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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers June 23 - 29, 2009

### 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

**[Region's unemployment stays at 8.2% in May](#)** (Columbus Business First, June 23, 2009) The jobless rate in the seven-county area, while unchanged from April, is up from 5.1 percent in May 2008, seasonally unadjusted.

**[Is Cincinnati next American city?](#)** (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 24, 2009) \ Thought leaders, government officials and business executives from throughout the region are scheduled to examine how to foster innovation in southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky, and how to expand innovative ideas beyond the commercial realm and into quality of life issues.

**[More homes selling, but for less money](#)** (Ashtabula Star Beacon, June 26, 2009) Home sales in Ashtabula County jumped 20 percent in May compared to the prior year, but the driving force behind the sales is nothing to cheer about.

**[10,000 left in uncertainty](#)** (Wilmington News Journal, June 26, 2009) What happens when the heart of a community's economy stops beating, when the only source of income for thousands of people dries up?

**[Businesses critical of city efforts](#)** (Dayton Daily News, June 26, 2009) Several government and business officials said there is a fundamental disconnect between the needs of the business community and Dayton city officials' empathy for the business community.

**County asks for more cuts** (Ashland Times Gazette, June 26, 2009) Ashland County commissioners have requested additional reductions of approximately \$400,000 -- or 3.4 percent -- in appropriations for the various departments in county government for the remainder of 2009.

**College grads finding job search tough, but not impossible** (Canton Repository, June 27, 2009) Unemployment in Stark County was near a 22-year high at 11.1 percent in May. Local companies have been laying off employees. Engineering graduates who accepted offers to work at the Timken Co. have accepted bonus payments to delay the start of their employment by six months to a year. And the Aultman Health Foundation said it has slightly cut hiring because fewer employees are leaving positions than at the typical rate.

**Ohio gets \$96 million in stimulus money to boost green manufacturing** (The Plain Dealer, June 26, 2009) The U.S. Department of Energy awarded the Ohio Department of Development's energy program that much in federal stimulus funds -- nearly half of which is already on its way.

**Foreclosure filings down from 2008** (Canton Repository, June 27, 2009) Each month this year, the number of foreclosures filed in the county have been below those filed in the same month last year, according to figures from Stark County Clerk of Courts Nancy Reinbold. Through June 15, filings have dropped off by almost 12 percent.

**Editorial: Watch where cuts are made** (Youngstown Vindicator, June 28, 2009) Governor Strickland has struggled mightily to protect current funding for k-8 and higher education. As it stands, his budget framework has some specific setbacks for technology, gifted, STEM projects, Developmental Disabilities, Youth Services and the administrative budget of the Ohio Department of Education, and that is probably inevitable.

**Zoners find room for home turbines** (Columbus Dispatch, June 29, 2009) Several Fairfield County townships are updating their zoning codes to regulate windmills, preparing for home and business owners who want to generate their own electricity. Franklin County, which administers zoning for 11 of the county's 17 townships, is doing the same work, and planners expect to submit proposed regulations to county

commissioners in August.

**New deal awaits East Toledo Marina project** (Toledo Blade, June 29, 2009) After several false starts, multiple financing plans, and more than one missed deadline, the Finkbeiner administration says it now has the best deal yet to jump-start the planned mix of private and public investment for a new Marina District in East Toledo.

**More using economic safety net in Lorain County** (Chronicle Telegram, June 29, 2009) The poor economy is taking its toll on Lorain County, which had a 12 percent increase in the cash rolls of the Ohio Works First program in 2008 compared to 2007, according to the annual report of Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services.

**A new reality** (Crain's Cleveland Business, June 29, 2009) Across the region, production is down, unemployment is up, wage and salary freezes are commonplace and uncertainty permeates Northeast Ohio business and industry. And yet two broadly dynamic quarters into 2009, there seems to be a lightening of the mood.

**Counties vary in their approach to stimulus** (Youngstown Vindicator, June 29, 2009) Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties' community-action agencies are proposing radically different plans to spend the combined \$2,374,513 in federal stimulus funds they have received.

**Politicians wrangle about Ohio's education policy** (Lancaster Eagle Gazette, June 29, 2009) As Ohio's top politicians inch closer to a deal on a two-year budget package worth more than \$50 billion, there's a smorgasbord of unresolved arguments concerning how schools throughout the Buckeye State would work.

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