

The Burton Bulletin

“The Best Kept Secret in Texas”

November 2025



History of Thanksgiving

There is more than one version of how Thanksgiving started in the United States. The most popular version is in the year 1621 where the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians shared a meal to celebrate a successful harvest.

The Wampanoag Indians had helped the Pilgrims survive the previous winter by giving them food. In exchange the Pilgrims formed an alliance with the Wampanoag and provided protection against the Narragansett tribe.

In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving to become a national holiday and to be observed the last Thursday in November. Because of the ongoing Civil War, a nationwide Thanksgiving celebration was not realized until Reconstruction in the 1870's.

On October 31, 1939, President Roosevelt signed a proclamation moving Thanksgiving to the next previous Thursday in effort to boost the economy by allowing an extra 7 shopping days before Christmas. On December 26, 1941, Roosevelt signed a joint resolution to move Thanksgiving back to the last Thursday starting in 1942.

When you're courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder, a second seems like an hour. That's relativity. **Albert Einstein**

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**Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 2, 2025 at 2:00 am
Turn clocks back one hour**

Rooster Talk

In a recent Thursday morning get-together at Neon Moon, the discussion shifted to gold and silver in the current market. It was, as always, interesting and it got me wondering about other commodities.... So I asked AI.....

Ask a question:

How can individuals best protect themselves during times of inflation?

AI Response:

During inflation, the best value purchases—especially for city infrastructure and maintenance—are those that soon rise significantly in price, are essential for uninterrupted operations, or have long-term benefits that outpace inflation’s erosive effects. Here are the top twenty best-value investments or purchases in an inflationary environment for a small city:

1. **Bulk purchasing of essential consumables** – Filters, lubricants, cleaning supplies
 2. **Energy-efficient upgrades** – LED lighting, upgraded insulation, high-efficiency HVAC
 3. **Preventive maintenance contracts** – Locking in rates before price increases
 4. **Critical spare parts inventory** – Pumps, valves, electrical components
 5. **Bulk fuel procurement/storage**
 6. **Long-term service agreements** – For elevators, HVAC, IT support
 7. **Water-saving/plumbing retrofits** – Reduces future operational costs
 8. **HVAC equipment upgrades** – Before future price hikes, for reliability/efficiency
 9. **Fire & safety equipment replacements** – Lock in current prices for extinguishers/detectors
 10. **High-wear road materials** – Asphalt, pothole patching
 11. **Bulk chemicals** – Water treatment, cleaning, pest control chemicals
 12. **Energy management/automation systems**
 13. **Solar panels and renewable energy projects**
 14. **Software licenses/subscriptions (multi-year)** – IT, security, facility management
 15. **Backup power equipment** – Generators, inverters, batteries
 16. **Extra PPE and safety supplies**
 17. **Tree and landscape contracts** – Secure rates for long-term upkeep
 18. **Utility vehicles or machinery needed in the medium term** – Lock in purchase before costs rise further
 19. **Security & surveillance systems** – Cost tends to rise with inflation and supply chain delays
 20. **High-return infrastructure projects** – Projects bringing long-term savings or essential upgrades. Generally, prioritize buying ahead on essentials, consumables, and contracts you know you’ll need in the next 1–3 years wherever price escalations are likely.
- Secure service/maintenance contracts at today’s lower rates. Invest in efficiency or automation projects that result in ongoing cost reductions. Spread purchases if cash flow is an issue, but lock in prices or pre-pay if possible.

Commodities:

Commodities—such as oil, metals, agricultural products, and raw materials—typically have a strong relationship with inflation. Here’s how their values often track with inflation:

1. **Direct Inflation Hedge:** Commodities prices often rise when inflation increases, as they represent the raw inputs behind many consumer and industrial goods. This makes them a common hedge against inflation.
2. **Cost-Push Effect:** Higher commodity prices (like energy or food) can actually drive inflation, as the increased costs filter through to finished goods (e.g., higher gasoline or food prices).
3. **Supply and Demand Factors:** While inflation is a big driver, commodities prices also depend on global supply/demand imbalances, weather, geopolitical risks, and technological changes, so they don’t always move perfectly in line with inflation.
4. **Measured in Nominal Terms:** During inflationary periods, the nominal price of most commodities tends to rise, preserving purchasing power better than cash or fixed income investments.
5. **Historical Performance:** Over long time frames, commodities generally outperform during high-inflation periods, but can be volatile or stagnate in low-inflation or deflationary periods.

In summary, while not a perfect 1:1 relationship, commodities usually rise in value during inflationary times because they are foundational to the production of goods and services. However, prices can also be influenced by many other factors besides inflation alone.

Submitted by Pete Horn

Unusual death: Aeschylus, a Greek tragedy playwright, was killed in 455 BC when an eagle, mistaking his bald head for a convenient rock dropped a tortoise on it. According to Pliny, Aeschylus was spending a lot of time in the open to avoid a prophecy that he would be killed by a falling object.

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Burton Veterinary Clinic



Burton now has a veterinary clinic. Burton Veterinary Clinic opened their doors on October 1st at 210 S. Railroad Street. People have shown their appreciation in welcoming them to the area. They are excited to be here and look forward to serving the community. They attend to small and large animals.

The veterinarians are Dr. Brandon Schulte, who graduated from Texas A&M and Ross University, and Dr. Brooke Muller, who graduated from Texas A&M. Brandon grew up in the Brenham area and Brooke is a native of Burton.

Their hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm and the second and fourth Saturdays from 8am to 12pm. The phone number is (979) 289-1161.



Brandon Schulte and Brooke Mueller along with Jackson



Receptionist Ariel Keller with Jackson



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Rural Medicine is Coming Soon to Burton

For almost two years, members of our Board of Directors have been working with health care providers, as well as City and County officials, to bring rural medicine to Burton.

That dream will soon become a reality. Dubbed the Burton “Cargo Clinic” Initiative, the 40’ x 8’ container-based facility will be sited next to the EMS station on Mulberry / Spur 125, just downhill from Burton City Hall.

The project has several key stakeholders.

Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas will act as the marketing and transportation wing, connecting patients to the clinic’s services. We also will transport patients to the clinic.

Washington County EMS will provide project leadership and site availability. They already have completed a grant application for the Washington County / Texas A&M University Cargo Clinic, and will be responsible for the clinic’s long term maintenance.

The clinic also will be utilized as a rendezvous location for community paramedic patients, vaccine administrations, and a variety of other clinic uses yet to be determined.

Texas A&M University’s School of Rural Health will oversee communications and rural health integration. TAMU’s School of Nursing will provide clinical oversight, billing compliance, and physician supervision.

TAMU’s Mark Riggins, who was formerly with HealthPoint, will lead the telehealth and telemedicine integrations. Both the City of Burton and Mayor Karen Buck are in support of this

project. It’s important to note that the Cargo Clinic will come at no cost to Washington County for construction, equipment or supplies.

SPAWGLASS Construction Company has generously offered to donate all site preparation and infrastructure support, including the concrete foundation, electric connections and septic installation.

The Cargo Clinic is a collaboration with TAMU Build, a student-led organization that specializes in the construction of fully equipped mobile and stationary cargo container clinics. These units have already been deployed successfully in rural counties such as Kennedy County and in multiple East Texas communities.

In our conversations with County officials, it is expected that this rural clinic will eventually result in a cost savings to Washington County. There currently is a population of uninsured, indigent or homebound patients who rely on EMS services for minor issues, chronic illnesses, or other health concerns that could be better managed through a clinical visit. The Cargo Clinic is expected to be delivered to the EMS Station 3 site in February 2026, with a targeted soft launch of April 2026.

Stakeholders expect that the Cargo Clinic will serve as a model program for rural healthcare delivery in Texas. If proven successful, Washington County hopes to build another model in eastern Washington County, in the Old Washington area.

I often look at my children and can’t see myself in them. Then they open their mouth and say something sarcastic and I’m like, there I am.

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JOB POSTING - BURTON, TEXAS

Administrative Assistant

12 hours per week at \$12/hour

Do typographical errors jump off the page? If so, your unique set of skills and talents could be exactly what we're looking for. Bridge Ministry of Burton, Texas, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is in search of a detail-oriented person who understands the importance of spelling, punctuation and accuracy. Details include:

1. Generating thank you letters to donors and supporters.
2. Maintaining volunteer and newsletter databases, ensuring we have the names spelled correctly, as well ensure we have current and correct essential details.
3. Ordering supplies for the office, as well as for programs and ministries.
4. Preparing promotional materials for events.
5. Assisting with preparation of our newsletter.
6. Posting to the Facebook page with approved messaging that help us engage with our volunteers, clients, donors and the community.

The administrative assistant will report to the Executive Director.

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter describing why you are interested in this position to:

Dr. Cynthia A. Carter-Horn, Executive Director
 at Bridge Ministry of Burton, Texas
burtonbridgeministry@gmail.com
 979-337-3370
 PO Box 68
 Burton, TX 77835

The deadline to apply is November 16, 2025.

Senior Fellowship and Meal

Where: St. John UCC, Family Life Center,
516 N. Colorado

When: Fellowship and games for 10am until noon
Bridge at 11am Lunch is served at noon.

Nov. 7: Fried chicken, potato salad, vegetables (chicken catered by Brookshire Bros., with volunteers from St, Paul Lutheran Church of Rehburg)

Nov. 14: Chicken and sausage gumbo, rice, corn casserole (catering by Madeline & Cindy, with volunteers from Greenvine Baptist Church)

Nov. 21: Tater tot casserole, English peas, rolls (catering by White Horse Tavern, with volunteers from St. John's United Church of Christ)

Nov. 28: No meal (Thanksgiving break)

Manna Food Pantry

Our food pantry serves those who live within the Burton I.S.D. geographical region and who qualify based on income. Shoppers are invited to visit four times a month for premium groceries, with a fifth visit to access additional produce. We are grateful to area hatcheries for their donations of farm fresh eggs, and to farmers for their just-picked produce. For more information, call Burton Bridge Ministry at (979) 337-3370.

Days and Hours of Operation:

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Saturdays 10 a.m. - Noon 10 a.m. - Noon 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - Noon Clients are invited to shop with us four times each month. We will be closed on major holidays.

Toys for Tots

If you know of a family that could use help with toys this Christmas season, please let them know that the deadline to request toys for children ages 0-17 is around the third week of November. **Toys for Tots** applications are available at each child's school or day care. For babies and toddlers not yet enrolled in school, their parents can request an application through our office.

Delivering Turkey Dinners on November 5:

We have been blessed by a very generous donor who purchased 36 meals through the annual St. John's UCC Turkey Dinner Drive-Thru. If you are willing to drive through the line at 516 North Colorado on the evening of Wednesday, November 5 between 5-6:30 p.m., and then deliver those meals to homebound neighbors in rural Burton or at Artesian Park RV Campground, then please contact our office. Call Susie Tommaney at 979-337-3370 or email burtonbridgeministry@gmail.com.

Load and Deliver Pallets of Food on December 3:

We're looking for six adults and teens with two flatbed trailers to pick up three pallets of food on Wednesday, December 3 between 6:30-7 p.m. Pick up location is at the Washington County Expo Food Court (1305 East Blue Bell Road in Brenham) and the delivery address is the Manna Food Pantry, 307 North Brazos in Burton. Bonus points if you can bring your own manual pallet jack to make unloading easier. Call pantry coordinator Susie Tommaney at 979-337-3370 or email burtonbridgeministry@gmail.com.

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Please join us on
Sunday, November 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. for
**Burton Bridge Ministry's
Community Thanksgiving Meal**

Burton American Legion, 13100 West Washington, Burton

All are invited to this free event

Entertainment by the Hilltop Ramblers, the very talented musical/
vocal ensemble from Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Share what you're grateful for on our gratitude wall

Thanksgiving meal served at 5 p.m. and catered by Goebel Catering

We are grateful to Citizens State Bank (Burton)
for helping to underwrite the meal

Questions? Call or text 979-337-3370



Texas Ramp Project

Celebrating 40 Years and 30,000 Ramps

The Texas Ramp Project (TRP) started in 1985 in Dallas and began operations across the state in 2006. TRP now provides ramps in 145 Texas counties, recruiting upwards of 3,000 volunteers to provide the labor. In 2024 volunteers built more than 2,700 ramps and will exceed that number in 2025. Every ramp provides safety, independence and an improved quality of life for its recipient, caregivers and family. Most ramps cost less than \$1,000 to build, which is about one-third that of a typical contractor installation. The ramps are always free to clients.

The nonprofit Texas Ramp Project is celebrating its 40th year of providing free wheelchair ramps for more than 30,000 recipients across the state. The 40th Anniversary is a milestone in the nonprofit's commitment to helping seniors, adults and kids with disabilities regain mobility.

Local volunteers gather across the state on a weekday or Saturday morning to build a ramp for a neighbor. These volunteers spend a few hours building the ramp and then have the joy of meeting the client and watching them test out their ramp for the first time.

From October 1 to November 30, volunteers will be building one or more Anniversary Ramps in this area. On November 8th at 8am, volunteers from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, members of Burton Bridge Ministry and Brenham Youth Service League, will build a ramp for Mrs. Mary Whitely at 17960 Santee Lane, Washington, Texas.

Local volunteers provide safe access for local residents with disabilities free of charge. The Texas Ramp Project is approaching 300 ramps built in Washington County since 2009.

Phillip Fenton, who was the lead pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Brenham, brought the Texas Ramp Project to Brenham. He assembled a team of volunteers from St. Paul's and began building wheelchair ramps free of charge, for deserving residents of Washington County.

For more information you can contact Phillip at 979-337-4977 or his email: BooRadly37@gmail.com. Their website is www.texasramps.org.

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Burton City Hall Meeting

The City of Burton held its regular meeting on October 14, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Mayor Karen Buck presented Harry Van Woert a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work and dedication to keeping Burton clean and beautiful.



The City Council approved a Change Order 2 to allow the pump in the well to be lowered from 380 feet to 441 feet for a total of 61 feet. This is a total of \$4,575 to be added to the existing contract of \$75,000.

This will increase the flowrate from 250 gallons per minute to 280 gallons per minute.

The extra gallons per minute will not provide any extra capacity at this time, but once the booster pumps are upgraded, this will allow for 50 more meters to be added.

The 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Audit was presented by Medack & Ottmann, LLP and approved by the council

The council approved the Amended Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Water & Sewer Budgets reflecting Actual Income and Expenses for the 2nd quarter of the Fiscal Year.

The council nominated Halee Stark Kalkhake to continue serving of the Board of Directors for the Washington County Appraisal District.

The council approved a deed without warranty for the conveyance of abandoned portion of Trinity Street off of FM 390 also a portion of abandoned creek easement between W. Washington and E. Texas Street.

The council tabled a 2001 ordinance for specific exemptions to permitting fees as described in the Occupational Licenses and Business Regulations. The ordinance originally provided for security for events in the city. Events usually now provide their own security. The item was tabled for better clarification

The council removed the item in regards to purchase a winch & cable system to replace the broken equipment used to put the Christmas lights on the water tower.

The council removed an item to close the seize money fund and will give the money to the Washington County Sheriff's Department when they take possession of the sexual assault cases remaining. The Sheriff Department needed more information.

Burton City hall will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

The next regular meeting of City Council will be held on November 12th at 5:30pm.

BBM Senior Ministry Fall Activity – November 7

*Calling all craft seniors!
Let's make some fall decorations for your home.
Come meet at St. John's United Church of Christ
Family Life Center at 10am
516 North Colorado, Burton TX.*

Free for crafty seniors

*By the way, you should stay for lunch, Burton Bridge Ministry is serving Brookshire Fried Chickens, potato salad and a vegetable for only \$4 for lunch
All 55+ seniors are invited!*

*If you need a ride to St. John's UCC to join in the fund,
please call our Transportation Hotline
At 979-530-5626*

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A student at a management school came up to a pretty girl and hugged her without warning. The surprised girl said, "What was that?" The guy smiled and replied. "Direct marketing!" The girl slapped him soundly. "What was that?" responded the boy holding his cheek. "Customer feedback!" responded the girl.

Heaven has a wall and strict immigration policies. Hell has open borders.

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