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The Applegate Branch Library article on page 6 of the fall Applegater should have used JCLS (not JCLA) as an abbreviation for Jackson County Library Services (not System).

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