

The Insider

Poison Pen Pattye Sentenced to Lengthy Prison Term for Libel

Last year's supposed expose on the misuse of funds by Turkey Bowl Commissioner **Donald Nicolls** has been found to be the rantings of a disgruntled ditz who had hoped her article would lead to a Pulitzer Prize, fame and glory. Now the libelous scribbles of **Patricia Louise Nicolls** (a.k.a. **Poison Pen Pattye**) have been exposed as sheer delusional fantasy. Readers of the "Turkey Bowl Newsletter" may recall that last year, allegations were made that "**Big Don**" **Nicolls** used Bowl funds to finance personal trips to entertain family members at the famous Oglebay Resort. Lavish, extravagant spending on rooms and

meals were alleged. Little did **Poisonous Pattye** realize that she was dealing with a well-connected figure in the community, a paragon of virtue, who would have the public's backing for his exoneration. After a detailed investigation into **Poisonous Pattye's** background, it was discovered that it was mere jealousy on her part that led to her crime. She was angry at her husband for being too self-centered to cancel his band's gig and too cheap to make reservations at Oglebay for that weekend. In her fit of pique, she took her frustration out on the wrong person. Now she will pay the price. Judge I. M. Bookinyou

sentenced her to 2 years in the State Penitentiary. Upon hearing the verdict, she blathered something about ethics violations and conflict of interest as she claimed the judge and "**Big Don**" started out together as associates in the law firm of Dewey, Cheatem & Howe but the people present shouted her down and called for a stronger punishment. She will be put in solitary confinement and the only entertainment she will be allowed will be a set of videos of all the previous Turkey Bowl games. The only writing she will be permitted to do will be that of writing her annual Christmas letter, which she should have stuck to in the first place.

By Bill Nicolls

Welcome to the 21st Century

Last year Marty Bundy, the official Turkey Bowl photographer, took photos with a new digital camera and the pictures look great.

After the TurkeyGate allegations of "**Poison Pen**" **Pattye Nicolls** in last year's newsletter, **Big Don** has invested in the future of the Turkey Bowl. After most were not satisfied with his nominal purchase of new helmets for the Young Bucks, **Big Don** decided to go digital. The first step was to get a new digital camcorder. The Turkey Bowl will finally be available on DVD. What next? Podcasts? U Tube? Real-time coverage of the game on the internet? "One step at a time", **Big Don**

says. The Commish also purchased a big screen HD TV for the post-game viewing of the Turkey Bowl video.

Some of the Silver Bucks and Young Bucks tested the new TV by watching the OSU - YSU game during Labor Day weekend. "**Grandma**" **Betty Grover**, **Hammerin' Hank Grover**, **Jolt'n Jim Ridge**, **Gayle "Sayers" Ridge**, **Jamm'n Jake Grover**, and **Brad "BDog" Lawrence** joined **Big Don Nicolls**, "**Game Breaker**" **Bruce Nicolls**, and "**Too Small**" **Dale Nicolls** in New Castle. Everyone was pleased with the new TV, but not all were pleased with the game - especially the YSU alumni.

Big Don was asked if the Turkey Bowl supports Blue Ray or HD DVD. "We are still waiting that one out. I learned my lesson from the VHS versus Beta Max wars."

The **Young Bucks'** Blogosphere has been filled with fears that **Big Don** may use this new technology to video their offensive plays from the side lines and then relay the information to the **Silver Bucks** on the field. When asked to comment, **Wild Bill Nicolls** said, "I always agree with my wife, "**Poison Pen**" **Pattye**, but I must disagree this one time. I have known **Big Don** for all my life and he is as honest a lawyer as you will find."

By DEN

Talking Turkey:

- > **Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls** took 4th place at the Colorado state cross-country meet.
- > **Danny "Bronco" Nicolls** took 17th place at state.
- > **Hillary "Killer" Nicolls** spent six weeks this summer in Kenya (as the Turkey Bowl's Ambassador ?).
- > **Ski'n Ian Nicolls** is staying in Burbank California to work on his radio advertising business. Maybe he can also secure some new sponsors for the Big Don Network.



Tyler Mack—the Future of the Turkey Bowl and signee of Tressel's class of 2023.

New Mascot for Young Bucks

Throughout the sporting world, pro, college and high school teams have had a long tradition of having a mascot to symbolize the heart, skill and desire of their athletes. In that spirit, the

Young Bucks have adopted an appropriate new sideline symbol for this year's team: the "Li'l Stinker Skunk" as portrayed by **Miss Felicity Martin**. Her odoriferous presence will perfectly

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symbolize the quality of their play-calling and athletic abilities. Felicity will stir the crowd with cheers of "Gimme a P – Gimme a U"; letters that stand for their Pride and Unity.

Tressel Checks on Progress of Titan Twins

On his way to the "Big Out-House" in some northern state with an undistinguished football program; Coach Tressel of the Ohio State Buckeyes stopped by Toolittletodo, OH and checked on the progress of the bonus babies who signed letters of intent last year for the 2023 season. He was stunned by their remarkable

progress in their training and development. Coach Tressel remarked: "I just can't believe how far along these boys have come in a year's time. **Titanic Tyler** is really putting on some serious poundage to plug the gaps in the line and has incredible speed for a big guy. **Lumbering Logan** is going to be a huge

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force in moving the ball forward and is a superior ball-handler even at his tender age. There's just no telling how dominant these two will turn out to be in the future. I know I'll be accused of hyperbole but doggone it, they look like future 1st round draft picks to me."

Nicolls Nuggets

Holidays are a time for families. We gather together to enjoy the warmth and the company of our relatives, our in-laws (and out-laws), and to remember the past events that bind us to each other. All families have a history and need to understand the importance of recording the major landmarks of the past.

What follows are "nuggets" from the past as related by Aunt Marge Ohl, in her excellent history, *Ten Generations of the Nicolls Family in America*, that she published in 1981. Her research and documentation provide an outstanding history of the Nicolls Family. In reading that excellent family history, some interesting facts are revealed about those who came before us.

- William Nicolls, the earliest ancestor identified, came from Ireland in the mid 1700s, with his wife and two sons.
- The first two generations of the family lived in the State of New York during the period of the Revolutionary War.
- The third Nicolls generation ventured westward and settled in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1838. Simon Nicolls died in 1844 and is buried in Conneautville Cemetery.
- Sylvester Emmett Nicolls headed the sixth Nicolls generation and married Harriet E. Beebe on March 2, 1899, in Conneautville, Pennsylvania.
- Their family included 12 children. The oldest, Carl Emmett, was born on February 20, 1900, in Crawford County, Pennsylvania.
- Carl helped his father on the farm until he went to Poland, Ohio in about 1920, and started working in a grocery store owned by Mr. McCrone.
- Carl married Ethel Mae McCoy of Poland, Ohio, on June 6, 1921.
- Grandpa and Grandma Nicolls lived in the Old Stone Tavern in Poland until moving to the family house on Delaware Avenue in mid-1923. There they reared their six children and were prominent members of the Poland community and the Poland Methodist Church.
- The Poland, Ohio, Nicolls family name and tradition has been carried on by the six offspring of Carl and Ethel. Genealogical records show that this family has grown to a total of 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, subject to the author's miscalculations. Aunt Ruth Ann tells me that her brothers used to call Grandma Ethel "FERTILE MYRTLE", which has certainly proved to be true!



Above: Felicity Martin as "Li'l Stinker Skunk" - P!U!

Below: Logan Mack from the signing class of 2023.



Thanks to Uncle Don, the Annual Turkey Bowl festivities are an outstanding example of a family tradition that features family fun for all ages. As older members of the family have slowed down, younger members have stepped up to take their place. So, while it is important to look back at our ancestors and understand our history, it is also very satisfying to enjoy the current accomplishments of each member of our family, and to bask in the sunshine of the future generations.

By John Lewis