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Student Life

Emery Wilkerson: A Redhead Revolution

By: Allie Wilkerson



Did you know that less than two percent of the world's population is graced with red hair? In fact, red hair is the result of a mutation in the MC1R gene. Emery Wilkerson is one of JMPHS's few red headed students.

Wilkerson is currently a junior at JMPHS. He plans to attend Florida State University where he will major in engineering.

He is a second baseman on the MCHS Cowboy Baseball team and currently works part-time at the NFC Colin Kelly Fitness Center.

He has always been athletic and enjoys running, basketball and baseball. Him gaming late at night. His favorite XBOX games are Call of Duty, Madden Football, and NBA Basketball. However, what stands out the most about Wilkerson is his hysterical personality and his red hair.



"I love being a ginger," Wilkerson said when asked what his favorite thing about himself was. "While there are many drawbacks to being redheaded like temperature intolerance and sunburn, gingers are cool. We are a different kind of person all together."

Much like being a superhero with radar vision, redheads' sort of have superpowers too. For example, redheads produce their own vitamin D, have a very high threshold for pain, and wait for it they are joining forces. With holidays like National Redhead Day and Ginger Pride on the rise, gingers are becoming more popular. From popular characters like Archie and Cheryl Blossom on Riverdale to Prince Harry are popping up everywhere creating quite a ginger frenzy.

According to an article written by WFLA 8 news channel, "If both parents carry that gene, their child has a 25% chance of getting lovely, red locks, even if the parents don't have red hair themselves." However, as cited in Cosmopolitan red heads are on a decline. Since redheads don't adapt to severe temperature changes the gene itself is in danger of becoming extinct.

When asked what it was like to be a ginger, Wilkerson said, "Unique, people always think I am Irish." Ironically, his family heritage is almost a complete Irish and Scottish mix.



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So, the next time you pass a ginger at JMPHS, just think you have just passed one person out of a very small two percent of the world population.

Senior Year!

By: Tae Hill

Most people at JMPHS know senior Jakiah Mcquay but do they really know who she is?

Jakiah is 17 years old, she goes to James Madison Preparatory High School, and she is on the Madison County High School color guard team. Jakiah has been on the color guard team since her ninth grade year. She rarely has any free time because color guard takes up the majority of her time. Color guard runs Monday through Saturday, but Friday nights are the performance nights, Jakiah says Friday Night Lights are her favorite.

Jakiah has eight full classes at James Madison Prep, which is one of her dislikes about her senior year. One of her favorite things about her senior year is how helpful the teachers are. Her favorite teacher at JMPHS is Mrs. Ortega, but favorite subject is science. She says her senior year is going pretty great.

After High school she plans on going to VSU or UCF to major in Criminology. She says that VSU has always been her dream college but she has recently gained some interest in UCF.



What's Up With 2023?

By: Kennedy Franklin

This is the first year at JMPHS for the class of 2023 and many are interested to see how their few weeks have been. Some of the students, like Cianna Curtis, says that the biggest change was when entering into the 9th grade was “switching from online school to charter school” and “[being] surrounded by many new faces,” however new friends was also a breeze for some students because JMPHS is very welcoming and friendly. Some have even seen themselves change already as they have more responsibilities and are preparing for college in the next couple of years.



The teachers have also helped the freshmen become more comfortable for their first year. Ms. Law and Ms. Barnes are among the favorite teachers because they make learning very entertaining. Ultimately, these new students are happy with their choice to be at JMPHS because of its welcoming environment and many friendly faces. Most importantly, being able to prep for the long run of college and life ahead makes it an ideal place to be.



LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS



Storm Area 51 Event

By: Lilybeth Wallace

There were more than 2.1 million people who signed up to raid Area 51 on Facebook. However, only a handful of people showed up at the gates on the set date September 20th, 2019. The Storm Area 51 event was started as a joke by Matty Roberts. "They can't stop all of us," Roberts said. "Let's see them aliens." The internet joke spawned many memes, but did people really storm Area 51?

On September 20th, 2019, about 75 people gathered at the gates of the military base Area 51 in Nevada. The people who showed up were unsuccessful in breaking into the military base. Most of them stood around by the gates waiting for something to happen. However, two of the raiders were detained by the sheriff's deputies for getting too close to the base.

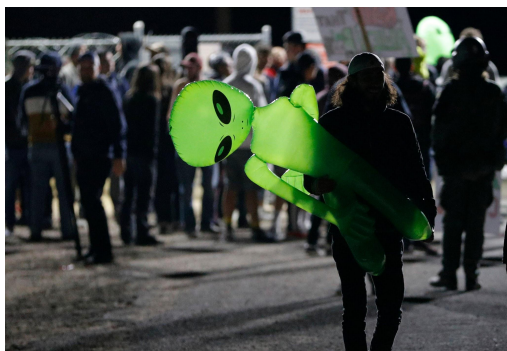


Michael Ian Borer, a University of Nevada, Las Vegas, sociologist who researches pop culture and paranormal activity said, "People desire to be part of something, to be ahead of the curve, Area 51 is a place where normal, ordinary citizens can't go. When you tell people they can't do something, they just want to do it more."

Overall the Storm Area 51 event didn't live up to the online hype like everyone had hoped. What's inside Area 51 still remains a secret, and the aliens still are still being held hostage by the government.

Original Source:

<https://kvoa.com/ap-national-news/2019/09/20/about-75-people-gather-at-area-51-gate-2-people-detained>



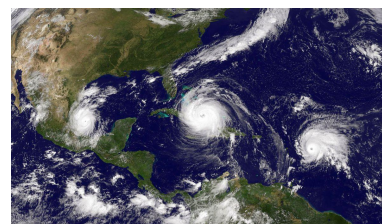
Upcoming Hurricanes

By: Abby Washington

As you may know, it's hurricane season and there are plenty of hurricanes forming all around us. In the months of June to November hurricanes typically form. Some upcoming hurricanes

Humberto is a storm in the Atlantic and has winds of about 98 mph as of September 20. Another storm in the Atlantic is hurricane Jerry which is currently at a category 1. This storm has winds of about 86 mph. The last storm that could affect our area is Imelda, which is currently a tropical rainstorm with winds of about 23 mph. To be classified as a hurricane, a tropical cyclone must have one-minute maximum sustained winds of at least 74 mph. Over time these storms, such as Imelda, may increase in size and move faster since they are still fairly new. As these storms come through, we need to stay safe and keep an eye on them. We could also help out others that were damaged from previous hurricanes. A website to help you keep track of these hurricanes is

<https://www.accuweather.com>



TEACHER TIMES

All About Coach Barnes

By: Caroline Wynn

Ms. Barnes, a teacher at JMPHS, has four kids named Julia, Ragan, Chase, and Blake. Julia is 25 years old and when she graduated in 2012, she continued her education at NFCC receiving her RN. Ragan, Barnes' second oldest child, is 18 and recently graduated receiving her CNA degree. Her third child Chase is in 7th grade and attends Lafayette High School. Finally, Blake, her youngest child, is in 1st grade at Lafayette Elementary School. Like both of her girls, Coach Barnes graduated from Lafayette High School. After graduating in 1994, she attended NFCC and received her AA degree.

Afterwards she went to FAMU, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She is certified in Elementary Ed 1st-6th grade and PE in K-12th grade and has been teaching for 12 years.

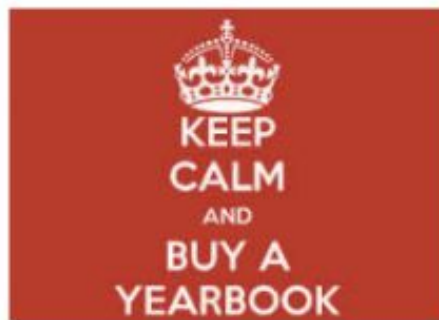
In her spare time, she likes to spend time with her boys and watch them play sports. She loves to watch all sports and is passionate about teaching kids about sports. The Gators are her favorite college football team and she loves watching them play! Another thing that she likes to do in her free time is watch LMN Movies and Criminal Minds. She wants to build a strong relationship with each and every one of her students and have positive outcomes. She wants her students to feel comfortable and

students to become successful and feel important.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

School and Local Events

By Jadyn Plummer

At James Madison Preparatory High School, in addition to the Varsity and Junior Varsity football games, the ASVAB will be offered to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who can sign up to test on October 4th. Also do not forget that Beta Club meetings are the last Friday of every month. For those who attend NFC, there will be a National Tutoring Week celebration from 11am to 12pm on October 8th and 9th at the college library. There will also be a Smarthinking Webinar from 2pm to 3pm, and the Artist Series presents December '63: A Tribute to the Original Jersey Boys from 7 to 9pm at the Van H. Priest Auditorium on October 10th. It's fall y'all! And that means fall festivals, pumpkin patches, and some fall themed fun. Tallahassee is having their Annual Fall Festival on October 5th from 10am to 2pm. Lots of family fun can be found at 2743 Capital Cir NE such as face painting, food and drinks, and more! There are also festive decorations across our local town square and even a local pumpkin patch at the Madison Church of God. Enjoy the rest of your week!

SPORTS AND WEATHER

College Football

By: Leah Androski

With week four of college football kicking off, there were many athletes that stood out and some that were not ready for the spotlight. But before learning about week four, let's go back to week three and recap on what happened.

At Kroger Field, in Kentucky, the Florida Gators were getting ready to play against the Kentucky Wildcats. After the loss against Kentucky last year, the Gators quarterback Feleipe Franks, said, "It was an eye-opener. We should never take a team lightly no matter what people say about them... We made it very clear there's a standard at which you play, and if you're not up to that standard, don't go out there and expect to win." Feleipe Franks started the game and started trailing behind the Wildcats during the third quarter. Then came the tackle that changed the game, Franks was getting ready to throw when he noticed the pressure building. He ran outside to escape the pressure and that's when two people tackled him, causing him to weirdly bend over, dislocate, and break his ankle. Mullen, Florida's coach, said at that moment, "... I think the team [gathering around Franks] shows what he means to the team, and what the team thinks of him, you know as the leader of the team, and the type of guy he is, how hard he works..." Although Franks season was over

Florida Gator, other Florida players stepped up and came alive. Kyle Trask replaced Franks, immediately started throwing passes with the time that they had left, and got the Gators to get back in the lead. Coach Mullen said, "Kyle was waiting for his moment. The team believes in him and we believe he's a starter, just like Feleipe is..." After the Gators victory, coach Mullen stated that, "... still had a long way to go. Came on the road and in a very tough environment and got a big win. We found ways to win."



Down in Tallahassee, however, the Seminoles had a different outcome. They were looking good in the first half but after the second half they kept on making mistakes that hurt them later in the game. With the confidence of the fans increasing in the direction of Florida State's football program, the players just need to realize that it will take time and to play their absolute best. Gabe Nabers, a tight end for the Seminoles, said, "We've just got to come back tomorrow and try and fix the mistakes we had in this game, the critical mistakes. You can't have those penalties." Although Blackman, Florida State's quarterback, played fairly



well; the rest of the team did not. The Seminole's defense was very sloppy in their plays, but has some improvement; but not enough to make a dent. Florida State's coach, Willie Taggart said, "We need to play winning football in the fourth quarter." In this football season Florida State's football team has been outscored in the fourth quarter 52-21.

Georgia kicked off another great football game, against Arkansas State. Georgia completely blew Arkansas State out of the water, the ending score was 55-0. After half-time many of the Bulldog fans did not bother to come back to watch the second half. Georgia had a total of 656 yards and the Bulldogs' defense helped lead the largest margin of victory under their head coach, Kirby Smart. Coach Smart said, "We played really hard and we were focused. Our Saturday scrimmages leading up the season helped us toward that. We started fast and really played hard... At the end of the day, it's all about execution. You can't have a lack of focus or discipline, and our kids did that. "Jake Fromm, Georgia's quarterback, completed 17-out-of-22 passes thrown; with 279 yards and three touchdowns. Arkansas State coach, Blake Anderson after the game said, "We needed Georgia to be thinking ahead and looking ahead. We needed them to make some mistakes. They didn't."

CREATIVE CORNER

Poet Spotlight: Hannah Saltares

Wind and Water: Pastoral

Sounds of water trickle by,
As the wind pours gently through
soft branches.

Green sways with this gentle
touch.

And below swaying to the wind's
gentle melody.

Dance two figures,
As they embrace each other
gently.

Emotions: Epitaph

Here lays all the lies,
Granted, there were times of
laughter,
But more often there was
irrationally.
Now, not better off, but not as
foolish,
We continue without them,
Numb.



STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

From: Riley Browning

"No." -Rosa Parks

From: Emmery Scurry- Add me
on IG @octaviouscuthbetson

From: Octavious Cuthbetson-
Vote Zytavious Mobley for
Homecoming King

From: Taylen Parrish-Fagin-
Add me on Sc:
@drummer_boyy003

From: Taylen Parrish-Fagin-
Add me on IG: @tkm5.tayy_
#BallisLife

From: Carolann Lancaster-
Buy items from my Fan Cloth

From Harsh Patel



From PWhite: Big Props to my
8th period Speech Class-
Don't Panic!

From Anonymous: 10 EC
Points if you bring me this
paper!

From Ms. Bergeron: To The
Journalism Staff
Great Work on this Issue! ♥♥♥

From: Andreau Jones- Add me
on IG @yungeen_dreau

From: Andreau Jones- Add
Stavon @850keem and Taylen
@tkm5.tayy_

From: Riley Browning- Bonjour
;) (Hi Robert)

From: Emmery Scurry- Add me
on IG @4wayyej

From: Jack Agee- Add me on
snapchat @jackagee547

From: Sam Stanley- Is there
even a reason to do this?