

Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright, Montana Goad, and Faith Cornett



Affirmations

by Calora Cain

Hard work pays off.

I can achieve anything I put my mind to.

I strive to do my best.

The more I learn, the more I can accomplish.

I embrace challenges because they make me stronger.

Learning is a journey and an adventure.

I love learning new things.

It's OK not to know everything—there's always something to learn.

I'm in charge of my progress.

With every small step, I'm building my future.

Current Events

By Maddyson Marson-Compton

HIGHSCHOOL EVENTS

- 7th-8th Grade Tournament all week
- 6th School Pictures & Senior Panel Pictures
- 6th Caring Van @ 10am
- 7th Election Day
- 7th Gordon Cooper for 8th grade @ 9:15am
- 7th HS Basketball against Mason @ 6:30pm
- 9th Sophomore Showcase at Gordon Cooper @ 9:15
- 9th Focus for Juniors & Seniors @ 12:30pm
- 10th Veterans Day
- 10th HS Basketball at Earlsboro @6:30pm

LUNCH MENU

Monday- Pigs in a Blanket, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Side Salad, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday- Pizza, Caesar Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday- Frito Chili Pie, Chili Beans, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Thursday- Turkey & Dressing, Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Friday- Sloppy Joe Sandwich, French Fries, Side Salad, Fruit, Milk

Fun Facts

By Montana Goad

1. The holiday dates back more than 2,000 years
2. Trick-or-treating has existed since medieval times
3. Some Halloween rituals used to be geared toward finding a husband
4. Sugar rationing during World War II paused trick-or-treating
5. Now Halloween is the second-largest commercial holiday in the country
6. Most Americans spend on candy, decorations and costumes
7. The Irish also brought us jack-o'-lanterns
8. Disney almost made Hocus Pocus a completely different movie.

World Wide Whippets

By Jadelan Cartwright

Over fall break, Junior Jadelan Cartwright to Manitou Springs, Colorado. Manitou Springs is a resort city located in central Colorado, just outside of Colorado Springs. Cartwright rode with her family in an RV. While visiting her boyfriends family, Cartwright took the opportunity to explore Garden of the Gods, and also visited Pikes Peak. Garden of the Gods is a beautiful public park and natural landmark, best known for it's larger than life rock formations. Pikes Peak is the highest point of the southern Rocky Mountains, both are located in Colorado Springs. Cartwright rounded off her trip by walking through Estes Park and touring the Stanley Hotel which was Stephen King's inspiration for The Overlook Hotel in



E-Sports

By Emma Bruce

Freshman Emma Bruce interviewed E-Sports Junior Adrian Vigil this week. His favorite part about being in Esports is being there with his friends and his cousins. Adrian’s favorite game of all time is either 2K or Fortnite. AV’s entire face lit up while discussing video games. Vigil is most looking forward to improving the squad’s cohesiveness, or the way in which they work together as a team this season His game system of choice is the PS5. Adrian picked up the controller at the age of 6 years old. The chance of one day playing games professionally has gripped the Junior ever since the E-Sports team was introduced to Varnum Public Schools. When asked who his favorite teammate to go toe-to-toe with he waffled between Junior Michah Eversole or Junior Ruban Zapata. Lastly, Adrian was asked about how he views beloved E-Sports coach, Zac Self, and Adrian said, “He is an excellent coach, always entertaining us, always keeping us in check on the games”.



Basketball

By Myhayv Salceda

It’s been another great week to be a Whippet! Let’s rewind to the Bowlegs tournament. If you read the paper last week, you would know that the 3rd and 4th grade boys played against Bowlegs. The Varnum Whippets and Bowlegs Bison played their little hearts out. Thankfully, the Varnum Whippets got the win. They got the consolation win, also known as 3rd place. The Varnum Lady Whippets had competed for the championship. They played a great game against New Lima. They won the championship! On the highschool basketball front, the time is almost here for the Basketball Fish Fry! There will also be a dessert auction you can participate in. You can purchase tickets from any highschool basketball member. The prices are \$5.00 for the children 12 and under, and \$10.00 for adults. This event will be held on Sunday November 5th, 2023. 12:00p.m to 2:30p.m are the times. The dessert auction will start at 1:30p.m. Don’t forget that the first highschool basketball game will be Thursday November 2nd, 2023. They will also be playing the Friday after. Their opponents for Thursday is New Lima and,-

both games will be at Varnum. Starting at 6:30p.m are the girls. The boys game will be played right after. On Friday November 3rd, 2023, their opponents are Caney. The games will be at Varnum. The girls will start at 6:30p.m, and the boys will follow. Thank you for reading this week's basketball article! We’re ecstatic for this bright and shiny new basketball season.



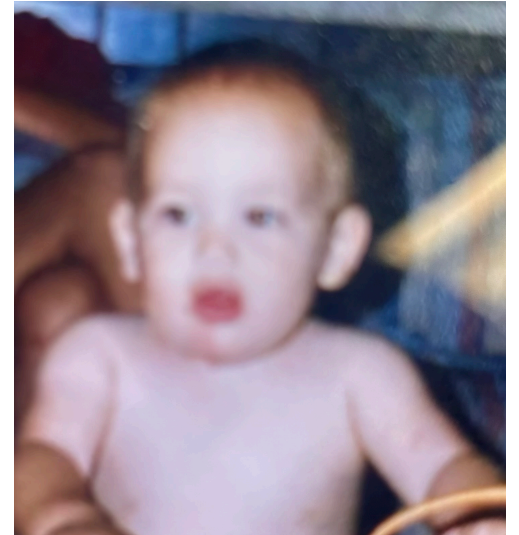
Baby Picture Round-Up

by Faith Cornett
Here's the reveal of last week's cute baby Whippets



Mrs. Miller.

Ms. Smith.



Mr. Self.

Staff Bios

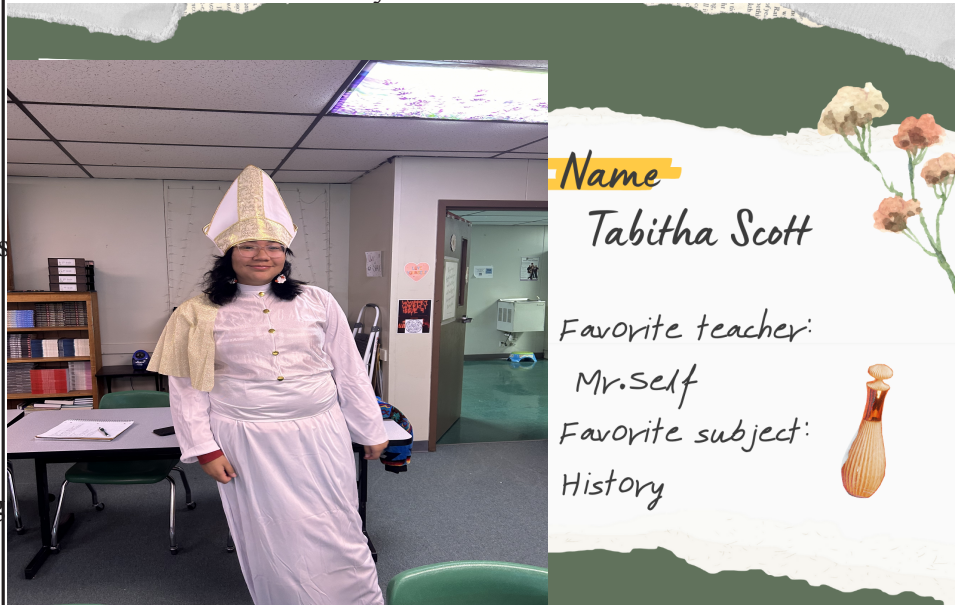
by Dazia McCulley

Today I interviewed Mrs. Jenny our elementary school's secretary and functioning part time nurse in the elementary school. She does whatever is asked and is willing to do what is needed of her. Mrs. Jenny said she became a secretary for the elementary because all of her kids had graduated so she chose to come into the school system. Mrs. Jenny loves being a Varnum Whippet. Her favorite thing about Varnum Public Schools is its big family atmosphere, how the school is incredibly welcoming, and how you can really feel the love amongst the staff, students, and community. In Mrs. Jenny's academic background is only her high school diploma and 27 years of priceless experience. On obstacle in Mrs Jenny's path she had to overcome was getting her driver's license so she could get the job of being the elementary secretary. I asked if she would do anything differently with the school and her answer was a heartfelt no. She thinks people either see her as scary or nice depending on who you ask and she describes her discipline as strict. I asked her if she had any motivation advice for her students and she simply said, "Don't give up".



Senior Spotlight

By Julieauna Marson



Name
Tabitha Scott

Favorite teacher:
Mr. Self
Favorite subject:
History

About me

Tabitha came to Varnum during her sophomore year. After high school, Scott plans on attending ECU and majoring in biology. Scott's favorite memory from high school is all of her times with Mvhayv, Hailey, and Nateligh, "Nat".

Family/accomplishments

Father: Johnson Scott/Isaiha Wind
Mother: Samantha Wisdom
Siblings: Cedric Scott, Hezekiah Williams, Jeremiah Harjo
Accomplishments: Never got below an A!

Congratulation class of 2024!

A VERY WHIPPET HALLOWEEN



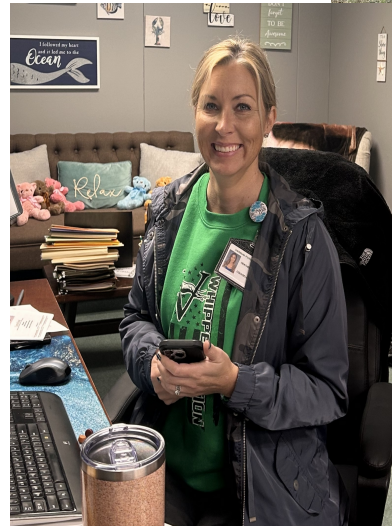
Two Truths and a Lie

By Julieauna Marson

Ms. Hill
 Her favorite color is turquoise.
 She has been a coach for two years.
 Her height is 5'4.



Did you guess the lie? **Lies are in red.**



Ms. White
 Her grandpa fought in Pearl Harbor.
 She loves shrimp.
 Her aunt was born in Bermuda.



Mr. C
 He has worked as a radio DJ.
 He has worked as a security guard.
 He has worked as a bricklayer.

Dear Whippet

Dear Whippet,
 Thank you for writing to us, your question was "How to set boundaries when someone is being pushy". We understand that this is something difficult and irritating to go through. The first thing we would like you to be aware of is setting boundaries for yourself. This isn't an impossible thing to overcome so don't stress over it. One way to set boundaries for yourself are openly communicating your boundaries to people in your life. Don't be afraid to remind people if needed and say "no" to things that don't serve you. After you've finished setting these boundaries for yourself, we can work on the next thing. Firstly, communicate with this person through text or in person about what you're going to do but not what they should do because it can cause conflict. Make it about you and your limits, not about them or what's best for them. This conversation can bring a lot of discomfort, but that's normal. Thank you for writing to us again Whippet, we want to bring you as much comfort and company as possible.