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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers November 25 - December 1, 2008

### 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 Government Faces Massive Deficit](#)** (Western Star, December 1, 2008) Job losses, plummeting housing values and shaky consumer confidence across the nation are translating into a budget nightmare for Ohio, which is now looking at a \$640 million shortfall for the current fiscal year and as much as a \$7.3 billion funding gap in the upcoming two-year budget.

**[Area Schools to Offer New Masters Degree](#)** (Xenia Gazette, November 28, 2008) Companies in Ohio are applauding the state's first master's program in clean and renewable energy approved Tuesday by Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut.

**[Project's Aim is to Increase Science Grads](#)** (Toledo Blade, November 28, 2008) The National Science Foundation recently put \$2.2 million behind local research to double the number of college graduates in the sciences by 2015.

**[Lake-Geauga Jobless Rates Low](#)** (The News Herald, November 29, 2008) Lake and Geauga counties' unemployment rates remain among the lowest in Ohio, with the city of Mentor having the lowest number of jobless people among larger Ohio cities.

**[Fla. Jobs Coming to the Area?](#)** (Ashtabula Star Beacon, November 29, 2008) A Florida newspaper has reported that Wayne-Dalton will close a plant in Pensacola, Fla., and move the operation to locations in

Ohio, including Conneaut.

**[Benefits for Poor Facing Big Cuts](#)** (Columbus Dispatch, November 30, 2008) The state is about to run out of extra federal welfare money, forcing spending cuts of more than \$300 million next year unless new revenues are found.

**[Editorial: City Unions in Denial About Dayton's Books](#)** (Dayton Daily News, November 30, 2008) The stunning dip in the country's economic fortunes is resulting in increasingly tough times for local governments, some of which already were just scraping by.

**[Even in a Recession, Some Northeast Ohio Businesses are Poised to do Well](#)** (The Plain Dealer, November 30, 2008) Today's worsening circumstances might seem to evoke the Great Depression. But certain jobs, some products and selected businesses have a degree of immunity from the prevailing economic pain.

**[Lawrence County Jobless Declines](#)** (The Ironton Tribune, December 1, 2008) In spite of a grim national economic outlook, Lawrence County's jobless rate actually declined in October for the second straight month.

**[Getting an Education Remains Key](#)** (Crescent-News, December 1, 2008) With people getting laid off and the job market tightening, people need every advantage possible to get ahead. The most important key is getting a good education, with a high school diploma being a necessity these days.

**[Panel to Discuss Brain Drain](#)** (Cincinnati Enquirer, December 1, 2008) Ohio colleges and universities are known for training some of the country's brightest students, but some educators say too many of them are leaving the state after graduation.

**[A Fractured Industry](#)** (Crain's Cleveland Business, December 1, 2008) Cuyahoga County's financial sector is now outpacing manufacturing in job losses.

**[Editorial: Year of Adjustment](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, December 1, 2008) Major projects such as the Goodyear headquarters complex and the Bridgestone technical center will go forward. Two additional judges will take their seats on the common pleas court bench. Other than that, don't look for much new spending in the Summit County budget next year. As things stand, county officials have no plans to cut programs or make

layoffs. Yet.

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