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Student Life

Senior Highlight: Clarence "C4" Graham

By Roxanne Gosseck

As we begin the 4th nine weeks, we're all gearing up for state tests, and ready for summer! We know we'll be back next year so we don't worry about it, but our seniors won't. As Mrs. Ortega says, they will have finally become butterflies. They'll be off living their lives. So, I'd like to give these students a shout-out! A last hoorah before the butterflies fly away.

This month we're shining the light on Clarence "C4" Graham. C4 is a well-known senior here because he's a friend to all and always willing to lend a helping hand. However, he still knows how to take a break to have fun! In fact, one of the funniest times he remembers here was during his ninth-grade year. During a different game, he poked a hole in the top of a water bottle and used it as a water gun to wet everyone. He also would enjoy playing handball in the morning in the auditorium. His recommendation to his underclassmen is to, "...do your work and don't play around...I thought it was a game and I was playing around...high school is not a game..." Though he struggled with history, he got a lot better. C4 enjoys math.

APRIL FOOLS DAY!!!! 4/1

After graduating high school, C4 looks forward to going to a trade school so he can learn mechanics and how to weld. He aspires to become an automotive mechanic and welder. For the rest of the school year, our days will be mostly filled with exams and state testing. So if you see a senior around campus, take a moment to wish them luck as they enter adulthood and congratulate them on their graduation, and remember that one day you'll be in their shoes too.

Meet Lillian Washington

By: Abby Washington

Lillian Washington is one of JMPHS's freshmen that will graduate in the year 2024. Lillian has been attending school here since this fall and has enjoyed her first year of high school so far. She says she came to this school because she has gone to both smaller schools and bigger schools. After knowing how both school environments are, she overall prefers smaller schools better.

When asked what the most challenging things are this year she said, "Dealing with the masks." One of Lillian's favorite classes is PE because she gets to be social and active inside or outside. When Lillian isn't busy with school work, she enjoys running track. She also dances after school and loves playing with her dogs.

One of her favorite places to visit is St. Augustine because there is so much to do. She also loves camping in the mountains with her family. One of her favorite foods is her grandma's casserole that has broccoli, chicken, and cheese in it.

Although she doesn't watch much TV on her own, she enjoys watching shows that her family chooses. When asked if she likes listening to music, she replied, "I love listening to music, one of my favorite artists is Harry Styles."

Lillian is a great student here and represents JMPHS very well. Although this year has been difficult, she has made the best out of it. She will continue to make her high school memories cherishable.

JMPHS Raffle

By Anna Myer

The JMPHS raffle is a fundraiser that students do to raise money for the school. The tickets cost \$100. Some prizes you can win by entering the raffle

are Browning citori white lightning which is the grand prize some other prizes are a sight mark night scope and a muddy striker blind. You can watch the drawing on the JMPHS Facebook page live every morning between 8:10 and 8:30. if you win the raffle JMPHS administrators will call you while on live to tell you that you have won the raffle. Once your name is picked it will be put back into the drawing to be picked again so theoretically you could win all 30 items. All prizes won will be picked up at Trophy Creek in Monticello Florida because there will be no guns on campus. Last year the raffle raised 28,000 thousand dollars. The money raised last year went to technology which helped some teachers get new Chromebooks. This helped our school a lot. The money we raise this year will also go to technology. The students also get a prize if they sell a lot of tickets, the student who sells the most tickets can win \$500. That motivated a lot of students...as you can imagine. The raffle does a lot for our school and our community. Remember to go out and sell those tickets!

JMPHS Leaders

By: Taylor Perkins-Vickers

James Madison has plenty of leaders, from ninth grade to twelfth. I interviewed one from each grade to give you insight into how a leader thinks. One of our ninth-grade leaders is Josie Driggers, when asked what leadership skills do you find most useful, she responded being dedicated and having gratitude. A time when she was demonstrating leadership skills is when she welcomed someone new to campus, showed her where all her classes were, and helped her to get familiar with the school. To motivate a team, Josie says, "Get them hype, and tell them to work hard."

Moving on to one of our tenth-grade leaders, Hannah Kervin, believes that being nice, and being a good listener are some leadership skills she finds most useful. When someone Hannah knew was doing something they shouldn't be doing, she told them that it was wrong and helped them to do the right thing. To motivate a team, Hannah says to cheer them on even when they're struggling and having a hard time.

Jashanti Johnson, an eleventh-grade leader says that "being a leader isn't just being head of the command, but also knowing you are a part of a team." A time when she demonstrated leadership skills was while doing a group project. Not only did she help those in the group, but she also did her job to make the project complete. Jashanti says to motivate a team you should encourage each person with specific things that will help them

and motivate them to work.

Now for our senior leader, Ah'zeria Francis. The leadership skills she finds most useful are, to be honest, speak up, and be kind. Ah'zeria comforted someone while they were upset and even went out of her way to find her and cheer her up. To motivate a team Ah'zeria says to "Make it fun, and to listen to opinions." There you have it, four of our JMPHS leaders, all coming from Mrs. Dela's leadership class. I hope you learned something from each of them, and decide to join the gang and become a leader too.



April Fools Day

By Tramiya Bea

Every year on April first we celebrate April Fools day. This day is made to play jokes on your friends and family. April Fools is a popular day. It is a day of fun and laughter. Some newspapers and Tv brands take part in this day. They will sometimes report fake news or would advertise products that don't exist. Some of the popular pranks are kids telling their friends their shoes are untied, changing the sugar to salt and salt to sugar, and Putting vaseline on the doorknob. Most pranks end by shouting, "April fools" at the person who just got pranked. I asked two students if they were planning to celebrate April Fools Day. Roxanne Gosseck said "no I'm just not into it as much as other people," Olivia McIntire said, "Yes because my family is always playing pranks on each other and I don't really know what I am going to do yet."

Teacher Times

An Interview with Mr. Androski

By Ethan Beach

I interviewed Alan Androski with these questions and asked questions about teaching and a normal day for him. These were his answers to my questions.

"What is a normal day for you?" he answered with, "Get up at 5:30 - Read Bible, get breakfast, and head to school. Teaching classes and taking care of technology issues at the school. Tutoring and lesson planning in the afternoon until about 5 pm when I head home. Eat supper- always eat together with my family- wife Christy, son Adam, daughters Leah and Sarah. Now that it stays light longer, my wife and I go for a walk with our dog "Jersey" in the evening. Usually, I read a book or play video games like Skyrim in the evenings before bed."



I also asked, "Do you enjoy teaching?" and he answered with, "I enjoy teaching. I feel I am blessed with the ability to explain things well, which is why I became a teacher after working in the Navy. I enjoy working with high school-aged people. I enjoyed high school when I was a teen. I would not want to teach elementary or middle school- one reason is that I enjoy teaching more advanced topics and would not like having to teach 1+1=2 every year. I also once taught part-time at NFC in the evening." I also asked, "Have you ever had a job before that you enjoyed?" and he answered with, "I was in the Navy and I enjoyed working in the engineering department and with emergency response teams. I was in charge of training 100's sailors how to respond to emergencies like fire and flooding. I also liked being out on the ocean and traveling around the world. I have visited many countries around Europe and the Caribbean."

Hayley Starling

By Bella Vasquez

Hayley Starling is a teacher at James Madison Preparatory High School. She teaches math to 9-12th grade students. Mrs. Starling became a teacher because she wanted to find something that would allow her to have more free time with her two kids. She really enjoyed her math classes in both High School and College, so thought that it would be a good fit for her.

Sports

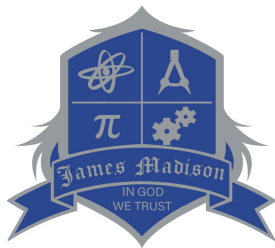
Mrs. Starling's favorite things that she loves to do outside of school are both artsy and creative outlets. However, as a working mom, she tends to not have too much time and energy. She also enjoys doing puzzles, reading, listening to music, and baking. Mrs. Starling likes JMPHS because of the size of the school. She thinks that it is easier to foster a good connection with students and other staff at a smaller school. Hayley Starling's favorite part to teach in math is function operations and factoring. However, she is really enjoying teaching Geometry this year and claims that "Geometry is growing on her". Thank you Mrs. Starling for being such a great, dedicated teacher!



JMPHS Baseball

By Ch'kolby Arnold

The Madison County Cowboys Varsity Baseball team has played a total of 12 games so far this season. They have won a total of 7 and lost 5. The season started off slow with a 4 game losing streak, but since their last game against Altha, the Cowboys have been on a 5 game winning streak. The Cowboys will play their next game against Altha. The Cowboys are first in the 1A District 5. The Cowboys Junior Varsity team have had a rough season so far. Losing all of their games except 1 but it only being a tie, their record is 0-7-1. Hopefully the season can turn around with only 6 games left. Jmphps students who play baseball are. Scott Williams, Jailyn Cooks, John Christain, Joshua Watts, Tyler Perkins Vickers. "



JMPHS Track

By Clarence Graham

Lillian Washington does track for JMPHS. She runs the 200, 400, 4 by 4 relay. Keoni Nelson throws the disc for competitions. Against Hamilton, he came in third place this season. Stavon McCreary runs track



participating in the 4 by 1, 100, 200. He has come in first place in all of them. Keoni and Stavon are on the MCHS football team and take weight lifting during the off-season.

JMPHS Trap Team

By Blake Grass

James Madison Preparatory Highschool trap team is a sporting group that uses shotguns to shoot skeet competitively. For those who don't know, skeet are small clay disks that fly through the air like frisbees. The team uses twenty and twelve gauge. The team practices twice a week at six o'clock. This gives the teams of twenty and twelve-gauge one practice each. Competition will begin Tuesday, March thirtieth; however, it will be limited from the usual amount this year due to the high ammo prices. As a sport that gives minors direct access to guns, safety is a strong priority. In order to join the team, members must be students at JMPHS with no F's, and have completed a safe hunter course. Once they have met these requirements, they must fill out a form to further insure they can be responsible when participating. If there do happen to be any problems through these precautions, the principal, Mark Akerman, can kick anyone who is misbehaving off the team. In the fifteen years since the start of the trap team, there have been zero accidents.



Girls Softball JMPHS

By Olivia McIntire

The Madison County Junior Varsity Softball Team has had a bit of a struggle this year with Covid-19 and finding players. They had two girls quit but also they've had a few girls join. They won twice against Hamilton County, and they have lost a few games too but they have big hopes for the rest of the season.

Some of the girls favorite things in softball are running bases, batting, and for some, the uniforms. The uniforms are a bit of a struggle like some sports, not all of them fit the girls. However, freshman Josie Driggers and freshman Shea Thompson have been hitting home runs and have crazy pitch speeds.

The team has practice every school day unless it's raining, but they said that practice has to be one of their favorite parts of playing the sport. They feel like a family, they always have each other's back. They are also looking for more players to add to their team.



Events & Weather Down Home Days

By Casey McFall

Down Home Days is a festival appreciating and celebrating Madison's history. It is held in town and at a local church. This year marks the 40th anniversary! If you are 16 or above, today's your lucky day. You can volunteer at Down Home Days on Saturday, April 24th from 9 am to 5 pm, in return, you will earn community service hours that will help you qualify for scholarships that you need. If you want to know more call 973-2788 or email Chamber@madisonfl.org.

Local student knowledge is that Down Home Days is a "festival to remind us of the old days. My favorites are the old fashion puzzles with chains and sticks, and the bean bag toss." said Blake Grass.

Another student, Roxanne Gosseck said, "I enjoy watching the parade with my friends and family."

The Down Home Days festival is filled with food and fun! So grab your friends and family and enjoy the festivities.

Culinary Club Teaches Kids Skills

By Lexi Carroll

The Youth Culinary Club has been teaching 4-H kids cooking skills. On the fourth Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m the club gathers kids to participate in culinary skills. Such as cooking a meal, how to cook sanitary, and how to safely and properly use a knife.

Ironically, the Culinary Club that

would be able to help kids cook and help around the house during this pandemic have not been able to meet as often due to Covid precautions. As Covid restrictions lift, this Club can resume their meetings and continue learning the skills necessary to life and cooking. When the Club resumes their meetings they will have new insights on issues and problems that they encountered during the pandemic. As well as new kids who want to explore the culinary world and use their imagination to cook.

This club is important for students alike because cooking is a life skill that all will find useful as they become more independent. As youth continue to develop their culinary skills they may in fact find that they desire to be a chef in the future. Students, If you are passionate about cooking or just want to have fun, join the club. It could be a good pastime or an after school activity.

HAPPY NATIONAL WORLD HEALTH DAY
EAT WELL-STAY FIT 4/7

Store-front Accidents

By Lillian Washington

In recent months, the amount of cars that have been running into storefronts has seemed to increase. Some people are starting to worry about the dangers of going to work or driving into parking lots. Research shows that in some other places people drive into storefronts almost every week.

An example of cars running into storefronts in Madison is a recent accident that happened at Foo-Lots, a car went right through the front wall of the store. The police went to the accident and saw that no one was injured and the car had little damage, but the store's doors and windows had major damage along with some things inside the store. The police also asked the person driving how it happened and she said, she thought she was pressing the brake and instead was pressing the gas, then she slammed on the brakes and stopped inside the store. As we can see by her statements it was an accident and it doesn't explain why it's starting to happen more often.

This tends to happen more often with people the age of 60 and up. This has become very worrying because people run into storefronts an average of 60 times per day. Another reason this has become worrying is that almost 500 people get killed every year and 4,000 people are injured. Parking lots and buildings are designed to prevent this from happening. Many people consider this as 100% preventable. The people of Madison have been beginning to be worried about the increasing amount of cars that are running into storefronts. Many people have noticed the increase in this situation and they are scared to drive to work and other places, the particular reason for this circumstance is that they are scared that if people get confused enough to run into a storefront then it would be dangerous to drive at a quick speed on a road with that person.

To sum up, everything that has been stated so far, most of the driving residents of Madison County are nervous about the situation of people driving into storefronts. They don't want to drive places due to this and people who do run into storefronts could be dangerous on the road, unless it was someone who truly got confused with the pedals.

Weather Wreaks Havock on US

By Melana Webb

A threatening outbreak impacted The South Wednesday unleashing tornadoes, damaging winds, hail, and flooding rain. The threat was predicted to shift to the Southeast and Southern Mid-Atlantic on Thursday. On Wednesday, the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center declared a very rare Level 5 out of 5, high-risk, severe thunderstorms. "By Wednesday night, the Storm Prediction Center had received 129 reports of severe weather, including 21 tornadoes, some leading to serious damage to homes and businesses in Alabama and Mississippi," the article Damaging Tornado Outbreak Hits South, Severe Weather Threat Shifts to Southeast on Thursday from the Washington Post stated. Most of Alabama remained under a tornado watch, the most severe kind, until 3 a.m. The watch stated there would be a high chance for multiple tornadoes and the probability that a few would be extremely dangerous. Through Wednesday evening the Weather Service had issued higher than 80 tornado warnings during the outbreak. Nighttime tornadoes, especially those in the Southeast, have a history of being deadly due partly to the difficulty of warning residents who might be asleep or located far from a shelter. "More than 40 million Americans from Texas to Georgia were at a chance of severe weather on Wednesday, including almost 1.5 million residing in the top-tier high-risk zone, which spanned extreme northeast Louisiana, central Mississippi, western Alabama, and includes Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi," Damaging Tornado Outbreak Hits South, Severe Weather Threat shifts to Southeast on Thursday was written from the Washington Post.

"Surrounding the high-risk zone was a Level 4 out of 5 moderate risks, encasing much of eastern Arkansas, northeast Louisiana, and the remainder of Mississippi and Alabama. Memphis, Little Rock, and Huntsville, Alabama, were in the moderate zone," Damaging Tornado Outbreak Hits South, Severe Weather Threat shifts to Southeast on Thursday wrote. This was the first time since 2012 that a high risk of severe weather has been declared during March. In Alabama, the tornado threat continued through the night. Damaging Tornado Outbreak Hits South, Severe Weather Threat Shifts to Southeast on Thursday wrote, "Alabama and parts of neighboring states are known for their vulnerability to tornadoes; the danger escalates at night. Research has shown that nighttime tornadoes are 250 percent more likely to result in deaths."

The safest place to be during a tornado is on the lowest level of a building, ideally underground. Position yourself between several walls and outside, also make sure to stay away from windows. Transplantable homes and vehicles do not offer defense from a tornado. Meteorologists and emergency responders advise mobile home residents to identify a safe place to shelter ahead of time. Alternatives may include a public tornado shelter or staying at friends' or relatives' homes.



NATIONAL EARTH DAY 4/22



Martian Rover

By John Carver

After many months of hurtling through space, the Martian rover has finally landed. Elon Musk, along with many others, has the goal of putting humans on the red planet, and we have the technology to do so (it would just be incredibly expensive). However, this begs the question: once we get to Mars, what's next? One might answer "another planet in our solar system" but that person would be unfortunately mistaken. On Venus, you'd boil alive in your spacesuit, then get dissolved by rain made from literal battery acid. On Mercury, you would be smitten by the thermonuclear wrath of the Sun during the day, and frozen into low-quality beef jerky at night. On Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, you would be unable to stand, and would just fall for days until the atmospheric pressure does you in. Pluto would just be cold and boring. However, with a recent scientific paper published in the IOP Science Journal, a place where scientists review each others' theories, science has a new solution.

Naturally, if we wished to colonize another planet, we would have to leave the solar system. Currently, the nearest planet is over 4 lightyears away, meaning that if one could travel as fast as Albert Einstein would allow (the speed of light), it would take over 4 years to reach the destination, at the mere cost of an infinite amount of energy! This quickly became a problem for science fiction writers, and they came up with the idea of a "warp drive", something that could bend something called spacetime. Spacetime was proposed by Hermann Minkowski, who actually taught Albert Einstein, to show how distance and time could be stretched and compressed. Einstein then proved that gravity generated by a planet or star could actually dent spacetime, and affect the direction of light and the passage of time. Fast forward to the 90s, and a Mexican scientist named Miguel Alcubierre came up with a theoretical design for a real warp drive. Unfortunately, it required a lot of something called "exotic matter" with negative weight, which involves super expensive, mile-long machines that make tiny amounts at a time. For a long time, warp drives were added to the pile of cool, but unfeasible ideas, like tunnels that go through the planet, or nuclear-powered cars.

However, on the 9th of this month, scientist Erik Lentz proposed a design for a warp drive that uses good old-fashioned normal materials, with no fancy "negative energy particles" involved. It takes spacetime, and uses regular mass to create a moving "wave" that shrinks the distance between a ship and its destination, and expands the distance between a ship and its origin. This warp drive would not break any known laws of physics, and it would allow a ship to travel faster to a destination than if it traveled at the speed of light. Unfortunately, this would require vast amounts of energy compressed in a very small location. On the other hand, theoretical measures could reduce the need for energy, until we can generate enough. When that happens, tests can be made, and like the sailboat and the steam engine, it will continue to be innovated and will allow us to expand our boundaries.



INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY 3/29



Glitter Series

By Lucy Cherry

Creative Corner



Glitter Series

By Tae Hill



Selective Coloring

By K'Lyn Williams



Plastic Sculpture

By Sydney Curtis



Selective Coloring though Glass

By Trinity Rusell



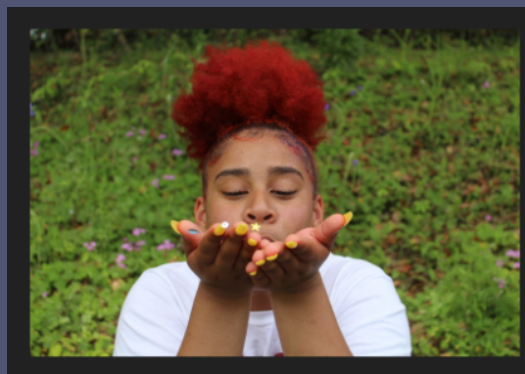
Plastic Sculpture

By Taylor Perkins-Vickers



Plastic Sculpture

By Sincere Sims



Glitter Series

By Jack Agee



Plastic Sculpture

By Nadia Waller