

# TURKEY BOWL NEWSLETTER

Youngs 22  
Silvers 6

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## Young Bucks Win Third Straight Turkey Bowl

New Castle, PA - Sixteen players gathered on Nicolls Field with a chill in the air and sun in the sky for Turkey Bowl XXVII. Referee Hammerin' Hank Grover tossed the traditional two-headed coin and the Silver Bucks elected to receive. Starting on offense for the Silver Bucks was Gayle "Sayers" Ridge, "Wild" Bill Nicolls, "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls, "Too Small" Dale Nicolls, Greg "Bubby" Bundy, "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker, Alex "The Great" Blucker and first-time player Jacob "Darter" Bundy. On defense for the Young Bucks was Emilie "Buckeye" Ridge, Jamm'n Jake Grover, Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover, Jonathan Speedy Bundy, Defender Joel Bundy, Joshua "Attacker" Bundy, E. "Jumping" J. Nicolls and Micah "Shoestring" Delo.

After Jamm'n Jake Grover kicked off into the end zone, the Silvers showed promise by driving down to the Young 20 after Greg "Bubby" Bundy completed passes to "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker and "Wild" Bill Nicolls. The Youngs responded with a drive of their own. On fourth down

Micah "Shoestring" Delo completed a short pass to Jonathan Speedy Bundy who cut across field and up the East sideline for a gain to the Silver 30.

The second Young series has resulted in an outcry for multiple camcorders and camera crews at the game. A Young throw bounced into "Too Small" Dale Nicolls' hands. Did it hit the ground first or did it bounce off a Young Buck? We may never know. The Silver Buck near interception was outdone by the Youngs when they went on defense. E. "Jumping" J. Nicolls covered two Silver receivers which freed up Defender Joel Bundy to intercept a pass and return it to the Silver 35. The Youngs' quick change offense was effective on first down when Micah "Shoestring" Delo threw a fade to Jamm'n Jake Grover who reached high to pull in the first touchdown of the game. After the failed 2 point conversion, the score was 6-0 in favor of the Young Bucks. After two more series, the first half ended with the Silvers trailing by a score of 6-0.

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Was this an interception?



Greg "Bubby" Bundy cornered by the Young Buck defense.



The game is won in the trenches.



Cap'n Crunch Kevin Blucker ended the six year Silver Buck TD draught.

### Thank You:

- Don and Bev Nicolls for hosting another great Nicolls Reunion.
- Chef Barb for another great meal.
- Everyone who contributed articles.
- Marty Nicolls for the Turkey Bowl pictures.
- Jim Ridge for taking the HD video of the game.

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In the second half, the Silvers had to go uphill, literally and figuratively. On the first Silver series of the half, **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** scrambled on third down and broke free with plenty of daylight in front when he was tripped by the 40 yard line of the Young Bucks. The Youngs went on offense and after three straight completions from **Micah** to **Jake**, the Youngs drove to mid-field. On fourth down it looked like **Jacob "Darter" Bundy** got a sack, but play continued and **Micah "Shoestring" Delo** threw a 50 yard pass to **Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover** who made a nice catch in the end zone for six more points. **Micah "Shoestring" Delo** threw

quickly to **Emilie "Buckeye" Ridge** on the "old" guard-eligible play to tack on the two point conversion. The Young Bucks now had a commanding lead of 14-0.

The Silvers tried to respond. **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** threw strikes to **Alex "The Great" Blucker** and **"Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker** but the drive stalled at the Young 30 when a Silver pass intended for **Gayle "Sayers" Ridge** was knocked away near the end zone. The Youngs put the game away when **Micah "Shoestring" Delo** threw long to **Jamm'n Jake Grover** who rumbled and stumbled the last 30 yards to the end zone for the third Young TD. **Micah** completed the 2 point conversion on a throw to

**Jonathan Speedy Bundy** and the score was 22-0.

Only a moral victory was possible at this point for the Silver Bucks. **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** ran twice and connected on a pass with **"Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls**. On fifth down at the Young 10 yard line, **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** threw to the back of the end zone where it was caught by **"Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker** for the Silvers' first touchdown in 6 years. The two point conversion failed. The Young Bucks won by a score of 22-6. **Greg "Bubby" Bundy** was named the Silver MVP and **Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover** was awarded the Young Buck MVP.

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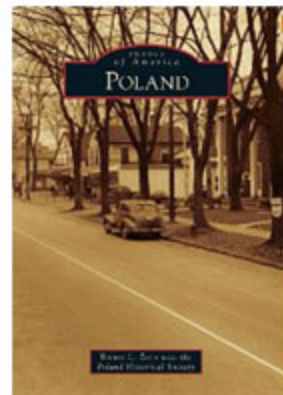
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touchdown in 6  
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## Grandma Nicolls is a Published Photographer! By Barb Nicolls

I recently bought a book titled **Images of America: Poland** which was published this year, and as I flipped through it, some of the photos looked awfully familiar. Then I realized why...Grandma Nicolls had taken them! About 10 or 15 years ago, I scanned some photos of Poland from Grandma's oldest photo albums, Photoshopped them, and donated them to the Po-

land Historical Society, which in turn provided many of the photos for the book. Grandma's name doesn't appear in the photo credits, so if you want to know which ones are hers, they are on pages 17, 18 (bottom), 57, 58, 60 (bottom), and 61 (top). And on page 67 there is a photo of Grandpa Smith McCoy and his son by his first marriage **Ralph McCoy** with

the Poland Volunteer Fire Department. And if you are interested in seeing more of Grandma's early photos, maybe Dale will film them and put them on DVD, too, some day (no pressure, Dale). But until then, I guess you'll either have to settle for buying a copy of the book or have to come here for Thanksgiving and look at the originals!





Grandpa Smith McCoy.

## Remembrances of Grandma & Grandpa Smith McCoy by Ruth Lewis

What I remember about Grandma and Grandpa McCoy - I don't remember much when I was real little, except hearing that Grandma had a Thanksgiving turkey dinner ready to eat, when Grandma Nicolls sat down, and then went into LABOR to have me!

I remember when I was in Grade School Grandma Minnie would have one of us for a whole week for lunch. I loved eating there! She made the best tomato soup in the world, a huge slice of her homemade bread, milk, and then the best sugar cookie! She would stand over to the side of me - either to see if I liked it, or would eat it. I loved it all and it was so much closer to go there, than to go all the way home.

When I was a teen-ager, Mom and I would clean the house and then say we were going to Grandma's house to visit. Grandma Minnie would have "her" chair turned all the way around away from the room, so that she could hear the

radio much better with her left ear. She'd turn it around when we came. It was a heavy one, but she "heaved" it around! She would ride the bus to Youngstown occasionally to shop or to see a movie. Both she and Grandpa Mc (Smith) had blue coupes.

When Grandma Nicolls had sacroiliac trouble and was in bed for a month or so, her mother (Grandma Minnie) would walk up to tend to Mom all day. I remember how terribly cold it was! I was a senior in High School.

Grandpa McCoy was a humorous, sociable man. He liked to tease us. If he wasn't in their 4 or 5 car garage with a few buddies, he would be shooting the breeze with some other volunteer firemen and sitting in front of the fire station. We'd wave to each other from across the street.

Somewhere in all of the albums Mom had, is a picture of Grandma and Grandpa McCoy standing on the bridge at

Tucker's Cottage at Lake Erie. They came up to see all of us (C.E. Nicolls) and Nicolls relatives.

We got the news on Pearl Harbor morning that Grandpa Smith Mc had died from a stroke he had had the day before. We all had been taken down to see him the night before.

It was good to have grandparents in the same town.



Grandma Minnie (Spitler) McCoy in her Plymouth.

*"She made the best tomato soup in the world, a huge slice of her homemade bread, milk, and then the best sugar cookie!"*

## Grandma Minnie McCoy by Hank Grover

My recollection of Grandma Minnie was mostly the Grandma that lived at the top of the stairs, first door on the right. I can't ever recall seeing her except in her room, but one of my fondest early memories is because of her.

Grandma Minnie didn't like the piped house water at 26

Delaware Avenue so periodically Grandma Nicolls, Mom, Gayle and I would gather up her glass jugs and ride to Mill Creek Park to get water from a spring for her. When we entered the park we always recited, "Around and around and around we go, and where we stop nooo... body knows". We did know

- Slippery Rock Pavilion and the spring nearby.

Mom tells me that I lost a tooth at the spring on one of those trips and I cried all... the way home. Hey, a nickel bought a lot of candy way back then!

Grandma Minnie with her dog Mickey.



## My Memories of Grandpa and Grandma McCoy by Don Nicolls



Poland Memorial Day Parade—Salute to Sailors who died in the war.

Each week during school, two of us had lunch with Grandpa and Grandma. I remember her great homemade tomato soup, sugar cookies and angel food cake. When Grandma would pass me the cookie plate, she always turned the plate with the smallest cookie facing me. After a few reprimands for reaching over the plate for a larger cookie, I learned to take the cookie closest

to me, even though it was the smallest cookie.

Grandpa used to spill his coffee into his saucer and then slurp it off his saucer to Grandma's great dismay. Grandpa also fascinated me by eating his peas from his knife.

He had a vegetable garden with a fence around it except at the entrance where he sank a barrel in the ground. The lid

had a rod through the center so that if a rabbit or groundhog would try to enter the garden, the lid would turn over and the animal would fall into the barrel. It worked great until he caught a skunk one night.

After the store, Grandpa delivered coal.

When Grandpa and Grandma were up for Christmas, I remember

Grandpa helping me with my erector set.

Grandma always had a canary.

Their house was a great place for watching the Memorial Day parade since the parade always stopped on the bridge next door in order to fire shots in memory of the sailors who died during the war.

## Grandpa and Grandma McCoy by Gene Nicolls

Grandpa McCoy was very nice to me and I liked him. He owned a dump truck and he delivered coal to people for their furnaces. I sometimes rode with him and he would let me shovel coal into the basements. His truck had a hydraulic lift and that was fascinating to me.

Grandpa also often rode around town in the only police car with the policeman.

After a family dinner at Grandma Minnie's the men and boys would go to Grandpa's "Man Cave".

That was one of six connected garages behind the house. Grandpa had a coal stove and chairs. I can't remember what we talked about but I am sure that my Dad smoked a cigar.

Grandma made the best tomato soup. We finally decided that she flavored it with basil. A restaurant here advertised basil tomato soup. It was like I remembered.

When we were in grade school we had to walk home for lunch. Grandma Minnie would

have us come over for lunch one at a time for a week. She lived close to the school so having lunch at her house was a treat. I also remember her good angel food cake. It wasn't made from a mix.

Grandpa died on Pearl Harbor Day. It was a shock to all of us.

Grandma remained in their house for several years. By the time I returned from the service in 1946 she had moved in with Mom and Dad. She became a recluse and didn't see us when we visited. She would go to



The C.E. Nicolls Family—Christmas 1947. There will be a lot more C.E. Nicolls at the 2010 Nicolls Reunion in New Castle this year.

the kitchen around 4:00 A.M.; get her food for the day, return to her room and stayed there the rest of the day. I don't think that she had a TV.

## Various Memories of Grandpa and Grandma McCoy

**Mary Nicolls**—It must have been in the spring of 1949 ... before Dave and I were married and before Grandma Minnie moved into the room-at-the-top-of-the-stairs. I think Grandma Minnie was visiting on a Sunday afternoon and I was visiting from Columbus. The two of us sat in the back room, she in the rocking chair and I in Grandpa's arm chair, and had a pleasant, albeit brief, conversation. I wish I could remember what was said, but I didn't realize it would be a one time only event.

**Betty Grover**—Grandpa was the fire chief and Grandma was mean! The neighbor's dog is named Minnie and she barks a lot.

**Gayle Ridge**—I didn't know Grandpa McCoy, but I always liked Grandma Minnie. She had a candy jar in her front room with chocolate creams in it and would give me one when we visited her home on Main Street in Poland. I don't know why, but she really liked Hank and me. When she moved to Grandma's house, I remember the rocking chair in her bedroom where she would sit and visiting her often. I, personally, don't remember her being mean at all, although that is the impression everyone else has including Aunt Jen who said that when she was visiting mom, Grandma Minnie wouldn't allow her to come into her house. She waited outside while Mom visited with her grandma.