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- **Fisher-Titus Medical Center** and **Magruder Hospital** are two of the **first all-digital Cerner “smart” hospitals in the world** after implementing a fully integrated electronic health record system and interactive technology in "smart" patient rooms.
- **Genesis Baking Company**, a division of New Horizons Acquisition Company, announced a **local expansion project** which will **add 25 jobs**, over **23,000 sq. ft.** of space and a new baking line to their facility in Norwalk. Estimated investment of about \$3 million dollars.
- **New Horizons Baking Company** received **\$1,000,000 ODOT Targeting Industry Efficiency Grant**. New Horizons participated in the project with over a 70% match. Governor Strickland made the formal announcement at a press release on site at NHBC February 8, 2010.
- At **Summit Motorsports Park** in terms of attendance, 2009 rivaled 2008, which was their best year ever!
- **Emerald FX** signed a contract with Walt Disney to fabricate and produce new rafts for their Kali River Water ride that will generate upwards of \$1 Million dollars in total sales.
- **Maple City Rubber** was featured on the **Discovery Channel’s series “FACTORY MADE”**
- **Janesville Acoustics** expanded their client base and supply the **entire trunk system** for the **Altima and Maxima**. This new business with Nissan has also provided opportunities for **growth with domestic automakers** and expanded their knowledge and craftsmanship of their employees
- **Fisher-Titus Medical Center** was named one of the Top 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare in the United States by *Modern Healthcare Magazine* for the second consecutive year. Fisher-Titus was the only Ohio hospital to have earned this award two years in a row.
- **Fisher-Titus** also was honored with the HealthGrades distinctive Outstanding Patient Experience Award for exemplary service to patients two years in a row (2009-2010). The nation’s leading independent health-care ratings firm, HealthGrades, ranked FTMC in the top 10% of all hospitals in the US in this category.
- **Christie Lane Industries’** gross revenues for their Small Business Recycling project increased 27% despite the drop in market prices during the same time period. CLI is also providing free lawn care, including leaf raking, to Norwalk senior citizens.
- In the last 12 months, Huron County was awarded the Ohio Department of Development’s **Industrial Site Improvement Fund Award of \$220,000** for the Norwalk Rail Spur Project
- **PNC** invested in new equipment and facility space in Norwalk to create a regional training center for the Firelands Region of Huron and Erie Counties.
- **Wooden Horse Corporation** and the Equicizer have continued to benefit from sales worldwide in 2009 including countries such as Panama, Australia, Japan and parts of Europe. **They** continue to provide products to hospitals, rehabilitation centers, therapeutic horseback riding programs throughout the nation including Norwalk's Fisher-Titus Children's Pediatric Therapy Department and now **Stampede Of Dreams Therapeutic Riding Program**.
- **Norwalk Custom Order Furniture** started manufacturing on October 27, 2008 with a total of 83 production and office employees. They have added over 40 employees and have well over 350 accounts.
- **Fisher Titus Medical Center’s** Interventional Pain Management Program opened in 2009, as well as a Wound Care Program in August, adding jobs and a new service line.

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- In March 2009, **EPIC Technologies** won all five individual service category awards in its revenue size class at the 2009 Service Excellence Awards (SEAs) for Electronics Manufacturing Services (EMS) providers.
- **EPIC** received awards for Responsiveness, Dependability/Timely Delivery, Manufacturing Quality, Technology and Value
- **A Norwalk Manufacturer** won the U.S. leg of a manufacturing competition and members from the local team got to present their ideas to the extended operating groups in Tokyo
- **Five area buildings (three industrial)** are now off the market since the beginning of the year and there are several interested prospects looking at the remaining existing space
- **Five local expansions**— two have already gone public – and are currently underway in 2010.
- **10 area businesses** stated that they **had their best year ever in 2009**
- **Several area companies** are collaboratively funding a twelve month **‘Wind Study’** for the Norwalk area
- **Main Street Norwalk Program** launched a **‘Shop Local Program’** and released completed a video project highlighting area businesses
- City of Norwalk’s Foundry project received **\$535,000 CORF (Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund) grant** for the final stage of this project. The foundry is slated to come down in the 4th quarter of 2010.
- Norwalk was featured in the **Fox 8 News Series “That’s Life...with Robin Swaboda”**
- Huron County, part of a 4-county area, received **“Training Workers to Advance Grant Part II” - \$640,000 total, Huron County** was awarded approximately **\$120,000**