

Black Caucus plans Brown Clark tribute

GIRARD

The Youngstown-Warren Black Caucus will have a tribute to Youngstown Clerk of Courts Sarah Brown Clark at 6 p.m. Friday at the Mahoning Country Club, 1402 Country Club Drive.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. Reservations can be made by calling 330-519-6492 or 330-727-5758.

The guest speaker will be Tracy Maxwell Heard of Columbus, D-26th, the Ohio House majority floor leader.

ACTION to meet

YOUNGSTOWN

ACTION Clergy Caucus will have a breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 16 at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 7 Garland Ave. The Rev. Dwayne Heard is host pastor for Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing Our Neighborhoods. The Revs. Joseph Fata and Rosayne Martin are chairmen of the event.

Fruit-sale orders

BROOKFIELD

Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department, along with Local 3443 of the Professional Firefighters Association, is having its annual fruit sale.

Prices are as follows: 20-pound box of navel oranges for \$15.50; 20-pound box of red grapefruit for \$14.50; Texas pecans for \$10; and grapefruit, orange, apple combo for \$23.

You may call the fire station at 330-448-1000 or stop by the fire department to place your order. Orders must be received by Dec. 5 and will be delivered to the fire station about Dec. 15.

Hubbard competitor

HUBBARD

Maggie Kerola of Hubbard and Fashionably Invited, a bay American Quarter Horse mare, will be among 63 contenders for the Farnam All-Around Amateur Award at the 2010 Bank of America Amateur competition at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show scheduled Saturday through Nov. 20 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Farnam All-Around Amateur Award is the most-prestigious title an amateur exhibitor can win at the AQHA World Championship Show and one of the most-significant honors awarded by the American Quarter Horse Association. The award is presented to the amateur exhibitor earning the greatest number of points in a minimum of two categories and three events on the same horse in amateur competition. The winner will receive \$15,000 from Farnam plus additional prizes. More than 3,400 entries are vying for 94 world championships.

Ceremony to read names of veterans

YOUNGSTOWN

The names of Youngstown State University students and employees who died while on active military duty will be read at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Veterans Plaza on the YSU campus. The 13th annual Reading of the Names also will feature a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps. In addition, the YSU Office of Veterans Affairs will present the Cincinnatus Award. The award recognizes an individual who has carried the spirit of his or her military service into the community by the contributions of their time and talents.

Agenda Tuesday

♦ **Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., administration building, 6034 S. Salem Warren Road.

♦ **Stambaugh Charter Academy school board**, 5 p.m., 2420 Donald Ave., Youngstown.

♦ **Human Relations Commission City of Youngstown**, 10 a.m., 1350 Fifth Ave. Suite 100, Cobbin Tower Building Youngstown.

♦ **ACTION Board meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Newport Library.

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On the job 42 years, teacher keeps it Reel

By KRISTINE GILL
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CANFIELD

It's ladies first in Ken Reel's class. The fairer sex enters the classroom and the cafeteria first and boards the tour bus first on the annual D.C. field trip. As coach of the eighth-grade girls basketball team for 25 years, he also stands guard over the team photos.

"Keep your eyes to the front, boys," Reel, 65, said, preventing wandering gazes from "finding a future mate" among the wall of point guards and forwards at the back of his class.

After all, some of the women pictured are teachers at Canfield Vil-

lage Middle School today. Reel is a fixture of the Canfield district, having taught American history for 42 years. He now teaches eighth-graders.

And though he said, "Rumors fly every spring," regarding the possibility of his retirement, Reel doesn't have definite plans yet.

As one student put it, "he's old-fashioned," but that only adds to the reason students revere him.

"My life is completely changed after having Mr. Reel," ninth-grader Mary Elizabeth Monda said.

At the last board of education meeting, Monda and twins Jacque-

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Ken Reel teaches eighth-graders during a lesson about the American colonies' growing resentment of England in the mid-1700s. Reel also has coached the eighth-grade girls basketball team for 25 years.

STARTING ANEW



GEOFFREY HAUSCHILD | THE VINDICATOR

School board President Mark Witmer speaks at the dedication of the South Range K-12 complex in the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon.

South Range dedicates \$38M school

By SEAN BARRON
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NORTH LIMA

A 1970 entry in Atty. Alan Wenger's yearbook spoke to a revolutionary change in his school district: It described students' feelings related to the first year of a merger of schools in Greenford and North Lima, which became the South Range district.

Forty years later, those words have taken on renewed prescience.

The entry reads in part: "Because of consolidation, we, who had been two separate bodies, were now to be identified as one. We were excited and hopeful as we reached out for a new direction, for new

friends."

The two sentences also foreshadow Sunday's 90-minute dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new \$38 million South Range K-12 complex, 11300 Columbiana-Canfield Road (state Route 46).

"This is wonderful. It's a top-notch facility," said Wenger, a 1970 South Range graduate who also served from 1985 to 2005 as a school-board member in the district.

He recalled that nearly all of his fellow students were receptive to the earlier merger and that the transition was smooth.

Hundreds of people filled the auditorium for

Sunday's program, which featured a variety of speakers touting the 200,000-square-foot, \$38 million facility that replaces the elementary/high school in North Lima and the middle school in Greenford.

The two-story school, which opened in September, is actually three configurations — one each for kindergarten through grade four; grades five through eight; and grades nine through 12, noted Superintendent Dennis J. Dunham. It has about 1,300 students, he estimated.

A fund-raising campaign began in fall 2006, and ground was broken in

September 2008, Dunham explained, adding that the Ohio School Facilities Commission picked up about 52 percent of the cost.

The school, built largely with recycled materials, has 79 academic classrooms, three gyms and three music rooms, geothermal heating and cooling and 132 security cameras, Dunham continued, adding that rooms are equipped with the latest technology for sound and lighting. All the students have a common cafeteria, auditorium and library, the superintendent said.

"The community has a

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Model railroad display attracts hundreds

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AUSTINTOWN

Those who enjoy seeing multiple, historically accurate scale models of locomotives and railroad cars rolling through re-created Youngstown area scenery will enjoy the Youngstown Model Railroad Association's display.

Some 340 adults visited the display during the first three hours of the association's open house Sunday.

The open house continues from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 4 and 5 in a former church at Raccoon and Four Mile Run roads. A \$3 donation per person is requested. Children under 12 with an adult are admitted free.

"I think it's a fascination with trains" that attracts children and adults of all ages to the model railroading hobby, said Jim Pope of Berlin Center, association president.

"People still like trains," despite the decline of railroading in most of the United States in the latter part of the 20th century, said Pope, who joined the 53-year-old association six months after its founding.

"It's a hobby where there's a lot of facets to it. Some guys like the electronics. Some guys like to work on the scenery, some on the track," he said of model railroading. The hobby blends the artistic, mechanical, electrical and electronic fields, including digital electronics, he said.

"This is the most amazing display anywhere between New York and Chicago," said Bill Maine of Boardman, a former locomotive engineer who visited the open house Sunday.

Maine owns an operating

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MARK STAHL | THE VINDICATOR

Dan King, a World War II veteran of the 8th Army Air Force and former prisoner of war in Germany, salutes one of the names on the Vietnam Memorial during "The Laying of the Roses" in downtown Youngstown on Sunday.

'Roses' ceremony honors fallen of Vietnam War

By SEAN BARRON
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YOUNGSTOWN

The covered square table looked sparse, graced with a lemon on a plate, an upside-down wine glass, a red rose and a few other small items.

What wasn't visible — but was plentiful — on the Table of Remembrance was the plateful of symbolism.

The lightweight items and their placement spoke to the heavy sadness and sense of loss many people still feel about soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War but never returned.

The symbolic gestures also were a centerpiece of Sunday's 19th annual "Laying of the Roses" ceremony at the Vietnam War Memorial in Youngstown's Central Square.



The program was to remember and honor the 100 Mahoning County residents killed in the Vietnam War as well as those who later

died from war-related wounds. As each of the 100 names was read, family members, relatives and fellow veterans placed red roses next to the memorial bearing the fallen soldiers' names.

Hosting the solemn event were American Legion Post 472 and Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 135, both of Youngstown, as well as the Youngstown chapter of the

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