

# Turkey Bowl Newsletter

Fall 2016

## Silvers and Youngs Tie 14 All

### 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.
- Marty Bundy for the team picture.
- Betty Grover and Beverly Nicolls—two great mothers who are greatly missed

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### November 28, 2015 New Caste, PA

There was good news and bad news for the participants of Turkey Bowl XXXIII. After three previous Snow Bowls, there was no snow to be found. The bad news was that it rained for the whole game. Only 15 hearty players took to the field. The starting offense for the Young Bucks was Jamm'n Jake Grover, Cody "Bear" Grover, Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover, "Edgerrin" James Bundy, Jonathan Speedy Bundy, Defender Joel Bundy, Joshua "Attacker" Bundy and "Tornado" Tyler Mack. The defense for the Silver Bucks started "Wild" Bill Nicolls, "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls, "Too Small" Dale Nicolls, Jonathan "Illini" Wildt, Micah "Shoestring" Delo, Bill "Brutus" Rumble and Jacob "Darter" Bundy. "Edgerrin" James Bundy and Micah "Shoestring" Delo were the starting veteran quarterbacks.

The game started fast as Jamm'n Jake Grover picked off the second pass

of the game and returned it to midfield. After a solid run by Joshua "Attacker" Bundy, the Youngs scored on their second play from scrimmage. "Edgerrin" James Bundy threw long to Jamm'n Jake Grover in the small corner of the South end zone for a quick six. The two point conversion failed so the Youngs jumped to an early 6 point lead.

The seasoned Silvers responded first with a run by Micah "Shoestring" Delo and then by two completions. One was to Bill "Brutus" Rumble and the other to Jacob "Darter" Bundy. After another QB keeper, the Silvers had 5th and goal at the Youngs 15. Micah "Shoestring" Delo found Jacob "Darter" Bundy for the first Silver TD. The Silver conversion also failed so the score was knotted at 6. The defenses woke up as the next four series ended with interceptions. Jamm'n Jake had two picks for the Youngs while Micah



**First Young Buck TD—  
"Edgerrin" James Bundy  
to Jamm'n Jake Grover**



**First Silver Buck TD—  
Micah "Shoestring" Delo  
to Jacob "Darter" Bundy**



**2pt conversion —  
"Edgerrin" James Bundy  
down but not out finds  
Defender Joel Bundy**

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**Second Silver Buck TD—  
Micah "Shoestring" Delo  
to Bill "Brutus" Rumple**

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"Shoestring" and Bill "Brutus" each ball hawked for the Silvers. The last three series of the half were stalemates. The teams entered the locker room tied at 6 each.

The second half started with the defenses dominating. Jacob "Darter" Bundy recorded a sack and Jamm'n Jake built up his stats with his four interception of a Silver aerial. The Youngs were pumped after the pick and drove up the field with "Edgerrin" James Bundy completing passes to Joshua "Attacker" Bundy, Jamm'n Jake and Jona-

than Speedy Bundy. On fifth down, "Edgerrin" James Bundy threw to Jamm'n Jake Grover at the West pylon at the front of the end zone for their second TD. James threw to brother Defender Joel Bundy as he was falling to the ground for two points. The Youngs retook the lead, 14 to 6.

The Silvers struck back fast as Bill "Brutus" Rumple returned the kickoff all the way down to the Young 15. Micah threw to Jonathan "Illini" Wildt to advance to the Young 5. On fourth down, Micah threw back across the field to Bill "Brutus" on the high

side of the end zone for six more Silver points. The two point conversion failed and the Youngs clung to a two point lead of 14 to 12. After the Silvers held on defense, Micah struck fast to Jonathan "Illini" Wildt to take the ball down to the Young 35. Jake stopped the drive by picking off his fifth pass of the game. The Youngs were at their own 3 yard line with time running out. On third down, as the church bells were chiming, Jonathan "Illini" Wildt sacked the Young QB in the end zone to tie the game at 14 all. This was the fourth Turkey Bowl tie of the 33 year series.

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**Paco's Tacos Receives Exclusive Contract to Vend at Nicolls Field**



Sam Mack, enterprising man-on-the-go, will be providing the fans of Turkey Bowl XXXIV with just the warming sustenance they need to fend off the November chill. Get 'em while they're HOT! By Bill Nicolls



Tommy Turkey says "Eat more Tacos!"

**Right: Annie Grover and Matt—Queen and King**







## Grandma's Photo Albums By Barb Nicolls

Technology has finally caught up with my ambition.

Back in the 1990s I bought my first scanner for an alarming \$425?? and it only scanned at 150 dpi. I borrowed hundreds of photos from distant relatives and diligently scanned them. But the results were of such poor quality that I was only moderately angry when the external hard drive I was using to consolidate and organize them crashed and wiped out most of the collection.

Scanners are a lot cheaper now (I have 6) and produce much better images. The only drawback is that they are all for letter-sized objects. So last year when I visited our 3rd cousin Clare Nicolls in Conneautville, I was frustrated by my inability to scan an oversized photo he had of the Nicolls clan in front of the farmhouse circa 1900, with

Grandpa Nicolls as a blurred baby on his mother's lap. Clare graciously allowed me to borrow it so I could have it professionally copied. Well, the copy was pretty awful.

Then Eureka! I remembered the \$5,000 oversized scanner at the Youngstown library that can be used FOR FREE. I gave it a try, and Voila! a high-quality scan. Easy as that. I returned the original and thought no more about it. I was too busy using the library's awesome microfilm scanner FOR FREE to scan thousands of pages of England parish registers (Mom's family) to fully comprehend the potential of that oversized scanner.

Then Eureka! (again). The day after Labor Day I embarked on a 7-week project of digitizing Grandma Nicolls's 55 photo albums. After 24 trips to the Youngstown and

Poland libraries and 49 days of editing, it's done. The end result is a little over 2,000 scans at 600 dpi, PDFs of each photo album (except photo album 14 which is mysteriously missing), and 71.8 GB of data.

I will have DVDs of the PDFs to distribute at Thanksgiving. If you want the actual scans of the albums, too, you'll have to provide me with a high-capacity flash drive or external hard drive.

Sadly, some of the color photos have fallen victim to deterioration and are very red. Sure, I have some color correction features in my software, but I have yet to restore the color on these photos with any accuracy. Disappointing. Hey, maybe one day technology will catch up with my ambition.



**Dec. 28—The C.R's Arrive 1979**

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**1980—Cheri and Suzy digging out the photo albums from under the couch**

## Small Talk (Recorded by Grandma Minnie)

**Betty** said to her Mom: And I should think you would run out of something to say---

**Bob** said: Grandma I think people are just wasting their money smoking, 9 yrs. old.

**David** said: to me when I said "another week of school gone, they go pretty fast, don't they?" He said "Yes to those that stay at home."

**Gene** - Silent as usual.

**Don** said - Grandma some people are worse than my mother, when I went to the store some woman was hanging out her clothes.

**Ruth** - Nothing to say -

**David** also said - Grandma what do you do down here all day?

## Small Talk II (Recorded by Grandma Nicolls)

**Hank** at 4, angry at his Dad said "you old Democrat"!!

**Gary** at 5 - Saying Grace at table - **Rick** said - "I couldn't understand you!"

**Gary** - "I wasn't talking to you, I was talking to God!!"

Easter - **Martha** - 10 years, **Grandma** asked her if she knew why we stand up when the choir sings the Hallelujah Chorus. "So we won't go to sleep!"





## Betty's Diaries (You will never have to watch "Days of Our Lives" again) By Gayle Ridge

Mom kept a daily diary from 1939, her junior year in high school, through 1943, the year she turned 21. There were three important words to note

1. "**Swell**", as in Bill is swell, George is swell, Harry is swell, Keith is swell, Phillip is swell, Bruce is swell, Dunk is swell...*well, you get the drift.*
2. "**Nuts**" as in "George asked me to go to the prom, but I already said I would go with Bill. My only chance to go with him. NUTS! To Heck with Bill!"
3. "**Mess**" which is repeated over and over as Mom made two dates at one time..."Went to game. Harry was there. I skipped out with Bill. When we got home Harry was in the front room talking to Mom. What a mess!"



Here are a few of her memories:

**February 5, 1939:** Mom and Dad took Gene, Don Ruth and I down to Wellsville to see the Ohio River. It's real high. (*Actually I think it flooded the whole town that week*)

**February 10, 1939:** Oh, me, these boys, wouldn't it be swell to live in a house with just girls to worry about.

**April 22, 1939:** Mom took Ruth to Canfield for the spelling contest. She lost.

**June 22, 1939:** McKay's barn was struck by lightning and destroyed. Nearly all Poland was at the fire.

**June 25, 1939:** Nicolls' reunion. Marge is engaged to Pete Ohl.

**June 27, 1939:** Dad bought tickets to the Cleveland/Detroit game. Bob Feller pitched. He struck out 13 players and allowed only 1 hit. My feet hurt, but I want to go again. (*See, Bill, you are not the only fan*)

**November 25, 1939:** Listened to Michigan beat Ohio State.

**June 6, 1940:** We are really in bad with Sherrys' now. Toots bit Bobby this P.M. and Mr. Sherry called and swore a blue streak at Bob and told him he would shoot Toots if we didn't keep him tied. He was tied when he bit Bobby so Bob must have been teasing him. Such luck!

**November 27, 1939:** Mom and Dad started going to Physical Education classes at school. (*Needed a few more abs exercises?*)

**April 15, 1940:** Dan Richard said this morning that I was elected most popular girl in High School and after school I had to go into the Betty Gay Shop and put on a formal, then have my picture taken for the paper. (*Probably all those swell guys voted for her*)

**June 5, 1940:** Coming home, Jim let me drive and I tried to turn in our drive and missed. They can't fix the car and I took the bark off of the two trees out front. Honest, I can't see why I get in so many messes. (*Maybe glasses would help*)

**November 5, 1940:** Election Day. Roosevelt won third term. Nuts! I wanted Wilkie to win.

**December 7, 1941:** Grandpa died this evening about 11:20 PM. I can't believe it. Japs today killed 140 Americans.

**October 28, 1942:** Dunk's brother Hank was killed in action today in the Solomons. His mother got a telegram from Washington, D.C.

**December 1, 1942:** Gas rationing started today.

**February 11, 1943:** Up at 6:15 AM and all of us went down to see Bob leave for army. He seemed so happy to go.

**March 23, 1943:** Dave left for Navy at 10:30 PM. We all went to Bus Arcade to see him leave. Gee, he looked swell!

**June 9, 1943:** Dad got 50 more chicks.

**October 20, 1943:** Doris, Betty and I went to the Notre Dame-Navy game at Cleveland. Rode home in baggage car with whole Navy team who were going to Annapolis. Had a swell time. When got to Youngstown, they made us kiss each of them before we could get off. NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN IN ALL MY LIFE! (*I bet those Navy guys are swell!*)