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Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of *Economic News from Ohio's Regions*, a new weekly newsletter from the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs](#) and [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

[Wages in Ohio were heading down before recession hit](#) (The Plain Dealer, Sept. 5, 2009) Because of the recession, Hanauer expected this year's report to show a dismal employment situation. Shocking to her was the unevenness with which certain segments of Ohio's work force were affected.

[Ohio Third Frontier supports Ohio workforce development](#) (Reuters, Sept. 2, 2009) The Ohio Third Frontier is providing the funding, business development and workforce development tools needed to spark innovation and create the 21st century jobs that will launch Ohio's economy into the future.

[Strickland sees hope for Ohio's businesses](#) (Warren Tribune Chronicle, Sept. 3, 2009) There are signs, albeit subtle, that the U.S. economy is beginning its long turnaround from the greatest financial crisis Americans have seen in decades.

[Editorial: Make Cuyahoga County land bank work before branching out](#) (The Plain Dealer, Sept. 3, 2009) This week marks a watershed moment in the war against the foreclosure fusillade that has riddled neighborhoods with vacant and abandoned properties. The Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corp., the first state-authorized land bank in Ohio, will acquire its first six properties as early as today.

[Cooperation stressed as key to solidifying](#)

[county's place as one of Ohio's top agricultural areas](#) (Lancaster Eagle Gazette, Sept. 4, 2009)

Business leaders and local farmers think a renewed focus on cooperation will keep the county an agricultural leader in the state.

[Editorial: Not so stimulating](#) (Columbus Dispatch, Sept. 4, 2009) Yes, so-called shovel-ready projects deserved consideration for federal stimulus money, but those that serve relatively few people at tiny airports shouldn't have been given priority over spending that would benefit travelers to and from large metropolitan areas.

[Editorial: Dropout Factories](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, Sept. 4, 2009) When a study by the Center for Social Organization of Schools at Johns Hopkins University labeled about 2,000 high schools - including more than 60 in Ohio - as "dropout factories" a few years ago, many educators bristled at the label.

[Editorial: Floating on the trail](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, Sept. 4, 2009) More than 2 million visitors are drawn to the towpath each year, making it a major recreational attraction. Harder to measure is the pleasantly unusual sensation of floating along, suspended just above a lake's surface, a few miles from downtown.

[Foreclosure scams priority: Ohio attorney general discusses to-do list](#) (The Morning Journal, Sept. 4, 2009) Assisting Ohio victims of foreclosure rescue scams is at the top of Ohio Attorney Richard Cordray's to-do list.

[Strickland rejects idea to boost taxes](#) (Toledo Blade, Sept. 5, 2009) Gov. Ted Strickland Friday took issue with the contention of one of his predecessors that raising taxes would have been a better option to balance the budget than embracing slot machines.

[Workers displaced by DHL in Ohio start new lives](#) (The Associated Press, Sept. 5, 2009) Some have started businesses selling such things as used clothing or customized hunting knives. Others have gone back to school, studying to be medical assistants, furnace repairmen and X-ray machine technicians.

[Job loss, shrinking pay confront Ohio workers](#) (Dayton Daily News, Sept. 5, 2009) Ohio's hard economic times have been even harder for black

workers, according to the Policy Matters Ohio study.

['The jobs are gone'](#) (Columbus Dispatch, September 7, 2009) Given that almost 1,100 autoworkers in Moraine were about to lose their jobs, it's hard to believe that *The Last Truck: Closing of a GM Plant* began in comparatively innocent times.