



# The Turkey Bowl Newsletter



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The Turkey Bowl Committee

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- Thanksgiving For:
- Don & Bev for hosting another great Nicolls Reunion.
- Chef Barb for her great meals.
- Everyone who contributed articles.
- Jim Ridge for taking the HD video of the game.

## Youngs 20 & Silvers 6

November 29, 2014  
New Caste, PA

Turkey Bowl XXXII was the third Turkey Bowl in a row that was played on a snowy Nicolls Field. Twenty two players suited up for THE rivalry. The starting offense for the Silver Bucks was **"Wild" Bill Nicolls, "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls, "Too Small" Dale Nicolls, "Big Boy" Bob Nicolls, Greg "Bubby" Bundy, "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker, Jonathan "Illini" Wildt, "Killer" Hillary Wildt, Marieta "Happy Feet" Nicolls, Joshua "Attacker" Bundy, Jacob "Darter" Bundy and Anthony "Flash" Blucker.** The starting defense for the Young Bucks was **Jamm'n Jake Grover, Cody "Bear" Grover, Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover, Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls, Danny "Bronco" Nicolls, Jonathan Speedy Bundy, Defender Joel Bundy, Alex "The Great" Blucker, Quentin "The Hammer"**

**Mege and "Tornado" Tyler Mack.**

The Youngs kicked off to the Silvers who marched down the field with **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** at the helm. **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** threw to **Jonathan "Illini" Wildt** who got to midfield. Next **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** caught a **"Big Boy" pass** at the Youngs' 35. On fourth down, **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** threw into the end zone where the ball was tipped by **Marieta "Happy Feet" Nicolls** over a Young defender and into the waiting hands of **Jonathan "Illini" Wildt** for six points. **Jonathan Speedy Bundy** broke up the two point conversion, so the score was six to zip in favor of the Silvers.

The next two series saw **Jamm'n Jake Grover** throw to **Alex "The Great" Blucker** and **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** synergized with **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** on a short pass. The two receptions were followed

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**Jonathan "Illini" Wildt's TD on the first series**



**Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls ties the score**



**Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls with a pick 6**





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**Jonathan "Illini" Wildt, Silver Co-MVP**

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by two interceptions. **Jonathan "Illini" Wildt** picked off a Young pass and returned it to the Youngs' 15. The next play was an interception by an unidentified Young Buck who committed his dastardly deed off camera. The Youngs then got their offense in gear when **Jamm'n Jake Grover** completed a pass to **Alex "The Great" Blucker** and two to **Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls** setting them up at the Silver 15. The drive stalled there. The two teams traded receptions and interceptions. **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** stopped a Young drive at the Silver 5 and **Jamm'n Jake Grover** put the Youngs back in business by picking off a Silver aerial and returning it to midfield. After two runs by **Jamm'n Jake Grover** put the Youngs at the Silver 20, **Jamm'n Jake** found **Bobby "Roadrunner"** in the end zone for the first

Young TD. **Jamm'n Jake** threw to brother **Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover** for the two point conversion putting the Youngs up 8 to 6.

The wheels fell off the Silver machine when **Bobby "Roadrunner"** picked off a Silver bullet and returned it for a pick six. The Youngs had jumped to a 14 to 6 lead. Right before the half, the Silvers tried to get back in the game when **"Big Boy" Bob** threw to **"Killer" Hillary Wildt** who ran down the west sideline to the Young 25. On the next play it appeared that **"Big Boy" Bob** had thrown his second TD pass to **Jonathan "Illini"** but the play was ruled incomplete. The instant replay later showed that **Jonathan** clearly had possession and was in-bounds, but the half ended with the Youngs leading 14 to 6. The play is still under further review by the committee.

**E. "Jumping" J. Nicolls**

provided the half time entertainment by playing the bag pipes. The Silvers should have stayed in the locker room because on the first play from scrimmage in the second half, **Bobby "Roadrunner"** threw long to **Jamm'n Jake** who fell into the end zone for six more Young points making the score 20 to 6.

**"Tornado" Tyler Mack** and **Jacob "Darter" Bundy** both picked up yardage on the ground as the clock ran out on the Silver comeback. The game ended with the final score of The Young Bucks 20 and The Silver Bucks 6. **Jonathan "Illini" Wildt** and **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** were awarded the Silver Bucks MVP. **Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls**, who was involved in all three Young TDs, was the 2014 Young MVP.

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## Charleston to China By Pattye Nicolls

Retirement has been great for the New York Nicolls clan...we bought a travel trailer and drove 5000 miles this summer and visited 17 states for 3 weeks...EJ was on a "state capitol" mission! Then we went to China for two weeks for EJ to practice his Mandarin skills...and saw every cool site and had amazing cultural experiences for the trip

of a lifetime. But wherever we went...Llisa, Tibet, or the Great Wall, or the Forbidden City...there were... Monarch sightings!!!



The Great Wall

Potala Palace in Llisa, Tibet



The Forbidden City



## Boomer Down on the Farm By Pattye Nicolls

Boomer Ridge is sorry he cannot join the festivities this year as he has been relocated to New York to join the 150+ other animals on the farm. Having spent most of his life at 26 Delaware Avenue, his new mom is very happy to finally have the constant companionship of a fellow Ohioan as she is surrounded by... gulp...New Yorkers!



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## Planning for 2030 By Carol Kauffman

"Two members of the Turkey Bowl fifth generation were spotted at the Columbus Zoo last July. It is speculated that **Cam "the Ram" Rumple** and **Marah "the Bearah" Delo** were already holding a

meeting in secret to discuss strategy for the 2030 Turkey Bowl. As they concluded their meeting, it was noted they shook hands. Apparently, they are in cahoots with some unknown protocol, per-

haps agreeing to start the recruiting efforts for players under two already to ensure a Young Bucks victory in the next decade. Stay tuned..."

Cam "the Ram" Rumple and Marah "the Bearah" Delo





## Observations during the 2015 Cousins' Reunion By Hank Grover

**At the Big House** I thought Bob's Garage-Mahal was quite the cat's meow until this year's basketball court and indoor batting cages flanked by Marietta's apartment and the sports car and trail bikes storage area building emerged – Cody was **Trout Fishing in America** hauling in a nice 12" brown trout accompanied by outfitter/guide Ian, while upriver a few days later we left no one in the Arkansas

during our **whitewater rafting trip** - Jeff got into town, a 1500 mile motorcycle trip, just in time to head out with all of us to **Santa Fe** and the LaFonda Hotel – the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi was most impressive and I believe most of our twenty-somethings crowd ended up at the Cowgirl Grill the night we were in town – Jillian looked more like a city slicker on the **horseback ride** as we started up the moun-

tain, but had morphed into quite the cowgirl by the time we headed back down and young Sam was sitting high in the saddle, way off the ground - a bunch of us went **zip lining** while the tough cousins led by Cheri took on the **rope course** – sitting on the porch many afternoons enjoying the conversation and then saying our goodbyes (and thank you to Kathy and Bob) – until the next time.



**Check out Facebook for more 2015 Colorado Reunion pics**



## Dr Hill to Replace Dr Phil? By Bruce Nicolls

On November 8, 2015 Hillary was conferred her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. In addition, out of 125 doctoral candidates, was recognized along with one other student for their dissertations. Hillary received the "Emerging Scholar Award for Clini-

cal Research". Her research was on coping skills of Afghans in response to war trauma (space limitation prohibit me from citing the actual title). To do her research, Hillary had traveled to Afghanistan several years ago to work with staff at the CURE Hospital in Kabul.

After the ceremony,

there was a reception/party at the home of Jonathan and Hillary Wildt in Chicago. It was great to have a number of the Nicolls family in attendance. Bill, Bob & Kathy, Ian, Bobby, Marieta, and Bruce & Cindy were there. In addition, many of Hillary and Jonathan's friends and fellow students came.



## Aunt Betty—Eye on the Prize By Gayle Ridge

Our spies at Maplecrest Nursing Home have discovered that Betty has been going with her Catholic buddies to St. Nick's to play bingo,

trying to hone her skills in hopes of winning a big prize at Don's this year. She even was seen last week with a bingo dauber in her

hand as she climbed into the van. Rumor has it that she can play up to three cards at a time at this point. She will still need to sit next to

the caller as her attention span, unfortunately, hasn't improved during these outings.