The Red Fox By Tyler Turek, honorable mention, fourth grade Janet Prassl, teacher

I found this essay very hard to write as there is so much beautiful wildlife in Franklin Township. The wild animal I choose to write about is very common in Franklin Township. It is the red fox.

Red foxes are a beautiful reddish yellow color and they grow as big as 22 to 25 inches with a tail that grows as long as 14 to 17 inches. These foxes are more active during the night time. This is when they attack their prey. You can also see them during the day. They usually have more than one den. During the months of March and April, they breed and have their babies. These foxes can have anywhere from four to nine kits. If you don't know what a kit is, it is a young fox. The red foxes are omnivores. They eat anything from insects to small animals but they also eat fruits and vegetables.

I like the red foxes because they are beautiful and really stand out. Their kits are also really cute. It is super fun to watch them play around. The thing that I don't like is that they killed four of our chickens and took them away to their den.

Red foxes can be found all over Franklin Township. They are always in our yard or out in the field across the street from us. Sometimes you can see them running on the trails behind our house. Many people have spotted them in their yard, especially near their chickens.

Recently, we spotted a baby fox on our road and it was alive. Then, the next day we saw it had been hit by a car, which was very sad. I enjoy watching this species around my house. If I lived in a city, I do not believe I would see as many foxes as I do living here in Franklin Township.