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Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of *Economic News from Ohio's Regions*, a new weekly newsletter from the [Ohio Urban University Program](#) and the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University](#). We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

News From Around Ohio

[Local bankruptcies soar, with no letup on horizon](#)

(Toledo Blade, May 2, 2009) Bankruptcy filings in northwest Ohio soared for the second straight month, and one expert said the situation may not ease up until 2010.

[Rise in leasing of condos worries local governments, residents](#)

(Columbus Dispatch, April 28, 2009) Cities often prefer homeowners, whom they see as invested in the community, rather than renters, who are viewed as more transient.

[Editorial: Rejecting reality](#)

(Columbus Dispatch, May 1, 2009) "We reject the emphasis on sustainability." With that statement last week to the Dayton Daily News, Gov. Ted Strickland earned all the criticism he's getting for a budget proposal, including his overhaul of education funding, that is unrealistic to the point of irresponsibility.

[Commissioners hear pitch for casinos](#)

(Port Clinton News Herald, May 1, 2009) A proponent for an Ohio casinos issue visited Ottawa County commissioners Thursday morning to explain how four new casinos would help the state -- and Ottawa County.

[Editorial: As med mart takes shape, Positively Cleveland has to stay flexible](#)

(The Plain Dealer, May 4, 2009) Whatever happens with plans to construct a medical mart and convention center in downtown Cleveland, it's clear that someone will still have to

market the city and the region as a destination for meetings and tourists.

[Small-scale wind turbine are attracting Ohio companies](#) (The Plain Dealer, May 2, 2009) Green Energy Technologies, an Akron start-up company, will unveil its patented urban WindCube next week at the American Wind Energy Association's trade show in Chicago. It is small enough to sit atop a building and power the businesses inside.

[Editorial: Holes in the budget](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, May 3, 2009) The Ohio House made improvements in the Governor's spending plan. It also ducked the hard truth: the state needs a tax increase.

[Area schools tighten belts ahead of vote](#) (May 3, 2009) Over the past 25 years, 54 percent of school levies in Ohio have passed on May ballots. Only November, at 55 percent, has a better passage rate. But this time may be different.

[For-profit training schools find fertile ground in Toledo area](#) (Toledo Blade, May 3, 2009) Amid local unemployment of 12 percent, the Toledo area seems to be a veritable garden of growth in one area of the economy: Private, for-profit colleges, universities, and job retraining schools are sprouting like freshly planted annuals.

[Editorial: Funding education in Ohio has not undergone change](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, May 2, 2009) We believe that even in these difficult times, the education of our young people is a moral and economic imperative. An educated workforce is essential to the revitalization of the Mahoning Valley.

[Ohio's wind turbine makes it debut today](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, May 4, 2009) It's been three years and \$1.5 million in the making, but the creators of a new wind turbine say they are ready for their product to take the world by storm.

[Wayne becomes part of gas purchasing program](#) (Wooster Daily Record, May 4, 2009) Wayne County will join more than 20 other Ohio counties in a gas purchasing program in an effort to reduce energy costs.

[Startup has both risks and rewards](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, May 4, 2009) Entrepreneurs find wealth of opportunities in Northeast Ohio where they can develop, mold ideas and have a wide impact.

School funding? Ohioans don't know much about it

(Dayton Daily News, May 4, 2009) Nearly two-thirds of Ohio adults don't know whether the state Supreme Court has ruled the school funding system constitutional or unconstitutional, according to a poll released Monday, May 4.

Report: Lake Erie turbines feasible

(Youngstown Vindicator, May 4, 2009) Energy researchers say the winds blowing across Lake Erie can power wind turbines, but the project won't be cheap.

Empty neighborhoods fill Rust Belt

(Cincinnati Enquirer, May 4, 2009) In places like Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, roughly two of every three homes are vacant or used by squatters. The area is more than 70 percent black and poor, with unemployment often around 50 percent.

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