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Ten Students Participate in BPA State Competition

By: Kaitlyn McNutt

This year Business Professionals of America (BPA), State competition took place in Columbus, Ohio on March 8th-9th. The Team of Danielle McVey and Grace Fee competed in Small Business. Both Ting Hao Zheng and Meredith cook competed in Fundamental Accounting. Grace Gilmore competed in Fundamental Word Processing Skills, and Grace Zimmerman competed in Payroll Accounting. Amy Besecker competed in the event of Extemporaneous Speeches, and Bryce Filbrun competed in Advanced Interview Skills. And lastly Kaitlyn McNutt competed in Entrepreneurship.

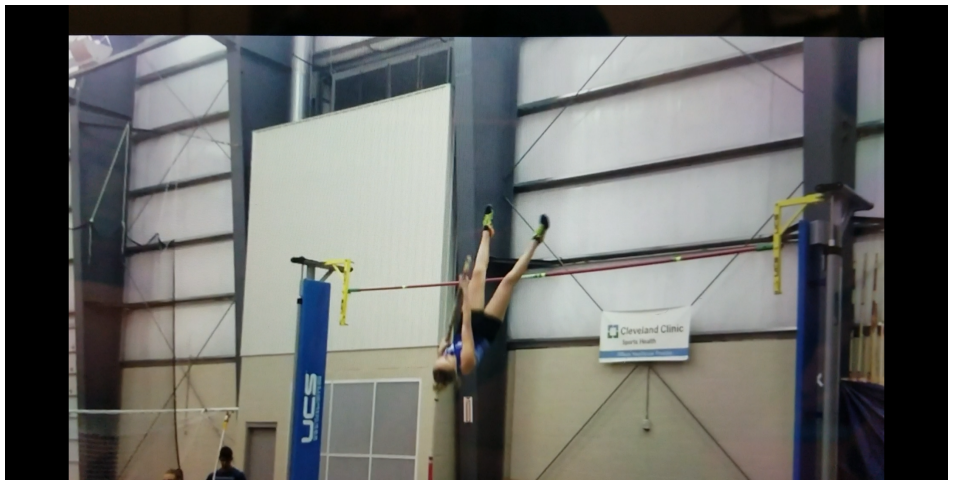
Everyone did extremely well, and we at Franklin Monroe are proud! Some of our competitors even made it into the top 10, including: Ting Hao Zheng, Danielle McVey and Grace Fee and Kaitlyn McNutt.
Ting Hao Zheng will compete in Nationals in Dallas, Texas on May 9-13th.



BPA Members at State.

Congratulations to Selene Weaver for placing 9th in pole vault in the indoor track competition at Geneva, Ohio on March 3rd.

Selene Weaver flying over the pole vault at State.



"And now that you don't have to be perfect, you can be good." - John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

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Core Club

By: Grace Gilmore

Core Club is a club where students enjoy talking about their experiences and feelings of God, while also enjoying eating donuts. The club is held in Mr Gish's classroom every Wednesday during high school homeroom, where approximately 15 students meet together and express themselves and their beliefs without feeling pressured to do anything or feel like they are being judged. Students are able to learn more about the people around them and help others with situations happening in their lives. There are friendships built that are good and trustworthy and students connect through each others hardships and joys. One of the leaders of Core Club, Rachel Knight, states that, "My favorite thing about Core Club is seeing students follow their hearts and showing their lights through their school."

The bible verse of the year is: First Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." This verse means that when you do something make sure it is not for yourself, but for sharing the words of God.

Coffee House

By: Grace Gilmore

On Friday, March 23, at 6:30 Franklin Monroe Junior High and High School choirs put on an amazing show singing all together as a choir and separately as solos, duets, and quartets. Throughout the evening there were many amazing performances such as both of the solos from Zoe Kellems and Dean Sease. The students who were not singing at the time, were serving food to the audience, with their pre-ordered pizzas, chips, and soda.

With most of the seats being filled there was a large audience this year coming to support all of the students on their singing. In the end, the 2018 Coffee House was a hit and had many highs with beautiful singing and great acts.



Core Club members after their weekly meeting. (April 4th)

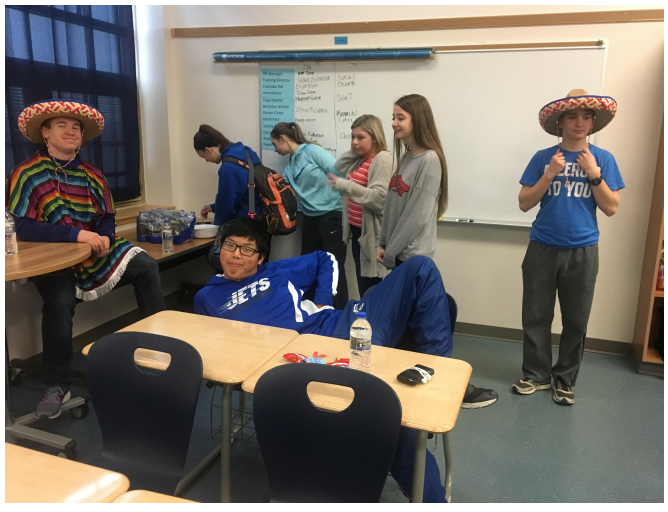


Choir performing at the annual Coffee House. (March 23rd)





Logan Garber and Chase Osterday holding their prizes after Districts Science Fair.



Spanish Club students preparing to watch *Inside Out.*



Spanish Club students with the pinata they busted open at the party.

Science Fair

By: Weston Sease and Sonic Sound Staff

The students in grades 7-12 who chose to participate in the Science Fair, worked endlessly so they can try and get prizes or possibly qualify for Districts Competitions. One of the leading instructors, Mrs. Rowland, reported, "Science Fair is a lot of research and a rough start, but once started it goes very well." The first round to show their projects was held for Darke County Science Day at Greenville High School on February 15th. Districts were later held at Edison in Piqua on Saturday, March 10. At Districts Chase Osterday was selected to compete at the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair for his electromagnetic propulsion project. Logan Garber also won at Districts in Plant Science for his amazing soybean project. He took home a trophy and $100 .



Spanish Club

By: Kaitlyn McNutt

Spanish Club met for a party on March 8th after school. The party was in the old cafeteria from 5pm to 9pm. There were brownies, cookies, pie and other delicious treats.

They also showed the movie *Inside Out* with Spanish subtitles. Games were also available to play, pinatas were hanging to hit at any point.



Band Concert

By: Kevin Bancroft

FM's Junior High and High School Band held their Cookie Concert on Tuesday, March 6. The Cookie Concert is an annual concert where most band members provide baked goods to sell for the program as well as provide a full performance. The concert went very well, gaining an applause from the audience that made it all worthwhile, along with band funds that came from the bake sale. Fifth and Sixth grade bands also participated in the concert, giving them more experience for future band programs. For all bands there is still another concert on May 14, which is the last concert of the year.

Mrs. Dodsworth, the band director, stated, "I have no doubt that our last concert of the year will be successful." Between upcoming Memorial Day services, FM's graduation and the annual Spring Concert.

Sophomores Visit D.C.

By: Maddie Stacy and
Sonic Sound Staff

The sophomores went to Washington D.C. March 14-17 on a school field trip. Over 30 students and chaperones visited the White House, the World War II Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veteran Memorial, and the Korean Memorial. On the way to D.C. the students first stopped in Philadelphia where they visited the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. The trip was organized by Mr. Ingold.

By far, the students' favorite stop was an unexpected visit to the White House and they also witnessed an exchange guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Sophomores Selene Weaver and Charity Shellabarger said that the most humbling experience was at the Flight 93 Memorial from 9/11 because they could hear the voices of passengers who died in the terrorist attacks.



Chloe Brumbaugh and Maddie Stacy inside the White House.



All of the Sophomores that went to D.C.



Members of the HS Girls Basketball Team.



Girls Basketball

By: Grace Gilmore

This year the Franklin Monroe Lady Jets showed their skills on the court, making it all the way to third place in the Cross County Conference. For the All-Conference First Team the Lady Jets had Audrey Cable and Corina Conley representing the school. Also Kennedy Morris was on a Special Mention Team, and Coach Moore was awarded with Southwest District's Coach of the Year. With ending the season, the Lady Jets won an outstanding 21 games with an average of 41 points a game.

Attack of the Zombies

- A school play performed by the upperclassmen

By: Kevin Bancroft

Attack of the Zombies, a play by Tim Kelly was performed by the Junior and Senior classes on March 16th and 17th in the FM cafetorium. The production was directed by Mr. Gray and Mr. McKibben. The junior high and high schools were treated to a performance of the first act during school on March 16th and the elementary viewed the second act.

All cast members practiced for several weeks memorizing lines and actions to be performed, and all of them did very well opening night. The stage was built by Mr. Thayer and many of the art students, which took a little over a week to set up and paint. On the set there was also a portrait of Mr. Ingold used as a prop that Mr. Thayer painted. Mr. McKibben said the following about the production, "The play went great, the kids were fun and the zombies killed it."



The set for the play looked plain before painting.



Cast Members performing act one the first night.





At the end of the play everyone broke into dance.

The Lightpost

By: Will Blackburn

A light-post on a street corner flickered to life as the light of day dimmed and died. A homeless man wrapped in a tattered blanket stood beneath it, staring at its heavenly head. He gave no heed to the chill in the wind or to the cold in the falling snow. He took no notice of the fleeting of the diesel horses upon the road or to their neighing. He gave no regard to the lonely strangers who walked by him. His eyes remained fixed upon it, unblinking, throughout the night, like a moth to a flame.

When morning rose and the blazing sphere dissolved in its subtle glow, he came back to himself. He scratched his gristled beard with a hoary hand and blinked several times. He still gazed on in wonder at the post. I must tell another of your glory, he thought. The bearded man knelt down and kissed the post many times. Then he got up and left his golden god.

He walked down the sidewalk, passing several blocks, until he came to a man with dirty, uncovered feet holding a rusty bowl for alms. A portion of his head was badly burned, so much so that it revealed the white of his skull.

“Hello brother,” he said to the shoeless man.

“A dime of your dollar,” he begged raising up his empty vessel.

The bearded man looked into the beggar’s eyes and lowered his hand, placing it lightly inside the bowl and said, “I know of a place where your bowl can be filled.” The bearded man turned and went back the way he had come. The beggar followed.

When darkness again appeared, they both became enthralled to the captive source. At dawn, the beggar looked down and saw that his bowl was overflowing with silver. A smile was drawn upon his face as he touched the enriched pool. He told the bearded man, “We must tell someone of this splendor.”

So they went and found another man, who lived inside a cardboard box, and took him to their shrine.

Then once more when darkness fell, he too became bound to the light in the post, and on the following morning he also said that they must find another to share its mighty power with. The three went and got a fourth man to come with them and he too fell under its spell. The same happened on the next two days; they brought a fifth man on the fifth day and they brought a sixth man on the sixth day, and they too were converted.

On the seventh day, in a filthy and narrow alleyway, a homeless man awoke on his bed made of garbage. A string of flies formed a revolving circlet around his head, like a foul angel’s halo. He got up, stretching his back, and was filled with curiosity when he saw a shroud of white light illumine from within a dumpster across from him. He carefully walked towards it and peered inside. He saw, laying there atop the refuse pile, a sword. Across the length of the blade was engraved in capital letters the words, DESTROY THE LIGHT POST. He reached inside the dumpster, grasped the hilt and took the sword out. He moved his eyes across the blade pondering the text. "Destroy the light pose," he thought, trying to process its meaning inside his muddled mind. “Why yud someun want ta destroy a lightpose? If all ‘em light poses are gone, how’ll the town see a night?” he said to himself with his brows creased in confusion. At that moment, the bearded man and the five others rounded the corner and entered into his dwelling place.

"Hello brother,” the bearded man said to him. “Come and follow us.”

“Hu-what?” the trash man responded as he quickly concealed the sword behind his back.

“I said come and follow us,” he repeated.

“Fo’low you wer?”

“To the light post.”

“Light pose? So you’se the ‘uns who wants’ta destroy it then?!”

“No, to admire it, we would never think of destroying it. Why would you think that?”

“No reas’n. I’ll go with you’se to the lightpose.”

“Good then, follow us and we will guide you to it.”

The trash man followed them warily out of his hole, like a reluctant mouse, into the spacious world outside. He walked behind the other men upon the sidewalk, still holding the sword in back of him.

The bearded man noticed this and he asked, “What do you hide behind your back, brother? Do not be shy and reveal it to me.”

“A serd,” he replied, showing him the edge of the blade so he wouldn't see the message.

“What need have you of a sword?”

“To keep all ‘em city dogs a’ bay!”

When they reached the corner where the light post was, they gathered and created a closed circle around it.

“So what are we doin’?” the trash man asked.

“Awaiting the dark,” said the bearded man.

They waited there in silence until the night came down and unveiled its ebony form. Then the sacred service began.

Every man’s eyes became glued to the post’s light, like children’s eyes to a television screen.

The trash man, who had night blindness, was the only one who had not been petrified with awe by this wooden Medusa because he could not see it. Although, he did feel with his other senses the power resonating from it, and he hated it with a burning passion, hot as Hell.

“You shall’s be destroyed!” he yelled as he swung the blade with all his might against the post.

The first savage blow that struck the post sent dozens of glittering sparks flying through the air, like drunken fireflies. Again and again, stroke after stroke he hit it, the fiery blood springing out in spurts. After the seventh strike, the seventh man on the seventh night split the pole in two. The top part fell onto the road, causing its yellow crown to slip and shatter into a thousand pieces. After it was destroyed, the trash man dropped the blade and fled to escape the wrath of six angry men.

Beside the broken light post laid the sword with another message written on the opposite side of the blade. It read,

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

Sound Bites

Franklin Monroe's Sonic Sound

Sound Bites By: Grace Gilmore



Mr. Ingold: sleep in



Breanna Lavy: nothing



Brooke Lavy: play with my dog



Ethan Fee: Sleep and watch Netflix



Mrs. Ayres: drink extra coffee



Corina Conley: lay around and watch movies

Sonic Sound wants to know. What is your favorite thing about Snow Days?



Sonic Scrambles By: Grace Gilmore

Unscramble the words below to unlock the amazing things coming this Spring.

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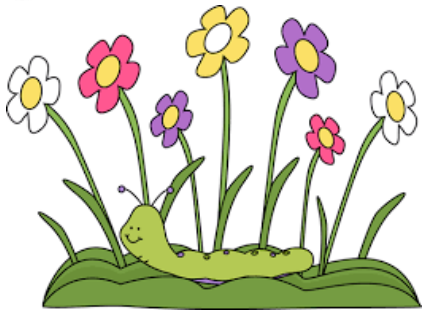
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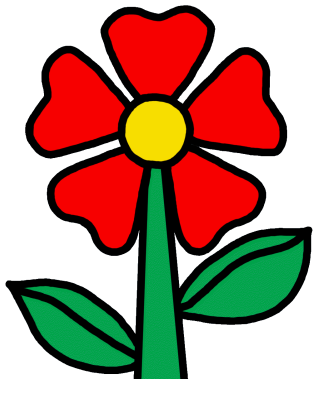
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Answer Key:

Baseball

Spring Break

Easter

Butterflies

Hummingbirds

Sunshine

Robins

Daffodils

Green

Blossoms

Rain

A Final Goodbye

By: Marcus Glass

"Firefighter Bardello to Incident Command (I.C),
This is my final goodbye,
I am entrapped and hear God's demand.
So now I will have to die.

I want you to tell my wife of twenty years,
That she was best thing that has happened to me,
Even after all the blood, sweat, and tears.
I am sorry to leave you with crying.

Please tell my son Ivan,
That I am proud of who he is,
And that he must be as tough as he can,
And that to give mommy a kiss

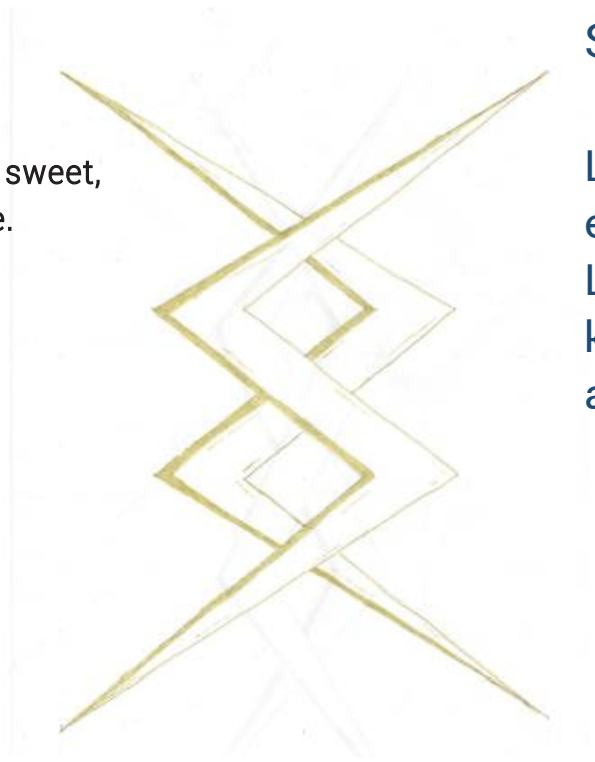
For the tower I am in has been hit,
Life was fun as fun could be,
But there is a lesson to get,
So just listen to me.

Tell them that you love them,
Don't leave without a goodbye.
Let them know they are your gem,
Because everyday could be the day you die.

Now to my brother Tony,
Thanks for having my back.
You the best brother that you could be,
And you stood up for me when I fell down the stack.

I feel the tower shaking,
I feel the fear of a thousand.
I hear the metal breaking,
And it's almost the end.

This is to I.C,
I want to say that life was sweet,
And thanks for serving me.
I can't stand the heat…"



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Staff Corrections:

Last issue of FM's Sonic Sound contained an error made by our staff. It was stated that Logan Ressler was last year's homecoming king. However it was Mason Conley. We apologize.