."

Friesen explained that coming to Cedarville was the idea of both her parents and her youth pastor from North Valley Baptist Church.

"My parents asked me to attend a Christian college for one year," Friesen stated. She added that with the advice of her youth pastor, they decided that Cedarville College, located in southwest Ohio, was the best choice because of its pre-engineering program and also because of its athletic program.

Friesen admitted that she originally planned on attending Cedarville for only two years, as she planned to transfer to a school that would allow her to obtain an engineering degree. However, since that time she has reconsidered and changed her major to math; this way she can continue on at Cedarville in its basketball program.

Bob Fires, head women's basketball coach, said of Friesen, "She's going to have a great career. I think she'll reach the 1000-point plateau."

"She's improved in her scoring because she is getting the ball more this year," Fires continued. "She doesn't possess great skills, but she has great desire. She has to be the strongest prospect we'll have for the next few years."

Friesen is the daughter of Phillip and Kitty Friesen, 19053 Hollow Lane. As a high school student Friesen was All-Conference in volleyball, basketball and softball for two years each.

Cedarville College is a Baptist college of liberal arts. The school has an enrollment of over 1800 students.