

Local Corner

Game benefits Wisniewski

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MEDINA — The 17th annual Meadows Turkey Bowl was much more than a Thanksgiving morning football tournament amongst friends.

The annual event took on added significance this year because the players were raising money for a friend, Ken Wisniewski, who recently suffered serious injuries to his head and face.

Wisniewski, who captained the winning team in 2004 and 2005, is currently rehabilitating and will be the recipient, through St. Vincent DePaul charities, of the \$8,200 the event raised this year.

That money was raised through player donations and corporate sponsors T&T Mortgage, Summit Packaging Systems, Easy Pages, Bill Doraty Kia, Lamar Advertising, Griffith Holdings, Redstone Storage, Reminger & Reminger, MelCap Partners, Bob Parks & Family, Stumpf Construction, Starbucks Coffee, Dunkin Donuts, Weymouth Country Club, Coloprep and Get Cash for Cartridges.

Lenny Mullen and Tim Blascak also raised more than \$1,000 in the free agent draft the night before the game, at which time Jason Nemeth, Chad Larson and John Cassidy were inducted into the Meadows Turkey Bowl Hall of Fame.

The backyard event, which was started by hosts Mike and Connie Meadows, began as a casual family game, but has turned into a major fundraiser over the years. Bill Meadows, John Cassidy and Tom Judson, who comprise the board of directors, have played huge roles in that regard.

Team Wisniewski, which was captained by Ron Sency, won the 2006 event



Team Wisniewski, captained by Ron Sency, won the 17th annual Meadows Turkey Bowl.

Fundraiser at Eagles Club

MEDINA — A spaghetti dinner and fundraiser will be held for Ken Wisniewski from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Medina Eagles Club on Lafayette Road.

Wisniewski, a Medina resident, is currently rehabilitating from serious injuries to his head and face.

Cost for the dinner is \$10, with \$5 and \$10 tickets

available for reverse raffles, a silent auction and side boards. Those who buy raffle tickets do not have to be present to win.

There is also a Ken Wisniewski Benevolent Fund set up at Key Bank. Donations may be made at any Key Bank branch.

For more information, call Regi Haire at 330-722-7471 or Michelle Werner at 330-667-9125.

over Team Stumpf, captained by Dave Stumpf. Blascak earned MVP honors, but presented the award to Wisniewski, who made a surprise appearance.

Stumpf and Al Melchiorre earned awards for their stellar performances in a losing effort, while Lance Price won the Mr. Hustle award and Dave Krause captured Mr. Toughest honors.

A kids game was also added this year, with 40 youngsters participating on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Geoff Carabin, Kyle Stumpf, Clay Stumpf, Joe Gigliotti, Ethan Cureton, Patrick Williams, Pete Meadows and Matt Meadows comprised the winning team.

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A youth game was added to the Meadows Turkey Bowl on the day after Thanksgiving.