

# TURKEY BOWL NEWSLETTER

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## Youngs Squeak out 8-6 Win

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### Thanksgiving For:

- DON AND BEV FOR HOSTING ANOTHER GREAT NICOLLS REUNION.
- CHEF BARB FOR A GREAT MEAL.
- EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES.
- MARTY NICOLLS FOR THE PICTURES.
- JIM RIDGE FOR TAKING THE HD VIDEO OF THE GAME.

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New Castle, PA – A record number of players, twenty-two, took the field for Turkey Bowl XXVIII in a light snow. Starting on offense for the Young Bucks were Jamm’n Jake Grover, Jeffrey “Bulldog” Grover, Bobby “Roadrunner” Nicolls, Danny “Bronco” Nicolls, Marieta “Happy Feet” Nicolls, Jonathan Speedy Bundy, Defender Joel Bundy, E. “Jumping” J. Nicolls and the “Carolina Kids” Allison and PJ Yoder. On defense for the Silver Bucks were “Wild” Bill Nicolls, “Game Breaker” Bruce Nicolls, Ski’n Ian Nicolls, “Killer” Hillary Wildt, Jonathan “Mayo” Wildt, “Too Small” Dale Nicolls, “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls, Joshua “Attacker” Bundy, Jacob “Darter” Bundy, “Cap’n Crunch” Kevin Blucker, Alex “The Great” Blucker and Paul “Night Train” Yoder. Level Headed Referee Hammerin’ Hank Grover tossed the two-headed coin and the Silver Bucks picked heads and elected to receive.

The Silver Bucks had a tough start. Defender Joel Bundy sacked the Silver QB setting the Silvers back against their own goal line. On the second

play from scrimmage Danny “Bronco” Nicolls got to the ball sooner than the intended receiver and returned the ball inside the red zone. On the Youngs’ first play on offense, Danny “Bronco” Nicolls ran the pigskin to the Silver 10. After 3 plays netting 3 yards, the Youngs had the ball, 5th and goal on the Silver 7 yard line. Jamm’n Jake Grover threw to Marieta “Happy Feet” Nicolls who was stopped inches from the goal line by “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls and Jonathan “Mayo” Wildt. The Silver offense responded to the Silver defense’s goal line stand. After a short run, “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls got the Silvers out of trouble with a pass to Jonathan “Mayo” Wildt. Then came the shocker. “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls threw long to Ski’n Ian Nicolls who caught it and ran to the Young one yard line. The Silvers finished the drive when “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls found Ski’n Ian Nicolls in the end zone for the first touchdown of the game. After Joshua “Attacker” Bundy was stopped short on the 2 point conversion, the score was 6-0 in favor of the Silver Bucks. The defenses took over for both teams



Bob harkens back to the 40s when Big Don had to carry the benches on and off the field at Poland Seminary High School.



Marieta “Happy Feet” Nicolls is stopped inches from the goal line.



Ski’n Ian Nicolls catches a bomb from “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls.

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only two receptions in the next three series – passes from Jamm'n Jake Grover to Jonathan Speedy Bundy and Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls. Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover knocked down a Silver aerial and Jamm'n Jake Grover intercepted another Silver pass. The Silver offense showed they could be physical when Paul "Night Train" Yoder caught a pass from "Big Boy" Bob Nicolls and steam rolled a Young Buck on his way to the Young 15. The last three series of the half ended with interceptions. "Big Boy" Bob Nicolls had one and Jamm'n Jake Grover had the second one which put the Youngs in scoring position before the half. After Jamm'n Jake Grover completed passes to Danny "Bronco" Nicolls and Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls, Jonathan "Mayo" Wildt preserved the lead by intercepting the ball in the end zone. The surprising half ended with the Silver Bucks leading 6-0.

The Youngs received the second half kickoff and drove down the field with Danny "Bronco" Nicolls at the helm. After a run and a completion to Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls, Jonathan "Mayo" Wildt thwarted the drive by picking off a pass at the Silver one yard line. The Silvers tried to get out of trouble but to no avail. Jamm'n Jake Grover intercepted a Silver pass and returned it to the Silver 10. The Silver defense held for 4 downs, but on 5th down Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls threw into the end zone where the ball was tipped and then caught by an offensive-minded Defender Joel Bundy. The score was tied at 6. Jamm'n Jake Grover found Bobby "Roadrunner" Nicolls right at the goal line for the 2 point conversion. The Youngs took the lead for the first time in the game with a score of 8-6. Jacob "Darter" Bundy ran back the kickoff. The defenses took over for the rest of the game. Jamm'n Jake Grover chalked

up his fourth and fifth interceptions of the day. As the Silver hopes were tarnishing, Joshua "Attacker" Bundy read the Young QB's eyes and snagged the pass and returned it to the Young 45. With the noon bells looming, the Young defense preserved their victory after thwarting 5 Silver pass attempts. The final score was the Young Bucks 8 and the Silver Bucks 6. The two touchdown recipients were also the receivers of the MVP awards – Defender Joel Bundy and Ski'n Ian Nicolls.

By Dale Nicolls



**The Silver Buck huddle was filled to overflowing.**

**Be Careful What you Wish For!** By Kathy Nicolls

Did I say that out loud? Many people expressed desires for their Colorado venture and were frightened to learn some things you only dream about really can come true.

- Beth Nicolls expressed a desire to zip line; little did she know that she would be putting herself and all her cousins at risk, thrusting themselves over deep ravines.
- Cheri Lewis’s need to prove that wolves inhabit the great state of Colorado resulted in her sharing saliva with a few of them.
- I’m not sure who wanted to prove penguins are also indigenous, but it was reported that the reunion

site was invaded by the gia-normous dancing and pogo sticking black and white birds.

- Marieta Nicolls efforts to clone herself actually worked! Andrea, from Pennsylvania, was called in to take custody for a few years, since Marieta thought the prospect of raising herself through the teen-age years might get a little scary.
- Jack Elder expressed a desire to travel and see all the cousins upon his high school graduation next June. His plan is to make a documentary of each family and sell it as a reality TV series: “Meet the Cousins” (Editors note: This

has not yet become fact, but it is something that should put fear in all of you... Not the visiting part, but the film coverage! Note to his accomplice, Beth: Please edit out my double chin and the part where I talk about colonoscopies from this year’s film footage)

- Very few of the 20 something cousins joined in this year. Jonathan Wildt was heard to say that taking your love interest out hiking in high altitude may produce a sudden urge to propose. Even though the results are spectacular, some of the young-uns are waiting for future reunions to commit.



**Some of the Colorado Reunion Participants.**

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**Colorado Dreaming** By Cheri Lewis

All of our Colorado Cuzzins Reunion was a blast, so it’s hard to choose one thing from among the amazing things we got to do. But I would have to say that white-water rafting was a really fun day because everyone young and old went, the weather was perfect (except that Gra-

cie got repeatedly soaked from the rapids, so she would probably say it was a bit too cold), and the Arkansas River Gorge we were on was really scenic. My lady raft-mates—Beth, Judy, Kathy, and Gracie - laughed and joked with “Gringo,” our hilarious guide, all the way down the river. I

also learned how respected Kathy and Bob are by the Salida community for all that they do. And we’ll always remember the day thanks to Marty and Greg who took the “plunge” and bought the photos to share with us.”

**Bundy Family Update** By Marty Bundy

In June the Bundy family enjoyed a long weekend together at Camp Lambec. After Thanksgiving James will be home for a visit before going back to Afghanistan in late December. In May 2012 Jonathan will be graduating with a degree in Journalism from Cedarville University. Joel is studying nursing at

Cedarville University and hopes to work at a camp next summer. Martha is home educating Joshua in 7th grade and Jacob in 5th grade. They attend a homeschooling co-op for gym, art, music, and science classes. And on most days Greg still enjoys his job as a Branch Engineer at Simpson Strongtie.



## The Original Aunt Ruth

By Ruth Lewis

The only aunt or uncle I knew well was Aunt Ruth (Nicolls) Blair. I was named for her when I was born, and rode in the ambulance with her when she died. She was a very special lady! She was an excellent cook and hostess. She loved to cook and entertain, and she had (it seemed) a thousand friends.

She and Uncle Howard loved to play bridge. They belonged to many bridge clubs, and were excellent

bridge players.

After I moved from Poland to Washington, she'd often call me and invite me out to their Arlington, Virginia, home, saying they had NOTHING planned for the weekend, but I don't think we ever had dinner on Friday or Saturday without a few more friends or neighbors at the table.

During World War II, they invited me down to their apartment in DC. She would be off bright and

early three mornings a week to wrap bandages for the soldiers. She was also an officer in and worked hard for the Army Officer's Wives Club.

I feel so fortunate to have moved here near her for her last 11 months, and could help her in some ways. In celebration, we had 12 of her friends for dinner and bridge for her 75th birthday. I feel very lucky to have been named for her!



Aunt Ruth (Nicolls) Blair, Aunt Ruth (Nicolls) Lewis and Grandma Nicolls in 1952

## Uncle Pete Ohl

By John Lewis

There was only one "Uncle Pete"! He was a gregarious and likeable man, who enjoyed life to the fullest. Uncle Pete grew up in Conneautville, Pennsylvania, and never lost his small-town friendliness. He and Aunt Marge were a great match, as they both loved people.

They spent many years in Durham, North Carolina, where Pete enjoyed the Duke and North Carolina football and basketball teams. Pete had been a good athlete and knew the high quality of the players who were in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The

Lewis were fortunate to attend a football game with them between Virginia and North Carolina. Pete was a big supporter of Duke and made sure we knew that "Carolina Blue" was a product of a higher being. During the weekend, Pete discovered that his new Lincoln had a cassette tape player that he was unaware of. When he found it, he could hardly wait to proudly demonstrate the outstanding sound system for Aunt Marge.

The Ohls finished their years in Florida near daughter Carol. Naturally,

that provided Pete with the opportunity to do a little "coaching" as he watched the development of their grandchildren. It also was a time for Uncle Pete and Aunt Marge to sharpen their bridge skills, which was a favorite pastime.

It was always a pleasure to pick up the phone and call the Ohls and be brought up to date on their Florida family. Their cheerful and happy voices were a grateful reminder of the warmth they shared with those fortunate to know them.



1944—Grandpa and Grandma Nicolls, Ruth and Major Howard Blair in Washington D.C. during the war.



1989—Uncle Pete and Aunt Marg Ohl celebrating their Golden Anniversary in Conneautville, PA. It was also Uncle Pete's 70th Birthday.