

# STARK & OHIO

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# Jackson Twp. man wins Super Bowl

## FanDuel fantasy football contest awards trip for two to big game

BY MALCOLM HALL  
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**JACKSON TWP.** For certain, there will be a victor in Super Bowl 50 between the Denver Broncos and Carolina Panthers. But the biggest winner in Levi's Stadium on Feb. 7 might

be a 37-year-old Stark County guy who exercised some shrewd game skills in his own right.

One of the two highest scorers in a recent FanDuel fantasy football contest, Michael Snodgrass won an expense-paid trip to Santa Clara, Califor-

nia, and two tickets to the NFL's championship game.

The weekend package includes airfare, hotel and transportation while in Santa Clara. Snodgrass scored his winning effort on FanDuel on Jan. 3.

"I am actually taking my dad," said Snodgrass, who lives in Jackson Township. "I thought about taking my wife. She suggested he would probably enjoy it more. We booked an Alcatraz tour on Friday. I have never been out there. I

have never been anywhere near California."

Alcatraz Island, a National Historic Landmark, is in San Francisco Bay and at one time housed a federal penitentiary.



MICHAEL SNODGRASS

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# FEELIN' FREE



■ Senior Stark County Bicycle Club rider Larry Johnson and a friend cycled together recently on a tandem bicycle.



■ Senior riders Bob Forney and Leurene Hildenbrand, both Stark County Bicycle Club members, pause during a recent ride.



■ Mal Johnson, pictured here on a tandem cycle with Debbie Mohler, still rides a little and is active in other Stark County Bicycle Club events.



■ Stark County Bicycle Club members Bill Johnson and his wife, Carol, pedaled a tandem bike during a recent ride.

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# Stark County riders not letting age interfere with their joy in rubber meeting the road

BY GARY BROWN  
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"SCBC Rocks The Eighties." No, that claim doesn't promote the sale of a "throwback" biking jersey — 1980s-style — for Stark County Bicycle Club. Instead the catchphrase was used above more than a dozen photographs of older riders published in the program for the bicycle club's annual banquet.

All 16 of the senior riders honored at the awards dinner were older than 80.

The recognition indeed lauded many long lifetimes of achievement and contribution to the club, according to club

**"It's a sense of freedom. It feels the same now as it did when I was in my teens."**

ED GRACE, 81, ON WHY HE RIDES

President Dennis Updike.

"The club is approaching its 50th anniversary (founded early in 1968) and we realized over that time there have been many members who have made

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## 'ROCK THE EIGHTIES' RIDERS

The following Stark County Bicycle Club members were recognized at the recent annual banquet for continuing to be active during their 80s and 90s:

- Paul Blohm
- Polly Caley
- Dave Cassel
- Bob Forney
- Ed Grace
- Ruth Guthrie
- Leurene Hildenbrand
- Bill Johnson
- Larry Johnson
- Mal Johnson
- Jim Kennedy
- Bruce Miller
- Ellen Payne-Thompson
- A.J. Scarp
- Bud Scott
- Erika Stephan

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Restaurant chain sold after Max & Erma's closed

**S**ale of the Max & Erma's restaurant chain likely won't lead to a local revival.

American Blue Ribbon Holdings closed the Max & Erma's restaurant outside Belden Village Mall on Jan. 18. It was one of 13 the restaurant operator shuttered that day.

A week later American Blue Ribbon said it has sold the 51 remaining Max & Erma's to Glacier Restaurant Group, an operator based in Whitefish, Montana.

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The closing surprised employees. Sierra Shiplett, a bartender and supervisor, had been offered a chance to enter the company's management training program. That won't happen now.

Shiplett said she and other employees were blindsided by the closing.

Other restaurants in the area offered Max & Erma's employees a chance to apply for jobs, Shiplett said. She is considering an offer from an area bar.

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## VALENTINE'S DAY

### Are you ready for some romance?

The shortest month of the year has a lot going on.

February is at once Black History Month and home to Presidents Day. It has the Super Bowl and the Daytona 500. There's Groundhog Day and the Westminster Dog Show.

This year, it's got leap year, too.

It's also American Heart Month, when we focus on heart health and what we need to do to improve ours or remember those who have fought heart disease.

And, we can't forget Valentine's Day! It's the month of love, first celebrated in the Middle Ages.

So many years later, we're thinking about romance and how we express it in our love lives.

What is the most romantic thing you've done, or someone has done for you?

Share your thoughts with Engagement Editor Laura Kessel via email at [laura.kessel@cantonrep.com](mailto:laura.kessel@cantonrep.com).

Tell us about the act and how it touched your heart. Feel free to give us names, so we can honor what had such a lasting, positive effect on your heart. Deadline for your thoughts is Thursday.

## STARK'S FAMOUS

# Jean Peters

### About

- Born Oct. 15, 1926. Died Oct. 13, 2000
- 20th Century Fox studio actress who was a movie industry favorite in the 1950s
- Married eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes in 1957. They divorced in 1970
- Co-starred in films with Tyrone Power, Marilyn Monroe, Burt Lancaster, Spencer Tracy, Marlon Brando and Richard Widmark
- Graduate of Ohio State University

### Stark connection

- Born in Canton, raised in East Canton

### QUOTABLE

"The story goes that studio boss Darryl F. Zanuck took one look at the buxom green-eyed brunet and said, 'Sign her!'"

— LOS ANGELES TIMES, 2000



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