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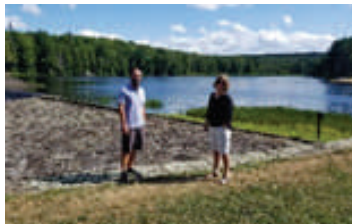


Turkey Bowl Newsletter

Fall 2020



News from DuBois: So, no politics or viruses... Seems that has dominated 2020, but as with many of you, we have found diversions closer to home. Ian came and spent the better part of August with us. That gave us a great reason to go exploring locally. We found ourselves visiting all kinds of local parks and spots that we typically drive right by. Parker Dam, Cooks Forest, Kinzua Bridge, Kinzua Dam, the Bennezett Elk heard, and Fort Ligonier all provided pleasant diversions. All places we typically ignore. It is easy to forget that we all have points of interest within short distance.



I also found a diversion by having my right hip replaced. I walk a lot better now and am biking pretty well, but some other things are not back to where I was. The real test is skiing this winter. It does seem I may

have skied my last mogul, but I am hopeful. Cindy has been doing well and mostly seems to be able to tolerate my constant presence.

Food has been a diversion too. Trying lots of recipes and of course eating the products. Santa Maria style tri-tip with pinq uito beans and tomato relish by Bobby Flay was great summer fair. That is a problem though, as we also have to eat what we cook. In addition, we had an unusually glorious fall here. The oranges in particular really came through. The oaks which usually turn a bronzy brown around here turned orange. It was beautiful.

Sorry we had to pull the plug on the Nicolls Thanksgiving, but availability and restrictions have just been too hard to predict. I did just reserve the Pine Lakes Club again for 2021, so hoping to get us back on track for 2021.

By Bruce Nicolls

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Thanksgiving For:

- **Bruce and Cindy for finding and reserving the Pine Lakes Club Mansion**
- **Chef Barb for the Friday meal.**
- **Everyone who came to the new venue.**
- **Everyone who contributed articles.**





Turkey Bowl XXXVI Team Picture—The Young Bucks prevailed over the Silver Bucks. The accountants are still tallying the score.

Turkey Bowl XXXVI was played at a new venue— the Pines Lake Club Mansion



Is that the Kennedy's playing at Hyannis Port? No, it is the Nicolls Turkey Bowl XXXVI. Nothing will replace 14 Fairhill Dr, but this was NICE!



"Tornado" Tyler Mack was the Young Buck MVP and Ski'n Ian Nicolls was the Silver Buck MVP



Nicolls' Cousin Reunion 2021 is Set! By Kathy Nicolls

This year Bob and Kathy, Cupernickel, and Penny Nicolls will welcome people to the front range beginning July 29th. The reunion will begin at the Franktown

property where there will be outdoor swim activities, hiking, biking, and cajoling! (One of Bob's favorite words) Later in the week, we will venture up to Salida

for more of the same, with the various mountain activities you may or may not have come to enjoy.

Reserve early!! July 29th – August 8th.

Virtual Trick or Treating. I guess I will have to eat these full size bars all by myself!

Below is an article which my Mom wrote for the 2005 Turkey Bowl Newsletter. It brought back a lot of good memories so I thought I would do a rerun for 2020.



From Grandma's Diaries By Bev Nicolls

"Over the river and through the woods" we sang as we drove the familiar roads over to Poland, OH, and 26 Delaware Avenue where we were about to sit down to another great Thanksgiving dinner with roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables (who remembers the vegetables?), and pumpkin, apple or mince pie. And as if the food was not enough, we had such good times with Grandma and Grandpa Nicolls, brothers and sisters, and all the cousins—playing games and watching TV in the back room, packed in like sardines. Meanwhile in the front room, the parents played 500 and gabbed and

occasionally sent a male emissary to quiet the noisy hordes in the back of the house. Grandma worked hard preparing for her family's homecomings. On the day before Thanksgiving, she usually spent 4-5 hours at McCrone's grocery store helping Grandpa with the increased holiday trade, and then she would go home and bake. She would bake three pies, three kinds of cookies, and angel food cake. She made coleslaw and cranberry relish besides getting the stuffing ready for the turkey. And then anticipating the arrival of the E.J.s, she made Sloppy Joes.

On Thanksgiving morning Grandma and her sidekick Bill were up early to get that turkey stuffed and into the oven. From her diaries, I get the impression that she was a human dynamo. She was a great lady who loved her family (even her two sons-in-law and four daughters-in-law) and welcomed them home year after year for Thanksgiving.

And as she observed in her diary as she recounted her day, "I have so much to be thankful for." And don't we all.



Bob and Kathy are rolling out the Welcome Sign for 2021

"Reserve early!! July 29th – August 8th for the 2021 Nicolls Cousin Reunion in Colorado."

1971-Playing 500 was a Thanksgiving Tradition.





David Kyle Kauffman By Carol Kauffman

Sadly, one of our own, Uncle Dave and Aunt Mary's grandson, David Kyle Kauffman, passed away May 8th. We only were able to have a small service with Aunt Mary's side of the family last August, but thanks to Pattye Anne and EJ, we were able to use a recording of EJ's beautiful bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace". And Pattye Lou sent her amazing, heavenly cookies with two special designs. We truly appreciate and are humbled by the outpouring of "virtual" support we received. We're hoping to have a "do-over" - perhaps an art memorial/service charity event as soon as this terrible germ is gone. Kyle loved the Turkey Bowls - from the skits to the Turkey Bowl game and all the "pageantry" ,

and of course, the delicious food! At age 8 or 9, at Uncle Bob's request, for one of the skits, he pantomimed Johnny Standley (It's in the Book) giving a "sermon" about Little Bo Peep - "wagging their tails behind them. Behind them? BEHIND THEM? Did he think they would wag them in front?" "Quick" Kyle Kauffman was forty. He was one creative, affectionate, passionate, and hilarious guy and we miss him terribly, but trust he is with his grandma, grandpa, Aunt Kathy, and the rest of the Nicolls' family now in the heavens - flying around with them amidst the stars, continuing to create. Love you forever, Kylie!



This is Kyle's 2002 1st Edition Turkey Bowl Player Card. I think that is a pink flamingo hat—one of the many fantastic BINGO prizes people have won over the years.

Cartoon for the 1993 Turkey Bowl Newsletter.



Lindsay, Kyle, Katie and Jessica in 1995.

