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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers May 20 - May 26, 2008

### 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.

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### News From Around Ohio

[New Head for Combined Workforce Development Board](#) (WCPN ideastream, May 20, 2008) In a region with highly-publicized job losses, the head of the newly combined Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board says he wants the county to be tops when people think about a quality workforce.

[Editorial: Regional Actors](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, May 20, 2008) A group of Northeast Ohio mayors are developing a new mentality toward economic development, working together.

[Group Seeks to Expand Wind Power Supply Chain](#) (The Plain Dealer, May 20, 2008) A manufacturing-advocacy group has bagged an \$850,000 grant to expand the supply chain for wind power in Ohio.

[Colleges get State Money to Lure 3 to Area](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, May 21, 2008) Ohio's Third Frontier Commission on Tuesday awarded multi-million dollar grants to help several Northeast Ohio universities recruit world-class researchers to the region.

[Summit County Jobless Rate Dips](#) (Akron Beacon

Journal, May 21, 2008) Summit County's unemployment rate for April dropped from March and a year ago, putting it below the 5.5 percent Ohio average as well, according to the latest labor estimates from the state.

**[Turnpike Revenue Siphoning Stopped?](#)**(Sentinel-Tribune, May 21, 2008) A proposed amendment may keep Ohio Turnpike revenues from being siphoned off for the rest of the state for the Governor's proposed jobs bill.

**[State Can't Help City with Debt](#)** (Youngstown Vindicator, May 21, 2008) City officials expecting money from the state's capital bill to reduce the \$11.9 million debt on the Chevrolet Centre ended up empty-handed again with the state unable to provide borrowed money to a city to assist in paying down its debt.

**[Cleveland Joins Living Cities Reform Program](#)** (The Plain Dealer, May 22, 2008) Cleveland is about to become a proving ground for a national community development group committed to bolstering big cities.

**[Cuyahoga County Government Restructuring a Possibility](#)** (The Plain Dealer, May 22, 2004) Cuyahoga County government could take a radical new shape under legislation zipped through the Ohio House Thursday despite the concerns of House Democrats.

**[Editorial: Build a Just, Inclusive Community](#)** (Cincinnati Enquirer, May 25, 2008) Only 5 percent of residents of our eight-county region name race relations as the most pressing issue facing Greater Cincinnati. That could bode well or ill for our community.

**[Home Sales Slide 8 Out of 9 Months](#)** (Toledo Blade, May 24, 2008) In Lucas County, sales were down 9 percent in April from the year before, to 371 houses from 409.

**[Editorial: Time to Stop Drain on Turnpike](#)** (Toledo Blade, May 25, 2008) The state is poised to repeat the same mischief of the last 50 years. Shortchanging Ohio's Turnpike corridor as a cash cow for other regions of the state.

**[Slowing Economy Concerns Ohio's Grant-Dependent Non-Profits](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, May 25, 2008) Ohio's food pantries, community theaters and other local nonprofit groups are preparing for an expected decline in corporate donations as the economy slows and big businesses look to limit gifts.

**[Editorial: Best Researchers Are Also Job Creators](#)**

(Dayton Daily News, May 25, 2008) The state passed out more than \$143 million to recruit world-class researchers who will bring their ideas - and the businesses they're spawning - to Ohio.

**[Editorial: Doing Away with State Income Tax is Not a Serious Proposal](#)** (Columbus Dispatch, May 25, 2008)

A headline-grabbing quest to repeal Ohio's income tax will go nowhere, except on small-town soapboxes.

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