

The Insider

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Grandma's Memory Alive and Well in Poland

By Carol Kauffman

I was in Poland last weekend – it was the 50th anniversary of Kathy's passing and I just felt the need to meditate, visit the cemetery to pay homage to her and all the other Nicolls, and go to church. When I went into the vestibule of Poland Methodist Church, I was heartily greeted by 3 friendly ladies. I explained that I had lived in Poland a long time ago and that my maiden name was Nicolls. One of the ladies' faces lit up and she exclaimed: Nicolls! Were you related to GRANDMA Nicolls?? On Delaware?? I assured her I

indeed was one of "Grandma" Nicolls' grandchildren. She then told me she had grown up on Delaware and every child on the block knew "Grandma Nicolls" and that she remembers how Grandma would pass out the

most delicious pumpkin donuts on Halloween. I guess I never trick or treated on her street as I have no recollection of that. But I loved knowing that every child on Delaware knew our grandma as "Grandma".

It was said that Grandma Minnie made great sugar cookies. I remember Grandma's sugar cookies. When I asked my Dad (Big Don) who made the better sugar cookies, he said "Grandma Minnie!"

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Kitty Liddle's Donuts
 1 1/2 c. wh. sugar
 Butter size of egg.
 2 lg. or 3 sm. Eggs.
 2 level teas. soda dissolved in;
 2 c. sour milk or buttermilk.
 1 teas. B. Powder
 1 " salt
 1 " nut meg sifted with
 enough flour to make a soft dough.
 5 to 6 cups

Grandma's recipe for donuts. The nut meg may have given the impression that they were pumpkin donuts. Gayle says that Grandma made donuts for the kids and homemade fudge for the adults. How did she find the time?

Tyler Mack Brings the Attack

By Bill Nicolls

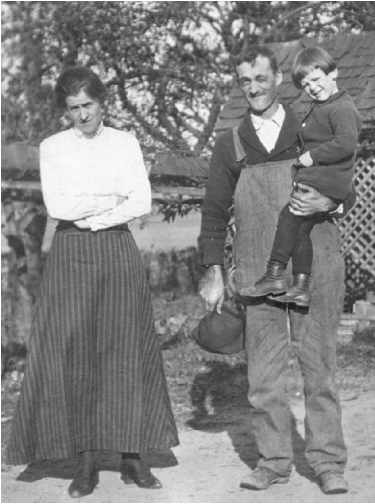
Tyler Mack continues to impress with an explosive skill set that had his coaches utilizing him on both sides of the ball this past season. As tight end, Ty caught passes in heavy traffic with ease and made critical blocks on the o-line. Defensively, he was a

beast, recording numerous sacks and forced fumbles as a defensive end. Talk of major scholarships have been rumored despite the fact he is just an eighth grader. Such potential has not gone unnoticed in places like Columbus and a certain school up North. The

future looks very bright indeed for this double-edged star in the making. As of this writing, he is in training to show off his skills at the Turkey Bowl. He plans to "gobble" up yardage while "stuffing" the opponent's quarterback.

Remembering Uncle Charlie

By Barb Nicolls



Above—Gma Minnie McCoy, brother Charlie Spitler holding Gma Nic's brother Carl.

Below—Uncle Charlie Spitler in 1947



For all of Dad's love of family and growing up in Poland, he could be remarkably ignorant about some of his family in Poland. "Uncle Ralph lived across the street." "Who was Uncle Ralph?" "I don't know." Ralph McCoy was Grandma Nicolls's half-brother.

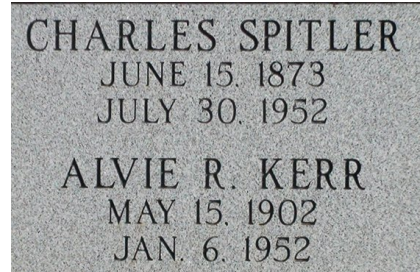
Or. "We liked to visit Aunt Belle down the street." "Who was Aunt Belle?" "She was Aunt Belle." "Yes, but who was she?" "I don't know." She was the wife of Grandma Minnie's brother James Spitler.

Then there was Uncle Charlie. At Christmas time he brought the kids presents, and they

were the only ones the kids could open on Christmas Eve. What kid wouldn't remember that! But, who was Uncle Charlie? "I don't know." Well, Grandma Nicolls had two Uncle Charlies; one McCoy and one Spitler. However, this Uncle Charlie was Grandma Minnie's bachelor brother Charlie. He lived on the Spitler farm with his parents Peter and Elizabeth and took care of them in their final years. He later lived with his sister Ida Kerr on Main St.

When he died in 1952, he was buried in Riverside Cemetery near his parents. For whatever reason, his grave was left unmarked. So, this

spring Dale and I went to a gravestone store (or whatever it's called), and picked out a gravestone for him. His nephew Alvie Kerr is buried next to him and also unmarked, so we added his name to the stone. After months and months, it is finally in place at Riverside. So, if you notice a new stone across the road from where Grandma & Grandpa Nicolls are buried, you won't have to wonder "Who is Charlie Spitler?"



Jammin' Jake Questionable for Turkey Bowl

By Dee C Washington

SALIDA, CO - In a recent freak accident involving inflatable sumo wrestling outfits, "Jammin'" Jake Grover suffered an MCL and meniscus tear and is questionable for the 2019 Turkey Bowl. Young Buck teammates all disagreed with the initial self-diagnosis, except for "Defender" Joel Bundy, RN - the only Young Buck with medical credentials. The injury subsequently turned out to be worse than expected.

Just two years after a controversial contract extension, the former Nicolls Football League MVP may have his best years behind him. "Wild" Bill Nicolls assessed the situation by

saying that "Jake is a distressed asset - he's hurt more than he's healthy." Jake's agent, Dr. Lisa "Moneyball" Dettling shot back that "Jake's worth his weight in gold, and obviously the Silver Bucks don't know much about winning gold." Nevertheless, the Silver Bucks have declined to re-enter contract negotiations with the notoriously cold-blooded agent as Jake approaches the mandatory age for relegation to the Silver Bucks.

Surprisingly, the Young Bucks did not seem concerned about Jake's health, with "Roadrunner" Bobby Nicolls weighing in

that "I told him to suck it up and rub some dirt on it." Initial reports put Bobby at the scene of the incident, though the team's management declined to comment further. The clubhouse turmoil could not come at a worse time as the team must adjust to a new playing field while expectations remain high that they will defend their nineteen-year undefeated streak. Although the officiating crew has yet to be announced, it will almost certainly be rigged by the Silver Bucks.

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Where in the World is EJ?

By Patty Nicolls

After getting into trouble with the government for past collusion with Russia, EJ Nicolls, now known as "Zhenya" to his new friends, has fled to safety in Siberia, near the Mongolian border, literally half-way around the world. He has been there since August, and lives in a Soviet era high rise in the city of Irkutsk near Lake Baikal. He did some training to join a Genghis Khan reenactment group, but did not like the yurt living so plans to return home to NY sometime late in December. He says "Nyet" to borscht and yearns for a hot bowl of New England clam chowder instead!



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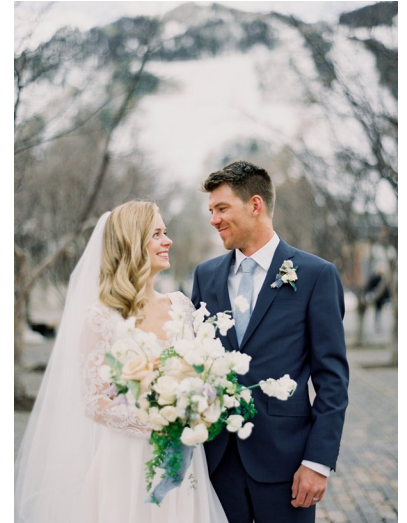
Above—I think I need to get a hat like that!

Left—Yurt living isn't all it is cracked up to be.

Some Pictures of the Nicolls Reunion in Colorado from Monica Grover

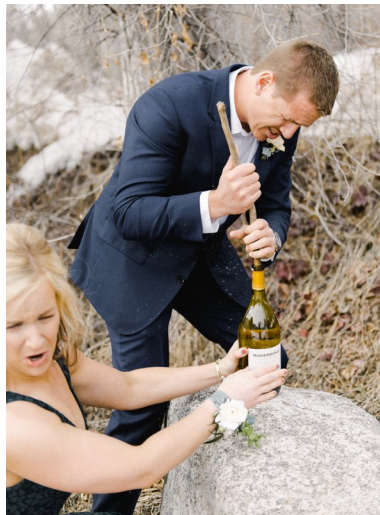


Congrats to Daniel Nicolls and Hilary Krein on their Wedding



Danny's dog, Sundance waits patiently while his people make it official, on April 5, 2019. Welcome to the family, Hilary Krein.

Congrats to Bob Nicolls and Heather Scott on their Engagement



Bobby breaks his fiancée, Heather Scott, in on what some of the duties of a Nicolls' woman might include.