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Above: A tree reflects light with its ice-encased branches as a snow plow pushes frozen slush at the Sugarcreek Plaza in Sugarcreek Twp.

Right: Snow falls after the frozen rain pounded the area. A snow plow works along Wilmington Pike in Bellbrook.

# Winter finally arrives

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XENIA — Xenians woke Wednesday morning to icy, dangerous road conditions and several inches of snow after a night filled with freezing rain, snow and sleet.

Xenia Community Schools were closed for the second day in a row, as were several businesses throughout the city whose employees would have had a tough commute.

The freezing rain turned back to snow

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### NASCAR INSIDER

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### NOTEWORTHY



#### Bradley J. Fryman

Navy Seaman Recruit Bradley J. Fryman, son of Linda S. and Thomas H. Fryman of Dayton, Ohio, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Fryman completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills.

Fryman is a 2005 graduate of Bellbrook High School of Bellbrook, Ohio.

To suggest a Noteworthy candidate, email [editor@xeniagazette.com](mailto:editor@xeniagazette.com)

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### DEATHS

- James Edward Dyer, 91, Huber Heights
- Joe Francis Phillips, 78, Enon
- William "Bill" H. Pitzer, 81, Chandler, Ariz.
- Billie L. Paul, 70, New Carlisle
- Pauline Anne (Makley) Flahive, 61, Centerville

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## 50 Years Ago in Greene County

Jan. 29, 1959

Newton Hoffman, who is in charge of vocal music at Woodrow Wilson School at the OSSO Home, attended the winter concert of the Evanston, Illinois Symphony Orchestra and heard his own composition, "Pastorale" performed.



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## Power outages climb in Ohio

CINCINNATI (AP) -- Snow on top of ice on top of snow is pulling down power lines in Ohio, leaving more than 100,000 electric customers without service. Outages have been most severe across southern and central Ohio. American Electric Power reports more than 80,000 of its customers are out, primarily in those parts of the state. South Central Power Co. has more than 15,000 outages in southern and central Ohio. Duke Energy is reporting more than 30,000 outages in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky, with more than 24,000 in Ohio. Dayton Power & Light spokeswoman Mary Beth Weaver says at least 1,800 customers are without power, primarily in Fayette and Clinton counties. There are few outages in northern Ohio, which got mostly snow.



## Levy fliers in water bills a necessary step

By GERY L. DEER

For the Greene County Dailies  
XENIA — "In my opinion, if we know a critical situation is coming and don't do anything about it ahead of time — that is irresponsible." That was

the response from Xenia City Manager Jim Percival when asked about the timing of the upcoming replacement levy vote set for Tuesday, Feb. 3. The funds collected from the levy would go toward general public services includ-

ing the fire and police divisions as well as parks and recreation operation.

The 3.5-mill replacement levy includes a 1.5-mill increase which amounts to a \$10 per month raise in city property tax for residents who own

homes valued at \$100,000. The increase is designed to compensate for inflation and other cost increases. "Without an increase," said Percival,

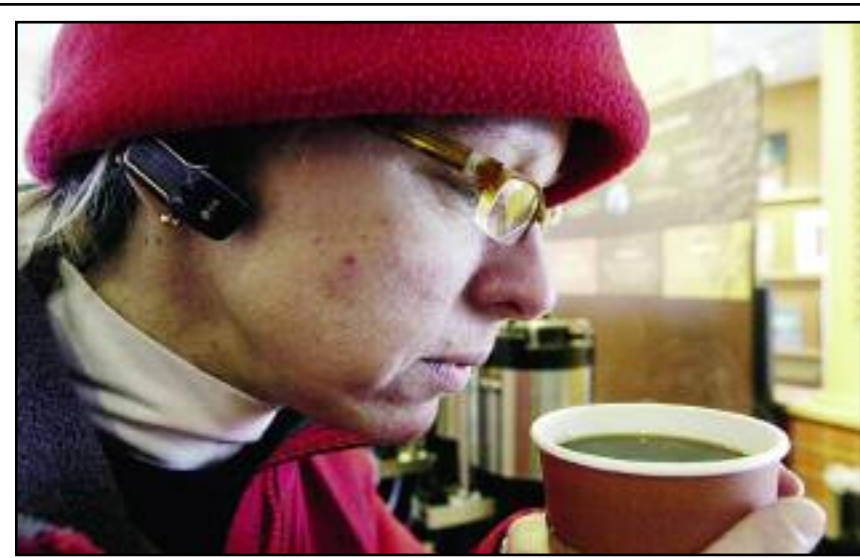
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## Calling mentors for 2009 Wright Scholar Program

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — The deadline to accept mentors for the Wright Scholar Research Assistant Program, a program established to foster the education of promising young scientists and engineers in a hands-on atmosphere, is March 9.

For seven years, the WS program has brought the brightest post-juniors and seniors, who are interested in science and engineering, from area high schools to the Air Force Research Laboratory each summer. During the 10-12 week program, the students work with Wright-Patterson's world-class scientists and engineers on a research project. Some of the projects include: testing materials, tracking data, creating

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### Free coffee on a snowy day

Nancy Sidebottom-Stoops takes in the aroma of the new style brewed coffee that was introduced Wednesday at Panera Bread on Wilmington Pike in Sugarcreek Twp. The bakery-cafe was introducing two new coffee brews, light and dark roast, and samples of their three grilled breakfast sandwiches.

## Governor proposes schools overhaul

COLUMBUS (AP) — Gov. Ted Strickland proposed a dramatic reinvention of Ohio's public schools Wednesday, from classroom learning to teacher preparation to the way districts are funded.

The plan he laid out in his third State of the State speech to the Ohio Legislature will be accompanied by a \$925 million increase over current estimated education spending levels in the budget Strickland rolls out Monday, said his spokeswoman Amanda Wurst.

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