



The Whippet Weekly



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

TALKING HEADS

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HECK NO



NOT REALLY



YESS



YES



NO



I DOOO

DO YOU HAVE A VALENTINE'S ?

Affirmations by Madi Lewis

Schedule by Nevaeh Hare

Fun Facts By Dalia Marquez

1. I am a vessel of boundless creativity.
2. My mind is a fertile ground for innovative ideas.
3. I find joy in every moment of my journey.
4. My thoughts are clear, focused, and powerful.
5. I am a magnet for positive energy and experiences.
6. My potential knows no limits.
7. I am constantly evolving and growing.
8. I attract success and abundance effortlessly.
9. My unique talents make me extraordinary.
10. I am resilient and embrace change with grace.
11. I am in tune with the infinite wisdom of the universe.
12. I am a beacon of light and inspiration.
13. My actions are aligned with my highest self.
14. I am worthy of love, joy, and success.
15. I trust in my ability to create my desired reality.

Tuesday March 4th:
Sophomore ACT

Tuesday March 4th-Saturday March 8th
HS Basketball State tournament @ the Big House
(OKC)

Friday March 7th
End of 3rd 9 weeks & Virtual day

Sunday March 9th
Daylight Savings Time Starts



Fun Facts about Tattoos

The oldest tattoo ink recipe used insect eggs.

Tattooing has been around since 12,000 BC.

Metallic tattoo ink can cause burns during an MRI.

A tattoo machine pierces the skin 50 to 3,000 times per minute.

The word "tattoo" comes from the Samoan word Tatau.

Lucky Diamond Rich is the most tattooed man.

According to a survey, more women than men in the US have tattoos.

Tattoo ink is inserted into the second layer of skin.

Black is the easiest color of tattoo to remove.

Americans spend approximately \$1.65 billion per year on tattoos.

Basketball by Ravlee Blalock

District Champions

Lady Whippets: 66 - Macob 53

Whippets: 91 - Bowlegs 26

VARNUM-50

PITTSBURG - 46

"THIS IS WHO WE ARE"

"13 STRAIGHT YEARS TO THE AREA TOURNAMENT"

ONTO THE REGIONAL FINAL

MONDAY 6 P.M. VS WHITESBORO

FINAL SCORE

WHIPPETS V. MOYERS

80

58

LADY WHIPPETS V. WHITESBORO

25

66

BOTH TEAMS MOVE ONTO AREA AGAINST DOVER. THE GIRLS THURSDAY @6 & THE BOYS FRIDAY @ 7:30



History Minute By Isabelle Delarosa

The Cheshire Cat is a fictional cat in Alice Adventures in Wonder Land authored by Lewis Carroll and is known for its distinctive mischievous grin. While now most often used in Alice-related contexts, the association of a "Cheshire cat" with a grinning predates the 1865 book. It has transcended the context of literature and become enmeshed in popular culture, appearing in various forms of media, from political cartoons to television, as well as in cross disciplinary studies, from business to science. Often it is shown in the context of a person or idea that is purposefully confusing or enigmatic. One distinguishing feature of the Alice-style Cheshire Cat is the periodic gradual disappearance of its body, leaving only one last visible trace: its iconic grin.

The first known appearance of the expression in literature is in the 18th century in Francis Grose's A Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue, Second, Corrected and Enlarged Edition (1788), which contains the following entry:

Cheshire Cat. He grins like a Cheshire cat; said of any one who shows his teeth and gums in laughing.

The phrase appears again in print in John Wolcot's pseudonymous Peter Pindar's Pair of Lyric Epistles (1792):

"Lo like a Cheshire cat our court will grin."

The phrase also appears in print in William Makepeace Thackeray's novel. The Newcomes (1855):

"That woman grins like a Cheshire cat."

These are three theories about the origin of the phrase "grin like a Cheshire Cat" in English history. A possible origin of the phrase is one favoured by the people of Cheshire, a county in England which boasts numerous dairy farms; hence the cats grin because of the abundance of milk and cream.

According to Brewer's Dictionary (1870), "the phrase has never been satisfactorily accounted for, but it has been said that cheese was formerly sold in Cheshire moulded like cat that looked as though it was grinning". The cheese was cut by at the tail, So the last peice being eaten was the head of the smiling cat.

Peter Young analysed the essential feature of any actual historical explanation would be one that demonstrated its innate connection to Cheshire: An idiom that retained the localism while spreading nationwide, would, in his view, need to be strongly connected to the county, in the minds of people elsewhere. For this reason, he favours the well-fed farm cats of Cheshire's dairying environment—a widely-known and well-promoted idea at the time the phrase arose—as the best candidate for the origin of the Cheshire Cat idiom.

A Day In the Life by Abigail "AJ" Jones

A day in the life of: Mvhayv "Bau" Salceda

In this week's edition of a day in the life of a Varnum student, we'll be looking into the life of a well known student, Mvhayv Salceda! You may know Mvhayv from walking the hallways, her work in the after school program, or this very paper, but do you know what she does throughout the day? We'll find out on this week's edition of a day in the life of a Varnum student.

Mvhayv starts her day off by waking up at about 6:30 am to 7:00 am. Then She gets up and gets ready to go to school. Then when she's at school she goes through her normal classes. She usually finishes her classes pretty quickly during the day. Then, every other day she goes and works at the after school program. She works at the after school program from 3:30 to 5:30. Then after that she goes home. After that she gets home and works on her homework and other things while she waits for dinner. Most nights she goes and gets dinner with her sister. After dinner, she hangs out with her sister for a while. Then at 10:00 pm she gets up and gets ready for bed. She showers and does her skincare routine before bed. Then repeat the same thing the next day! That was a day in the life of Mvhayv Salceda!

Staff Bios by Maddie Schatz

On this week's Staff Bio's we interviewed Mr. Chancellor. Mr. C is our wonderful math teacher who teaches 8th-12th grades. This will be his second year teaching at Varnum since he moved from Prague Public Schools. His favorite part about teaching is when student's start to understand and say "Oh I get it now!". Mr. C's expectations and advice for students here at Varnum are to become the best version of themselves.

The reason he chose to be at Varnum is because he prefers small schools and the family-like atmosphere. Some cool facts about Mr. C is that he has 2 cats, a 37 year old son, and he's been married for 43 years! Varnum appreciates everything you do for us and we hope you have a great rest of your 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 Little Whippets grew up to be?



Two Truths and A Lie by Mvhayv "Bau" Salceda

How well do you know these Whippets?
Can you guess the truth from the lies?

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE!

Can you guess the lie?



Mylie Ware

1. "I've dyed my hair green."
2. "I am scared of butterflies."
3. "I have eaten cat food."



Kal Marcel

1. "I have a dog named Havock."
2. "I love spicy food."
3. "My favorite drink is pink lemonade."



Bree Harjo

1. "I've sold 38 sucker bags."
2. "I love Taco Bell."
3. "I like playing Fortnite."



Senior Spotlight by Maddie Schatz

For this week's Senior Spotlight we interviewed Katherine Morgan. Kat is a senior at Varnum highschool whom we asked a variety of questions! We started by asking what her favorite part of highschool was. She replied with "bus rides to away games". Her favorite school sport is basketball.

Kat plans to attend college at UNT and pursue a degree in Microbiology. The most impactful teacher she had in high school was Mrs. Dunagan. Some advice she would give to any younger students would be to listen to Ms. April, our school secretary. Varnum can't wait to see what you accomplish outside of school and we are always routing for you. Keep up the great work!



Visual Art by Nevaeh Hare & Abigail "AJ" Jones

Calliope's Corner by Senior Editor Calora Cain



I AM KIND



CALLIOPE'S CORNER

YOU ARE ALL THAT I HAVE LONGED FOR, YOU HAVE MADE MY DREAMS COME TRUE. THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT TO HAVE, THAN BEING LOVED BY YOU.

THIS WEEK'S CORNER IS ALL ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY!

"WHERE THERE IS LOVE THERE IS LIFE."

I LOVE YOU FOR A LIFETIME, NOT ONLY FOR A DAY. I LOVE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE, NOT WHAT YOU DO OR SAY.

I LOVE THE WAY YOU LOVE ME BACK, SO THERE IS ONLY ONE THING I CAN SAY. I LOVE YOU WITH MY HEART AND SOUL AND EVERY OTHER WAY, SO WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE NOT ONLY FOR ONE DAY?

IF YOU SAID YOU WERE COLD, I WOULD WRAP MY ARMS AROUND YOU. IF YOU SAID YOU WERE THIRSTY, I WOULD GIVE YOU THE OCEAN BLUE. I WOULD GIVE YOU ANYTHING: THE MOON, THE STARS, THE SUNSET TOO. THIS HEART IN MY HANDS I HOLD OUT TO YOU.

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

Eras: The Medieval period



The Medieval Era, also known as the middle ages, generally spanned from the fall of the Western Roman Empire (476 AD) to the early 15th century. Middle age clothing bear a mix of necessity and display. Among the wealthy, rich colors and decorations became popular, while the peasant clothing had limited dyes and jewels available. There were surprising similarities between genders and social classes, so lavish clothing was not typically distinguished by design, but rather by color, material, or cut. Interestingly enough, it was fairly common for certain governments to tax commoners who wore too "flashy" of clothing or jewelry in public because they weren't a part of the town's clergy.

For the women, hairstyles were also a large part of their attire. Movies we see today show characters of this time with long flowing hair and a few simple metal chains thrown on top. In reality, it was quite the opposite. Many married women concealed their hair with veils, wimples, hair nets, or hoods. When hair was shown, it was very common to see braids and plaited hairstyles to be wrapped over the head like a crown. Around the 13th century, Cornettes and Ramshorn styles became popular, both being styles twisted and plaited to resemble temple horns or the curved horns of rams.



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ICONIC ARTICLES



Headline History by Senior Editor Calora Cain

Where does today come before yesterday

A: The Dictionary

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

A: A Towel

What do you see once in June, twice in November, and not at all in May?

A: The letter "e"

What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

A: Silence

What building has the most stories?

A: A Library

Riddle Round Up by Dalia Marquez

Lupus Awareness

Be visible for an invisible disease

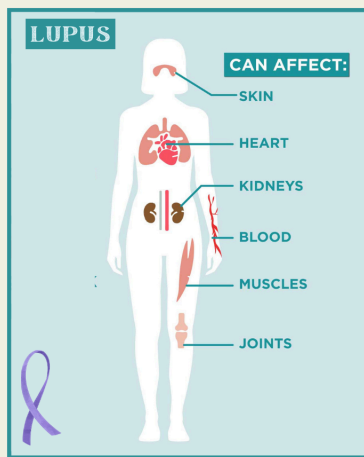
What is Lupus?

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disorder, in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own healthy tissues and organs.

Approximately 90% of Lupus sufferers are women between the ages of 15 and 19.

The majority of Lupus sufferers are misdiagnosed or can go undiagnosed for years. The disease can be so hard to diagnose because its symptoms often resemble other severe conditions. While some individuals have a genetic predisposition to the disease, environmental triggers like infections, medications, or even sunlight can activate the disease as well.

Although there is no cure for Lupus, various treatments are available to help manage and control the daily symptoms.



Common Symptoms:

- extreme fatigue
- butterfly shaped facial rash
- weight loss/gain
- joint pains
- muscle aches
- migraines
- hairloss
- blood problems
- sensitivity to sunlight

Symbols of Lupus:

- Purple
- The butterfly, a symbol of hope and resemblance of the facial rash symptom.
- Lupine flower, derives its name from the latin word Lupus, meaning "wolf".

Article by Jadelan Cartwright

Lupus Awareness by Special Guest Journalist Jadelan Cartwright

Sabrina Carpenter



Good graces

Album Appreciation by Maddyson Marson-Compton

Special Section

RATE IT OR HATE IT!


School



Mvhayv Salceda
★★★★★ / 10



Dalia Marquez
Hate It!



Maddie Shatz
Hate It!



Raylee Blalock
★★★★★ / 10

R8 It or H8 It by Mvhayv "Bau" Salceda



The game on the chopping block for the Whippy Week Special Secty is Red Dead Redemption: Undead Nightmare. Undead Nightmare is a DLC. Downloadable Content is the meaning of DLC if you did not know. Red Dead Redemption is the second game in The Red Dead Redemption game secrets. Red Dead Revolver was the first RDR game. This is a fun fact that a lot of people don't know. Going back to the RDR Undead Nightmare, it is a zombie game set in the Wild West . You play as John Marsten. He tries to find a cure for the zombies in the game because his wife and kid were bitten. He (and you in game) eventually finds a cure in the end and saves the day. The story is good for this game! The gameplay is different from what you may be used to from other RDR games. I would recommend this game to you guys to play. I will rate this game 8 out of 10. It is very good, but it could be better. I hope you liked my review.



Did you know that in San Marino, California there are 12 million collective items underground that are climate controlled and being saved by The Huntington Library? This beautiful and historic masterpiece started in 1903 when Mr. Henry E. Huntington bought the 600-acre lot for \$240,000. Huntington's interest in art sprung when he married Arabella Huntington in 1913. The Huntington's collections are displayed in permanent installations. In addition, the gallery also hosts different exhibitions of photography throughout the year including those about different social and political subjects.

The library was designed in 1920 by the Southern architect Myron Hunt in the Mediterranean Revival style. It contains a variety of substantial collections of rare books and manuscripts, concentrated in the fields of British and American history, literature art, and the history of science. The library also stores the famous Gutenberg Bible, which is known as the earliest major book printed in Europe using a mass-produced metal movable type. A personal favorite for many are the botanical gardens that cover 120+ acres and showcase many plants from around the world. The gardens are divided into more than a dozen themes. After the passing of Henry E. Huntington in 1927 while undergoing surgery, The Huntington became a public institution and his many projects of horticulture live on, providing opportunities for botanical research and for enjoyment.

Gaming With Mike by Mike McMillan



World Wide Whippets by Maddie Schatz

Special Section



Nature Photos by Faith Cornett

So today I interviewed our two valedictorians for the school year 2024-2025 Kathrine "Kat" Morgan & Kursten Maxwell. I asked them where do you see yourself in 10 years from now they had very different answers. Kat Morgan said, "she sees herself finishing up her residency to become a pediatrician". However, Kursten said, "she will just be happy to be out of school living her best life". The second question I asked was what inspired them. Kat talked about her close knit family pushing her to do better, and Kursten said that almost anything can inspire her as long as she puts her mind to it. My next question was if they had any goals they wanted to accomplish before graduation. Kat said she plans on making the best memories she can make with the rest of her time in school. Kursten said she wants to leave with a clean streak of no stress and productivity. I wanted to get a view on what they thought about where they thought they would be now when they were kids. So I asked them when they were kids did they see themselves being the same person they are today. They both said no, but they are happy with who they are and what they have become. For my last question I inquired who their biggest supporter is they both said members of their family. Kat said it's her sister and Kursten said her Nana. Overall, I am proud of both of these girls because highschool can be a hard place and they never gave up on what they wanted. Congratulations to both Valedictorians and our Salutatorian Jadelan Cartwright.



Valedictorian Views by Halie Dempsey

How do trees get on the Internet?

They log in.

What do computers like to eat?

Chips.

What do you call a space magician?

A flying saucerer.

What is a computer's first sign of old age?

Loss of memory.

What does a baby computer call his father?

"Da-ta."

Joke Corner by Nevaeh Hare

Special Section

Welcome to AJ @ The Movies! In this article I will share my honest opinions about movies. Some movies I will pick will be more well known movies and some will be under rated favorites! If you like this article you can tell Ms. Smith and we'll think about adding it to the regular newspaper!

In this movie review I will be talking about the well known movie, Mulan! I love the movie Mulan and all the characters in it. If I were to say my top five Disney movies, Mulan would be high up there. My favorite part of the movie is the ark that the main character takes. If you haven't watched Mulan yet, here's just a basic summary. A girl named Mulan goes to war in her father's palace. Then, while she's there she makes friends and learns that if you want to get good, you have to work hard. In the end of the movie she fights the villains and saves the emperor. The main message of Mulan is to find your own way in life. The main reason I chose this movie for the first movie review is because of the meaning behind it. When I was younger, I had a hard time fitting in. I moved around a lot so as soon as I made friends, I would move away. Mulan was a big part of my life and made me feel better about not fitting in. I believe that everyone should watch Mulan at least once to see the message that it's trying to convey. The animation and music are just icing on a great story. That's my review of Mulan. If you have any other suggestions for movies that I should review, maybe we could do this for another paper! Until next time, Goodbye!

Final score: Mulan-10/10 great movie!

AJ @ The Movies by Abigail "AJ" Jones

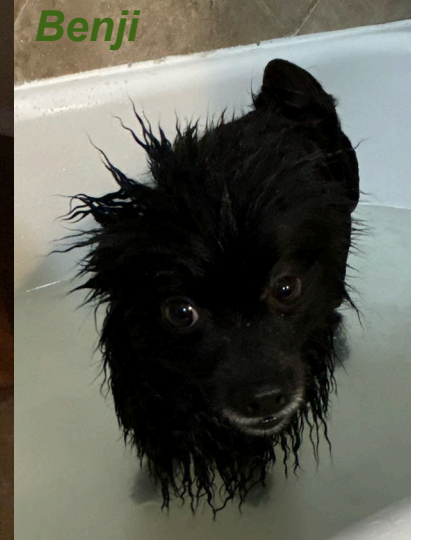


Freshmen Photography Moment By Kamell Stewart, Zane Cornett, Skyleer Yott, & Cooper Smith

Showcasing The Furry Friends of Whippet Nation



Kane



Benji



Sadie



Cerberus "Cerby"

- Cerby-Doberman
- Great Dane
- Kane-German Shepard
- Benji- Pomerania
- Sadie- Miniature Dachshund

Puppy Pound by Madi Lewis

Chocolate covered strawberries are a common Valentine's Day dessert. For one chocolate covered strawberry is \$2 - \$5. For a dozen \$20 to \$40. They are easy to make at home.

Carrot cake is a good dessert for easter. Published in 1591, there is an English recipe for pudding in a carrot root" that includes ingredients in modern deserts. Many food historians believe that carrot cake originated from such carrot puddings eaten by Europeans in the Middle Ages, when sugar and sweeteners were expensive and many people used carrots as substitutes.

Historical Desserts by
Izabelle Delarosa