

2005 THANKSGIVING 2005



Young Bucks Beat Silver Bucks Six to Zip



Turkey Bowl XXII
Participants with
Archie Griffin

TURKEY BOWL		
Year	Silver Bucks	Young Bucks
2003	14	13
2002	6	13
2001	16	6
2000	6	8
1999	8	16
1998	16	0
1997	16	0
1996	0	0
1995	0	0
1994	0	0
1993	0	0
1992	0	0
1991	0	0
1990	0	0



New Castle, PA—It was a sunny day in Western Pennsylvania when the Young Bucks and Silver Bucks took to the gridiron. The good weather brought out a record number of participants – 22. When the Young Bucks ran to the south end of the field to kick off, the field tilted down due to their vast number – 13. The Young Bucks returned 9 veterans – **“Jamm’n Jake” Grover, “Edgerrin” James Bundy, Jonathan “Speedy” Bundy, Bobby “Road Runner” Nicolls, Marieta “Speed Racer” Nicolls, “Defender” Joel Bundy, Danny “Bronco” Nicolls, Jeffrey “Bulldog” Grover, and Brad “BDog” Lawrence.** Four first-timers joined their ranks – **Cody “Bear” Grover, Steve, Pasha** from Russia and **Vlad** from Belarus. The Silver Bucks also returned 9 veterans – **“Dandy” Dean Kauffman, Gayle “Sayers” Ridge, “Wild” Bill**

Nicolls, “Game Breaker” Bruce Nicolls, “Too Small” Dale Nicolls, “Big Boy” Bob Nicolls, Greg “Bubby” Bundy, “Cap’n Crunch” Kevin Blucker and Ben “Big” Mack “Attack”.

On the first play of the game **“Edgerrin” James Bundy** intercepted the Silver Buck pass and returned it to the Silver Buck 10 yard line. After a run by **Brad “BDog” Lawrence** and an incomplete pass, **“Jamm’n Jake” Grover** threw a fade pass to fellow Buck-eye **Steve** who out-fought Silver defenders to pull in the TD. After a failed two point conversion, the score was 6-0. As it turned out, the only scoring in the game came on the fourth play of the game.

The Silver Bucks had one last chance at the end of the game when **“Big Boy” Bob Nicolls** picked off a Young aerial and returned it to the Young Buck 40. But **“Edgerrin” James Bundy** ended the game the same way it began by recording his third interception of the game. The Young Bucks prevailed 6 to zip.

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Thanks To...

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- **Everyone who contributed articles.**
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- **Jim Ridge for doing the game commentary and video.**
- **Barb Nicolls for the vintage photos.**

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Jolt'n Jim Ridge directing another award winning Turkey Bowl documentary

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Pasha, Ben "Big" Mack "Attack", Jonathan "Speedy" Bundy and "Jamm'n Jake" Grover each had one interception. **"Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker, Bobby "Road Runner" Nicolls and Greg "Bubby" Bundy** each recorded a sack.

Pasha was awarded the MVP for his interception. It was his first time to play football.

By Dale Nicolls

A Tarnished Turkey?

Westerville, OH—After reviewing the films of Turkey Bowl XXII, it appears that the Young Bucks played the entire first half with 13 players on the field. The limit is 11. Silver Buck founder and attorney **"Big" Don Nicolls** has submitted papers and video documentation to the league in protest of the game. If the enforcement committee,

made up of **"Wild Bill Nicolls", "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls, "Too Small" Dale Nicolls, "Big Boy" Bob Nicolls, and Greg "Bubby" Bundy**, rule in the Silver Bucks' favor, the game may be ruled a zero-zero tie. Also disturbing is the exile to Siberia of MVP **Pasha** for violating league rules.

By Dale Nicolls

Grandma Nicolls' Sugar Cookies



- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup shortening (Crisco)
- 3 eggs (or Egg Beaters)
- 1 cup sour cream (You can use fat free)
- 2 t. soda (dissolve in the sour cream)
- 3-4 t. lemon extract
- Flour to mix (6-8 cups - a LOT!)

Mix ingredients together, then roll out and cut into shapes using Grandma's cookie cutters or some of your own.

Frost and decorate for the occasion. AND EAT! YUMMY!

Submitted by Gayle Ridge

2004 Friday Night Festivities



Joe Pa gets pumped up with the help of Sue Pa and Arnold

How did Penn State football make such an amazing turn around this year? The answer is simple if you were at the annual Friday Night Feast and Bingo Bash last year. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sue Paterno held a surprise pep rally for Joe Paterno to pump up the embattled leader of the Nittany Lions. After back to

back loosing seasons totaling just 7 wins against 16 loses, Happy Valley was not Happy any more. After the rousing show of support, Joe Pa was filled with confidence and obviously translated that confidence to his team this year. After Penn State beat Ohio State, I don't thing **Big Don Nicolls** will be inviting Joe Pa back any time soon.

Speaking of legendary sports figures, Poland tennis star **Betty Grover** was

also in attendance. **Big Don** said that he had some of her trophies there and appeared to be reading from some of them. Unfortunately the camera does not have a powerful zoom lens and the trophies were not visible from more than 15 feet away. Fortunately **Big Don** awarded **Betty Grover** with a large trophy befitting her accomplishments on the tennis court.

By Dale Nicolls

Kauffman Chronicles

Since the last Turkey Bowl, **Kyle** and **Lindsay** have both graduated from their respective colleges. Although they are both now gainfully employed, they said they would quit in a heartbeat for the opportunity to work for the Turkey Bowl Empire. As a marketing major, **Lindsay** sees a great future in international video coverage of this momentous annual event, and

Kyle said he would head the advertising and design division. With such talent in his midst, how can **Big Don** refuse such an offer?!

Carol has been practicing her lefts and rights and ups and downs all year, and thinks she finally has it down. If the powers that be would give her just one more chance to lead the Script Ohio in the right di-



rection this time, she would be ever so humbly grateful.

By **Carol Kauffman**

Carol leads Script Ohio while Pattye Lou has the honor of dotting the "I"

News Release from the Young Bucks Farm Club

Ben Mack (of Big Mack Attack fame) has announced the discovery of two promising prospects for the Young Bucks. **Tyler Ryan** and **Logan Joseph Mack** are practicing kicks and tackles in the Young Bucks Farm Club, and will be making their first public appearance sometime in late February (exact date will be announced later). "**Big Mack**" stated that these two prospects, slated to be Receivers, are the best new thing that the Young Bucks have seen in several years. "I am hoping that one of them would make a great quarterback, but from the way these boys are using their legs, I

think one of them could make a great kicker. The boys' mother, **Jessica Mack**, when interviewed by this reporter, stated that the position of quarterback could still be a possibility. "One of them, at least, has very strong arm movement." While admitting the excellent prospects of the two, Silver Bucks "**Wild Bill**" **Nicolls** cautioned, "I think it is too early to tell. It is possible that **Tyler** and **Logan** could be the double-play combination that would turn the corner for the Cleveland Indians." Based on this interview, this reporter has to ask these two questions: "Has **Wild Bill's** eternal optimism for

the Indians clouded his judgment? "Does **Wild Bill** really want a baseball career for these two promising prospects, or is he concerned about the threat to what some would say are the weakened Silver Bucks?"

Please send all comments to **P Nicolls** at nicolls6@aol.com. When she is not busy researching children's books that have strong appeal for young boys, she will be happy to respond.

By **Pattye Lou Nicolls**

"Tyler Ryan and Logan Joseph Mack are practicing kicks and tackles in the Young Bucks Farm Club"



News Flash from New Castle

Recent events in the New Castle, PA, area indicate that guests at the Turkey Bowl Bingo Bash should be on their guard as they leave the premises.

A woman and her husband were recently accosted at

gunpoint upon returning to their home after a fire hall bingo night and relieved of \$5,000 in cash which was the evening's "take."

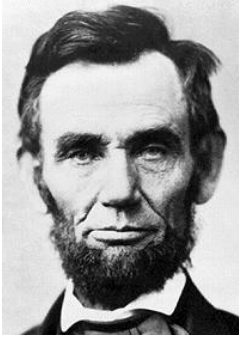
I am sure that a robber who is interested in fire hall bingo money would also be

tempted by the great treasure's that will be carried from 14 Fairhill Drive on the night of November 25! So watch your back and watch your front. Security for this event ends as you exit the front door.

By **Bev Nicolls**

75 at Last!!
Born November 29,
1930
Beverly Jean Nicodemus
in Columbus, Ohio
Happy Birthday!!!

Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation by Barb Nicolls



Though celebrated before 1863, Thanksgiving was not a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it as such on October 3 in the midst of the Civil War. Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book from 1837 to 1877, is given credit for influencing Lincoln by writing him that the "day of our annual Thanksgiving [should be] made a National and fixed Union Festival" and by campaigning for the holiday's official recognition in the pages of her magazine. However, it appears the Civil War had more to do with the creation of this national holiday than Sarah Hale and Godey's, which pointedly avoided serious political issues and never mentioned the war.

A letter from one of Lincoln's secretaries John Nicoloy dated Apr. 1, 1864 states that the proclamation was actually written by Secretary of State William H. Seward and was in his handwriting. The original manuscript was sold a year later to benefit Union troops and has never resurfaced. The proclamation appeared in full on page 1 of the Sunday, Oct. 4, 1863 edition of The New York Times:

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The year that is drawing towards its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the Source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to invite and provoke the aggressions of foreign States, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict, while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. The needful diversion of wealth and strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle or the ship. The ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and voice, by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea, and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to our beneficent Father, who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

By the president:

William H. Seward, Secretary of State