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Meet Jacksonville Public Library's new director

By Kaylee Burke
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Jacksonville Public Library is pleased to welcome new Library Director Tim Rogers to the JPL family. Rogers has more than 15 years of experience leading libraries around the country.



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Public Library
New Library Director Tim Rogers

When the director position became available at JPL — a result of the former director retiring — Rogers jumped at the opportunity to head the city's award-winning library. He was also drawn to the area by the diversity, beaches, culture and delicious food, which he said made accepting the position, uprooting from Oklahoma, and moving to Jacksonville a "no brainer."

Rogers' immediate goals for the library include focusing on reading and learning readiness for kids, lifelong learning for all ages, and the development of a stronger sense of community.

He said, "Ultimately, I think we want to see our programs and services used by more folks, more frequently to en-

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Photos courtesy Elaine Omann

Maureen Kirschhofer stands in front of the pieces she completed in class as the instructor. She will start a new painting for the summer class.

Summer learning for adults stretches creativity

By Elaine Omann
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Spring courses and workshops for adult learners at the University of North Florida's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) ended last week. Adults who were in these courses are now making plans and signing up for summer schedules.

One such group of adults in Maureen Kirschhofer's painting class held a student art exhibit to share their completed artwork, which marked the end of this spring session. The group provided refreshments for their guests of friends, family, and staff members. During the class, students and the instructor had critiqued the work during each weekly session and offered suggestions that helped in guiding the paintings to the end results

During the student exhibit conversations continued about the session, the work completed, and the learning — and then turned to talk about summer learning and plans. Most of



Sandy Myers learned new techniques in Maureen Kirschhofer's class.

the students planned to take Kirschhofer's course again for another eight weeks and had specific ideas of what they wanted to try: possibly a portrait, or abstract, or another image from photos taken during past travels.

Lifelong learning becomes part of what many adult learners build into their time. Often relationships are developed and friendships continue as in the case of two friends, Sherri Stratton and Sandy Myers, who have been attending painting classes together. They also added an Origami course to their



Sherri Stratton has painted gifts for her family.

Monday sessions before painting, since they can commute together and provide assistance with medical needs when necessary. It is part of the friendship and relationship building.

Mara Snyder, who painted Majestic the blue bird, has added a summer course, "Women in Islam" to her learning.

The instructor has written a book on the topic and is a powerful speaker. Snyder has travelled extensively and wanted to learn more about other cultures and parts of the world. She uses many of her travel photos for references in her paintings.

The one male in the group is not attending this summer session, but plans to use his time to travel to Alaska and collect images for painting. He writes poetry and plans to publish more of his writing.

Other painters in the group are planning to develop a new skill or try new approaches. Some have given their paintings to nieces and nephews and want to continue completing work. Gail Stafford found the weekly class motivated her to finish a painting in time for the next session.

New people have been added to the roster, which brings a different dynamic to the group. Learning from others is fun and develops a deeper artistic understanding.

Summer is good time to add a new pastime and OLLI has a summer catalogue available with new options. Visit www.unf.edu/ce/olli for more information.

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Jacksonville Jewish Food Festival to feature nosh format

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Smoking cessation class offered

Northeast Florida AHEC will offer a local opportunity for smoking cessation. There will be a free Tools to Quit class at Mayo Clinic Primary Care on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The class will provide free patches, lozenges, gum, a quit plan, workbook, water bottle and stress ball. Call North east Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 to register and learn about more classes near you.

Youth orchestra schedules auditions

The First Coast Youth Orchestras, led by artistic director Scott Gregg, announce that auditions for the 2018 – 2019 season will be held in May. The musical organization is entering its

second year and serves musicians aged seven – 21 with five levels of string and full orchestras as well as chamber music. The season runs September through May and scholarship programs are available. Visit www.firstcoastyo.com or call (904) 515-5092 for more information or to apply.

Newcomers club seeks members

Women in the Greater Jacksonville area who have moved to the area, are long time residents, have had a lifestyle change, want to make new friends, or want to participate in a wide variety of fun activities are invited to check out the Southside Newcomers Club. Groups and activities include Bridge, Bunco, Canasta, day trips, dining out, book groups, beading, movies, Mah Jongg, lunching at various locations, and more. Coffee or breakfast is held at Mimi’s Cafe in St. Johns Town Center on the first Monday of every month to learn more about Southside Newcomers Club and monthly luncheons are held at various country clubs with different programs each month. The May luncheon will include the installation of new officers of the executive board for the coming year. Membership dues this social group are \$30 per year. Contact sncmembership84@gmail.com for more information.

UNF hosts 26th annual Small Business Week awards

In recognition of the small business community’s contribution to the economy and society, the President of the United States designates one week each year as National Small Business Week. The U.S. Small Business Administration, in conjunction with the Florida Small Business Development Center at UNF, will host the Small Business Week awards on May 4, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the UNF Herbert University Center, to honor and present awards to local entrepreneurs and those who support and advocate for small businesses. This event is presented by the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship and 121 Financial Credit Union. Visit www.sbdc.unf.edu or call (904) 620-2476 for more information.

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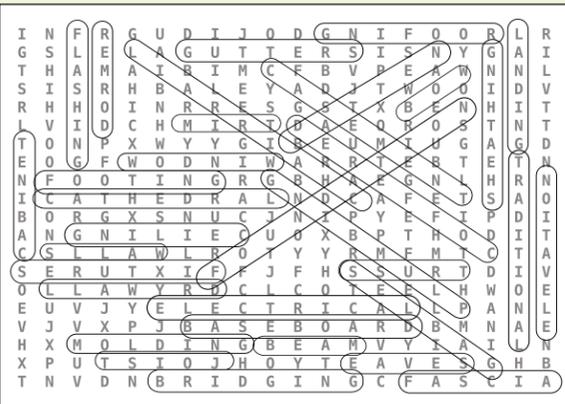
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around town

save the date!

June 6 First Wednesday Art Walk

5 p.m.
Hemming Park

June 13 - July 29 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Alhambra Theatre and Dining
12000 Beach Blvd.
www.alhambrajax.com

June 16 Great Atlantic Country Music Festival

12 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Seawalk Pavilion, Jacksonville Beach
<https://www.greatatlanticfestival.com/>

July 16 - 21 Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

Jim King Park & Boat Ramp at Sister Creek
<http://kingfishtournament.com/>

July 21 Jacksonville Sharks vs. Columbus Lions

7 p.m.
Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena
www.jaxsharks.com

May 3

National Stuttering Association meeting

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Southeast Regional Library, Room D, 10599
Deerwood Park Blvd.
<https://sites.google.com/site/jacksonvillensa/> or
(904) 247-6892

May 4

Deerwood Rotary Club meeting

7:30 a.m. (Repeating event on Fridays)
Deerwood Country Club 10239 Golf Club Drive
Deerwoodrotary.org

May 5

Florida Sisters in Crime writers/readers group

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Southeast Regional Library, Room B, 10599
Deerwood Park Blvd.
<https://floridasistersincrime.wordpress.com/>

May 7

Southside Newcomers Club First Monday Coffee

10 a.m.
Mimi's Cafe in St Johns Town Center
phorn94479@aol.com

May 8

South Council of Jax Chamber luncheon

11:30 a.m. networking/12 p.m lunch and program
DeerCreek Country Club, 7816 McLaurin Road N.
www.southcouncil.org

May 8

FWA River City Writers group

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Southeast Regional Library, Room D, 10599
Deerwood Park Blvd.
(904) 996-0325

May 9

Medtronic Leaders Toastmasters Club

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Nelson Auditorium, 6621 Charing St., 32216
cgsml3@yahoo.com

May 10

American Legion Post 372 general assembly

6 p.m. meet and greet / 7 p.m. meeting
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield
Crossing Drive
(904) 297-8344 or www.mandarinpost372.org

May 10

UNF Board of Trustees meeting

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
UNF Student Union, Building 58W, Ballroom CD
Public welcome; www.unf.edu/trustees or
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May 11

UNF baseball vs. Lipscomb

6:05 p.m.
Harmon Baseball Stadium; \$5 for adults

May 12

Toast of Jax Toastmasters meeting

7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Baha'i Community Center of Jacksonville, 5034
Greenland Road
www.toastofjax.com (Repeating event on
Saturdays)

May 14

Sierra Club meeting

6:30 p.m. social/7 p.m. meeting
Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 2001 University
Blvd. W.
www.sierraclub.org/florida/northeast-florida

May 16

Southside Business Men's Club weekly lunch meeting

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
San Jose Country Club
Registration required; www.southsidebusiness-mensclub.com

May 16

River City Women's Club luncheon featuring brown bag auction to raise funds for charity

10:30 a.m.
Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3130 Hartley Road
RSVP to Florence, (904) 262-8719

May 17

Knitting Chicas

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Regional Library, Room F, 10599
Deerwood Park Blvd.
(904) 996-0325

May 18

Deerwood Toastmasters Club

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Southeast Regional Library, Room B, 10599
Deerwood Park Blvd.
Deerwoodtm.toastmastersclubs.org

May 20

Singers by the Sea Spring Concert

2:30 p.m.
Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd St. S.,
Jax Beach
www.sbts-fl.org

May 21

All Star Quilt Guild

9:45 a.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.
www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild or (904)
502-5254

May 24

Italian Language and Culture meetup group

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Southeast Regional Library, Room B, 10599
Deerwood Park Blvd.
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May 24

How to STARTUP Your Own Business sponsored by Small Business Development Center

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Adam W. Herbert University Center, Bldg. 43
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with Duval School Board Member,
District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: Yesterday (April 23), the Duval County School Board selected the semifinalists for the next superintendent. What can you tell us about this process?

A: According to our search firm, Hazard Young Attea & Associates, there were more than 70 candidates who expressed interest in this position. Once they were all filtered through the process, the School Board received the applications and considered 26 candidates. From there, we selected six semifinalists. Of this top six, I'm very confident that with their records and leadership, we will end up with a great superintendent for DCPS.

Q: What can you tell us about the candidates?

A: This is a good group. If people take the time to investigate, I believe they will be satisfied with their records and what they've accomplished in their current positions. Each candidate has done something significant and been instrumental in moving their current school district forward.

Q: Can you share any specifics about each candidate?

A: One of the characteristics that rose to the top during our community meetings was that everyone wanted someone with significant leadership experience and connection to education. All of these candidates have these. Two of the candidates, Dr. Diana Green (who began her teaching career in Jacksonville) and Frederick Heid (former chief academic officer at DCPS) have ties to Jacksonville. Harrison Peters is chief of schools for Hillsborough County Schools in Florida and Green is superintendent of Manatee County Schools in Florida. Michael Dunsmore is a superintendent of schools in North Carolina, Sito Narcisse is chief of schools in the Nashville area and Erick Pruitt is an area superintendent of a large school district in Houston.

Q: What is the next step?

A: On May 11, the board will hold the initial interviews with the six semifinalists from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Cline Auditorium (open to the public) before meeting on May 14 to identify the finalists. Interviews with the finalists will be May 16, 17 and 18 and then on May 22 the board will meet to identify the preferred candidate. The plan is for this person to begin work in July. Part of this process will include the 25-member focus group, which includes three representatives (one of whom is a DCPS employee) from each district. This focus group will also interview the semifinalist candidates on May 12 at the Schultz Center from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (open to the public) and then make a recommendation to the board.

Q: Do you have anything else to share about this process?

A: It is important to note that the board has been methodically working on this process since last fall; a lot of work has already been done in advance of this busy month of May.

Several of the candidates for superintendent were identified by a majority of the board. We were all on the same page and I'm excited that we're bringing some strong talent to Jacksonville.

Also, I'd like to say that Dr. Willis has done a phenomenal job as superintendent. I believe Duval County Public Schools are better for her leadership.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

A: They can email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org or call me at (904) 316-3609.



with Jacksonville City Council Member
Tommy Hazouri (At Large District 3)

Q: What is the latest (as of today, April 23) on the potential sale of JEA?

A: There is becoming a cloud of mistrust as far as this topic. From the beginning, we've never had a bill in front of the City Council. This has been my problem all along. Now the JEA director has resigned and they've just appointed an interim director during this period of "transparency"... or lack thereof. At this time, I think we should be looking at possibly restructuring JEA to meet the competition and provide low rates and additional sources of electricity for customers, but still maintaining ownership. I have had more constituents tell me they don't support the sale than I have heard about any other controversial issue, including the HRO. We should be focusing on other issues such as sidewalks in Mandarin and The District.

Q: What can you tell us about The District?

A: This project, which is a development on the riverfront at the old JEA generating plant, is moving forward. It received unanimous approval from the Downtown Investment Authority and will be up for a vote in the City Council probably in mid-June. There seems to be a good amount of support. When completed, The District proposes to be a city within a city and contain 1,170 residential units; 200,000 square feet of office space; 200,000 square feet of retail; a 3.5 acre riverfront park as an extension of the Southbank Riverwalk; a 125 slip marina; and a Marriott hotel. It's taken several years of work to get to this point, but that's how long a project of this magnitude requires.

Q: Do you have any results from the City of Jacksonville's tire buyback program?

A: This event was held at EverBank Field on March 24 in an effort to com-

bat blight. A total of 22,508 tires were dropped off and \$43,602 was paid out to residents who brought them in. Additionally, 3,376 snipe signs were turned in and \$1,666 was paid out for them. I would say this was a successful day. This is an ongoing program and we will have additional events in the future.

Q: Do you have anything else to share?

A: I'd like to label this one "Did you know?" Did you know that October 1 will be the 50th anniversary of consolidated Jacksonville? There is a celebration planned. In fact, the JSO officers are already wearing badges that acknowledge this milestone.

Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?

A: They can email me at THazouri@coj.net or call (904) 630-1396.

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*Did you know?
Mother's Day*

The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, W.V. Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived. This year, Mother's Day is celebrated on May 13.



Photo courtesy Karlyn McKell, CBS Community Relations Manager

Southside Newcomers visit CBS47

Members of the Southside Newcomers Club recently visited the CBS47 television station to sit in on a live broadcast of the noon news. They met and interacted with on-air personalities Phil Amato, Dawn Lopez, Garrett Bedenbaugh, and Letisha Bereola. Following the live broadcast, they toured the behind the scenes workings of the news station. Pictured are Anita Rhodan, Paula Horning, Lisa Gengler, Kathy Chitty, Laraine Baines, Dolores Berretta, Margaret Walker, Barbara Binghi, Leriene Connolly, Kim Palmer, Carol Himmelreich, Rita Brady, Marie Griffin, Julia Peppersack, Pat Harth, Linda Egan, and Brenda Preston.

Douglas Anderson student earns spot on national baton twirling team

By Christina Lopez
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Amanda Trujillo, a 16-year-old junior at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, recently traveled to Indiana for the U.S. Trials in the sport of baton twirling and was selected to be a member of Team USA, which will compete in the world championships in Orlando in August.

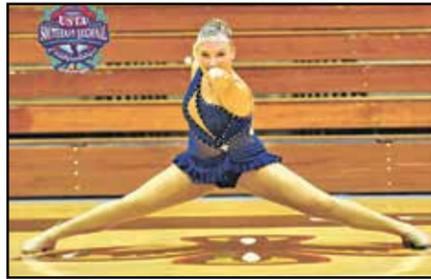


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Amanda Trujillo

Baton twirling incorporates elements of many Olympic sports, including gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics, dance, gymnastics, and extreme coordination. Trujillo participated in her first national competition at the age of three.

At the age of 12, she won numerous national titles, and became one of the youngest twirlers in the U.S. to compete at the World Championships. Two years later, she earned the gold medal for Junior Artistic Twirl in Almere, Canada. Last year, Trujillo traveled to Croatia to compete at the International Cup, receiving the bronze medal in the 16-year age group.

"I've been training vigorously to try to qualify for a spot on Team USA, and my hard work paid off," Trujillo said.

"It's quite an honor to represent my country in the world championships."

When asked how she incorporates a normal high school experience into a life of national competitions, Trujillo notes that Douglas Anderson has aided her career.

"The dance training at Douglas Anderson has helped me grow in my artistic abilities and technique, which are important aspects of baton twirling," said Trujillo. "At DA, I have learned to multi-task and push myself to be the best that I can be, in both in dance and baton-twirling. Douglas Anderson has allowed me to showcase the sport I'm proud to be a part of, and grow as a person in my everyday life."

Sixth grade students bring Ancient Greece back to life

By NewsLine Staff
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For more than 20 years, the Greek Olympics has been one of the signature traditions for sixth grade students at Jacksonville Country Day School. Dressed in togas and representing the city-states of Ancient Greece, students compete in field games such as relays and tug-of-war. This experiential learning activity helps what they have learned about ancient Greece to stay in their memory, in addition to promoting healthy activity and teamwork.

The Greek Olympics are just one part of the culminating experience for the sixth grade study of Ancient Greece. This year, students also learned Greek dancing, in addition to the traditional "Gods and Goddesses" feast of Greek food, which featured Greek food made by parents.

"Jacksonville Country Day School families are the best. They share their rich culture, including food, stories, and even dancing. This helps to bring the experiences alive for our students," sixth grade Lead Teacher Nancy Hockenbery said. "We also had a debate between 'Athens' and 'Sparta,' which was a new activity this year."

The culminating day for Ancient Greece brings the events that happened so long ago to life. The activities make the



Photos courtesy Jacksonville Country Day School

Sixth graders at Jacksonville Country Day School participate in the Greek Olympics, an annual tradition at the school.

culture of one of the most important civilizations come to life.

"Music, theater, art, philosophy, architecture, the sciences, and math can all be traced to Ancient Greece, which was also the birthplace of democracy," Hockenbery added.

"Students enjoy the study of ancient Greece and learn so much because it is an integrated unit of study that culminates with the Olympics," said Pat Walker, Head of School. "The requirement to dress in authentic costumes, coupled with the physical activities, is appealing to sixth graders and makes learning fun."

The students have been studying Ancient Greece throughout the school year from a variety of angles, including art, language arts, physical education, and even in the library and lunchroom.

Twin Lakes Academy Elementary to hold Reading Celebration

By Hope Morgan
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As part of the 2017 – 2018 Principal's Reading Challenge, Principal Denise Robertson challenged Twin Lakes Academy Elementary students to meet their goal to read 25 – 30 books every quarter — the equivalent of 1 million words for the year. Students have worked diligently to meet the principal's challenge.

Students are now gearing up for the May 24, 2018 Reading Celebration, which is the activity celebrating their achievements. This event promotes literacy across all grade levels. It endorses best practices, so children will build fluency, expand vocabulary, and sharpen their comprehension skills.

Robertson will honor the top readers from each grade level and classroom with special prizes and gifts. These top readers will be presented with a medalion, special book, and certificate. In addition, she will join the grade level top readers in a "Silly Relay Race." Mr. Eric, a local musician, will present an interactive musical performance and the event will also include dancing, obstacle course bounce houses, games, storytellers, sing-a-longs and snow cones to celebrate meeting the reading goal.

Hope Morgan is the reading coach at Twin Lakes Academy Elementary.

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Get to Know . . .

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Nandha Thesingh



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Nandha Thesingh

Nandha Thesingh lives and works on the Southside. He is an active member of Toastmasters. He is a man who is involved with community and leadership training, bringing changes to organizations in which he is involved — and as a millennial he thinks technology is key to change.

“I moved to Jacksonville in 2008 from India to work as a consultant for an IT services firm,” Thesingh said. “I am currently an independent Agile and Project Management consultant operating through my own corporation Jaxhub. I am married to my wife Vrushali, who is an R&D engineer at Johnson & Johnson Vision care and together we have two daughters who show interest in STEM at Bright Horizons.”

1. How long have you lived in the Southside area and what do you find most interesting about this area?

I have lived in the Southside area since 2008. I like this area because of its proximity to downtown, beaches and Town Center. I love that I don't have to drive far to find places to eat or things to do. We own a home in the area.

2. How are you involved in the community?

At present I am involved with the Toastmasters organization as a club

member and a District Guide/ Ambassador for the new educational Program Pathways. I also volunteer for a DC-based business advocacy non-profit as a strategic consultant. I highly encourage people to join Toastmasters; there are several leadership opportunities within Toastmasters that can enable you to excel in your professional life while learning to become a better speaker.

3. Why is Toastmasters influential to you and your life's work and goals?

Toastmasters has played a pivotal role in honing my communication and leadership skills. I have been able to transition from a being programmer to a consultant in part because of the skills I gained through Toastmasters. My goal is to be the best in what I do, and eventually expand my business to offer services to clients around the city.

4. What would you like to share with the readers?

We live in a wonderful city and community. We should strive to better the community as a whole by joining organizations that serve the community. We can't always expect elected leaders to do everything. We should identify opportunities where we can contribute to the community and in turn are able to influence others. Jacksonville is

called the Bold City. I would like it see it become Bolder.

5. What hobbies or interests do you have?

In my free time I enjoy practicing ballroom dancing with my wife. We used to compete in dance competitions before we had kids and we also won four titles at the USA Dance National Amateur ballroom championship in 2014 held at Baltimore, Md. We hope to compete again, fingers crossed.

Visit www.toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club/00000546-southside-club for more information about the Southside Toastmasters Club.

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able deeper customer engagement and stronger neighborhoods.”

In addition, he'd like to take advantage of the uniqueness of the different library's neighborhoods by providing relevant services for those specific communities.

Outside the walls of the library Rogers enjoys many pastimes, like listening to an audiobook, wandering through a museum, watching baseball, and spending time with his wife, Carla. Rogers is eager to meet and engage with people throughout Jacksonville, so stop by the Main Library this month to introduce yourself or ask the Southeast staff when he will be visiting the branch.

May Happenings: The Great Decisions Program provides thought-provoking topics for people of the community to examine. On May 10 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Joshua Michaud will facilitate a discussion on Global Health: Progress and Challenges, exploring strides made over the last 30 years and new challenges that exist, and why the next several decades will play an important role in determining well-being and health across nations.

Celebrate Local and Community History Month on May 17 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. with author and award-winning photographer Mary Atwood. Atwood's book, “Historic Homes of Florida's First Coast,” offers a glimpse inside historic homes of Northeast Florida. Through both words and images, Atwood brings to life the rich histories of these homes, sharing the stories of courage of those who made significant contributions to the area now known as Florida's First Coast. The book contains more than 90 images, including 60 of Atwood's original photographs. You can borrow the book from the library.

Springtime means outdoor time, so it's only fitting that May's Maker Monday theme is lanterns. Kids aged six – 12 can decorate mason jars and use electric tea lights to create the perfect lantern for summer evenings. Get glowing on May 14 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

All library locations will be closed on May 28 for Memorial Day. Remember, the library's digital library is open 24/7 for a variety of e-books, audiobooks, movies and music. All programs are free and open to the public. Find information about additional upcoming events for Southeast Regional Library at jaxpubliclibrary.org/events or call the branch at (904) 996-0325.

The Pantry Raiders

Try your hand at homemade salsa for Cinco de Mayo

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Tortilla chips just aren't the same without salsa, a spicy sauce that has many variations. Many people enjoy store-bought salsa, but home chefs and foodies might want to try their hands at homemade salsa, which can be just as delicious as a restaurant-quality variety. If you like your salsa to come with a little extra kick, consider the following recipe for “Fiery Corn Salsa” from Kelley Cleary Coffeen's “200 Easy Mexican Recipes” (Robert Rose).

In a large bowl, combine oil, lime juice and cilantro. Add tomatoes, corn and jalapeno to taste. Mix well until corn mixture is well coated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour or up to 2 days. Tip: In place of the corn kernels, you can use canned corn, drained; frozen corn, thawed; or corn from the cob, cooked on the stove top. For a smoky flavor, use corn grilled on the barbecue grill.

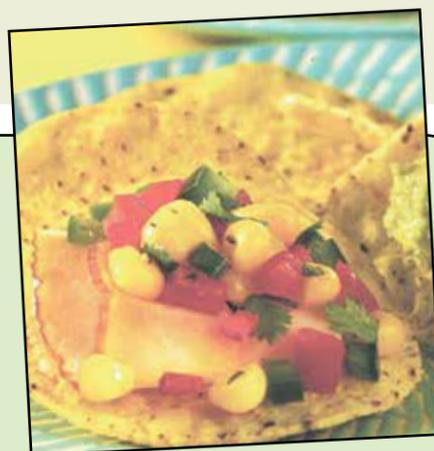


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Fiery Corn Salsa

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(Makes 2 cups)

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 3 tbsp. freshly squeezed lime juice
- 2 tsp. minced fresh cilantro
- 3 tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1 ½ cups corn kernels
- 2 to 3 jalapeno peppers, seeded and diced
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Photo courtesy Alhambra Theatre and Dining
The five guys named Moe with Nomax.

Get ready to be entertained with Alhambra's "Five Guys Named Moe"

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The premise is simple ... down on his luck Nomax is lonely and drunk and is visited by five men who jump out of an old timey radio to perform songs by R&B pioneer Louis Jordan in this revue at Alhambra Theatre and Dining entitled "Five Guys Named Moe." Part conscience and part advisors, the five singers, all named Moe, appear to an increasingly accepting and collaborative Nomax (Jereme Raickett).

The strength of this show is the vocal talent of the five guys — Big Moe (Byron Glenn Willis), No Moe (Damien De-Shaun Smith), Little Moe (David Berry), Eat Moe (Rendell Anthony DeBose), and Four-Eyed Moe (Darryl Reuben Hall) — and the infectious quality of Jordan's music. (Raickett, as Nomax, is equally gifted.)

A true ensemble effort, the vocals are so strong it is difficult to single out any member of the cast. The five Moes and Nomax have an enjoyable chemistry that charms early on, while their voices blend into smooth harmonies.

From the hoedown notes of "Safe, Sane and Single" to the island beat of "Push Ka Pi Shi Pie," Jordan's music runs the gamut of musical styles. "Saturday Night Fish Fry" is even acknowledged to be a precursor to modern rap music. "Is You Is or Is Your Ain't my Baby?" is probably the revue's best known hit, but it doesn't matter as the Moes handle each song and genre with jubilant energy.

The accompanying jazz band, which remains inside the oversized old timey radio on the stage due to some creative lighting and placement of an opaque curtain, is terrific. Featured are Anthony Felton on keyboards, Chanel Miller on drums, Brooks Clarke on electric bass, Paul Jackson on trumpet, Alex Hernandez on reed and Nicholas Carter on trombone. Like the singers, they switch musical styles effortlessly.

Choreography by James Kinney is fast paced and entertaining. All the Moes have their individual personalities and dance and act accordingly. From Little Moe in his shiny shoes mugging for the audience to Eat Moe wondering where his next meal is coming from, there is a lot to keep one's attention. An audience participation conga line concludes the first act and the party continues into the cabaret featured in the second act.

Chef DeJuan Roy has once again created a special menu inspired by the show. Diners have the option of Moe's Salad or Field Pea Soup for the first course and then Turkey Meatloaf, Saturday Night Fish Fry, Smoked Boston Butt or Curry Sweet Potato Stew for an entree. Save room for delicious Blueberry Pie Pockets or a Mini Pistachio Bundt Cake for dessert.

"Five Guys Named Moe" will be on stage at Alhambra Theatre and Dining through May 6. Visit www.alhambrajax.com to buy tickets.

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Nutrition Check: Improving poor eating habits

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Have you ever thought to yourself, "If I could just stop eating ____, I could lose a few pounds?" This is a thought that is quite common when trying to change poor eating habits.

Even though some of us are aware of our not-so-healthy eating patterns, they can still be very difficult to change and we may not be ready for true change. Most individuals blame it on their lack of self-discipline, but this can be discouraging and steer us away from making healthier choices. Just as we form poor eating habits, we can transition these into great, healthy habits with five simple small steps:

Determine your readiness for change. Just because you feel you need or should change a habit, are you truly ready to make this nutrition change?

Think SMART. Being SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) in what habit you want to change. Focus on one habit and be realistic of what you think you can accomplish.

Simple is key. Rather than trying to change a million behaviors at once, focus on just one. Make specific actions for change.

Setup an environment for change. Work with family and friends to achieve similar goals. This support system is motivating to continue to change and build healthier habits. Remove tempting foods from your kitchen, fridge and drawers.

Reward yourself. Once you have set a simple SMART goal, check back in a short period (few weeks to months) to check your progress. A reward can be small (personal time) or large (new kitchen gadget); find something that motivates you!

At first, it may not be easy; you are likely going to face challenges in accomplishing your goal. Write down why this behavior change is important to you and what outcomes you would like to see. Share your motivations and goals with your family and friends to help you stay on track if you are struggling. Lastly, record your progress. On days that may be difficult, you can look at how far you have come. At times, you may feel like you have "failed;" however, stay focused and keep trying to change this habit.

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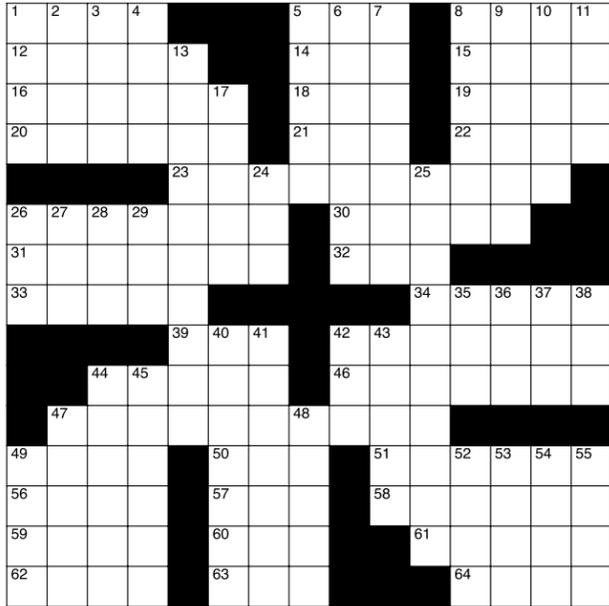
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Puzzles

Answers on page 2

Puzzles courtesy MetroCreative



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. In bed
- 5. Project portfolio management
- 8. ___ Bator: Mongolian capital
- 12. Roamed
- 14. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
- 15. Nothing (Spanish)
- 16. Not level
- 18. Self-contained aircraft unit
- 19. Baseball broadcaster Caray
- 20. ___ Tomei, actress
- 21. "The Raven" writer
- 22. Bathrooms
- 23. Skilled inventors
- 26. Forcefully silence
- 30. Remove
- 31. The arrival of daylight
- 32. Split lentils
- 33. "Walking Dead" actress
- 34. A lazy person
- 39. Doctors' group
- 42. Crooks

- 44. Fragrant essential oil
- 46. Conjured
- 47. One who predicts
- 49. Scarlett's home
- 50. Television network
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. What a thespian does
- 57. Word element meaning life
- 58. Italian island
- 59. "King of Queens" actress Remini
- 60. Jogged
- 61. Norse gods
- 62. Lazily
- 63. Midway between northeast and east
- 64. Hindu queen

- 5. Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- 6. Edited
- 7. Portuguese archipelago
- 8. Your parents' brothers
- 9. Pakistani city
- 10. Farewell
- 11. Short sleep sessions
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Drug officers
- 24. One and only
- 25. The Golden State
- 26. Fabric baby carrier (abbr.)
- 27. Quid pro ___
- 28. New England research university
- 29. Baseball pitcher's stat
- 35. Western India island
- 36. ___ Angeles
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 38. British singer Stewart
- 40. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 41. Riding horse

- 42. Where wrestlers work
- 43. Regions
- 44. Of a main artery
- 45. Not classy
- 47. Competed against
- 48. Biscuit-like cake
- 49. Large ankle bones
- 52. Computer company
- 53. "Friends" actress Kudrow
- 54. "Chocolat" actress Lena
- 55. Brain folds

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Top Rank boxing promoter
- 2. ___ fide (Latin)
- 3. At all times
- 4. Hindu female deity



Solve the code to discover words related to home sweet home. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = o)

- A. 5 10 10 22**
Clue: Covers house
- B. 24 23 5 12 3 23 12 5 17**
Clue: Building
- C. 22 10 12 9 21 6 23 1 10 9**
Clue: Bottom of home
- D. 26 1 9 21 10 26**
Clue: Lets light in

CONSTRUCTION WORD SEARCH

I N F R G U D J O D G N I F O O R L R
 G S L E A G U T E R S I S N Y G A I
 T H A M A I B I M C F B V P E A W N N L
 S I S R H B A L E Y A D J T W O O I D V
 R H H O I N R R E S G S T X B E N H I T
 L V I D C H M I R T D A E O R O S T N T
 T O N P X W Y Y G I B E U M I U G A G D
 E O G F W O D N I W A R R T E B T E T N
 N F O O T I N G R G B H A E G N L H R N
 I C A T H E D R A L N D C A F E T S A O
 B O R G X S N U C J N I P Y E F I P D I
 A N G N I L I E C U O X B P T H O D I T
 C S L L A W L R O T Y Y R M F M T C T A
 S E R U T X I F F J F H S S U R T D I V
 O L L A W Y R D C L C O T E E L H W O E
 E U V J Y E L E C T R I C A L L P A N L
 V J V X P J B A S E B O A R D B M N A E
 H X M O L D I N G B E A M V Y I A I L N
 X P U T S I O J H O Y T E A V E S G H B
 T N V D N B R I D G I N G C F A S C I A

WORDS

- BASEBOARD
- BATTEN
- BEAM
- BOW
- BRIDGING
- CABINET
- CASEMENT
- CATHEDRAL
- CEILING
- CHAIR RAIL
- COFFERED
- DORMER
- DRYWALL
- EAVES
- ELECTRICAL
- ELEVATION
- FASCIA
- FIXTURES
- FLASHING
- FOOTING
- FOUNDATION
- GABLES
- GUTTERS
- JOIST
- LANDING
- MOLDING
- PLUMBING
- ROOFING
- SHEATHING
- TRADITIONAL
- TRIM
- TRUSS
- WALLS
- WINDOW

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Gardening

Summer is coming

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Taking a look at the Climate Prediction Center on the NOAA website (<http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/>), it seems we may escape drought conditions, at least for the next couple of months. Unfortunately, also according to NOAA, we are likely to experience higher than normal temperatures.

For gardeners, the ramifications are that we need to pay particular attention to our yards' and gardens' water needs, since our usually sandy soils allow for quick drainage, and higher temperatures cause faster evaporation. If you haven't yet done so, check out your system, whether you have in-ground sprinklers, soaker hoses, drip irrigation, or a gravity-fed water barrel, to ensure that your yard is getting adequate water. If you have recently installed new beds they may not be getting the optimum amount of water if you are relying on a system that was set up to irrigate grass.

Converting sprinkler systems in plant beds to soaker or drip systems saves water by delivering it more directly to the roots of plants. Check out <http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/irrigation/> for various irrigation methods and applications. Since almost 50 percent of potable water used in Florida is used in the landscape, it's particularly important to determine if you are applying the right amount of

water to your lawn — and aren't applying too much to plant beds.

The Extension Master Gardener phone service (904-255-7450) has recently been getting enquiries from homeowners about a leafspot they are seeing on Japanese privet (*Ligustrum japonicum*). It is most likely a species of *Cercospora* fungus, and can be treated with suitable fungicides. This article describes the appearance of the leafspot, and suggests treatments: <https://tinyurl.com/ydhmvv3e>. For any leafspot problem it helps to rake up and dispose of fallen leaves to reduce the fungus spores spreading.

As summer progresses, increasing humidity is usually followed by increases in disease and insect problems, but it is important to make sure to identify what is wrong before applying a remedy. In the case of lawns, treating for "fungus" when the specific disease hasn't been identified is both pointless and harmful — the problem will only get worse. And even if the diagnosis is clear, the timing and mode of application of fungicides can be tricky to get right, and a reputable lawn and yard service may be better able to tackle it (see <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp154>). If you wish to deal with it yourself, but are unsure of the diagnosis, take a bagged sample of the diseased plant material, including all parts



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that show signs of disease, not just the leaves, to the Extension service at 1010 N. McDuff. If it's something difficult to diagnose, the University of Florida has a service to identify plant diseases (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/sr007>).

Insects should also be correctly identified, since so many are actually beneficial predators of the insects which eat our plants. (More than 90 percent of the insects in our landscapes are good guys: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in120>). The larvae of lady beetles (ladybugs) are one example, as they look nothing like the adults, but both life stages eat pesky aphids (see <https://tinyurl.com/bqroxn7>). Unfortunately the larvae of one species of lady beetle can be mistaken for mealybugs, which could make them a target for the insecticide spray, to the real detriment of the garden.

If you enjoy learning about different aspect of gardening, you may appreciate a BBC podcast (from the UK) called Gardeners' Question Time. It has been broadcast weekly since 1947, from different towns, cities, and inspiring gardens across the British Isles. The format is simple: a panel of experts answers questions from the audience. If it sounds a little dry, I can assure you that's not the case, although British humor *can* be a little different...

Closer to home, for a little lighter reading, including a whole host of timely tips, check out the May-June issue of *A New Leaf*: <https://tinyurl.com/y9yfxd89>, available in early May. Stay cool and happy gardening.

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