

Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright & Montana Goad



Affirmations

by Calora Cain

I've got this, and nothing can hold me back!

In my uniqueness, I find strength. I am enough.

Kindness is my nature.

I rise to challenges with grace and courage.

One step at a time. Persistence leads to success.

Helping others brings joy and purpose to my life.

Within me are all the tools I need for a fulfilled life.

Every day, I learn. Every day, I grow.

Gratitude fills my heart. Today, I am thankful.

With love and passion, I pursue what I adore.

I see the best in others and myself.

Endless opportunities await me. This moment is mine, and I am fully present.

Breathe. Trust. Live.

Challenges are lessons. What can I learn from this?

Current Events

By Maddy Marson-Compton

Friday the 17th

Virtual Day

Monday the 30th- Friday the 24th

Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday the 28th

1st-4th Basketball @ Justice 5-6pm

Wednesday the 29th

3rd-6th vs Wewoka 9-10am

Thursday the 30th

3rd-6th vs New Lima 9-10am

7th/8th @ Moss 6-7pm

Friday the 1st

HS vs Pittsburgh 6:30-7:30pm

Lunch Menu

Monday- Corndog, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Side Salad, Fruit, Milk

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

Wednesday- Frito Chili Pie, Chili Beans, Side Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday- Cheeseburger, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Fun Facts

By Emma Bruce

Owls can't move their eyes.

Porcupines can float.

Octopi have 9 brains.

Caterpillars have 12 eyes.

Kangaroos can't walk backwards.

Cockroaches have white blood.

Sharks don't have bones.

Some species of fish can cough.

Cats can't taste sweet things.

Gorillas burp when they're happy.

The week following

Thanksgiving Break the WW will be taking the week off. We will be resuming with Issue 13 on December 8th. Sorry for any inconvenience and have a great break!

E-Sports

By Calora Cain

Sophomore Calora Cain interviewed Kal Marcel for this week's Esports article and asked them a couple of questions. When asked what their favorite part about being in Esports is, they answered excitedly saying that it's getting to experience playing games they don't get to at home. Even though Marcel is a backup and isn't a part of one of the first string teams they are still delighted to be there for the team and support them from afar. Kal's favorite game of all time is WolfQuest: Anniversary Edition. In total they has 167.2 hours of playtime. Not to mention Marcel earned an impressive 46 out of 88 achievements in it. They are incredibly serious about it. This season Kal is really looking forward to getting the chance to play as a team member with the rest; even if it would only be filling in for someone else. Still the opportunity would mean so much to Kal. Marcel is big on the idea of implementing multi player games to play. Believing that it would add more of an interactive feeling. It would also open the doors to more teamwork and competitive sides. They hope to acquire a switch to start playing with the rest of the group. Marcel's gaming system of choice is PC.

It's the only one they currently operate. In Kal's opinion PC is easier to use and more suitable for the variety of games they prefers to play. In 2015 Marcel was inspired by the first video of WolfQuest they watched on Youtube. That sparked a major interest in gaming that Kal has carried into the present day. That means at the ripe age of 9 Marcel fell in love with gaming. When asked who their favorite person to go head to head against is, Marcel cheerfully answered with Myles Ware. Kal stated that Myles is very fun to play with and can be quite competitive. When playing together there are always laughs and smiles all around. There is never tension between them even when one loses. In Kal's opinion E-Sports is super fun and interactive. It's something that they can't wait to keep pursuing.



Basketball

By Myhayv Salceda

The week of November 6th was another great week of games for the Varnum Whippets. For JH basketball, the Lady Whippets and Whippets continued playing the LRC tournament. The girls played wonderfully. With them playing strong, they placed 3rd in the tournament. The boys played awesome as well. Unfortunately they lost, but they tried extremely hard. They placed 2nd in the tournament. They did not leave empty handed though. The boys got a plaque and each got an individual medal to take home. On Monday, they played Roff. Again, wonderful games! The score for the girls was 34-19. What a great game. The score on the boys was 31-25. So proud of the teams. They will both play on Wednesday vs. Dewar at home, starting at 1:00pm. They will also play Thursday vs. New Lima at home, starting at 6:00p.m.

For HS basketball, the Lady Whippets and Whippets played wonderful games. Against Mason, the girls won 68-17. What a blowout! The boys did well also. The score was 100-55. Isn't that awesome? I am so proud of them both. On Friday November 10, both teams played well. The girls played a very great game. They won 60-29. The boys put up a great fight and did not give up. Sadly, they lost 62-57. All their peers and I are very proud of them. For the week of November 13th, they will both play Roff and Pittsburg. I hope you all had a wonderful week. I hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving break!



Baby Picture Round-Up

by Faith Cornett & Maddyson Marson

Can you match these baby Whippets with their high school selves?

Devyn Fullbright



Maryn "Roxy" Lofton



Annakaren Prieto

Staff Bios

by Dazia McCulley



For this week's Staff Bios I chose to interview Sora Burris. She is a teacher aide in the pre-k classroom and loves it. She chose the path of becoming a teacher because her family had been teachers and wanted to follow their footsteps. She absolutely loves being a Varnum whippet. Her favorite thing about Varnum is her favorite people she gets to see, Ms. Amber, Mrs. Jolee, Dazia, and Patience. Her academic background consists of college credits and a certificate in mastery. If she could do anything differently for the school she would like to change a bunch of things but getting a vending machine would definitely be number one. She says people see her as awesome and funny. She doesn't have a discipline style because she lets Ms. Amber handle it. Her motivational words to the students are to "keep pushing, don't give up, keep chasing your dreams and you are not alone". A challenge she faces while being part of the school is trying to get her bus license. She does not have any kids but does have a ton of nephews and nieces that she loves dearly. She is currently single. She has been part of Varnum for four years.

Senior Spotlight

By Julieauna Marson



Name

Lillian Phillips

Favorite teacher:

Hailey Self

Favorite subject:

English

About me

Lillian Phillips came to Varnum in second grade. After high school, Phillips plans on going to college to become a pharmacist. Phillips's favorite memory from high school is all and any memory with Mrs. Self.

Family/accomplishments

Father: Wes Phillips

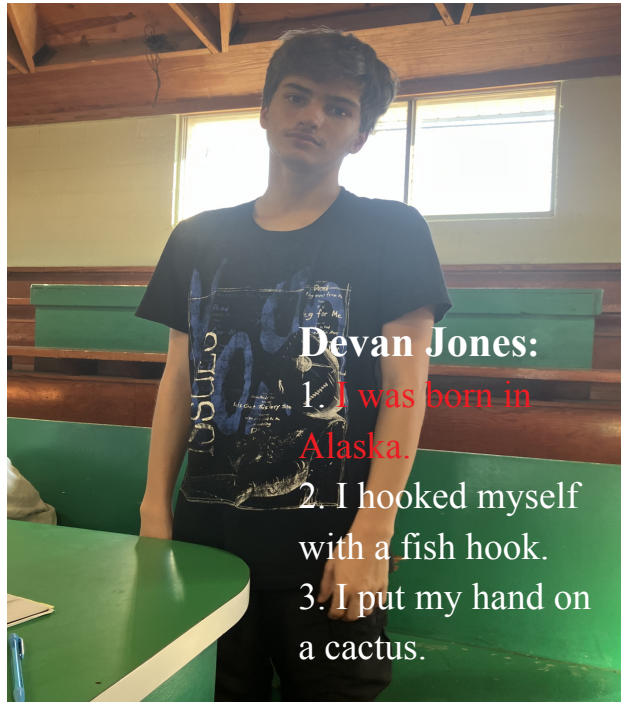
Mother: Amber Young

Siblings: Austin Phillips, Skydar Anson, Bryce Hair

Congratulation class of
2024!

Two Truths and a Lie

By Maddy Marson-Compton



Lies are in red.

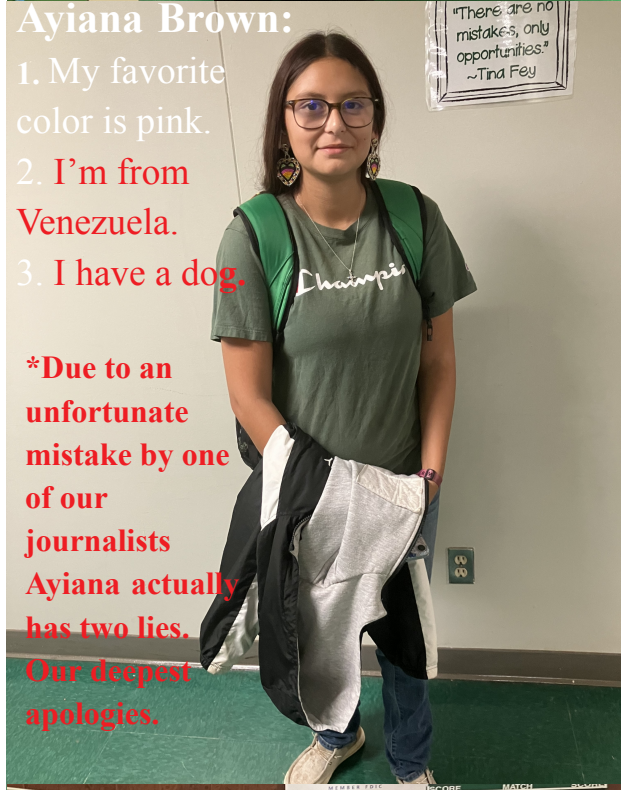
Devan Jones:

1. I was born in Alaska.
2. I hooked myself with a fish hook.
3. I put my hand on a cactus.

Ayiana Brown:

1. My favorite color is pink.
2. I'm from Venezuela.
3. I have a dog.

*Due to an unfortunate mistake by one of our journalists Ayiana actually has two lies. Our deepest apologies.



Micah Eversole:

1. I'm not good at basketball.
2. I'm 5'11.
3. I was born in Montana.

Veteran's Day

By Maddie Schatz

Every year Veterans Day commemorates Armistice Day that took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 to end World War 1. The reason why we celebrate is to thank the soldiers that brought peace and freedom to our country, they fought the "war to end all wars". Some of us have grandparents, parents, children and other family members that have served our country. Make sure to always let them know you're grateful for their service and the freedom they have brought upon our country. The top two biggest wars in America's history are the American Civil War and Vietnam.

The most awarded soldier of Vietnam was Jorge A. Otero Baretto earning 38 military decorations during his career. Not to mention he received a lot of recognition from numerous organizations and has had buildings named after him. We hope you all enjoyed the Veterans Day Program and had a wonderful Veterans Day.



Dear Whippet

Dear Whippet,

Thank you for writing to us. Your question was "How do I become a good listener?". Being a good listener is all about focusing on what another person is saying and actively engaging with his or her ideas in a thoughtful way. The key to becoming a good listener is simply listening without judging, or jumping to conclusions. However, I understand that it's not always a simple or easy task. Not always being able to address a conversation in that manner doesn't make you a bad listener, it just means that you may not feel the same way the person speaking does. On the other hand, what makes you a bad listener is interrupting or speaking over others. There are many manners that some people do that aren't good listening habits. Such as, planning what you will say next when the other person is still speaking. or thinking about other things entirely until it's your turn to talk. matching every story they tell with your own, 'better' version. Having said all this, there are of course ways to 'fix' being a bad listener. A super easy way is to find someone or a group that you trust and tell them that you are trying to become a better listener. Explain the ways you may be struggling and ask questions about if there are any habits that you have. There could be some that you may not even be aware of. Ask them to hold you accountable in conversations and eventually you will catch on when you do it yourself. The more you practice the easier it will be for you to catch yourself and it's less likely you will do it again. Working to fix bad habits takes time but it's something that is worth the effort. Later down the line it will really help you out. Don't be afraid to start working towards fixing them. It is never too late to get started.

Calliope's Corner

By Calora Cain

Light a candle to eradicate darkness,
 Breathe out your fear and achieve calmness.
 The journey of life will have hardships,
 Struggle each day and bolster your grips.
 You may not always cross the bridge of your
 insecurities,
 Sometimes all you need to do is scrutinize your
 possibilities.
 The clouds may turn from blue to black,
 But rainbows will be colorful and all things will be
 on track.
 Empower and embolden those immersing limits,
 Detach from what destroys you to build that
 bohemian spirit.
 The road may get slippery and you may fall,
 Use your efforts to get up and forget it all.
 Life is a gift just breathe and believe,
 Start from where you stopped and you will feel
 relieved.

-Manisha Sharma

This week's poetry is all about success.
"Do the best you can until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better."
-Maya Angelou.

The Key To Success

The key to success
 Is to make things happen
 Never settle for less
 Just thrive on taking action
 Keep your head up always
 Do not let anyone stand in your way
 Focus on positive things
 As you live day to day

-Ronell Warren Alman

Success

To laugh often and love much;
 To win the respect of intelligent
 persons
 And the affection of children;
 To earn the appreciation of honest
 citizens
 And endure the betrayal of false
 friends;
 To appreciate beauty;
 To find the beauty in others;
 To leave the world a bit better,
 Whether by a healthy child
 A garden patch or a redeemed
 social condition;
 To have played and laughed with
 enthusiasm and sung with
 exultation.
 To know even one life has
 breathed easier because you lived
 This is to have succeeded!
 -Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE WHIPPET WEEKLY - JADELAN CARTWRIGHT

Sweater Weather

Once the autumn weather hits, fashion lovers feel a change in the air. That change is officially here. Sweaters, boots, turtlenecks, all timeless fall fashion staples. Some clothes provide utility, some cover up, while others evoke a mood. A good chunky sweater is always a mood.

Even without a pattern, you should never underestimate the power of basics! Deeper toned leather is a good way to dress up a basic. Stay warm, and stylish, with a pair of Doc Martens. Boots aren't your thing? No worries. Try a pair of UGGs to keep it more casual. Don't be shy of some fur either, the sheepskin UGG slippers shown below are adorable and trendy for this year's fall season.





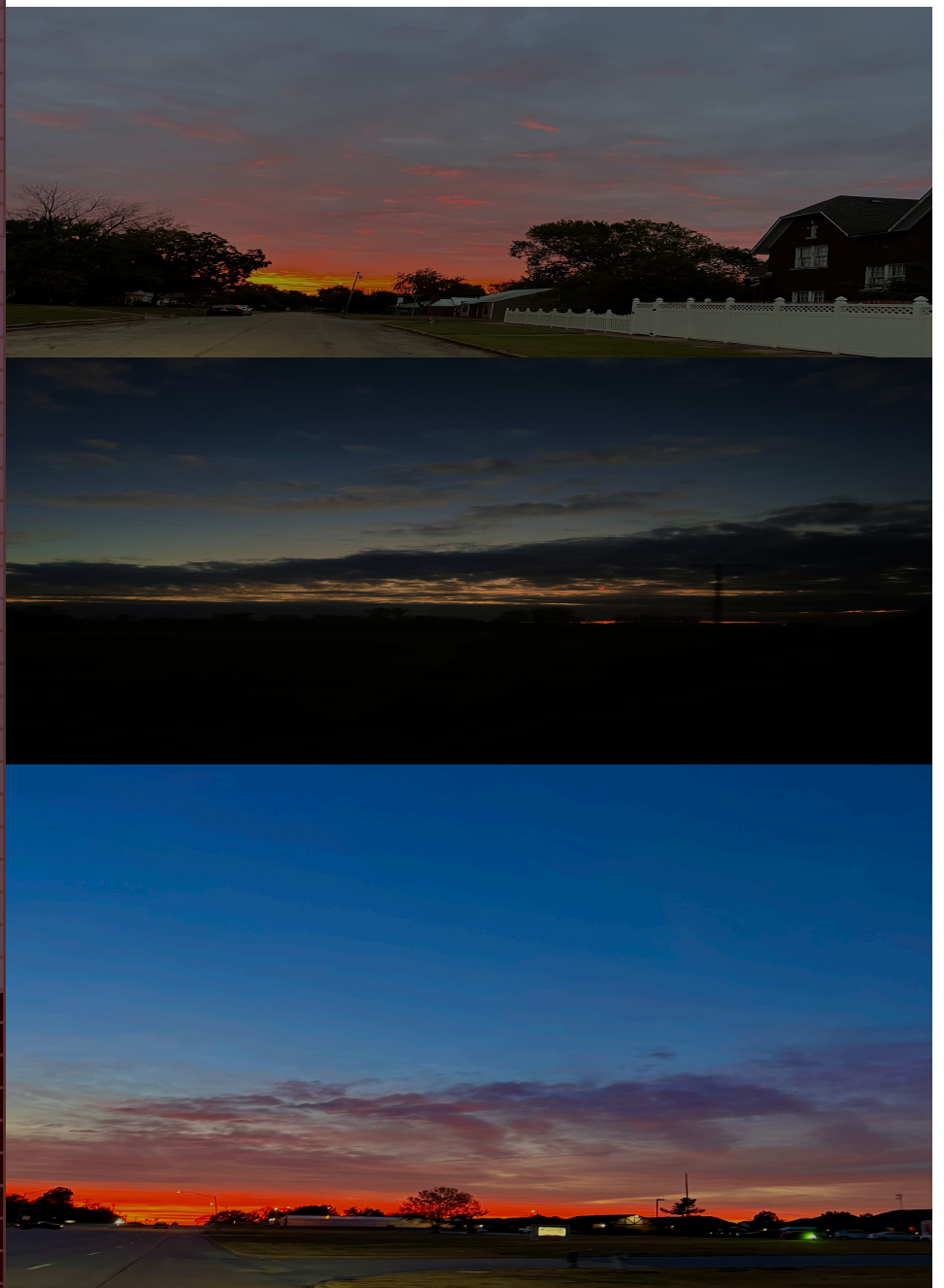
Outfit inspo




Varnum Vogue

Nature Photography

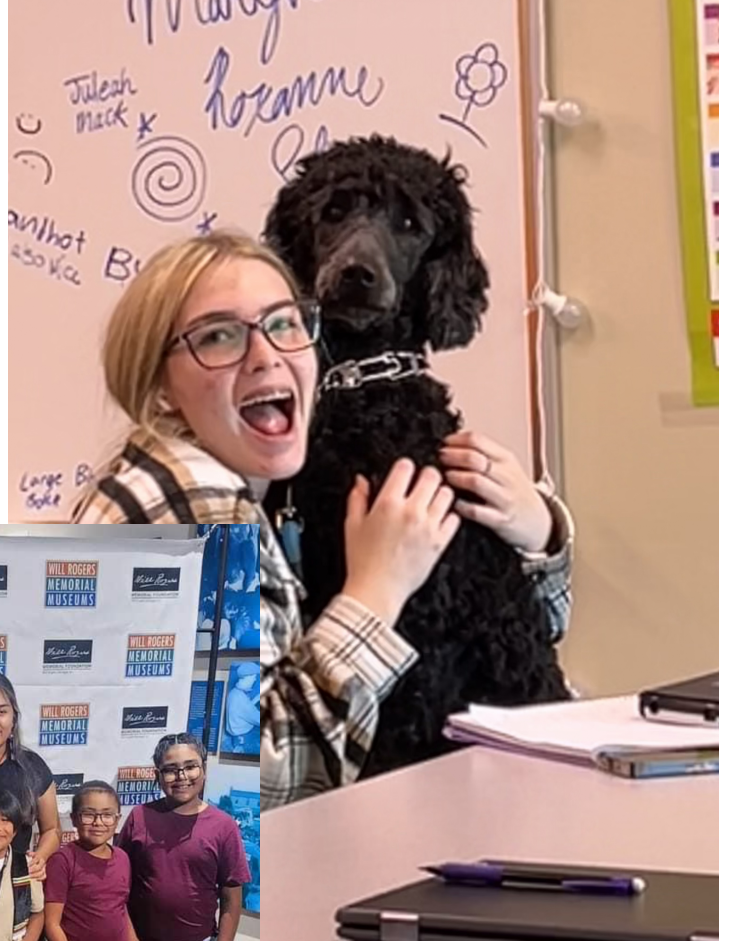
By Mvhayv Salceda





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