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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

[Ohio in pilot program to design own plan for fixing schools](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 1, 2008) Ohio is one of six states that won approval to come up with plans to more closely tailor solutions to individual schools' problems and focus resources on schools in the worst shape.

[Ohioans Study Kalamazoo Promise Program](#) (The Plain Dealer, July 6, 2008) Ohio could be the next land of Promise for students who need extra money and other support to earn a college degree.

[Editorial: Losing the Energy to Commute](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 3, 2008) In the burbs, they're losing the energy to commute. The question is, will cities begin to take advantage of this?

[State Funds to Advance High Tech Fields in Ohio](#) (Toledo Blade, July 3, 2008) Several northwest Ohio colleges and universities have received state funding to work together on projects that advance state goals in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine, also known as STEM fields.

[Governor Sets Education Forums](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, July 4, 2008) Seeking to lay groundwork for a promised K-12 education overhaul next year, Gov. Ted Strickland will host a series of invitation-only, televised forums on schools this summer.

[Editorial: 'Freedom' Energy](#) (Lima News, July 4, 2008)

Ohio is lagging behind even the 'Old World' in accepting nuclear power as an option despite both the legislature and governor's calls to embrace alternative energy.

[New Business Declines in Ohio](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 5, 2008) Ohio ranked 47th in the U.S. in entrepreneurial activity in 2007, according to a recent study by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Despite No. 47 ranking for the state, the Columbus area is seen as bright spot.

[Editorial: Buy Local Makes the Most Sense on Food](#) (Dayton Daily News, July 5, 2008) "Buy Local" is one of those ideas that, generally speaking, is not as good as it sounds. Everybody instinctively likes the idea of supporting local businesses and workers. But eating locally produced food is an idea whose time has come.

[Passage of County Sales Tax Levy Would Keep WRTA Rolling](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, July 6, 2008) For the Western Reserve Transit Authority the approval of a 0.25-percent Mahoning County sales tax in November is the difference between making a full recovery or quite possibly pulling the plug on its existence.

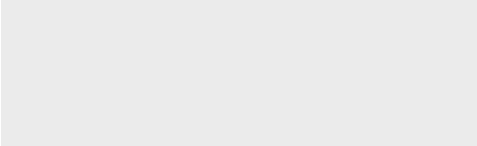
[Toledo Area Firms Shares Beaten Down](#) (Toledo Blade, July 6, 2008) In line with national trends, the stocks of publicly traded companies in northwest Ohio were pummeled during the first half of this year.

[Opening of new retail space for art, music, education still in sight](#) (Alliance Review, June 7, 2008) The Alliance for Music and Art, a nonprofit dedicated to "the revitalization of the downtown Alliance area through the arts", is working to open its studio in downtown Alliance.

[How Cincinnati Beat Las Vegas](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, July 6, 2008) Much of the nation will be watching Cincinnati as the NAACP holds its 99th annual convention here starting Saturday, luring the two major presidential candidates and generating up to \$10 million in hotel rooms, meals and tips.

[Council, Planners Looking at Possible Zoning Changes](#) (Ashtabula Star Beacon, July 7, 2008) - Zoning changes designed to open up more acreage for businesses were reviewed by City Council and Planning Commission members during a recent meeting.

[Editorial: Losing Proposition](#)(Columbus Dispatch, July 7, 2008) Ohioans should continue to say no to those who



want to bring in casinos. They continue to push statewide ballot issues in hopes that Ohioans eventually will toss out common sense and will buy into their parasitic industry.

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