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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.

[Tuition tax unlikely for Ohio universities](#) (Columbus Dispatch, Dec. 17, 2009) Students attending Ohio colleges probably won't have to pay a tuition tax like the one proposed in Pittsburgh -- at least not soon, local leaders say.

[Ryan announced green partnership to spur jobs](#) (Warren Tribune Chronicle, Dec. 18, 2009) Thursday in Copenhagen, U.S. Rep. Timothy J. Ryan announced what he's calling a "transformational partnership" between Youngstown and a national environmental group to foster green job creation and development in the rust belt city.

[Local economy looks for fallout from Cedar Fair sale](#) (Sandusky Register, Dec. 18, 2009) It's estimated that in 2007, tourism generated \$1.1 billion of business in Erie County, said Joan Van Offeren, executive director of Lake Erie Shores and Islands East, Erie County's visitor and convention bureau.

[State unemployment rates reveal fragile economy](#) (Van Wert Times Bulletin, Dec. 19, 2009) The so-so news was the fact that Ohio was one of only 19 states that added jobs in November, even though the number was so small as to be statistically insignificant. That was about the only item that could not be considered bad news from the jobless reports released by the states and the Labor Department yesterday. For a still faltering economy, the rest of the information revealed just how weak the situation remained.

[Strickland's win on budget clouded by jobless rate](#) (Dayton Daily News, Dec. 19, 2009) \$78 - How much money that won't be cut from the state income tax bill of

a family of four making \$60,000 a year because of the deal to fill the budget hole. 10.6 percent - the state unemployment rate for November.

**Editorial: Third Frontier: A good investment for northwest Ohio** (Toledo Blade, Dec. 19, 2009) Initiated in 2002, this program represents a 10-year, \$1.6 billion commitment to Ohio's future prosperity by funding research with promising commercial potential, nurturing entrepreneurship, raising capital funds to invest in early-stage technology companies, and building an environment that supports creative, technology-driven business opportunities.

**166-mile network part of broadband expansion** (Mansfield News Journal, Dec. 20, 2009) The Consolidated Electric Cooperative will receive more than \$2.4 million in federal funding to expand broadband access in north central Ohio. The Mount Gilead nonprofit's project to construct a 166-mile network connecting underserved areas in Morrow and Delaware counties was awarded \$1,034,413 in grants and \$1,399,499 in loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Families in need strain Toledo area shelters** (Toledo Blade, Dec. 20, 2009) Across Toledo, the city's emergency shelters are full and in some cases, overcapacity, as a growing number of women, young men, and families find themselves in need of food and shelter - some for the first time.

**Editorial: Ohio businesses need credit** (Youngstown Vindicator, Dec. 20, 2009) Powered by relatively modest loans, we can strengthen vital industries in Ohio and across the country. For example, according to the Motor and Equipment Manufacturer's Association, an auto supply manufacturer doing \$100 million in sales annually needs about \$5 million in flexible capital to cover costs.

**Trade zone just ahead** (Akron Beacon Journal, Dec. 21, 2009) Mihiylov, vice president of ASW Global, has entered a foreign trade zone, a special designation that means without leaving his Mogadore facility, he has stepped out of United States commerce territory.

**Sewer district to add fee to home and business owners to manage storm water** (The Plain Dealer, Dec. 21, 2009) Despite the tough economy, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is marching ahead with plans to charge homeowners and businesses a storm water fee to pay for projects to reduce flooding, restore streams and control erosion across Northeast Ohio.

**[Agreement on state budget averts crisis for schools](#)**

(Youngstown Vindicator, Dec. 21, 2009) Perhaps it was Gov. Ted Strickland's threat to call legislators back into session over the holiday recess, or it was the compromise on new construction rules. But whatever the reason, enough Republicans in the Senate agreed to support Strickland's plan to fill an \$851 million hole in the biennium budget, thus averting a crisis for the more than 600 school districts.

**[Is Ohio headed for financial disaster?](#)**

(Lancaster Eagle Gazette, Dec. 21, 2009) The budget compromise reached by Ohio lawmakers Thursday fixes the immediate budget deficit, but some local state leaders worry it is only delaying the problem.

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