



The Whippet Weekly



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Talking Heads by Maddyson Marson-Compton, Faith Cornett, & Halie Dempsey

TALKING HEADS

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FLOWER?

<p>Coach Gunter</p>  <p>Tulips</p>	<p>Ms.Higdon</p>  <p>Daisies</p>	<p>Mr.Self</p>  <p>Iris's</p>
<p>Coach Hill</p>  <p>Sunflowers</p>	<p>Ms.April</p>  <p>Colorful Tulips</p>	

Affirmations by Madi Lewis

- 1-I am confident in who I am as a person.
- 2-Every breath I take fills me with peace.
- 3-I don't let little things bother me.
- 4-I am smarter than I was yesterday.
- 5-I am better than the person I was last year.
- 6-I am a good friend and family member.
- 7- I surround myself with positivity.
- 8-I am curious
- 9-I know I am loved.
- 10-It's okay to not know but it's never okay to not ask.

Schedule by Nevaeh Hare

Monday 02-10-14-2025
 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6
 1-4th basketball @Justice 5:30
 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday 02-11-2025
 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6
 1-4th basketball @Justice 5:30

Thursday 02-13-2025
 HS Basketball districts here
 Upward Bound @ Macomb 10:15 am
 Elementary Valentine's Day parties starting @ 2 pm

Friday 02-14-2025
 Valentine's Day! No School!
 HS Basketball districts continue

Serenity Hubbard
 Missing 02/04/25
 Holdenville, OK

Contact: Connie Hubbard
 or Holdenville Police Dept
 405-379-6627



Fun Facts By Dalia Marquez

1. February is Black History month.
2. The February birthstone is the Amethyst.
3. February is the only month that can pass without a single full moon.
4. The birth flowers of this month are Violets, Irises, and Primroses.
5. February is named after a Roman purification festival called Februa which means to cleanse or purify.
6. This is the least common birth month.
7. The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month".
8. Sunmaid raisins were trademark registered February 6th, 1917
9. On February 5th, 1958 the first ever handheld electric drill was invented by Bla and Decker.
10. More than 250 million roses are grown for Valentine's Day, Feb 14th.

Basketball by Raylee Blalock

History Minute By Izabelle Delarosa



Varnum V. Sasakwa



SCORES

Boys
67-51



Girls
62-43



Each early precursor to chewing gum was derived from natural growths local to the region and was chewed purely out of the instinctual desire to chew. They benefit from their chewable substance but sometimes seek taste, stimuli, and teeth-cleaning or breath-freshening capabilities. Chewing gum has existed since the Neolithic period in many different forms. 5000-year-old chewing gum made from birch bark tar, with tooth imprints, has been found in Kierikki, Finland. The tar the gums were made of is believed to have some medicinal benefits. It is chemically similar to petroleum tar and differs from most other early gum. The Mayans and Aztecs were the first to exploit the favorable properties of gum: they used chicle, a natural tree gum, as a base for making a gum-like substance and to stick objects together for everyday use. Forms of chewing gum were also chewed in ancient Greece. The Ancient Greeks chewed mastic gum made from the resin of the mastic tree. Many other cultures have chewed gum-like substances made from plants, grasses, and resins.

E-Sports By Mike McMillan & Kursten Maxwell



Coach Self and the E-Sports team are currently in the pre-season of their spring saga. We talk about how this week is going to play out. These pictures are from our Wednesday practice. I will practice with my team. Coach Self says that we are in the "pre-season". We have three weeks to get better before this season begins. I am hoping that we are going to make it farther than last season's game. I think we are going to the finals. We have a treatment to see who is the best at Super Smash Bros. The Gaming Whippets are getting stronger everyday! I'll keep you updated on our teams progress this season.

Staff Bios by Maddie Schatz

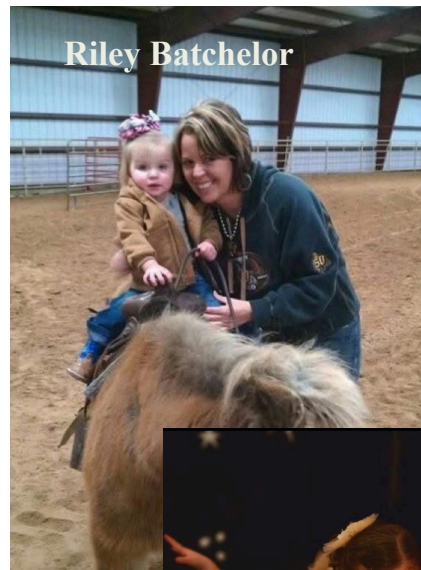
For this week's Staff Bio's we interviewed Mrs. Jenny. She has been a very loyal employee at Varnum for 28 years. In the many years she has been at Varnum, she has moved multiple positions including being a teacher's aid, a child nutritionist, cheer coach, librarian, and she has worked in the office. Mrs. Jenny started working at Varnum as a volunteer when she enrolled her two daughters here, then a teacher's aide position came up and she took it. Her favorite part about her current position as a librarian is visiting with all of the children that come by to get their favorite books.

She also looks forward to spring baseball the most this school year. Some advice she would like to give to current students is to do the best you can and don't let anyone tell you otherwise because you can. Some other exciting things about Mrs. Jenny is that she has 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 10 cats, and 2 dogs. Thank you for letting us interview you this week and we hope you have a great rest of the year!

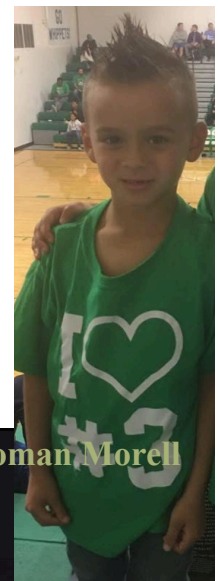
P.S. Don't forget to be kind and respectful to your staff!

Baby Picture Round Up by Madi Lewis

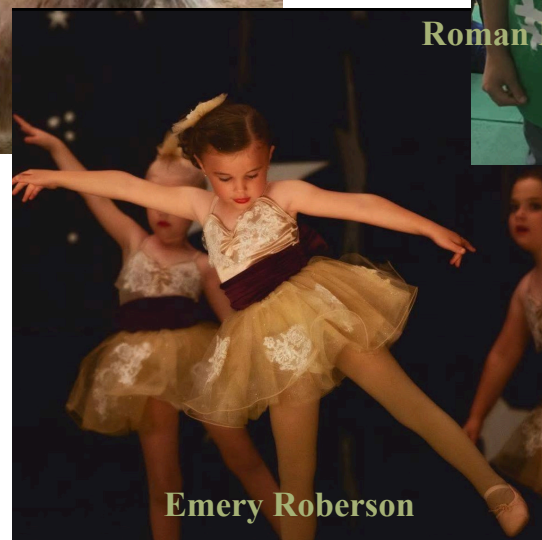
Can you guess who these Varnum Littles grew up to be?



Riley Batchelor



Roman Morell



Emery Roberson

Two Truths and A Lie by Mvhayv "Bau" Salceda

How well do you know these Whippets?

Did you guess the truth from the lies?

Ms. Amber
I have never broken a bone.
I have two middle names.
I have never flown on an airplane.



Mrs. Hadley
I have four dogs.
I am 43 years old.
I've been married for 20 years.



Ms Lena
I have two kids.
I am married.
I graduated from Varnum.



Senior Spotlight by Maddie Schatz

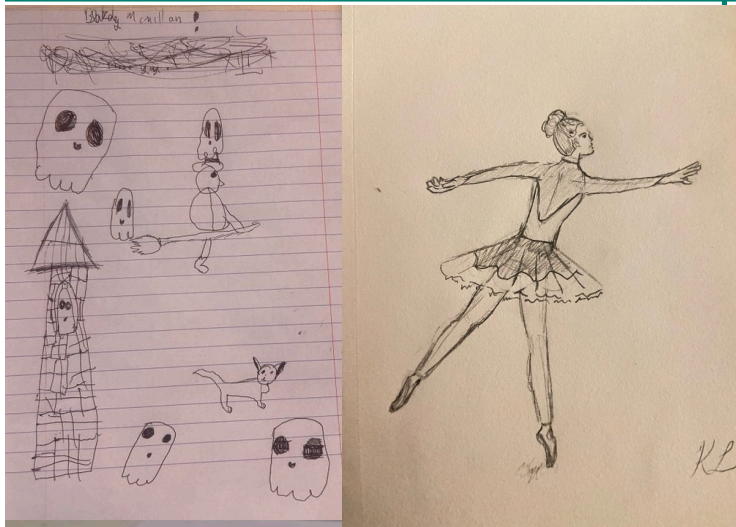
This week our Senior Spotlight is Shysie Harjo. After high school Shysie plans to attend college and get a good education. Her favorite sport is basketball. Her favorite memory of highschool was when the girls basketball team won the LRC Tournament for a third time in a row even though people were doubting them. The teacher that impacted her the most through her high school career was Kristy Hill.

Some advice Shysie would like to give to younger students is to keep up with your work and to not slack off. We're thankful that Shysie let us interview her this week and we hope the best for her and support her as she starts this new journey in life!



Visual Art by Nevaeh Hare & Abigail "AJ" Jones

Calliope's Corner by Senior Editor Calora Cain



Calliope's Corner

This week's corner is all about...the
Mystery of Dreamscapes.

The Garden of Nocturnal Blooms
In sleep's embrace, a garden grows,
Where flowers of the night dispose
Their petals of ethereal hue,
Bathed in dreamland's sparkling dew.

Moonflowers of memory unfurl,
Their fragrance from the past uncurl,
Night-blooming jasmine of desire,
Sets the dreamer's heart afire.

Shadows dance on dream-kissed leaves,
As the subconscious gently weaves
A tapestry of scent and sight,
In this garden of the night.

When morning light begins to creep,
The nocturnal blooms return to sleep,
Leaving traces of their perfumed air,
In waking world beyond compare.

The Enchanted Forest of Night
In the depths of sleep, a forest grows,
Where moonlight on dream-leaves glows,
Trees of thought reach for the stars,
Their branches crossing near and far.

Flowers of fantasy bloom and sway,
In meadows where shadow-creatures play,
Rivers of consciousness flow serene,
Through this enchanted nocturnal scene.

Fireflies of inspiration light the way,
As we wander until break of day,
Each step unveiling magic new,
In this forest of midnight hue.

When morning comes, the forest fades,
Leaving memories of moonlit glades,
A world of wonder, wild and free,
In the enchanted forest of reverie.

The greatest unsolved mysteries are the
mysteries of our existence as conscious beings
in a small corner of a vast universe.

Sometimes we think the greatest mysteries of
the universe lay outside of us, in the vast
expansive skies.

Little do we know, the greatest mysteries of the
universe hide in the darkest depths within
ourselves

Under the blanket of a starry night,
dreams take flight, and the universe whispers
it's secrets.

Blooper Reel

This is a place for the photos we love that don't quite fit anywhere else in the paper.



Varnum Vogue By Special Guest Journalist Jadelan Cartwright

Varnum Vogue

Goes Vintage: Western 1830s

From the 1820s onward, romanticism emerged in fashion. Womenswear in the 1830s was extremely dramatic and differed greatly from the narrow silhouette of the 1800s. Women's wardrobes emphasized large sleeves, often accompanied by elaborate hairstyles and hats. Innovations in textiles introduced new dress fabrics. Saturated Turkey reds of the 1820s were still found, but patterns of florals were on the rise.



These added textures made for an even more elegant and recognizable women's costume.



Article by Jadelan Cartwright



Menswear reflected many of the same trends as womenswear. The desired shape remained, just much less extreme. Men desired a slim fit waist, and a broad chest and shoulders that was similar to the gigot sleeves worn by the women. It was common to see 2 different coats, the tailcoat and the frock coat. Both were sported together to complete the look.

