

VISUAL-EYES

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On the first and the fifteenth of each month information relating to the Jackson Chapter is posted. You may call this number at any time. The message may last up to 90 seconds. I encourage you to utilize this service. Thank you!

President's Message

**Hello Jackson Chapter,
Spring has sprung and I hope everyone is enjoying the warm and beautiful weather. Speaking of Spring, Baseball is upon us and the Jackson Chapter will be sponsoring a Night with the Mississippi Braves it is scheduled for May 17th and the tickets should be ready for sale by April 1st. We will sell the tickets for \$8 and if the ticket is used we will make \$4 if the ticket is not used we keep all \$8. The Chapter board met at the home of Jan Hawthorne and had a productive meeting taking care of Jackson Chapter business. There will be a social in April along more information on this event will be on the Action Line. I hope you all are planning to attend the State Convention here in Jackson, come and have a good time and bring money for the Auction.
Ken Maddox – President**

**Book Review
Jeannie Out of the Bottle
By Barbara Eden**

Category: Stage and Screen

DB: 73428

Reading Time: eight hours, twenty-five minutes,

Read by: Jill Ferris,

A glimpse into the personal and professional life of Barbara Eden who was known for playing Jeannie in the sixties television comedy. You will read about her early family life, her marriages, her children and much more. She mentions several co-stars with whom she performed. There are funny moments and very sad moments. Jill Ferris does a masterful job as narrator. On a scale of one to seven, I give this one a four!

Ralph Smitherman.

**IRS provides assistance
for people with disabilities**

Individuals who are blind or visually impaired can download hundreds of the most popular federal tax forms and publications from IRS.gov. These products range from accessible PDFs to e-braille formats and are accessible using screen-reading software and refreshable braille displays. Visit IRS.gov Accessibility at

www.irs.gov/accessibility/index.html to download these forms and publications.

Tax return preparation help is also available. People who are unable to complete their tax return because of a physical disability may get assistance from a local IRS Tax Assistance Center or through a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly site (VITA or TCE). To find a Tax Assistance Center near you visit IRS.gov, select Contact IRS, and then select Contact Your Local IRS Office. You can also find a nearby VITA or TCE location by calling 1-800-906-9887. The IRS sponsors VITA and TCE. Publication 907, *Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities*, explains the tax implications of certain disability benefits and other issues and is available at IRS.gov.

March 8, Chapter Board Highlights:

The chapter board met at the home of Jan Hawthorne on Thursday March 8, at 6:00 pm. There was a quorum. We approved the minutes, Treasurer's report and the Transportation report. Committee reports were given. Joyce Granger mentioned the parade scheduled for March 24. Fund raisers to look for are: a night with the Braves, a pancake breakfast at Applebees, large

print/Braille calendars and the fifty/fifty drawings-proceeds of which will go to the Fred Moore Memorial Christmas Project. We are providing four door prizes and six auction items for the state convention. Discussion about MSB alumni followed-this would happen in November of this year. The next board meeting is scheduled for May, at the home of Joyce Granger.

**New Stage Play
All My Sons
By Arthur Miller**

**American Classic,
April 17, through April 29, 2012
In Arthur Miller's powerful story about personal responsibility, The issues that surface are just as Compelling today as when the play was first performed. Joe Keller strives for the American dream, but two years after WWII's end, his family still suffers from its aftershocks. When Chris, the elder son, announces his plan to marry his still missing-in-action brother's fiancée, a mother must confront her denial, a son his father's fallibility, and a father his true responsibilities. This 1947 Tony award winner for best play is emotionally electrifying and jarring in its continued relevance!**

Audio description is scheduled for Friday, April 27 and Sunday afternoon, April 29.

Titles and dates may change.

For more information contact New Stage at: 601-948-3531; thank you!

Tasty Treasures:

Crawfish Chowder

- 1 bunch green onions, chopped**
- ½ stick butter or margarine**
- 2 cans evaporated milk**
- 2 can cream style corn**
- 3 can cream of potato soup**
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained**
- 1 (8 Ounce) package cream cheese**
- 2 (12 Ounce) packages Crawfish tails**

Saute green onions in butter. Combine all ingredients and heat on low until mixture reaches a boil. Stir occasionally to prevent scorching or sticking.

2012 CHALLENGER LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

All teams will play at Hite Wolcott Park, on highway 51, behind the Ridgeland tennis center. The rain out number is: 601-853-2039.

Team names are as follows:

MHP, Magnolia Health Plan

RR, Rick's Rebels

PER, Paul E. Rogers

MFCU, Magnolia Federal Credit Union

MCB, MS Council of the Blind, Jackson Chapter

CCD, Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

PP, Piling Pro

SM, Sprint Mart

Abbreviations are as follows:

APR, April

JUN, June

SAT, Saturday

TUE, Tuesday

The schedule is listed in the following order:

Game Date, Time, Home, Visitor, field number,

TUE APR 24, 5:30 PM, MCB, MFCU, #5

TUE APR 24, 5:30 PM, CCD, SM, #6

TUE APR 24, 6:30 PM, RR, MHP, #5

TUE APR 24, 6:30 PM, PER, PP, #6

SAT APR 28, 9:30 AM, PP, SM, #5
SAT APR 28, 9:30 AM, MCB, PER, #6
SAT APR 28, 10:30 AM, MHP, RR, #5
SAT APR 28, 10:30 AM, CCD, MFCU, #6

TUE MAY 1, 5:30 PM, MFCU, PER, #5
TUE MAY 1, 5:30 PM, PP, CCD, #6
TUE MAY 1, 6:30 PM, RR, MHP, #5
TUE MAY 1, 6:30 PM, SM, MCB, #6

SAT MAY 5, 9:30 AM, MCB, PP, #5
SAT MAY 5, 9:30 AM, PER, CCD, #6
SAT MAY 5, 10:30 AM, MHP, RR, #5
SAT MAY 5, 10:30 AM, SM, MFCU, #6

TUE MAY 8, 5:30 PM, PER, SM, #5
TUE MAY 8, 5:30 PM, MFCU, PP, #6
TUE MAY 8, 6:30 PM, RR, MHP, #5
TUE MAY 8, 6:30 PM, CCD, MCB, #6

SAT MAY 12, 9:30 AM, MFCU, PER, #5
SAT MAY 12, 9:30 AM, PP, CCD, #6
SAT MAY 12, 10:30 AM, MHP, RR, #5
SAT MAY 12, 10:30 AM, SM, MCB, #6

TUE MAY 15, 5:30 PM, MCB, PP, #5
TUE MAY 15, 5:30 PM, PER, CCD, #6
TUE MAY 15, 6:30 PM, RR, MHP, #5
TUE MAY 15, 6:30 PM, SM, MFCU, #6

SAT MAY 19, 9:30 AM, PER, SM #5
SAT MAY 19, 9:30 AM, MFCU, PP, #6
SAT MAY 19, 10:30 AM, MHP, RR, #5
SAT MAY 19, 10:30 AM, CCD, MCB, #6

TUE MAY 22, :30 PM, PP, SM, #5
TUE MAY 22, 5:30 PM, MCB, PER, #6
TUE MAY 22, 6:30 PM, RR, MHP, #5
TUE MAY 22, 6:30 PM, CCD, MFCU, #6

SAT MAY 26, NO GAMES
TUE MAY 29, NO GAMES

SAT JUN 2, 9:30 AM, PER, MCB, #5
SAT JUN 2, 9:30 AM, MFCU, CCD, #6
SAT JUN 2, 10:30 AM, RR, MHP, #5
SAT JUN 2, 10:30 AM, SM, PP, #6

TUE JUN 5, 5:30 PM, MFCU, MCB, #5
TUE JUN 5, 5:30 PM, SM, CCD, #6
TUE JUN 5, 6:30 PM, MHP, RR, #5
TUE JUN 5, 6:30 PM, PP, PER, #6

SAT JUN 9, 9:30 AM, CCD, PER, #5
SAT JUN 9, 9:30 AM, MFCU, SM, #6
SAT JUN 9, 10:30 AM, RR, MHP, #5
SAT JUN 9, 10:30 AM, PP, MCB, #6
SATURDAY JUNE 9 IS TROPHY DAY!

Jackson Chapter Birthdays

APRIL

JERRY BROWN	04-02
JANE PEETS	04-09
KENNETH REED	04-13
GEORGE MABRY	04-16
BILLY TANNEHILL	04-20

MAY

ANNA LEE SHELTON	05-06
VANICE BARNES	05-08
TERRY SHELTON	05-08
VICKI BOND	05-14
BONNIE THOMPSON	05-14
JAMES BUCKHALTER	05-15
JAN HAWTHORNE	05-29
LETHA CASTILAW	05-30
RAY MORSE	05-31

Editors Note:

At the time of this publication the Jackson chapter of MCB has 72 members. Last year we had 96 members. If you have not paid dues for 2012 and wish to, please contact Treasurer Peggy Maddox at: 601-981-1376. Thank you!

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