



Carson Nicolls – Committed to Young Bucks

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## Nicolls Wide World of Sports



Northwest Ohio had some standout athletes come to the forefront this year. Senior Tyler Mack held down many an opponent from making any potential gains on the gridiron as an outstanding linebacker. Injuries took a toll on his playing time this year but when he was on the field, he was a tackling terror.

Senior Logan Mack was a surprise walk-on warrior on the volleyball court as a junior last season. For a young man who had not pursued any sport previously, he proved to be a top server for his team. He racked up numerous aces against his opponents. He looks forward to this upcoming season to win a championship.

Sophomore Annamarie Mack surprisingly made the varsity cheerleading squad (no JV for this up-and-coming star) and dazzled the crowds with her death-defying leaps into the air as a “flyer”. Congrats to our athletes in their full-press “Mack Attack”.

By Bill Nicolls



LOGAN MACK

## Nicolls Open 2023

By Happy Gilmore

The third annual Nicolls Open will (probably) be held at Bedford Trails in Coitsville, Ohio, on Wednesday, November 22nd at noon-ish. Building on his impressive win last year (+1), “Jammin” Jake looks to reclaim the title at his old stomping grounds. He tells this reporter that “I know the course well. Back in high school, we used to ditch class and get a six... er, I know the course well.”

After his inaugural year victory, “Birdie” Bill looks to get back on top after a rough 2022. He was heard saying after his round last year: “How am I supposed to chip with frozen fingers?” Dakota “Duffer” Grover is a likely no-show after completing two holes in the 2022 competition but not finishing the round due to “hypothermia”.

We look forward to mobilizing at least a foursome of those willing to believe in an overly optimistic weather forecast. Please contact Jake if you’re interested in playing.



Big Don & Grandpa, Putt Putt Golf – Delaware Ave.



**Big Don at Baird Mitchell Field, Poland OH**

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## Big Don Day

The year was 1940 something. This is the story of Big Don Day at Poland Seminary High School.

Fridays were "hobo" day at the school and kids dressed down. Grandma always laid out a white shirt for my Dad and so he wore a white shirt and a tie on "hobo" day. The principle or one of the teachers said to some of the "hobos", "Why don't you dress like Don?"

The students responded by wearing white shirts and ties on Fridays and thus Big Don Day was born. According to Clif Reichard, Big Don day started in 1944-45, Big Don's senior year. Uncle Bob and Gayle said that my Dad asked Poland to stop Big Don Day at some point (before 1966).

According to Uncle Bob, it went on for 20 plus years.

By Dale Nicolls

Big Don spoke at Poland Seminary High School each year. I remember when I was a kid that he mentioned that he spoke at Poland Seminary HS. Carol says that it was not still going when she went to Poland Seminary HS. There is a letter from Grandma to Big Don and an email from Clif Reichard on [cenicolls.org](http://cenicolls.org) about Big Don Day. Click on "Memories" and then the "Letters" tab.

## Shared Birthday

This was my 12th birthday and Grandma's 62nd up at Uncle Gene's as I recall, on May 31st, 1964. I don't know if the cake melted in the sun, or if it was my first attempt at cake baking, but I'm sure Aunt Ellen would have done a much better job lol! Grandma loved signing my birthday cards "On our MUTUAL birthday!! Underlining "mutual" several times.

I was always so proud to share a birthday with Grandma. Interestingly, Lindsay shared a birthday with her grandma (Dean's mom) as well! When Dean saw this picture he said "You look just like Pattye Ann". And this song immediately came into my head: "And they're cousins, identical cousins..." Wow, I go back a long way!!

By Carol Kauffman



Memorial Day Weekend in Toledo at the EJs, 1964

## New Family Tradition for Young Bucks

On Friday evening following Bingo, there will be a band playing down the street from the Pine Lakes Mansion at Penguin City Brewing Company starting around 9pm.

Local jamband heroes and Poland Seminary High School friends of "Jammin" Jake, Jones for Revival, will be playing an extended set well into the night, and all Young Bucks

are invited to attend. An open bar will be sponsored by the Over-40s Boosters.

By Sal ver Buck