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Maya: Good morning, Xenia, and happy Monday! It's Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six, and you're listening to the Xenia Morning Briefing. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. Good morning! A crisp October morning across Greene County, and we've got your full week ahead coming up.

Maya: Here's your weather. Today looks beautiful sunny, a high of sixty-seven, tonight down to forty-five. Light winds around nine miles an hour, and basically zero chance of rain.

Devon: Tuesday stays cool and clear a high of sixty-five, a low of forty-two, still completely dry.

Maya: Then Wednesday warms back up a high of seventy-nine, a low of forty-nine, mostly sunny, winds picking up to about fourteen miles an hour.

Devon: Thursday cools off a high of seventy-three, a low of fifty-four, with clouds rolling in, but still only about a one percent chance of rain.

Maya: Friday: a high of seventy-four, a low of forty-nine, dry skies. Saturday looks like the warmest day of the week sunny, a high of eighty-four, a comfortable low of fifty-five.

Devon: Sunday is the one to watch a high of seventy-one, a low of sixty, rain chances climbing to sixteen percent with thunderstorms possible. Keep an umbrella handy just in case.

Maya: So the pattern this week: cool and dry to start, a warm-up midweek, a toasty Saturday, then a chance of storms to close out the weekend.

Devon: Let's look up tonight. Here's your night sky report for Xenia.

Maya: The moon is a waning crescent, only about twenty-nine percent lit, and it sets in the afternoon so the evening sky will be nice and dark.

Devon: That's great news for stargazing. After dark, Saturn is the standout. You'll find it in the southeast, about thirty-one degrees up, with its steady golden glow.

Maya: No bright ISS passes tonight, so Saturn is your main event. Dark skies like these make it a fine week to just step outside and look up.

Devon: Now on to arts and entertainment around Xenia.

Maya: The big announcement last week came from the Xenia Area Community Theatre, which just revealed its twenty twenty-six to twenty twenty-seven season. Oscar Wilde's Lady Windermere's Fan runs October twenty-third through November first. Then a holiday comedy called Santa Phobia from December fourth through the thirteenth.

Devon: In the new year, Ibsen's A Doll's House and Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf both open in late January, and the season wraps with A Night of Fairytales in May. Tickets are on the theatre's website.

Maya: And here's an honest note listings are a little thin this week. But one constant never disappoints: the Greene County Farmers Market runs every Saturday downtown.

only public HBCU and the state's only eighteen-ninety land-grant university. It began back in eighteen eighty-seven as a state-supported department of neighboring Wilberforce University and became an independent institution in nineteen forty-seven.

Devon: Xenia has supplied the campus with water since the nineteen-fifties and sewer service since nineteen seventy-nine, but because the campus sat outside city limits, the university paid a fifty percent surcharge on both. University president Morakinyo A. O. Kuti says the new arrangement should save the school roughly two hundred fifty thousand to four hundred thousand dollars a year money that can go toward students, research, and outreach.

Maya: On the other side of the ledger, university employees who work on campus but live outside Xenia will now pay the city's two point two five percent income tax. And city councilwoman Faith Sorice says the added tax base will benefit all of Xenia through extra resources for capital projects and core services like public safety.

Devon: Related to that at the September twenty-fourth council meeting, Xenia City Council approved updates to the city's twenty twenty-six organizational plan. That means new firefighter positions, more fire-inspector time, an assistant city prosecutor, and two police positions focused on downtown patrols.

Maya: City staff say the costs are mostly covered in the five-year projections partly offset by reduced overtime and that new tax base from the annexation. The council also discussed flood-response efforts after a historic flash flood, authorizing follow-up inspections and an after-action review.

Devon: And one more from city hall: back on September tenth, the council unanimously rezoned about one hundred twenty-one point six acres south of U.S. Route forty-two to suburban neighborhood zoning, opening the door for new housing.

Maya: Residents at the hearing asked for sidewalks, safe routes to school, lighting, and investment in Lexington Park as part of any future development. Rockford Homes, the developer, told council it plans to keep density below three homes per acre, add land to Lexington Park, connect the site to existing trails including the Ohio to Erie Trail, and pay for the new neighborhood's streets and utilities.

Devon: Developers cover those costs under city code, though bigger investments like an East Side water tower may need broader capital planning. The council voted all in favor.

Maya: That's your Xenia Morning Briefing for Monday, October fifth. A cool, dry start to the week, Saturn shining in dark evening skies, a full theatre season to look forward to, and a university that's officially, finally part of the city.

Devon: We'll be back tomorrow morning at five with a fresh briefing. Have a great Monday, Xenia!