



# The Whippet Weekly



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Talking Heads by Maddie Schatz & Mvhayv "Bau" Salceda

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## TALKING HEADS

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### Did you have a great summer?

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Reese Gordon:  
"Yeah, I did."



Blayke Kipps:  
"Yes!"



Zuhriah Schneider:  
"Mhm."



Delilah Armitage:  
"Yes!"

Blakeleigh Boyd:  
"Yes!"



Braiz'leigh Mcgee:  
"Yeah..."



### Affirmations by Calora Cain

- #1. I'm confident that there is a bright future ahead of me.
- #2. I have everything I need to succeed.
- #3. I am capable of reaching my goals.
- #4. I have confidence in my ability to make wise decisions.
- #5. I will let go of the things that are not serving me.
- #6. I surround myself with positive people and things.
- #7. I am energized and deserving of happiness.
- #8. I dare to defend myself.
- #9. I'll give up my bad behaviors and embrace some good ones.
- #10. My future ahead is bright and I am

### Schedule by Mvhayv "Bau" Salceda

- Monday August 26, 2024**  
JH Baseball against Dale @ Dale @ 4:30  
JH/HS Softball against Moss @ Moss starting @ 4:30
- Tuesday August 27, 2024**  
JH/HS Baseball against Earlsboro @ Home starting @ 4:30  
JH/HS Softball against Asher @ Home starting @ 4:30
- Thursday August 29, 2024**  
JH Baseball against Stuart & Preston @ Home @ 3:00 & 7:00  
Asher HS Softball Tournament  
HS Baseball starts Santa Fe South Tournament

### Fun Facts By Calora Cain

- #1. Fingerprints of koalas are almost identical to human ones.
- #2. Victorians once used leeches to predict the weather.
- #3. Herrings communicate through farts.
- #4. Only half of a dolphin's brain sleeps when it is sleeping.
- #5. Owls sometimes eat other owls.
- #6. Snakes can not blink.
- #7. A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue.
- #8. Alligators continually grow new sets of teeth to replace old ones.
- #9. Horses can sleep standing up.
- #10. Cats can jump up to 7 times their height.

E-Sports By Mike McMillan Photo By Izabelle Delarosa



*Self understands his lighting and prefers to have his picture taken outside. This face is how he feels about having to retake this picture inside after a flash malfunction with the first one.*

*The flash malfunction in question.*



Zach Self is technology teacher and IT expert here at Varnum, but his passion project is our burgeoning E-Sports team . During his very first season E-Sports faced tough opponents. He claims it to be a “humbling experience” and that it made him “eager to want to be better and more consistent”. We can proudly say that during last year's spring season they did in fact achieve a big win. They played Super Smash Bros and won with a wapping 11-2 points. Mr. Self had their preliminary meeting this week, he hopes for higher turnout this season because he wants to have two teams to play E-Sports with good consistency. He hopes to make it to state someday. This author is part of the team and is hoping to battle on the big screen. E-Sport’s practices are on Mondays and Tuesdays after school and everyone is welcome!

Softball By Abigail "AJ" Jones

**Konawa**-The first game of the season was a home game against Konawa, with the Konawa team winning 14-1 in the high school game.

**The first few weeks of Varnum soft ball has been a strong start with many exciting games in just three weeks**

**Allen**- The second game of the season was an away game against Allen. Both junior high and high school played with the high school Varnum team losing 2-15.

**Okemah/Bowlegs**-The third game was a home game with Okemah, and Bowlegs playing against the junior high team. The Okemah game was a blowout for the Varnum team with a score of 10-2.

The high school Bowlegs game was a close game with a score of 6-5 with Varnum winning in the last inning with 4 runs to win.

**LRC:**

**Mason**- Varnum lost the game against Mason with a score of 15-5.

**Macomb**-high school lost 15-5 but junior high won.

**Paden**- In Paden on Tuesday the high school softball team had a huge success with a knockout victory of 22-1.



### Two Truths and A Lie by Nevaeh Hare

Can you tell the lie from the truth? Check back next week for the answers

Officer Chip Smith

- 1. Has 7 kids (biological & step)
- 2. Was Lincoln County Officer of the year in 2022
- 3. Loves Monster Energy drinks



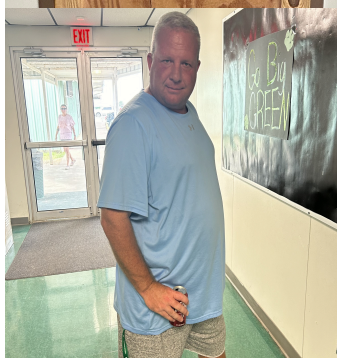
Ms. April Harjo

- 1. Was married at 15
- 2. Attended OSU
- 3. Can make balloon animals.



Mr. Stacy Barton

- 1. Is afraid of spoons
- 2. Played tennis in High School
- 3. Grandpa name is Toe



### Baby Picture Round Up by Madi Lewis

Can you guess who these little Whippets turned out to be? Check back for answers next week.



Baby 1



Baby 2

Baby 3



### Staff Bios by Maddie Schatz



For our very first staff member to be published in the staff bios article this year we are excited to introduce our new highschool and middle school principal, Mr. Barton. We interviewed Stacey Barton on Tuesday afternoon, asking a few questions starting with "What made you choose this job?". He replied, "I grew up with a chalkboard in my kitchen and I used to teach my stuffed animals." He also expressed that he has been coaching since he was a 13 year old soccer coach for a little league and he loved it. Mr. Barton loves being a Varnum Whippet!

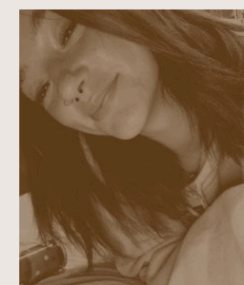
Mr. Barton came from Earlsboro, he explained that our schools are supposed to be rivals but he has always loved Varnum and has been super impressed over the years with our athleticism. As Varnum Whippets we need to do our best to make him feel warm and welcome! Taking on the new role of being a principle for middle and high school can get overwhelming. We are extremely glad to have him and we look forward to what he brings to Varnum this year!

### Senior Spotlight by Dalia Marquez

## Senior Spotlight

This week for Senior Spotlight I interviewed

Faith Cornett



This year is Faith's second year attending Varnum Public Schools.

It is also sadly her last as she has chosen to graduate early.

Some of Faith's favorites include her teachers Ms. Smith and Coach Gunter, hanging out with the p-3 kids, Newspaper class, and the colors red and blue.

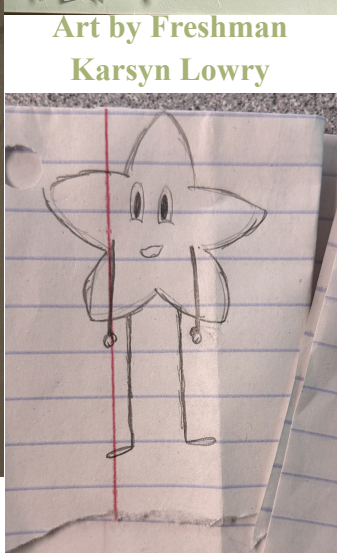
# NO SCHOOL FRIDAY AUGUST 22ND!

Visual Art by Nevaeh Hare & Abigail "AJ" Jones Calliope's Corner by Senior Editor Calora Cain

Art by The 2nd Graders



Art by Freshman AJ Jones



Art by Freshman Karsyn Lowry

Dreams of the Future

Some are content with memories  
That play and never change  
But others look to the future  
And try to stretch their range

What things may be possible  
And tasks as not yet done  
What future days are dreamed of  
Underneath the sun

These visions of the future  
Await those who would dream  
For thought creates reality  
Things aren't just as they seem

The possibilities are endless  
The future open wide  
Let your imagination wander  
Through the dreams you have inside

-Robert Longely

The first week back is all about the future...

"The future belongs to those who believe in  
the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor

Roosevelt

The Future

Take me to a place  
Where my eyes can feel,  
And where my thoughts can speak.  
A place where the past cannot haunt,  
The present never dims,  
And the future always shines.  
Find it with me,  
No matter the cost,  
And speak to me in ways that have  
Never been heard, where  
Words spoken or unspoken  
Always feel like an embrace  
Take me to that place,  
And let's lose our way back.

-G. Boston

Future

The future is the future,  
And the past is the past,  
Once something is  
done,  
There is no going back.

All of your past  
mistakes,  
Are already set in  
stone,

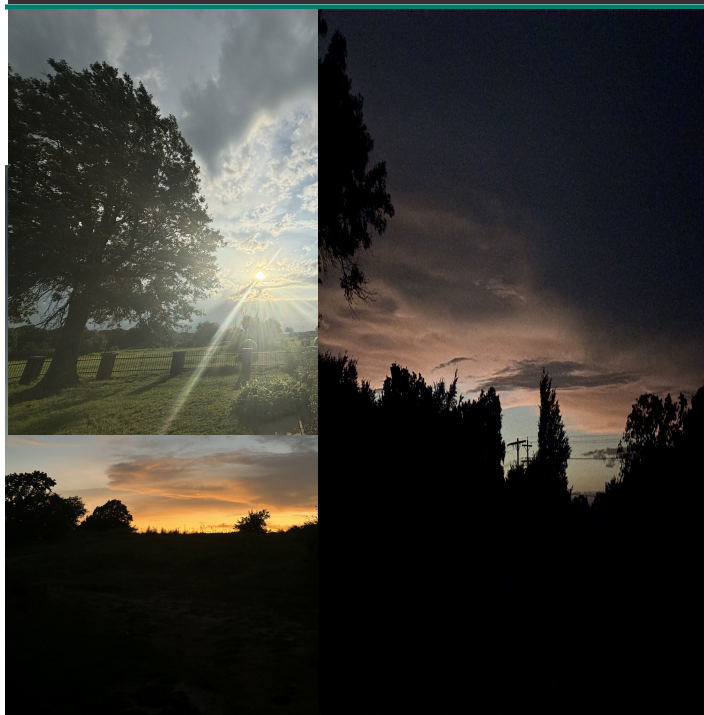
Nothing you do will  
change your past,  
But you can use your  
past mistakes to better  
your future.

Your future is what you  
make it,  
It can be good or it can  
be bad,

It all depends on you,  
Every single second  
counts.

-Red Fyre

Nature Photos by Faith Cornett Varnum Vogue By Maddyson Marson-Compton



Varnum Vogue

For our very first Varnum Vogue of  
the year will be covering the  
Medieval Times. Originated from  
the period in European history from  
the collapse of Roman civilization in  
the 5th century CE to the dawn of  
the Renaissance variously  
interpreted as beginning in the 13th,  
14th, or 15th century, depending on  
the region of Europe and other  
factors.

