



The Turkey Bowl Newsletter

Silvers Stun Youngs with 26 to 7 Victory

Thanksgiving For:

- Bruce and Cindy for organizing and making the arraignments, etc.
- Beth and Sid for providing food and accessories and doing the breakfast and lunch.
- Everyone else who provided food, cooked and brought BINGO prizes.
- Everyone who contributed articles.
- Hillary Wildt for 2024 photos.
- All those who come and keep the traditions.

Highlights of Turkey Bowl XL:

- Jake to Jonathan Wildt for the first possession, failed extra point, 6-0
- INT on second play
- Jake runs for TD, failed extra point, 12-0
- Sack on 5th down by Marieta
- INT by Jake almost run back

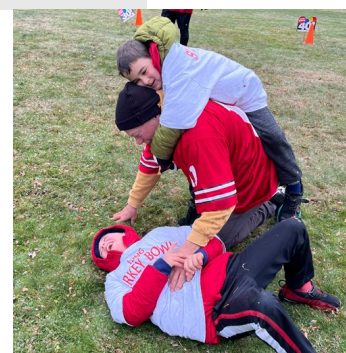
Second Half:

- Jake runs for TD, Jake to Kevin on a screen pass for the extra point, 20-0
- Bob to Ian to Jonathan for TD, 26-0
- Lots of wrestling in the field
- Ky for TD, Marieta got an extra point on two attempts. 1 point was awarded, 26-7



Marieta is open!

Wrastl'n on the field



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Guarding the Post on the 4th of July

By Carol Kauffman

From the Nicolls Archives:

From Dave, 1943? (sign says: "Naval reservation - Positively NO ADMITTANCE! !KEEP OUT!!!")

"This was me all day July 4th. From 10 AM to 7PM in that one hot

spot without chow or water for 9 hours. They forgot I was there."

Awww. Poor Uncle Dave. And they only gave you a stick to ward off all dangerous trespassers! Thank you for your service!



Uncle Dave in 1943?

2025 Nicolls Cousins CO Reunion

By Bob Nicolls

This past summer we welcomed "The Nicolls Cousins" to another reunion in Colorado. Thanks to all who attended. I think we had the most attendee's, or at least it felt like that as Kathy and I scrambled to get "heads into beds". Some of those heads scrambled in Salida the night we had a huge windstorm. We missed those who could not attend and hope they'll make it the next time.

We started in Franktown and then went to Salida. It's been far easier for Kathy and I these last couple reunions as folks are familiar with and know what they'd like to do during the day. So apart from organizing rafting or a hike, everyone just gets after what they like to do.

Franktown activity is centered around Kathy's cliff-

side pool. No one fell off the cliff or drowned, so I'd say we had some success there. We too had several meals brought in highlighted by the Asian chefs who stuffed us full. I am just clearing out all the leftover's which is hard to believe at any Nicolls event. And too yet, there was the Colorado Springsteen concert at the "New Stagecoach". The New Stagecoach was totally rehabbed and now has proper bathrooms instead of an upholstered outhouse.

Salida, as usual, centered around the various mountain/valley activities in central Colorado. I am happy to report only minor topical injuries from the various out-of-doors activities. In-of-doors activities had many injuries which will remain confidential. Highlights were:

rafting, four wheeling, the big hike around "No Name" bowl and the river concert by Bones' Santana Cover band.

Thanks again for all who attended. Kathy and I will miss this Thanksgiving as we want to be available for the opening of Monarch Ski Area and the new terrain in No Name bowl. We don't know when it will happen as Mother Nature does not communicate well to my cellphone.

Best to All

bob & kathy

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The Bundy Family was all in!





Uncle Bob in Southern France

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Invading Southern France in 1945 By Bruce Nicolls

In October, Cindy and I were traveling the Adriatic and Mediterranean Coast. We started in Venice, with stops in Croatia, Corfu, Amalfi, Rome and Tuscany. However, as we approached the coast of France, I realized that this was the area where Uncle Dave had served in the Navy and Uncle Bob had gone ashore in the invasion of southern France during World War II. I think we have all heard the story of how Uncle Bob was radioing ships for the bombardment of Marseille and ended up talking to Uncle Dave on the ship Philadelphia. A wild, random encounter in the middle of the war. I emailed Bob to see what details of that he could confirm and to see if I would be "walking in their foot-steps", so to speak.

Some of Bob's response: "

He (Uncle Bob) went

ashore at St Tropez. ... They then moved inland some and went west to Marseille. The French were supposed to take Marseille but needed help. So he worked his way with his Captain to a spot in the hills above Marseille to radio call in Navy guns to support the French and now Americans. This is where he connected with Uncle Dave, radioman on the USS Philly.

The Garrison at Marseille surrendered about a week later as the US Army bypassed them in pursuit of the Germans retreating up the Rhone valley. You'll see how flat it is there with no geographical defensive terrain to defend their retreat. ...

Operation Dragoon was supposed to take 3 months, but only took 3 weeks. There are very few markers along the way. A small monument

here and there, a road named after General Patch in St Tropez. The best info came from the US Cemeteries. These are all very well taken care of and have a historian posted at each who knows what happened to the guys buried there, meaning they are intimate with the local action and in this case Operation Dragoon. It is something to be proud of as Americans.

... Dad later shipped out of Europe from Marseilles in a Liberty Ship and made it home for Christmas 1945 ..."

As for us, we didn't see much. Marseilles is a big city now with lots of development and lots of traffic. However, we spent a lovely afternoon in Aix-en-Provence just 45 minutes away. It was still special connecting to the thought that Nicolls boys had been there 80 years ago.

Modern Day Marseille



Marseille Old Harbor



Nicolls Family Trivia

Q: What Nicolls Family member was born on Thanksgiving Day but only celebrated 1 birthday on Thanksgiving?

A: Ruth Ann Nicolls Lewis!

In 1928, my mother was born on November 29th, which was Thanksgiving Day. Family folklore and my mother confirmed that her father, Grandpa Nicolls, was a little bitter because Grandma went into labor as she was prepping Thanksgiving dinner for her

By Cheri Lewis

family of 7 because his turkey dinner was delayed. My mother was born right there in the Nicolls home (I've always wondered what room?) at 26 Delaware Avenue.

But, for the rest of her life, she only celebrated her birthday once again on Thanksgiving Day and that was her 6th birthday. Once we were old enough to ask why, she told Suzy and me that President Roosevelt (Franklin D.) had moved Thanksgiving from the last Thursday of November to the 4th Thursday to lengthen

the Christmas shopping season. He did this in 1939 during the Great Depression as a means to stimulate the economy. So after her 6th birthday in 1934, her birthday never fell on the holiday again as the latest day that Thanksgiving can ever occur is November 28th. Bev Nicolls, who was born on November 29, 1930, also only once celebrated her birthday on Thanksgiving Day, for her 4th birthday also in 1934.

Back to your regularly scheduled Turkey Bowl newsletter...



Baby Aunt Ruth



Ruth and Toedie

Remembering Eli Martin By Bill Nicolls

This Thanksgiving is bittersweet for the Toledo chapter of the family as we find ourselves with an empty place at our table this year. We have lost an important member of the family who kept us entertained with his wit and wisecracks, his discussion of books and music, and his analysis of football games. He was a devoted partner to Kate and proud parent of Felicity. Unfortunately, health issues continued to pile on in the past couple of years and lingered to the point where it became unbearable. We carry a hole in our hearts but are blessed with wonderful memories he left behind for us to cherish.

He is at peace.



Eli Martin in one of Bob's classic cars