

The View From Here

By Frank Parrish

An Afternoon In India



I was sitting there minding my own business, typing stuff into the computer – stuff that was going to be in this week’s paper. This little window kept popping open down at the right hand corner of the screen. It was annoying.

It kept making me look at it. I type with two fingers. This is because when I was back in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade somebody in a school administrator’s outfit made us all take typing classes. I went to an all-boy’s school. Typing wasn’t what we wanted to take. We wanted to take more time to play football and baseball and just sit on the steps and be sweaty. We didn’t want typing classes. The guy in the school administrator’s suit didn’t care. We didn’t get a vote. We were urchins. We took typing. If someone would have told me that nearly 50 years later I could have used that typing class, I would have done what I always did. I would have ignored them. So now I type with two fingers. I’m not too bad at it either, except when I have to look up from the keyboard, like when annoying pop-up windows appear on the screen. Then I type stuff that doesn’t make any sense.

Anyway, this annoying window told me I needed to upgrade my antivirus program. I eyed it suspiciously for a long time. It looked OK. I clicked it and the upgrade started. Then it said to complete the upgrade I needed to turn my computer off, then turn it back on. I did. After that I couldn’t connect to the internet or to my other computers. I tried running the antivirus program I just upgraded. It wouldn’t let me. “Great,” I thought. “It wasn’t just a typing class you should have paid attention to, Mr. Huntenpeck. You’ve just given yourself a major computer virus.”

I called the antivirus company. After the obligatory half hour of switching from one computer voice to another I got a live person. Her name was Anusha. She was from India. Anusha told me it wasn’t a virus – it was a problem in their product. “Gee, that’s swell Anusha. Can you fix it?” I think she said yes but I couldn’t understand her. She took control of my computer from India. It was weird watching my computer working while I was just sitting there. After about two hours she typed me a message saying she couldn’t fix the antivirus program after all, but I could get on the internet and connect to my other computers. She said I would be contacted by Tier 2. Huh? That sounded ominous, and like I had been working with the Junior High team. It wasn’t all that comforting. But Anusha was cheerful. As she got ready to leave, she asked if she could help with anything else. “Just tell me what your name means,” I replied. “It means ‘beautiful morning star.’” Then she left my computer.

I’m glad her name means that because I felt like I had just been in a black hole for most of the afternoon.

Maybe I should look at the bright side. I spent an afternoon in India and didn’t have to leave my desk.

Kids Write

8th Grade Teacher Mrs. Sally Hiers

It’s Halloween Time Again

Halloween

By Hannah McCallister

It’s the ghost that haunts you the most  
The witch that gives you the most twitch  
Its trick or treat that gives you a scream  
It scares you the most, Halloween

By Noah Labbiento

All the monsters on the street.  
All the eyes that I see.  
The sound of brushing leaves,  
listening to them crunch under feet.

All the goblins that I hear,  
always wondering if they’re near.

Feeling the cold breeze blow,  
acting like it’s going to snow.  
Listening to the laughter of the children and hearing “trick or treat!”

Always wondering what to wear but then it turns out being something with hair.

A fright night in a horror story with friends and family surrounding me.

Wishing I could walk into the past, so the night would last.

Halloween

By Dakota Wildauer

It’s Halloween.  
What a scary scene.  
The graveyard is spooky.  
The pumpkin is kooky.  
There is a ghost behind that tree.

Oh wait, it’s just little old me.  
I’m out for my treat,  
When a goblin I meet.  
Or I will ring my dinner bells.  
And my friends will come to eat with you, my dear.  
They will finish you off with a nice cold beer.  
I gave him my candy and sighed “oh man.”  
And turned around and ran, ran, ran.  
So happy that Halloween hope

that it’s dandy.  
If you ever see the goblin, give him your candy.

By Kylie Wheat

Around the streets of New Wilmington we go, decorations putting up quite a show.  
With pumpkins, skeletons, and creepy rats, witches, spiders, and loads of bats.

You’ll see kids of all ages trick-or-treating, with candy given that they’re probably eating.

Costumes of all categories, tell how each one got its story.

Fright, terror, and lots of screams. You will hope it’s all a dream.

Going to Cheesemen’s you will find a terror that is hard to describe.

Halloween is tons of fun, the next day you’ll miss it a ton!

Halloween

By Cole Mickleby

The ominous chill in the air and the smell of fallen leaves in people’s yards. Monsters and creatures walking in the streets and the bare trees littering the landscape. The tradition of watching scary movies or trick or treating, or playing Skarum all night. The enjoyment of stuffing your face with candy before you even get home, or staying home and giving candy to trick or treaters. Unfortunately, sickness and nausea usually follow.

By Breanna Solman

Halloween is a fun time of year. Seeing all the different types of costumes. Collecting candy is what I like to do. Seeing the bright orange, creepy-faced pumpkins is fun to do. Having fun is what matters most. Entertaining people with scary

stories. Hope you don’t have nightmares about wolves, vampires or ghosts.

That’s why Halloween is exciting.

Halloween

By Jocelyn Holt

As they skip merrily down the street,  
The kids walk up to each door saying trick or treat.  
Their bright costumes shining in the night,  
Some costumes give people fright.

There are babies in costumes, who tend to cry,  
And girls who are angels and pretend they can fly.  
It’s a quiet a beautiful sight  
Of each costume glistening in the night.

As pounds of candy fill up there bags,  
On the streets their bags tend to drag.

There are kings with large crowns  
And clowns with terrifying frowns

On Halloween nights kids laugh and have fun.

And they do that until the night is done.

So on Halloween night you might get a fright.

Although all together it is quite a beautiful sight.

Halloween

By Wyatt Snyder

What should I be for Halloween:  
Ghost gules,  
Werewolves, witches  
Zombies, Vampires  
On Halloween night  
You see all of these but what should I be  
The smell of candy fills the air  
October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Fears fill your mind  
But candy fills your sack

You walk through the town to get as much candy as you can

Only one hour till your bed time, but your sack is only half full.

Time runs out and you head home

You tally up the candy and head to bed.

Halloween

By Emily Wilson

Haunted Houses everywhere  
A ninja! You better watch out!  
Loads of candy being collected  
Lots of people roaming the streets

On the night of Halloween  
Witches and ghosts floating about

Every hour is fun  
Eleven fifty nine on the dot

Night time is about to end

Halloween

By Rose Fette

Halloween is the time of year when every one of all ages dresses up and goes trick-or-treating. There’s every costume you can think of, from princesses to mythical creatures to animals! Just because Halloween is the only one night of the year that doesn’t mean that the fun has to end!

Carving pumpkins, with all the goo and yummy pumpkin seeds, designing and carving faces on the pumpkin, or making pumpkin pie! Or making mazes or forts out of leaves. With the crunching of leaves beneath you and the sweet smell of fall in the air around you. The perfect temperature, not too hot, but not too cold. And you come inside to your nice, warm, and cozy home to the smell of apple and pumpkin pie baking in the oven. With sweet apple cider waiting for you on the table. This is all the feeling of Halloween.

Senior Band Members Honored

Wilmington Area Marching Band Senior members were recognized and honored at the Greyhound football game on Friday, October 26.

These 23 students; musicians and dancers, will be graduating in 2013.

Between them, they have 160 years of combined band experience. They have entertained us and played over 32 different musical instruments during their time in the Wilmington Area Marching and Concert Bands.

As with most of the band students, they were eligible to participate in two band trips; the Christmas Parade at Disney World in December of 2009 and this past spring, the Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade in Louisville, Kentucky.

These students have sold countless hoagies,



Photo by Tori Lynn Foht

Senior Band members Back Row: (L-R) - Elizabeth Deemer, Justin Krupa, Grace Gealy, Carly Christofferson, Kristen Klein, Ben Hoppe, Michael Robinson, Mark Vavithes, Richie Cameron, Hunter Taylor, Corri Quinn, Olivia Mazzocco, and Scott Onestak. Center: Verna Curfman, Natalie McGinnis, Katy Styer, Kyra Foht, and Andrew Nieto. Front: Alyssa Edwards, Carly Wilson, and Katy Chase. Missing from photo: Cody Cohill, Jacob Raught.

mums, and strombolis, and ripped thousands of tickets at the Lawrence County Fair. Most of them have been to band camp at Wesley Woods four times where they have

learned music, played music, played games, marched in the sweltering heat and pouring rain, and became part of the team that is the Band.

One of the most impor-

tant things these students have done is to be examples, teachers and mentors to the underclassmen; helping them with the music, the marching

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# Sports

The Bottom Line *By Matt Deutsch*

## Steelers Looked Good

So, the Pittsburgh Steelers did beat the Washington Redskins this past Sunday, and the Steelers didn't have to "win ugly" to do it. Pittsburgh actually looked rather good in its 27-12 victory at Heinz Field. The Steelers ran the ball well, passed the ball well and played solid defense. Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III endured perhaps his worst game of the season, although his numbers weren't that bad and quite a few of his receivers dropped catchable balls.

Meanwhile, not only was the Cleveland-San Diego game NOT a shootout, but the Chargers did NOT win. The Browns did, 7-6 in wet and rainy weather conditions.

Pittsburgh definitely has a tough game this Sunday, as the Steelers travel to New York to battle the Giants, the defending Super Bowl champions. It's been an up-and-down season for the Steelers so far, in part because of their tough schedule. (It's certainly tougher than last year's slate.) Although Pittsburgh has won two straight games, the roller coaster ride will probably continue this week against New York. The Giants just have too many weapons, and the Steelers have just been too inconsistent.

**New York 27, Pittsburgh 21.**

Cleveland, on other hand, also has a tough game. The Browns are welcoming AFC North Division rival Baltimore to town. The Ravens are coming off a bye week and also an embarrassing loss to Houston. As a result, they're not going to be in the best of moods.

Cleveland was supposed to cure what ailed the Chargers. The Browns did not. Chances are good, though, that they'll cure what ails the Ravens.

**Baltimore 26, Cleveland 24.**

The rest of my picks for this week's NFL action are as follows:

**San Diego** over Kansas City; **Cincinnati** over Denver; **Green Bay** over Arizona; **Chicago** over Tennessee; **Indianapolis** over Miami; **Washington** over Carolina; **Detroit** over Jacksonville; **Houston** over Buffalo; **Tampa Bay** over Oakland; **Seattle** over Minnesota; **Dallas** over Atlanta; **New Orleans** over Philadelphia

**Last week:** 7-7 (.500)

**Season overall:** 74-44 (.627)

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drills and routines, and encouraging them as they begin their time with the Greyhound Band. They will be missed.

Best wishes to them all as they prepare to graduate. We hope that making music continues to be a part of their lives.

## "Headering" For Play-Offs

14-3 record, best season yet for Greyhound Boys' Soccer team

On Monday, October 22, the boys' soccer team travelled to Sharpsville to take on the Blue Devils. With a few bounces in front of the net, Matt Balczon scored off of a corner kick half way through the first half. Ten minutes later, Jon Clark kicked one into the net with an assist from Marc Delio. With only one and half minutes remaining in the first half, Matt Balczon sank the ball into the net with an assist from Jon Clark. The boys always seem to come out stronger in the second half. Five minutes into the second half, Kareem Moufid scored with Jon Clark's assist. Ryan DiLullo then scored the fifth goal. Thirty seconds later, Sharpsville scored their one and only goal. Thirty seconds after that, Ryan DiLullo passed the ball to Jon Clark who then scored. With five minutes remaining in the game, Jose Saez scored number seven, and thirty seconds later Marc Delio led the ball to Jon



Photo by Cherie Perrine

The above photo is of the Wilmington Area High School Soccer seniors. First Row: L-R - #00 Brandon Behr, #9 Jon Clark, and # 5 Hunter Taylor. Back Row: L-R - #25 Tom Schierberl, #23 Matt Gurneal, #6 Kareem Moufid, #11 Mark Vavithes, and #12 Marc Delio. Thank you to Gus Vavithes for carving all the pumpkins.

Clark who put in the last goal of the game. Hounds win with a score of 8-1.

The Mercer Mustangs came to visit the Hounds on Wednesday, Oct. 24 for Senior Night. This game gave the eight seniors a chance to play one more

game together in the regular season. Unfortunately the Mustangs came to win and that is what they did.

Scoring 2 goals in the first half and 1 goal in the second half, they won 3-0. The Hounds finished the regular season with a

record of 14-3 which is Coach Davoli's best season as Head Coach.

Monday, October 29, the Wilmington Boys' Soccer Team will travel to General McLane near Edinboro for their first playoff game against Saegertown at 5 pm.

## It Comes Down To Defense

By Matt Deutsch  
Globe Leader  
Sports Writer

It almost always comes back to defense. That was the case for the Wilmington Area football team this past Friday night, as the Greyhounds shut out District 10 Region 2-AA rival Greenville by the score of 26-0.

It was Senior Night for Wilmington Area, which improved to 7-2 overall and 5-1 in the region. The Trojans, on the other hand, slipped to marks of 4-5 and 4-3.

According to Wilmington Area head coach Terry Verrelli, the Greyhounds have stepped up their play on defense in recent weeks. "We didn't do a great job the previous few weeks, but we were much better against the pass," said Verrelli. "Greenville runs the ball well, but we seemed to hold them there, too."

Wilmington Area scored two touchdowns in the game's opening quarter, grabbing a 14-0 lead in the process. Senior fullback Tyler Donati started the

scoring parade for the Greyhounds with a 21-yard jaunt to the end zone. Senior placekicker Slavi Pontius booted the extra point. Then, later in the period, Donati tallied another touchdown, this time on a one-yard plunge across the goal line. Senior placekicker Brandon Ryder nailed the PAT following that score. The Greyhounds added another touchdown in the second stanza. Sophomore quarterback Cody Llewellyn helped contribute that one on a 17-yard scoring aerial to senior split end Alex Patton.

This time, though, the conversion kick failed, meaning that Wilmington Area trotted to the locker room with a 20-0 lead.

The Greyhounds tacked on three points in both the third and fourth quarters on the strength of field goals by Pontius and Ryder. The latter kick traveled 32 yards, while the former measured a distance of 34 yards.

"The first half was better than the second half offensively," said Verrelli.

"We moved the ball much better, and we completed a couple of good passes." Wilmington Area was hampered by the fact that both Donati and senior halfback Nic Pugh left the game with ankle injuries. The Greyhounds have battled injuries all season long, a trend that they can't seem to shake.

Donati finished as Wilmington Area's leading rusher with 82 yards on 12 carries. Llewellyn was 4-of-6 in the passing department for 61 yards.

The Greyhounds smothered Greenville defensively, only giving up only 82 total yards, including 45 through the air. That was significant, since lately opponents have enjoyed success passing the ball against

Wilmington Area.

With one game left in the regular season, the Greyhounds have already qualified for the playoffs. They'll open the postseason in two weeks against Fairfield at a site to be determined.

Meanwhile, Wilmington Area is scheduled to travel to non-region opponent Farrell on Friday.

"Farrell has a lot of skilled people," said Verrelli. "They're always a tough team to play, so we'll have our work cut out for us." Donati and Pugh won't be available for the Farrell game, but they should be ready for the Fairview contest. "We've had quite a few injuries," said Verrelli. "Most of the guys are first-year starters, but they've really come together."

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