

## Talking Heads



### Affirmations

By Calora Cain

I see opportunities to be successful everywhere I look.

I am an action-taker. I build my own success through hard work.

Every day, in my own way, I am becoming more successful.

I believe in my ability to unlock my own way and set myself free.

I am the leader of my life. I am the writer of my story. I am the master of my path.

I will succeed. I have abundance. I am dedicated to my goals.

I have the potential to accomplish what I set out to do.

I seek opportunity in every new interaction and situation.

### Current Events

By Maddyson Marson-Compton

#### Baseball

18 Tushka, HS @ Away 4:30pm  
21-22 District Tournament, HS @ TBA

#### Fast Pitch

18 Weleetka, HS/JV @ Away 4:30pm  
21 OSSAA Districts @ TBA

#### High School Extras

20 Mr. Chancellor's Math parent seminar in his room 5:00pm  
21 Drama Club Meeting 4:00 pm in Ms. Smith's room  
22 Virtual Day

#### Elementary Extras

3rd-6th grade game @ Home 10:00am  
Started selling whippet run shirts

*A Brief Letter from the Editor*

*If you are planning to attend the Oklahoma State Fair at some point between now and Thursday September 21st you may submit pictures to our full page special section on the fair next week. Just email them to us!*

### Fun Facts

By Maddyson Marson-Compton

The Supreme Court has its own private basketball court called "the highest court in the land".

Walmart has a lower acceptance rate than Harvard.

A football fan once dedicated his obit to insulting an NFL team.

Hunting unicorns is legal in Michigan.

Cows moo with regional accents.

A U.S town had a 3 year old mayor.

The Cookie Monster has a real name in the show and it is Sid.

China censored the word for "censorship".

Vending machines are bigger threats to humanity than sharks.

The blob of toothpaste that sits on your toothbrush has a name called nurdle.

You can hire scary clowns to terrify children.

There's an American town with a population of one.

A bridge for squirrels exists.

There's a village in southern Norway named Hell.

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## E-Sports

By Calora Cain & Maddyson Marson-Compton

This week I interviewed E-Sports Senior Ashlynn McMillan. When asked what they like about being in E-Sports their response entailed how growing up they have always enjoyed playing video games. When the opportunity to play at school popped up they were more than excited. It helps to still have something to participate in when being athletic is not your first choice. Their range of preferred genres in games include rpg/open world and fantasy games. Such as Skyrim, Elden Ring, and Red Dead Redemption 2. Their expectations for the season involve winning more matches due to the increase in people on the team. Hoping that the span of new members will increase the chances of being engaged and triumphant. Even throughout the years their favorite console is still Playstation. Since the age of two, Ashlynn has been interested in gaming. Their dad was actually the one to get them involved. He was the main reason behind the spark of fascination with video games. They haven't always been captivated by the thought of E-Sports. Their interest peaked once when taking a college tour and seeing the setup of an E-Sports team. However, it wasn't until they discovered that you can get a scholarship through E-Sports that they decided to get involved. Actually, Ashlynn doesn't have a specific person they like to compete with. They believe that fighting the same person will not allow you to grow and become a better gamer. It will only teach you what that certain person's strengths and weaknesses are. That instead competing with different individuals is more beneficial for your improvement.



## Softball

Thursday was senior night for Softball. Pictured below are the four softball seniors with Assistant Coach, Kristy Hill.



Senior Hailey Mack.



Senior Tabitha Scott



Senior Nataleigh Beaver



Senior Maryn "Roxy" Lofton



All four of our gorgeous Senior softball players.



## Staff Bios

By Montana Goad

Zachary Self is the IT person, teaches all the technology classes, and the E-Sports teacher. He has been a teacher for 1 year. Mr. Self went to high school at Varnum, then attended St. Gregory's University which is now OBU. Mr. Self played both basketball and baseball throughout high school and then continued to play basketball through college. Mr. Self chose Varnum because they made an offer he couldn't refuse, his favorite thing about Varnum is that he's the main character. Here's some fun facts about Mr. Self: his favorite color is green, his favorite food is chicken alfredo. His favorite sports team is the LA Lakers, his favorite sport is basketball.

Wesley Lash is the Assistant Coach for the girls basketball team and boys basketball team, he has coached for 3 years. Coach Lash went to high school at Pauls Valley, then attended Seminole State College, and East Central University. Lash played basketball and football throughout high school, then played college basketball. Lash chose Varnum because of the winning culture, his favorite thing about Varnum is the elementary kids. Here's some fun facts about Coach Lash: his favorite color is purple, his favorite food is peanut butter and jelly. His favorite sports team is the Minnesota Timberwolves, and his favorite sport is basketball.

## World Wide Whippets

By Maddie Schatz

"World Wide Whippets" was established to help students who don't have access to traveling out of the state. We hope we can make a difference within the school. Freshman, Maddie Schatz, took an exciting trip to Sacramento, California and visited the Capitol this last weekend and decided it would be a great opportunity to write about it in the Whippet Weekly. She explains to us that the Capitol's structure was completed between 1860 and 1874, designed by architect Reuben S. Clark. The building is also based on the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

The California Senate chamber seats its forty members in a large chamber room decorated in red, which is a reference to the British House of Lords. The Capitol's grounds are known as 'Capitol Park', an area of ten undivided city

-blocks. Capitol Park also has its own history museum housed within its grounds. The Capitol Museum includes the historic offices of the governor and legislature. The very historical Capitol building is currently under construction to modernize the East side of the building.

"Whenever I went to Capitol Park, we walked around for about an hour. There were a lot of people protesting in front of the building and there were orange trees as big as oak trees.", says Maddie. We hope you all can get out of your comfort zone and explore the world one day. We know it can sometimes be hard to have an outlook at the world by reading our Whippet Weekly but we appreciate you for reading every bit.



## Senior Spotlight

By Julieauna Marson

**Name:** Gareth Van Winkle  
**Favorite teacher:** N/A  
**Favorite subject:** IT

**About me**  
 Gareth Van Winkle came to Varnum in 5th grade. After high school Van Winkle plans on going to Gordon Cooper to pursue a career in IT

**Family / accomplishments**  
**Mother:** Shannon Franklin  
**Father:** John Van Winkle  
**Siblings:** Katherine Van Winkle

Congratulations class of 2024!

**Virtual Day September 22nd**

Sample

## Whippet Run

The 2023 Varnum Run for Fun 5k will be held 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14th. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in front of the middle school. Buses will transport participants to the intersection of Hwy 3 and County road 1190. We will head east on county road 1190, turn back south on county road 3550, and end at Varnum School. This year we will also have the option of a one-mile walk/run. Come run/walk with us to promote a healthy lifestyle and help support our students at Varnum Elementary.

Water and healthy snacks will be provided for participants.

Certificates will be given to all one-mile runners under the age of 6.

Medals will be given for 5k participants- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for each division.  
22 divisions

Male		Female	
5 and under	20-29	5 and under	20-29
6-8 years	30-39	6-8 years	30-39
9-12 years	40-49	9-12 years	40-49
13-15 years	50-59	13-15 years	50-59
16-19 years	60-69	16-19 years	60-69
	70 and over		70 and over

Cost \$25

T-shirt sizes available: YXS YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

*Come support our Whippets!*

### Dear Whippet

Dear Whippet,

Thank you for writing to us. We sincerely hope that we can help you. Your question was, "Some ways I can control my anger?". I will start off by saying to just take a deep breath. We all struggle with a little bit of anger issues and we just can't control how we feel.

We want to let you know that its completely okay to feel angry and completely normal to not know how to control it. Some ways that help others are listening to music, writing your thoughts down, counting to ten, and breathing exercises. I think these are all great ways to cope with your anger. The only bad way to cope with your temper would be getting aggressive or physical. We advise you as a journalism class to not do this even on non-school grounds.

### Drama Club

By Julieauna Marson

Drama club is available for students seventh through twelfth grade as well as members of the 21st century program that are interested in drama class but unfortunately could not join the fourth hour drama class. This club is meant to nurture the love of theater arts including setting, lights, and costumes. Ms. Smith says she plans on exploring the arts of acting as well as more technical aspects of theatre. Smith loves theatre arts because she enjoys how one person can completely transform on stage. For anyone interested in drama club they meet every Thursday after school, unless noted otherwise.



Image of an orange tree in Sacramento from World Wide Whippets on Page 2

