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Renee Powell, PGA's 2003 First Lady of Golf, To Be Featured on Special Edition of NewsNight Akron

KENT, Ohio — Wednesday, March 31, 2010 — A special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNight Akron** will feature former Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour player Renee Powell of East Canton. The special will air on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO/WEAO 45.1/49.1) on Friday, April 2, at 9 p.m. and repeat on Saturday, April 3, at 5 a.m. It also will air on Fusion (WNEO/WEAO 45.2/49.2) on Saturday, April 3, at 9:30 p.m. and Monday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m.

Powell is one of only three African Americans to ever play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour. She is a golf professional, instructor, mentor and international ambassador for golf. She received the 2003 PGA First Lady of Golf Award and was the first recipient of Rolex's For the Love of the Game Award. She also was one of only nine golf professionals to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from The University of St. Andrews in Scotland, the birthplace of golf.

Powell is the daughter of the late William Powell, who owned Clearview Golf Course in East Canton. He is the only African American in the United States to design, build, own and operate a golf course. Clearview was declared a National Historic Site in 2001.

Join **NewsNight Akron** panelist Jody Miller as she talks with Renee Powell about her golf career, her father's legacy and her ongoing work with young people.

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Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

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