

## Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright & Montana Goad

**SHOWING HEADS**

Patience

Dazia

Jadelan

Maegan

Lillian

*Let's see your prom dresses, lady Whippets!*

### Affirmations

by Calora Cain  
I am loved.

I believe in myself.

I am brave.

All my problems have solutions.

I am capable.

I am happy.

I am proud of myself.

I can do anything.

Every day is a fresh start.

I am a good friend.

I am always learning and growing.

I am worthy.

I can make a difference.

I make good choices.

I only compare myself to myself.

I radiate confidence.

Mistakes are how I learn.

My dreams are achievable.

Every part of me is beautiful.

### Current Events

By Emma Bruce

APRIL 29

LUNCH TIME

The Freshman Pie in the Face Contest Results

MAY 1

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Jump Rope Competition  
Reynolds Wellness Center

MAY 2

ALL DAY

ACT Makeup Testing

MAY 3

ALL DAY

No School



### Fun Facts

By Maddyson Marson-Compton  
Over 240 million car tires are discarded each year.

Porsche's first car, in 1898, was electric.

Dubai has the world's fastest police car.

In 1941, Henry Ford made a car out of soybeans

Hitler, while in prison, wrote a letter to a Mercedes dealership for a car loan

Road traffic accidents kill more people around the world than malaria

Almost 95% of a car's lifetime is spent parked

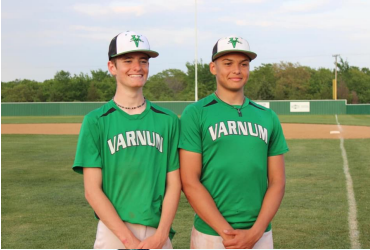
The average car has 30,000 parts  
The top speed at the world's first real automobile race in 1895 was just 15 miles per hour

92% of all newly sold cars in Brazil use ethanol as fuel, produced from sugarcane

It would take less than 6 months to get to the Moon by car at 60 miles per hour

### Baseball

This week the Junior Varsity Baseball team played their last game of the season. We wish our two eighth graders Kamell Stewart and Cooper Smith further success in their high school careers. This morning the Varsity Whippets lost their first game of Regional play to Ft. Cobb/Broxton and they play again this evening.



### E-Sports

By Emma Bruce

Freshman Emma Bruce interviewed fellow freshman Michael McMillan. McMillan's favorite thing about being a member of the E-Sports club is gaming with the people around him. He prefers the Nintendo Switch gaming console and has no particular expectations for the season. McMillan has been interested in E-Sports from a young age and started playing games at three. He was thrilled to be asked these questions and expressed his admiration for the E-Sports coach, Zachery Self. He likes that Mr. Self plays games with them and finds him to be an inspiring person. His favorite person to compete with in E-Sports is Coach Self.



### Track

By Montana Goad



## Baby Picture Round-Up

by Maddyson Marson-Compton  
 Can you correctly match these little Whippets with their current selves?



Little Whippet 1



Little Whippet 2



Little Whippet 3

## Staff Bios

by Dazia McCulley

For this week's staff bios I interviewed the one and only Mr.Horn. He started off wanting to be a lawyer and he needed a degree to fall back on which he chose math since he was decent at it. His son was also starting school around the time along with one of his buddies telling him not to become a lawyer along with the thought of being with his son all day so he decided on becoming a teacher here at Varnum. He does love being a Varnum Whippet because his whole career has been here. His favorite thing about Varnum is the people, meaning the students. He loves our family here at Varnum. Mr.Horn is our middle school math and science teacher along with our financial literacy for our high school students. He graduated with a bachelors in science elementary education, middle school math endorsement, he also has a coaching certification. If he could do anything differently for the school he would make the school better by making the gyms better or the food, really anything the students want here at Varnum he would fix it. He thinks people see him in the school as old and been here forever but my personal opinion is that he's easy to approach and nice. His discipline style is calm, he wants to trust everybody and give them a chance but if you break that chance that's when he has to be more strict. His motivational words for the students are "Work really hard when you're young so when you get older you don't have to work as hard". A challenge Mr.Horn had overcome was to know how to embrace the students who struggle a little more than others. He has one kid, two grandchildren and has been together with his wife for 47 years! He has been part of Varnum for 32 years and he loves it. He works really hard for our school and always tries his best to make it look nice, he and his students will go out and pick up trash or paint to help within our school. Thank you Mr.Horn for letting us interview you and we love having you here!



## Prom

By Julieauna Marson



## Two Truths & A Lie

By Faith Cornett



**Annakaren**

**1. I don't speak spanish.**

- 2. I crochet.
- 3. I was born in Ada.

**Coach Hadley**

- 1. I used to work at Sonic.
- 2. I have caught a live alligator with my hands.

**3. I was born in Southeast Oklahoma.**

Can you tell these Whippets' lies from truths?  
**The lies are in red.**



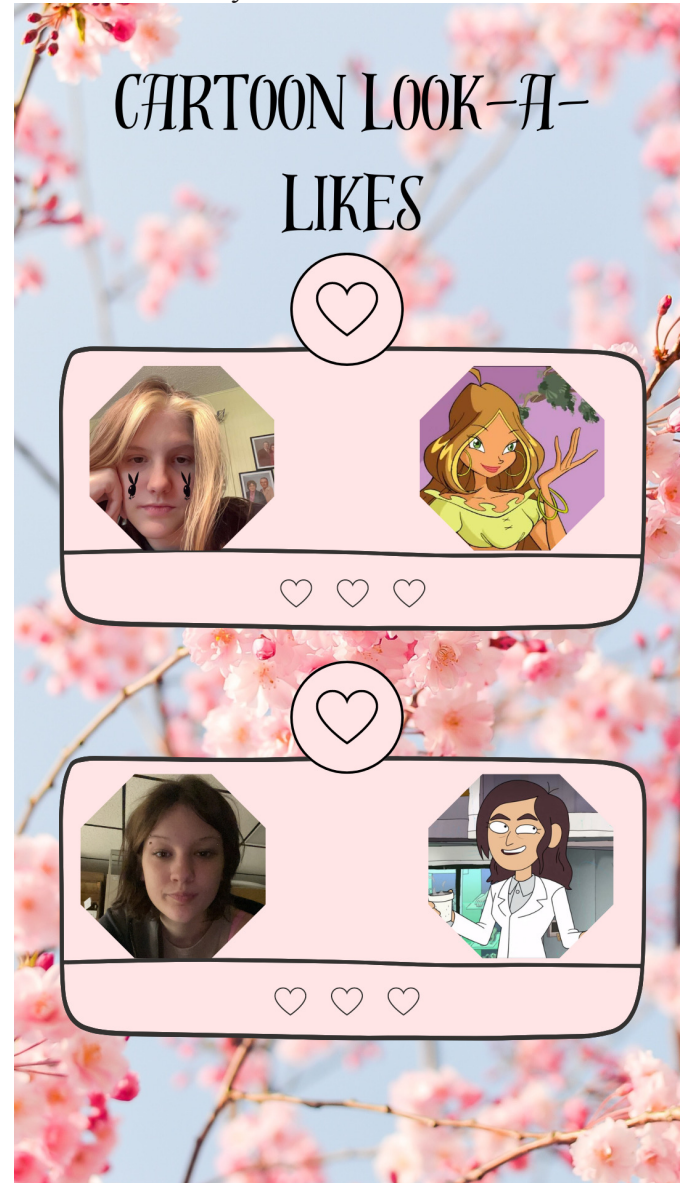
**Ashlynn**

- 1. Born in Ohio
- 2. Favorite game is Fable
- 3. I have green eyes.**



## Look-Alikes

By Julieauna Marson



## Elementary Section

By Mvhayv Salceda

For the week's elementary section, I would like to brag on Mrs. Macsas' first grade. Not a single one of them have missed the deadline to complete their A.R Goal for the whole year. They have also already completed the goal for this semester. We are all so proud of them. If you see them in the halls you should let them know how proud you are of them for how amazing they are! You can also see a few silly faces if you look close enough!



(Not pictured: Toni-Marie James & Harper Dienes)

## Dear Whippet

*Dear Whippet,*

**There should be a lovely advice column here, but this journalist dropped the ball this week. Our deepest apologies hopefully Dear Whippet will return next week.**

*Goodbye, Dear Whippet. ♡*

### Calliope's Corner

By Calora Cain

#### Coming to be that age

Holding the universe as the end of my  
ball point  
It's like my heart talked and my hands  
just listened,  
Then walked gently down the page  
Like strolling pass the stage the  
graduation  
Like my poems coming of age

By Darrin McMiller Jr.

#### Coming Of Age

Another step forward  
Two steps back  
Maturing too quickly  
Childhood is gone in a flash  
An innocent smile  
Never quite reaching her eyes  
Lines on her forehead  
A picture of her past  
Loving again

But never quite as fast  
Looking for purpose

But blind to what is right in front of her

Searching for happiness  
But passing him by  
Finally it dawns  
She loves him

Finally a smile that reaches her eyes  
She is happy with her coming of age.

By Winter Coulter

This week's corner is all about coming of age.

“Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional.” - Walt Disney

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind it, it won't matter.” - Mark Twain

#### “Now, where has my childhood gone?”

My childhood was sunshine,  
summer days,  
pool,  
book,  
trees,  
It was yellow dandelion, carpet lawn  
and endless blue and green  
as far as I could see  
standing on my tiptoes  
on a swing in the backyard  
jumping down onto smooth soft summer  
grass  
in the flat calm ivy-colored sea

It was stars on the night sky  
like stars on my ceiling,  
hair floating up around me with my dreams,  
pulling me out the open window  
into air,  
into indigo,  
into midnight blue, nail-polish painted sky  
on the sweet-smelling cedar easel,  
in the dark room,  
where I come sometimes  
to touch the beginning with butterfly-soft  
fingers

My childhood was hide and seek,  
shut up in closets,  
smiling,  
laughing,  
giggling,  
yelling tag you're it,  
as it touched board game movers  
and pushed them  
one  
two  
three  
around boards colored like rainbows  
that I rode around the world  
and into the universe

Now my childhood is two yellow foam  
blocks  
asking me,  
“Why?”  
“Where?”  
but I don't know why it's gone  
or where it's gone to,  
all I know is that I'm not ready,  
but here I come.

By Z Trista Davis

## Varnum Vogue ROCKABILLY EDITION

Rockabilly, sometimes called "Pin-up" or "Gothabilly," is a style of dress that takes inspiration from 1950s American rock and roll culture. It is characterized by bright colors, bold prints, and often a mix of vintage and modern elements. From vibrant dresses and jumpsuits to leather jackets and high-heels, Rockabilly stands out. As the name suggests, it all started with music. It's a mixture of rock and roll, hillbilly, western fifties, and punk, all mixed into one! Movies like "Cry Baby" and "Grease" are great examples of this fashion!

But what about the hair? Rockabilly hair is always dramatic. Common colors are jet black, bright red, or bleach blonde. Anything that will stand out! The most noticeable hair style in rockabilly is definitely the bumper bangs and the pin-up curls. Any 50s inspired hair was the desired look!

## Nature Photography-Animal Edition

By Mvhayv Salceda  
Photos submitted this week by Mvhayv Salceda & Maddyson Marson-Compton

Article by Jadelan Cartwright



*Prom Queen and King Seniors  
Maddie Hinkle and Traiah  
Wind*





