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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.

[Editorial: Darkening forecast](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, October 14, 2009) Tax revenues are in a flux. Gov. Ted Strickland's plan to raise funds by attaching electronic slot machines to the Ohio Lottery has flopped. As a result, the state's two-year budget has an \$851 million hole, which state legislators seem not to be in a great rush to fix.

[County tries to get ready for wind power opportunities](#) (Chronicle Telegraph, October 15, 2009) Some 75 people representing Lorain County cities, townships, energy providers, academia and other organizations met for two hours Wednesday to talk about the hurdles that need to be cleared by individual homeowners or cities before wind turbines can be erected.

[Editorial: Addressing the Toledo disconnect](#) (Toledo Free Press, October 15, 2009) According to Forbes.com, in 2009 the Toledo Metropolitan Area is the No.1 worst medium-sized city for job growth among 97 medium-sized cities in our country. Dead last. This is not just the city of Toledo - it includes all of the surrounding suburbs, even Bowling Green.

[Foreclosures fall 20% in Dayton area](#) (Dayton Daily News, October 15, 2009) Foreclosure filings in greater Dayton fell 20.8 percent in the third quarter, even as the nation's foreclosure activity continued to surge, according to a California firm that tracks real estate data

[Downtown development group opposes casino proposal](#) (Columbus Business First, October 16, 2009)

The developer behind the revitalization of the former City Center Mall has come out against the casino proposal set to go before voters in a few weeks, saying the proposal would be a big step back for the area's redevelopment.

[Jobless rate drops as workers give up](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, October 16, 2009) The Ohio unemployment rate dropped to 10.1 percent in September according to data released this morning, but state officials said it was not a sign the economy is improving. Rather, more unemployed workers dropped completely out of the work force, lowering the rate.

[Local officials: More state venture capital needed](#) (Mansfield News Journal, October 16, 2009) Local business officials are optimistic about legislation that aims to add at least \$100 million to the Ohio Venture Capital Authority.

[Two commissioners in disbelief over property values](#) (Norwalk Reflector, October 17, 2009) Compare it to a storm that keeps gaining strength. "People have kept talking to me about it up until the last five minutes," Huron County Commissioner Gary Bauer said.

[Editorial: Making sales tax permanent will bring financial stability](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, October 17, 2009) The state's basic sales tax is 5.5 percent. Local sales taxes bring the rate in various counties from a low of 6.25 percent in four counties to 7.75 percent in one, Cuyahoga, which has a 1.25 percent county tax and 1 percent mass transit tax. Mahoning County has two half-percent sales taxes and a quarter-percent transit tax. The total 6.75 percent is the same as in 16 of Ohio's 88 counties.

[Painesville plans mixed use for old hospital site](#) (The Plain Dealer, October 17, 2009) Officials of this Lake County city envision homes and stores rising from the rubble of LakeEast Medical Center, a downtown presence for more than a century.

[Cuyahoga voter approval of Issue 6 could cost four officeholders \\$700,000 in pay](#) (The Plain Dealer, October 18, 2009) Commissioners Peter Lawson Jones and Tim Hagan would each lose nearly \$185,000, or two years worth of pay. Treasurer Jim Rokakis would lose 2 1/2 years of pay totaling more than \$190,000. Recorder Lillian Greene would take a two-year loss of nearly \$149,000.

[City-owned garden looks to expand](#) (Dayton Daily News, October 18, 2009) With many city

neighborhoods a drive from larger supermarkets, community gardens could provide a supplement to local diets, City Commissioner Nan Whaley said.

Hudson mayor pitches regional plan in Stow

(Cuyahoga Falls News Press, October 18, 2009)

Hudson Mayor Bill Currin wants northeast Ohio towns to share property tax and income tax revenue, based on each community's population growth, in order to prosper.

New park reopens public access to river

(Cuyahoga Falls News Press, October 18, 2009)

Approximately 65 people braved the chilly autumn air Oct. 14 to

celebrate the rebirth of a landmark in Cuyahoga Falls and unveiling of the city's first Ohio historical marker.

Planning group closing in on land plan

(Marion Star, October 19, 2009)

More than 200,000 acres of Marion County is cropland, 22,519 acres is deciduous forest, and 9,843 acres is residential. Commercial land comprises 1,016 acres, and industrial land covers another 521 acres.

Fighting brain drain

(Zainesville Times Recorder, October 19, 2009)

The "Grants for Grads" program, beginning today, has been promoted as an attack on the perennial brain-drain problem in Ohio, a state whose high unemployment rate makes it tough to keep highly educated graduates from flocking to more prosperous cities in other states.

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