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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers November 24 - 30, 2009

### 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.

### [The long road to recovery from the recession of 2007](#)

(Urban Center Featured Research, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, Nov. 2009) Dean of the Levin College at Cleveland State University, released his December update of macroeconomics conditions. This data-rich presentation covers the latest economic forecasts and the fiscal condition of the federal government.

### [Port Authority introduces executive director](#)

(Youngstown Business Journal, Nov. 24, 2009) As executive director of the port authority, Rose Ann DeLeon, who resigned as director of government relations and federal affairs for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority to accept the position, will be responsible for using specific powers delegated by state law to port authorities for economic development, such as bonding authority and the ability to own property.

[Seasonal jobs scarce, figures suggest](#) (Columbus Dispatch, Nov. 25, 2009) Central Ohio's unemployment rate in October stood at 8.4 percent, a slight increase from 8.2 percent the previous month but still better than the state or national numbers, according to figures released yesterday.

### [Analyst: State's high-wage job loss 'catastrophe'](#)

(Salem News, Nov. 26, 2009) Ohio has lost 528,331 high-wage manufacturing jobs between 2000 and 2009, a number that represented eight percent of the state's employment, according to economic data.

### [Can Kent, Ohio become 'the next Ann Arbor'?](#)

(The Plain Dealer, Nov. 26, 2009) They admire the Michigan

town's nimble and relatively exuberant economy and its high placing in so many lists of the nation's most livable cities. They envy the publicity that Ann Arbor gets in newspaper travel sections and magazines.

[Madison County collaborates on growth](#) (Columbus Business First, Nov. 27, 2009) The new community improvement corporation has a plan for the county's economy.

[Loss of power plant to cost millions](#) (Marietta Times, Nov. 27, 2009) This week's announcement that American Municipal Power of Ohio has pulled the plug on its multibillion-dollar coal-fired power plant in Letart Falls caught Meigs County Economic Development Director Perry Varnadoe by surprise.

[Area isn't feeling impact of state's high marks for business](#) (Marietta Times, Nov. 28, 2009) Ohio's recent fourth-place rating as one of the best places in the country to do business might not be as apparent locally, but it still bodes well for future growth, area leaders said this week.

[Legislators get chance to negotiate casino plan](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, Nov. 28, 2009) As the tough process begins to negotiate the fine-print rules with state lawmakers and Gov. Ted Strickland, casino operators should take heed of the old axiom, albeit with a twist, those who live by the constitution may also die by the constitution.

[New fee increases hospitals' problems in Ohio](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, Nov. 29, 2009) By Monday, all hospitals statewide must pay the first of six installments of a new hospital franchise fee approved by lawmakers this year as part of the state's two-year budget.

[Cleveland's Euclid corridor project has paved the way to economic development](#) (The Plain Dealer, Nov. 29, 2009) Despite the challenging financial climate, the \$197 million renovation of Euclid Avenue has become an economic development engine for the city. More than \$3.3 billion worth of projects are in the works or recently finished along five miles of the vital artery.

[Editorial: Ohioans need to demand an new plan](#) (Lancaster Eagle Gazette, Nov. 29, 2009) Despite years of

tightening budgets, laying off employees and cutting services, the slow recovery from the economic disaster of 2008 leaves the clock ticking quickly on leaders who have shied away from real long-term solutions.

**Cleveland attracts the world's best, just not enough of them** (The Plain Dealer, Nov. 30, 2009) Immigrants are responsible for about 7 percent of the Greater Cleveland economy, though they make up only 6 percent of the labor force, creating one of the few metro areas in America where immigrants contribute more to the economy than native-born workers. The region's immigrants are more likely than native-born residents to be working, are far more likely to start businesses and on average earn higher salaries.

**Unemployment up slightly, still better than average** (Wooster Daily Record, Nov. 30, 2009) Unemployment figures for Wayne and Holmes counties inched back up in October after making modest declines since June.

**Turbines could cut energy costs** (Warren Tribune Chronicle, Nov. 30, 2009) Council members have agreed to set aside \$13,000 toward the village's share of a \$130,000 project that would bring two 96-foot high wind turbines to property near the village administration building on Salt Springs Road. And if the plan becomes a reality, the village could save about \$550 per month on administrative power bills, a savings of about 50 percent.

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