

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

Happy New Year Jackson Chapter, I hope everyone had a Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a great year in the Jackson Chapter; several projects that were done last year will be repeated. We will sponsor a team in the Challenger League and we hope to have several fundraisers, including a night with the Mississippi Braves. Every other month during the year we will have a social event scheduled starting with a breakfast at Golden Corral on Saturday February 18 at 8am. We will have a 50/50 raffle during all social events and we plan to use the money to assist a needy family at Christmas. More information on this social will be on the Message Link later this month. Come out and support the Jackson Chapter in all of its activities.

Ken Maddox - President

Jackson Chapter Officers And Board, 2012

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For Sale:

JOT-A-DOT Pocket Braille – complete with carrying case, neck strap, instructions in Braille and print, and a resource CD (very minimally used and in original packaging), Asking \$125.00

If interested, contact Melanie Austin at 601.668.5390

New Stage Play
Black Pearl Sings
Written by Frank Higgins

A play with music, February 28, through
March 11, 2012.

In 1935, Susannah, a song collector for the Library of Congress, visits a Texas prison where she meets Pearl, an African-American woman imprisoned for murder. Hoping to record folk songs, Susannah bargains for Pearl's parole and arranges for several performances. The two women soon find themselves walking a delicate line between exposure and exploitation. Featuring beautiful, a cappella renditions of little-known American folk songs, "BLACK PEARL SINGS," chronicles a funny, touching and powerful story about being a woman in a man's world. Being black in a white world, and fighting for one's soul in a world where anyone can be a commodity.

Audio description is scheduled for Friday night, March 9 and Sunday afternoon, March 11.

For more information call NEW STAGE
at: 601-948-3531. Titles and dates may change.

November 18, 2011
Jackson Chapter Board Meeting Highlights:

President Mike Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

All board members were present.

After the minutes from the September meeting were read, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes; the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was read, the time frame was September/October 2011, total assets \$14,616.60; a motion was made and seconded to accept this report; the motion carried.

Administrator Peggy Maddox read the transportation report; the time frame was September/October 2011; a motion was made and seconded to accept the report; the motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that Peggy Maddox explore banking options, namely, to find a bank that does not charge us monthly interest charges; this motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that we spend up to \$300 for the Fred Moore Memorial needy family project and if more money is raised that we spend whatever is raised; this motion carried.

After Committee reports were given a motion was made and seconded to adjourn; this motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

**MCB Jackson Chapter
2012 Committees**

Finance:

**Jan Hawthorne
Peggy Maddox
Ralph Smitherman**

Fundraising:

**Melvin Smitherman
Eddie Turner
James Buckhalter**

Service to Individuals:

**Bonnie Thompson
Peggy Maddox
Carolyn Wallace**

Service Project:

**David Goodnight
Roy Granger
Porter Williams**

Social:

**Joyce Granger
Ann Maddox
Juanita Bishop**

Visual-Eyes Editor:

Ralph Smitherman

**Coalition Representative:
Ralph Smitherman**

**Library Advisory Committee Representative:
Melvin Smitherman**

**Message Link Voice:
Mike Duke**

**MCB Chapter Representative:
President Ken Maddox**

**Voucher Administrator:
Peggy Maddox**

**Book Review:
Honor At Daybreak
By Elmer Kelton**

Category: Western

**Read by George Patterson
Reading Time: 15 hours 35 minutes
DB33383**

When oil is discovered on the rangelands of West Texas in 1923, the sleepy old ranching town of Caprock comes alive. The town is governed by Sheriff Dave Buckalew. He has his hands full with

such people as Slim McIntyre, who steps right into a load of trouble; Victor and Elise Underwood, and some mobsters who try to take control. Good descriptions of oil wells and how they operate-you will learn about shooting the well. Slim earns seven dollars a day for that job! To Date, this is my favorite Elmer Kelton book!

Ralph Smitherman.

2012 FOHR Meeting Dates

The Friends Of Handicapped Readers will meet at our library on the following:

January 9

February 13

March 12

April 16

May 14

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 15

November 12

December 10

World Book Night

World Book Night represents the most ambitious and far-reaching celebration of adult books and reading ever attempted in the UK and Ireland.

On Saturday, 5 March 2011, two days after World Book Day, with the full support of the Publishers Association, the Booksellers Association, the Independent Publishers Guild, the Reading Agency with libraries, World Book Day, the BBC and RTE, one million books were given away by an army of passionate readers to members of the public across the UK and Ireland.

The book give-away comprised 40,000 copies of each of the 25 carefully selected titles, and were given away by 20,000 'givers', who each distributed 48 copies of their chosen title to whomever they chose on World Book Night. The remaining books were distributed by World Book Night itself in places that might otherwise be difficult to reach, such as prisons and hospitals. In 2012, World Book Night is moving to April 23, the appointed international day of the book!

**Tasty Treasures
YUMMY HOT DOGS**

**1 CAN CRESCENT ROLLS
4 TEASPOONS MELTED BUTTER OR
MARGARINE
4 TEASPOONS PREPARED MUSTARD
8 WIENERS
SESAME SEEDS**

**SEPARATE CRESCENT ROLLS.
BRUSH EACH WITH MELTED BUTTER AND
SPREAD WITH MUSTARD.
PLACE WIENER ON WIDE END AND ROLL
TOWARD NARROW END.
PLACE ON UNGREASED BAKING SHEET.
BRUSH WITH MELTED BUTTER AND SPRINKLE
WITH SEASAME SEEDS.
BAKE AT 375 FOR 12 TO 14 MINUTES OR UNTIL
ROLLS ARE LIGHTLY BROWNEED.**

News Letter Deadlines:

For the 2012 Visualeyeyes articles are due as follows:

February/March

January 21

April/May

March 21

June/July

May 21

August/September

July 21

October/November

September 21

December/January 2013

November 21

**Technology Tidbits:
Submitted by Janice Gable**

There is a website for blind folks who might be interested in mp3 players that have "talking menus" in the unit check it out!

www.talkingmp3players.com

Cell Phone Information:

4 Things you might not have known about your Cell Phone For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.) There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND (Hidden Battery Power)

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

THIRD (How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?)

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: *#06# . A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

FOURTH (Free Directory Service for Cells)

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800) FREE411 or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

Game

There's a new Sudoku game in the ACB Store. This beautiful, high-quality birchwood game is durable, perfect for hours of fun, and great for displaying for all to see. The game comes with 40 puzzles, in braille and bold print, and game tiles make it easy to try out different number combinations to solve the puzzles.

Visit the ACB Store on the ACB website at www.acb.org and check out Sudoku Touch and other great products.

Jackson Chapter Birthdays:

FEBRUARY

MAXINE MOBLEY	02-03
SARAH BETH BALLOW	02-12
WILLIAM KING	02-14
JOE BISHOP	02-18
GARY AUSTIN	02-19
LINDA MILLER	02-23
SHIRLEY HERRON	02-28

MARCH

CAROLYN THORNBURG	03-01
MARILYN JOHNSON	03-03
OCTAVIA CARSON	03-08
JOYCE GRANGER	03-09
EDITH STRUB	03-09
ANN MADDOX	03-10
JOHN PATRICK LAMBERSON	03-22

**MCB MEMBERSHIP FORM:
PLEASE PRINT:**

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PERISCOPE FORMAT:

BRAILLE: PRINT: EMAIL: TAPE:

BRAILLE FORUM FORMAT:

BRAILLE: PRINT: EMAIL: TAPE: COMPUTER CD:

CHAPTER AFFILIATION:

BIRTHDAY:

DATE OF JOINING:

FULLY SIGHTED? YES: NO:

MAIL TO:

GARY AUSTIN

MCB TREASURER

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www.acb.org/mcb

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