

## Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright



### Affirmations

by Calora Cain

I am succeeding in life.

I know I can achieve anything I want in life.

Prosperity flows to and through me.

I will succeed by attracting people who can help me.

I know a positive attitude can bring me success.

I am full of vitality.

My confidence, positive attitude, and self-belief are my biggest assets to take me a step closer to my success.

I am happy with who I am and can be.

Today I am going to bid farewell to old bad habits and welcome a positive change in my life.

I am worthy enough to follow my dreams and manifest my desires.

Today I am prepared for success, love, happiness, peace, joy, and abundance!

### Current Events

By Montana Goad

Feb 28 — Mar 2 All Day

Basketball State Tournament Feb 28 — Mar 2

Mar 1 All Day

No School Mar 1

Mar 8 All Day

End of 3rd 9 weeks Mar 8

Mar 8 All Day

Virtual Day Mar 8

Mar 11 6:00 PM — 7:00 PM

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Mar 11

Mar 13 12:30 PM — 2:00 PM

SSC Recruitment for Juniors and Seniors Mar 13

Mar 14 12:30 PM — 1:30 PM

FOCUS for Juniors and Seniors Mar 14

Mar 15 All Day

No School Mar 15

### Fun Facts

By Emma Bruce

James Naismith invented basketball.

The NBA is a seventy seven-year-old organization born from innovation with thirty teams. It has twenty-nine teams in the U.S and one team in Canada.

Basketball used to be played with a different ball.

Michael Jordan paid fines for wearing Jordan's.

The first basketball game in Europe was arranged by Mel Rideout in Paris.

The First Recorded African-American Coach Appeared in 1966.

The standard size court for both college and the NBA is 94 feet long by 50 feet, or 4,700 sq ft.

**There should be a wonderful article here, but because of some issues and missed connections with the staff member the journalist failed to submit an article. Our deepest apologies; better luck next week! Here's this year's baseball schedule instead**

## Elementary April

By Emma Bruce

### Varnum Whippets Spring Baseball 2024 March

5	Asher	JH	Away	5/3	4:30
7	Grove	JH	Home	5/3	4:30
7	Wetumka	HS	Away	7	4:30
8	Mulhall-Orlando	HS	Away	7	5:00
11	Tushka	HS	Home	7/5	4:30
12	Sasakwa	JH/HS	Home	5/7	4:30
14-15	Union City Festival	HS	Away		TBA
18	Preston (Spring Break)	HS	Home	7/5	4:30
19	Porter/ Afton (Spring Break)	HS	Away	7/7	4:00
6:00					
22	Vanoss/ Red Oak	HS	Home	7/7	12:00 4:00
25	Meeker	HS	Home	7	4:30
26	South Rock Creek	JH	Home	5/3	4:30
28-30	LRC Tournament	HS			TBA

1	Strother	HS	Home	7	4:00
1	Prague	JH	Away	5/5	4:30
2	Stonewall	HS	Home	7	4:30
4-6	Moss Tournament	HS	Away		
TBA					
8	Moss	JH/HS	Home	5/7	4:30
9	Earlsboro	HS	Home	7	4:30
11-13	Varnum JH Tournament	JH			
Home					TBA
15	Union City	HS	Away	7/5	4:30
16	Wellston	JH/HS	Away	5/7	
4:30					
18-19	District Tournament	HS			
TBA					TBA
22	Grove	JH	Away	5/5	4:30
23	Prague	JH	Home	5/5	4:30
25-27	Regional Tournament	HS			
TBA					TBA
May 2-4	State Tournament	HS			TBA
TBA					

## Basketball

By Myhayv Salceda

Welcome back Whippets! This week was also an emotional rollercoaster. For the girls' first game, we had a tough fight, but we pulled off the win against Ryan Cowgirls. It was a great game, and we were one step closer to the area championship. The final score was 65 to 42! Then, we played the Chattanooga Lady Warriors. This was another tough battle. Most of our shots weren't hitting, but we continued playing with enthusiasm, because again we knew we were one step closer to the area championship. With great work, we won 42 to 36. Then, it was the boys' game turn to play their first round of the area tournament. We played against Duke. This was the toughest game we have played yet. Duke was full of skilled individuals. Sadly, we lost 74 to 45, but losing is a part of the game. We continued playing, extremely excited. We had a couple of great shots, with Micah Eversole getting a buzzer beater three at the end of the fourth quarter. Luckily, we were still in the tournament and got a second chance due to double elimination. Now, it was the girls' area consolation game, the last game, the game that indicates if their season is over. This was our chance to make it to state. The Lady Whippets have been in the area finals for 9 consecutive years! This was a tough game against Mt. View Gotebo. It was a one point game all the way to half time. We kept up with them the whole time, they were just good 3-point shooters. The halftime score was 32 to 31. We had a tough last half. We tried to keep up, but again they were knocking down 3's like it was nothing. Unfortunately we lost 71 to 53. The Lady Whippets had a great season. All the memories are made with Hailey Mack hitting her 1,000 and 1,500 points,

us winning the LRC championship, and celebrating many victories. Now, for the boys. We met up with Asher Indians again, and if you remember we lost. The Indians are a group of talented young men, but this time they were not as talented as us! We went shot for shot again. It was unbelievable seeing the Whippets play how they did. They were dedicated and stayed locked in the whole game. The boys played an amazing game. We won 56 to 43. We are Area Consolation Champions. We are going to the "Big House!" Thank you for reading this week's article! Come back next week for my final basketball article of the year to see the outcome of the State Tournament! "Let's get this bread!"



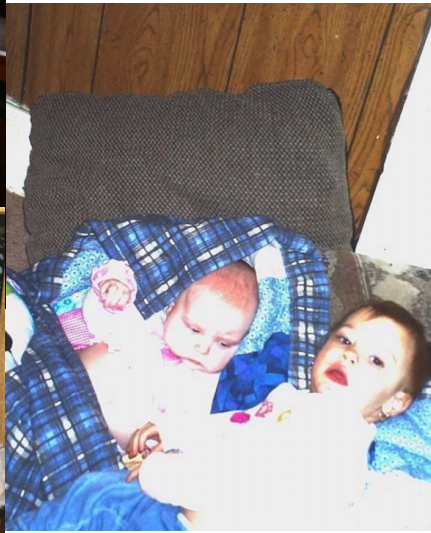
## Baby Picture Round-Up

by Faith Cornett

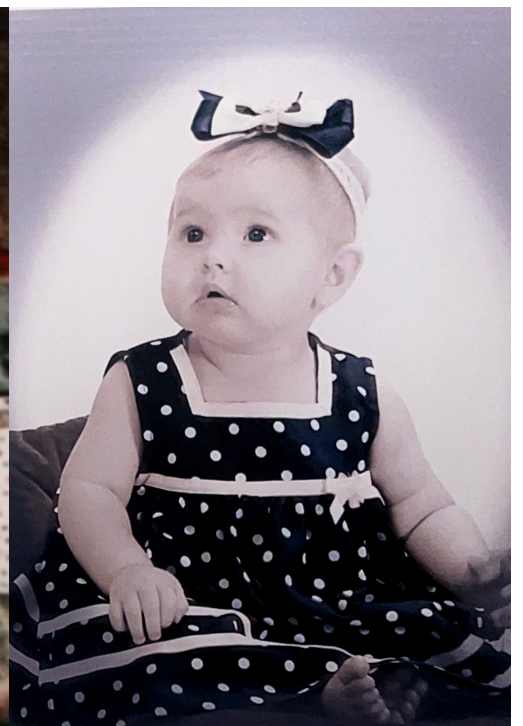
Can you correctly match these Whippet sibling pairs with their current selves?



Austin & Lillian  
Phillips



Maddyson &  
Julieauna  
Marson



Ms. Smith & Jadelan Cartwright

### Staff Bios

by Dazia McCulley

For this week's staff bios I interviewed Coach Tyler Miller. He became a coach/teacher because his dad had a huge impact on him growing up seeing the way he did things and how much he loved his job. He has always had a love for the sports baseball and basketball which he always paid close attention to details on both sports. When Miller was finished with high school he wanted to continue being part of the game which he wanted to make it a career. He loves being a Varnum Whippet he always has been and always will be. He said some say he "bleeds green" which he says "I would definitely say that's true". He loves the people and culture of Varnum along with the personal small school feel that Varnum gives you when you walk through the front door. He teaches Social Studies at the middle school and high school level. He is also our head

baseball coach! Miller has his high school diploma from Varnum and a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from East Central University. He wouldn't do anything differently for the school he said "I feel like I'm right where I want to be". He would like to think people see him as an educator that demands respect and shows up everyday ready to help students and players learn something. He feels like his discipline style is to make sure his students and players are doing things the right way and to show up ready to work and if they are not it will be addressed. His motivational words are "Great work ethic and being coachable is a talent and will lead you to success. Natural talent and skills are worthless without those two attributes". A challenge Miller had to overcome was not being the biggest, nor the most athletic, or even the smartest throughout his High school career and he deemed it a big success all things considered. He has three beautiful children ages two, four and six. Brooks Holt, Molli Wren and Rhett Lee Miller. He is married to his beautiful wife Jolee and they have been married for seven years. They got together during college and while he had just started his coaching career at Varnum. He proposed to her following a Varnum baseball game at home plate. He has been part of Varnum his entire life. His dad took the girls basketball job in 1985, ten years before he was born. He attended Varnum from pre-k all the way to his senior year and he has worked at Varnum for eight years now. We thank you Coach Miller for letting us interview you!

### Journalist of The Week

By Julieauna Marson

*Hello I'm*  
**MADDYSON  
MARSON**

Born: 09/06/07  
Age: 16 years old

This week's  
journalist

## ABOUT ME

On behalf of the Varnum journalism class we would like to present this week's journalist of the week, Maddyson Marson. Marson enjoys hanging out with her friends, being in journalism and going to school games. "I didn't think I'd win, I'm humbled to have this opportunity." Marson states. This is her first in journalism, she plans to continue this class in the future. Marson loves the colors green and red. Marson has been on multiple of are articles, she is a very reliable scholar.

## Two Truths & A Lie

By Faith Cornett



### Julieauna Marson

- 1. I'm going to college for nursing.
- 2. My favorite color is yellow.
- 3. I was born in OKC.



### Calora Cain

- 1. I lived in Texas as a kid.
- 2. I naturally have black hair.
- 3. I'm 5'1.



### Maddyson Marson

- 1. I'm always super energetic.
- 2. I love slushies.
- 3. I like camping.

## Celebrity Look Alikes

By Julieauna Marson



## Dear Whippet

*Dear Whippet,*

**There should be a lovely article here, but because of some issues the journalist failed to submit an article. Our deepest appologies; better luck next week!**

*Goodbye,  
Dear Whippet.♥*

**Success**

Take time to work,  
 It is the price of success.  
 Take time to think,  
 It is the source of power.  
 Take time to play,  
 It is the secret of perpetual youth.  
 Take time to read,  
 It is the foundation of knowledge.  
 Take time to share,  
 Life is too short to be selfish.  
 Take time to laugh,  
 Laughter is the music of the soul.  
 Take time to love and be loved,  
 Love gives life meaning.  
 Take time to be friendly,  
 It is the road to happiness.

**-Unknown**

**This week's corner  
 is all about  
 success. :)**  
**“Whatever you  
 choose to do in life,  
 do it with all your  
 heart.” -unknown**

**About Success**

Success is speaking words of praise,  
 In cheering other people's ways.  
 In doing just the best you can,  
 With every task and every plan.

**-Unknown**

**Calliope's Corner**

By Calora Cain  
**Succeeded**

To laugh often and love much,  
 To win the respect of intelligent persons and  
 the affection of children;  
 To earn the approbation of honest critics and  
 the endure  
 The betrayal of false friends.  
 To appreciate beauty;  
 To find the best in others;  
 To give oneself;  
 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 that even one life has breathed  
 easier because you have lived;  
 This is to have succeeded.

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**The Road To Success**

The road to success is steep and long  
 Full of challenges, where you must be  
 strong  
 With each step forward, keep your vision  
 clear  
 Success is the destination, have no fear  
 Embrace the struggles, learn from each fall  
 Rise again, for success is a call  
 Preserve with passion, let your dream  
 guide  
 Success is earned, not just a side

**Out Of Our Hands**

The world prizes possession **-Unknown**  
 As a yardstick of success  
 Adulating those with plenty  
 And bearing those with less  
 But perhaps this view is folly  
 And what sets us apart  
 Is not the things we own  
 But those we hold in our hearts.

**-Unknown**

# Varnum Vogue: Gyaru Edition

With winter coming to an end, and spring and summer just around the corner, what better time is there to talk about summer fashion?

**Gyaru, a derivation of the word "gal," is a blanket term describing a particular fashion subculture in Japan. The style has seen many evolutions, changes, and break-offs into subgroups since the 1980s when the term was first coined. Kuro gyaru is the bright, beachy style of gyaru, pictured here. With artificially deep tanned skin and bleached hair, this style is hard to miss. Makeup of this style tends to use white around the eyes and on the lips, and brighter shades of color pops of color on the eyeshadow. Also, decorations such as glitter or flowers, such as hibiscus flower stickers, are added under the eyes. In general, the kuro gyaru refers to girls with lightly dyed hair, heavy make-up, little clothing, and matching attitude.**

article by Jadelan Cartwright

**Nature Photography**

By Mvhayv Salceda

Photos submitted this week by Mvhayv Salceda & Bre Holahta







