

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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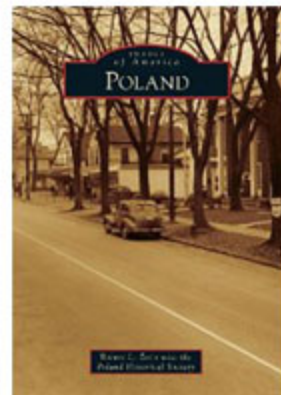
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Grandma Nicolls is a Published Photographer! By Barb Nicolls

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.

