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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.

Remembering Ed Hauser

[Ed Hauser, 47, Environmental Activist Who Fought To Preserve Whiskey Island](#) passed away Friday morning of a heart attack. (The Plain Dealer, November 16, 2008)

News From Around Ohio

[Developer Drops Warehouse District Plans](#) (The Plain Dealer, November 11, 2008) Developer Bob Stark is pulling out of the Warehouse District after four years of touting grand visions of a project there.

[Editorial: Strickland Plans Falling Through Widening Budget Holes](#) (The Plain Dealer, November 13, 2008) If chilling new budget numbers from Columbus mean anything, they mean Gov. Ted Strickland's 2009 school-funding plan can't be a bonanza for school boards -- unless somebody wants to raise Ohio's taxes.

[Cleveland Clinic Has Big Plans for Avon](#) (The Chronicle-Telegram, November 11, 2008) Cleveland Clinic wants to bring four stories of doctors' offices and a two-story outpatient surgical center to Avon, along with 300 to 500 jobs.

[Ohio Becoming Global Hub for Biomedical Research](#) (PR Newswire, November 12, 2008) Ohio aims to become a global hub for biomedical research, commercialization and innovation after the recent launch of the BioInnovation Institute located in Akron, Ohio.

Unemployment Fund Likely Broke By End of Year

(Columbus Dispatch, November 14, 2008) In every year but one over the past decade, the fund has paid out more in jobless benefits than it collected in unemployment taxes from employers.

Is Ohio's Unemployment Rate Higher Than Officials Say

(EPluribus Media, November 13, 2008) National figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show the number of newly laid-off individuals seeking unemployment benefits has jumped to a seven-year high.

Siemens to Close Ohio Plant (Akron Beacon Journal, November 14, 2008) German industrial conglomerate Siemens AG says it is closing a plant in Bellefontaine, leading to the loss of 434 jobs.

Census to Bring Ohio 5,000 Jobs (Columbus Dispatch, November 14, 2008) The Census Bureau is looking for 5,000 Ohioans to work out of offices in Columbus, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo helping to conduct the 2010 census.

Shrinking State Funding Pinches Ohio Libraries

(The Newark Advocate, November 14, 2008) Employees and patrons are smarting with the news the library system will cut 22 full-time-equivalent jobs and reduce hours under the \$3.4 million 2009 spending plan.

Goodyear Project Gets Grant (Akron Beacon Journal, November 14, 2008) State awards \$2 million for new headquarters and research center in Akron. North Canton Hoover complex plan receives \$5 million.

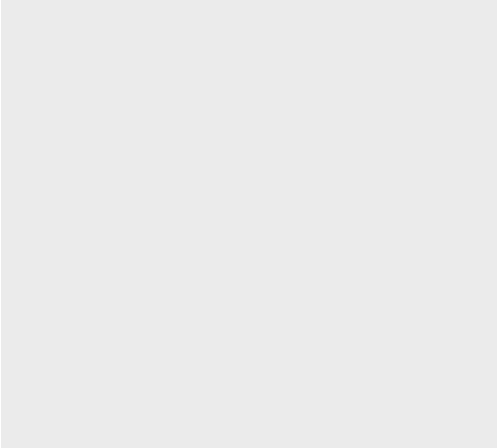
Grant to Speed Dock Project (Toledo Blade, November 14, 2008) Site will be developed into a manufacturing center for alternative energy companies and be a distribution point on the Great Lakes.

Hundred of Cleveland Companies Would Go Bust or Decline Significantly if Auto Industry Fails

(The Plain Dealer, November 14, 2008) More than a quarter-million Ohio workers depend on car plants, suppliers and dealerships for their livelihoods, the state says.

Hard Times Hit Central Ohio

(Mansfield News Journal, November 16, 2008) With Richland County's jobless rate at 8.1 percent, the list of local employers that have laid off staff, shut down completely or are in the midst of doing so seems to get longer every day.



Northeast Ohio Job Losses Spread (The Plain Dealer, November 17, 2008) Experts say economy will get worse with Labor market analysts saying the downward spiral, mirrored nationwide, could last into the first half of 2010.

\$1 Billion More Urged for Schools (Columbus Dispatch, November 17, 2008) A school funding plan, which the State Board of Education is poised to adopt, would reduce reliance on local tax revenue and prevent Ohio's 614 school districts from having to go to the ballot so frequently.

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