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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BLANCO

| Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared OUCH STOM (see A), who being by me duly sworn, deposes and | | | | | | | |
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| says that (s)he is a bona fide representative of the Johnson City Record Courier; that said | | | | | | | |
| newspaper is regularly published in Blanco County and generally circulated in Blanco County, | | | | | | | |
| Texas, and that the attached public notice was published in said newspaper on the following | | | | | | | |
| date(s), to wit: Ougust 9, 2023, and that the attached is a true copy of | | | | | | | |
| said notice. | | | | | | | |
| Newspaper Representative's Signature | | | | | | | |
| Subscribed and sworn to me this 16 day of August 2023, to certify which witness | | | | | | | |
| my hand and seal of office. | | | | | | | |
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Johnson City

Independent School District



2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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Board Approved: Feb. 13, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS

APUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON August 15 & September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. CST at the City of Johnson City City Hall Council Chambers, 303 E. Pecan Dr., Johnson City, TX 78636.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$166,671.57 or 15.98%, and of that amount \$23,022.05 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The City of Johnson City, TX proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of providing essential services to the community, replacement of capital equipment, and maintaining competitive employee compensation. The proposed FY 2023-2024 budget is available for review on the City's website at www.johnsoncitytx.org.

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MUSTARD SEEDS:

Culverts and crocodiles

By Keith J. McClellan

One day when I was nine or ten years old, my buddy and I came upon the opening to a long, dark "cave." It was built of concrete and was four or five feet in dispatch to the property it went back under ameter. It went back under a hill and curved so that we a hill and curved so that we couldn't see the other end. There was something for-bidding about the place and a still small voice inside me warned me to leave it be. But being very young, curi-osity and our need to explore got the best of us. We just had to know what lurked in

had to know what lurked in its dark recesses. We obtained flashlights and squeezed through the metal grate that covered its entrance. It seemed to us that we explored the mys-terious tunnel for hours. We never did find the other end. We had a great time. So great, in fact, that we went back the next day with friends in order to share our Tom Sawver-Huck Finn adventure with them.

Much to our horror, we found our "cave" running high to the ceiling with brown, frothy, swirling irrigation water. Had we been inside the culvert when the head gate was lifted, our remains might never have been found in that onslaught

been found in that onslaught of rushing water.
Elder Boyd K. Packer related an incident during a visit to a game preserve in what was then Rhodesia in Africa. "We stopped at a water hole to wateh animals come to drink," he said. "It was a very dry season and there was not much water, really just muddy spots. When elephants stepped into the soft mud the water would seep into the depression." would seep into the depres-sion and the animals would drink from the elephant

tracks.
"The antelope were particularly nervous. They would approach the mud hole only to turn and run hole only to turn and run away in great fright. I could see there were no lions about and asked the guide why they didn't drink. His answer was, 'Crocodiles.'

I knew he must be joking and asked seriously, 'What is the problem?' The answer again was, 'Crocodiles.'
"Nonsense,' I said, 'There are no crocodiles out there. Anyone can see that.'

"The guide determined to teach me a lesson and we drove to another location where the car was on an embankment above the muddy water hole where we could look down. 'There,' he said,

look down. 'There,' he said,
'See for yourself.'
'Then all at once I saw
it!—a large crocodile settled into the mud, waiting
for some unsuspecting ani-

mal to get thirsty enough to come for a drink. Sudden-ly I was a believer. When he could see I was willing to listen, he continued with he lesson. 'There are croe-odiles all over the park,' he said, 'not just in the rivers. We don't have any water without a croccodile somewhere near it, and you'd betwhere near it, and you'd bet-

ter count on it."

Elder Packer said that
the guide was kinder to him than perhaps he deserved. He could have told him, "Well, go out and see for yourself?"

Another ranger related to Elder Packer an account of a young Englishman who worked for a season in a park hotel. In spite of constant and repeated warnings, he went through the compound fence to check something across a shallow splash of water that didn't cover his tennis shoes.

"He was two steps in," the ranger said, "before a crocodile had him, and we

crocodile had him, and we could do nothing to save him." (Boyd K. Packer, "Spiritual Crocodiles", Ensim Magazine, May 1975. We live in dangerous times. There are inviting culverts and hidden crocodiles all around us. On a personal level, they may come disguised in the allur-ing attire of alcohol abuse, illicit drugs, debt, pornography, gambling or even over-eating. Giving in to such crocodiles will strip us of crocodiles will strip us of our self-respect and will de-stroy our well-being along with that of our spouses and children.

On a societal level there are the crocodiles of forget-ting our roots and the things that have made this country

one of the greatest societies and economy that this world has ever known. If we are to avoid being devoured, to avoid being devoured, we must sustain the Constitution of this great land as penned by our forefathers. There is safety and security in subscribing to and in upholding its precepts. We must be ever vigilant to make sure that our children are able to enjoy the bless. are able to enjoy the bless-ings of freedom that we en-

Another wily crocodile lurking in the mud is the ne-glect of family ties. David O. McKay declared, "No other success can compen-sate for failure in the home."

sate for failure in the home."
Friends and acquaintances come and go, but families can be forever.

May these forbidden caves remain unexplored and may these hidden crocodiles never be allowed to deprive us of life, liberty and our pursuit of happiness.

(Comments? mustard-seeds101@yahoo.com)

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Crabapple fire 100 percent contained

A total of 56 acres is likely required. Continued burned last week in the two-mobilization of interagency day Crabapple fire in west-ern Blanco County, which is now 100 percent contained. The Texas A&M Forest

Service announced Thurs-Service announced Thursday exening that it joined local departments to respond to the fire, which was then reported as approximately 40 scres. The fire was 15 percent contained when first reported just after 7:30 p.m. by the Forest Service. The fire became 50 percent contained by 10 p.m. Thursday night, and TFS announced the dozers were on scene night, and TFS announced the dozers were on scene to build a containment line while farefighters patrolled the area and performed mop up duties. The fare was declared 100 percent contained by 10 p.m. Friday. Fires have flared up throughout the state, and high temperatures and dry conditions have made conditions worse. TFS announced Monday that it responded to 80 wildfires covering 8,521 burned acres in the previous

burned acres in the previous week. Just over half - 41 of the wildfires began since

of the wildfires began since Friday.

Also on Monday, TFS declared a Level 4 Wildland Fire Preparedness Level. The rating goes from 1 to 5, with 5 as the highest rating. According to TFS, a Level 4 taings means "A very high volume of wildfires, including large fires and fires that are resistant to control, is reported daily across the state. The fire eavironment will support increased wildfire activity and a heavy comactivity and a heavy com-mitment of state and local

is likely required. Continued mobilization of interagency resources and the activation of incident management teams may occur."

There have been several active fires lately in neighboring counties. A 75-acre fire was reported Monday in eastern Gillespie County, and it was 100 percent, and it was 100 percent contained the same day. The Oak Grove fire in Hays County began Saturday and enveloped an estimated enveloped an estimated 400 scres. The fire was 75 percent contained Monday percent contained Monday night, the Forest Service said. It was reported Sunday that one residence and sev-eral out buildings were de-stroyed in the fire. In Bexar County, there was an 8-acre fire Friday which is also 100 percent contained

Last week, TFS issued a warning of increased wildfire dangers due to high temperatures and dry

conditions across the state, "Since mid-July, wild-

conditions across the state.

"Since mid-July, wildfire activity has increased
aubstantially across Texas
due to expanding drought
conditions," said Wes
Moorehead, Texas A&M
Forest Service Fire Chief.
Elevated fire weather, characterized by triple-digit temperatures, low
humidity and increased
wind speeds, create an environment with high potential for wildfare that are
difficult to control.

"Texas A&M Forest
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with the Texas Division of
Emergency Management,
fire departments, and local jurisdictions across the
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For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of Johnson City, Texas

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are a great opportunity to share eclipse information. share eclipse information.
These will begin to be located throughout the county at local community events to engage with citizens to help them prepare.

Some upcoming community events to the communi

nity events are Twin Sisters Raise the Roof Fundraiser, Meet the Police in October, Johnson City Movie Nights, and local activities with the local fire protection and EMS services.

Viewing station up-

dates Confirmed viewing staconnimed wewing sta-tions are: Yett Park and Gem of the Hill. The Blanco Li-brary will offer educational programs in October and April, and organizers hope the library parking lot will be available for the celipse.

'The (Blanco) library is ining with a national pro-gram called SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Librar-ies) to provide free glasses and resources," Lumpee said. She added that she'll share this program with the Johnson City Library as

well.

The Johnson City Library will be closed, and the availability of the Blanco County Rodeo and Fairgrounds is unknown at this time. As of now, there are no

time. As of now, there are no organized viewing sites at the park in Johnson City.

LCRA announced it is accepting reservations, and no Science Mill updates were available at the meeting. were available at the meeting. Lumpee believes the
Science Mill plans to host
educational events prior to
the eclipse, and possibly become a viewing station.

Committee updates
Chief Scott Rubin said

that Emergency Manage-ment Services are meeting ment Services are meeting monthly, and asked for up-dates as more viewing lo-cations are confirmed. This information is needed so the group can plan responses for mass gatherings. Lumpee will continue forwarding re-sponses from the landownt/business directory survey

"Law enforcement agrees it will be very important for our right of ways to be respected and left clear of parking and facilities for safety reasons. We will con-

duct business as usual with observance of traffic lights, etc.," said Chris Hall of Tx. DOT. Transportation committee members agreed that signage and direction for online searches will be very important.

Johnson City Mayor Stephanie Fisher and Walston said that eclipse education tips and county IIOT map are complete and will be made available on the city website and on utility bills.

Walston asked if PEC is providing targeted messag-

providing targeted messaging on social media, via articles, and utility bill inserts. Diana Gonzales of PEC Diana Gonzales of PEC will check regarding county eclipse education. Gonzales will also check to see if any-thing will be done about the PEC lights around the county that turn on automatically during the eclipse.

Libbey Aly of Blan-co Chamber said that local businesses are interested in promoting totality totes, ho-tels are getting full, and exeryone is becoming aware of the eclipse. Aly had several questions regarding eclipse

questions regarding eclipse planning.

Aly asked, "What are businesses and restaurants to do the morning of the eclipse? What about access for employees and viewers and parking? When do businesses stop serving so that everyone can see the eclipse? Perhaps serve a late breakfast and early dinner? Will there be enough facilities?" tics?

Finances

Lumpee said the website is the only large taskforce expense, and HOT funds may be available for help with eclipse expenses. "If you see any grant opportuni-ties please let me know and we'll share them with our businesses. We are focusing on having the businesses gather their own supplies," said Lumpee.

Walston suggested look-Walston suggested look-ing for funding for procure-ment of way finding signs from HOT funds. Wayfin-ding signs are directional within the cities, are not dis-posable, and can be reused. The meeting adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 2.50 p.m. The next BCEP meeting is scheduled for Sep. 6.

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full-time since 2008. He hasn't always been a writer, but he's written a lot. His parents were both English teachers, and he ended up writing many professional articles during his law carecr. As he started winding down in his career, he start-ed writing more.

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"I wrote a lot of family articles about coming to the Hill Country and posted them on my website. That's what really started thinking about writing a book," he said

Lucky Strike, Rogers' first book and the first in the series, was a Blanco Counseries, was a Blanco Coun-ty mystery. The second, The Wrong Choices, was a pre-quel, while the third, The Gold Coin, was a take off from his first book. And the Courth host. The Assession from his first book. And the fourth book. The Assassina-tion? "This one came from out of nowhere," he said. His fish book was Dollars, Diamonds and Death, while the sixth in the series was Cold Case.



Eddie Rogers

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