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Reservists return to duties at home

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Within a few months, Master Sgt. Victor Rivera likely will return to his job delivering mail.

For now, he's happy to see something being delivered to him: normalcy.

"We worked, slept and ate; that was pretty much it," Rivera said Wednesday at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, referring to his latest tour of duty near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Rivera, a 1989 Campbell Memorial High School graduate, was one of about 13 reservists with the 910th Airlift Wing who returned Tuesday after spending four to five months at Kandahar Air Field in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was part of the 76th Aerial Port Squadron, a cargo-handling unit responsible for loading and unloading heavy equipment, vehicles and supplies for delivery by C-130 Hercules and other aircraft.

Rivera said he typically worked the midnight-to-noon shift six days a week at a cargo-processing area and was

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responsible for incoming and outgoing equipment that included food, ammunition, clothing and vehicles.

Rivera plans to return to his job in March as a letter carrier with the Campbell post office. For now, however, simply enjoying a bit of down time with family and friends is on his radar screen.

Another long trip is on the horizon for Staff Sgt. Andrew Straub of Struthers, but this time, his cargo might consist of only a suitcase.

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Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Andrew Straub of Struthers recounts his experiences over a four-month deployment to Afghanistan with the 910th Airlift Wing.



Rivera

Young's Restaurant to close after nearly seven decades

ICON of ELLSWORTH

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HEADS TURN WHEN A NEW-comer crosses the threshold at Young's Restaurant.

But the looks from regulars crowded around tables and spilling into booths in the tiny diner are friendly ones.

"There's never a time you won't know someone," said Stormy Kale of Berlin Center. "Even if they're new, they're friends when they leave."

But after Saturday, patrons new and old will have to gather elsewhere as Young's dishes out its last breakfast, pours its final cup of coffee and closes its door after 68 years as an Ellsworth fixture.

"Customers have broken down crying in here when they heard the news," said Susan Young, daughter of the late owner, Myron Young.

Susan, 56, worries it will be difficult to stay in touch with the people she's served daily since she was 12.

"A young guy, just about 30, came in and said, 'Where am I going to go?' I told him he'd find another spot, but he said there's not other place like this where you can strike up a conversation with a stranger and share a booth," Susan said. "Where else can you go and do that?"

Rising costs and the passing of her father forced Susan and her mother, Elaine, 82, to make the difficult decision to close.

Myron died in October at age 83 after what doctors suspected was a second bout of the pancreatic cancer he'd once beaten. His wife has taken over as owner, but osteoporosis and arthritis have prevented her from helping her daughter behind the counter for some time.

"Daddy was a social butterfly for sure," Susan said. "He loved this place. He loved this community."

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RAMI DAUD | THE VINDICATOR
Young's Restaurant has served up legendary breakfasts at its 11016 Akron-Canfield Road location since 1944. Rough times have forced the establishment to shut down after decades of service.

“ CUSTOMERS HAVE BROKEN DOWN CRYING IN HERE WHEN THEY HEARD THE NEWS.”

SUSAN YOUNG (at right),
co-owner of Young's Restaurant



Tickets pile up from the lunchtime rush at Young's Restaurant.



Coroner confirms man, 76, was slain

AUSTINTOWN RESIDENT DIED OF STRANGULATIONBy ELISE FRANCO
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The Mahoning County coroner's office confirms police suspicions that the death of a 76-year-old township man was a homicide.

A report issued Wednesday by the coroner's office said that Stephen Shonn, of 3412 Bentwillow Lane, was strangled.

"At autopsy, no injuries were on the skin of the neck," the report stated. "Extensive examination of the neck muscles revealed that Mr. Shonn died of manual strangulation."

Dr. Joseph Ohr, deputy coroner, said manual strangulation means the offender used his or her own body to choke him, as opposed to using a rope or cord.

"Someone put their hands on him," Ohr said.

Shonn was found dead by his 71-year-old wife, Judith Shonn, about 4:15 a.m. Jan. 19 in the basement of the couple's home, police said. The victim was found face down with his hands at his sides. His pockets were emptied, and no wallet, cell phone or car keys were found near the body.

Dr. Ohr said it's possible that because no injuries were visible on the victim's skin, the killer came

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inside today**STUDENT SHOT WITH 'BB'**

Charges may be filed against a 14-year-old student in Liberty who shot a 13-year-old with a plastic "BB."

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MORE LIBRARY HOURS

Public library hours in Mahoning County will expand this spring.

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CANFIELD TOPS HOWLAND

Canfield High School edged Howland 33-28 for the Eastern Ohio Wrestling League/AAC Red Division championship Wednesday night.

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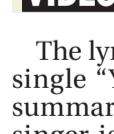
A song to sing and nothing to lose

By GUY D'ASTOLFO

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Youngstown
Young girl
Looking out the wind-
shield

*At a big old world
And I'm proud of where
I come from
But I got a full tank of
gas and I'm ready to run
Five hundred sixty-three
miles to Nashville, Ten-
nessee
And I know I got to pay
my dues
But I got a song to sing
and nothing to lose*

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to see the Sarah
Turner YouTube
video "Youngstown"

rounds online. Turner's sister, Anne-Marie, made the video, which flashes a series of photos of famous Youngstowners as the song plays. It can be viewed on youtube.com by searching for "Sarah Turner Youngstown tribute."

A 2010 graduate of Boardman High School, Turner co-wrote "Youngstown" with Nashville songwriters Bill Shore and Joe Beck.

She will release her first CD, a six-song collection that includes "Youngstown," by

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