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That terrifying moment when your cat enters your room, stares at something you can't see, and then runs away. In a panic.

When I'm bored, I send a text to a random number saying, "I hid the body, now what?"

I remember being so much in debt that I couldn't afford to pay my electricity bills. It was a dark time.

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Please make check out to David Zajicek and in the notation line put Burton Bulletin. Thank you!

I will never be impressed with technology until I can download a pot of coffee.

I assume they are called humming birds because they don't know the lyrics.

Whoever said talk is cheap never talked to a lawyer.

Rooster Talk: Harvesting Water

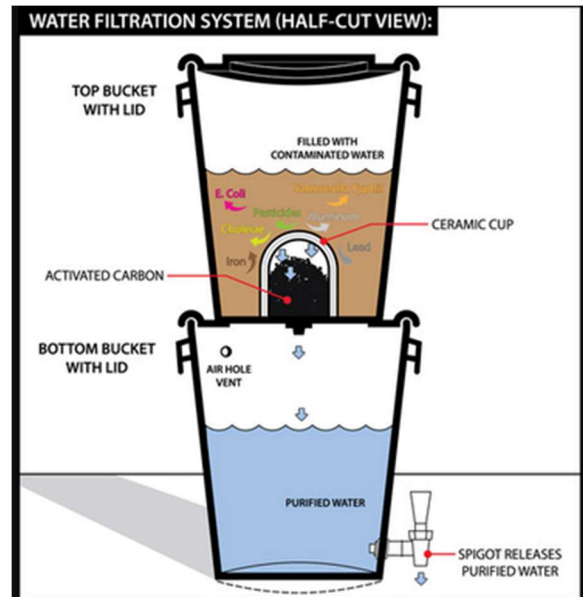
A topic that keeps coming up during our get-togethers is WATER. With the area in drought and the effects of explosive economic growth on the aquifers, folks are trying to understand how we can sustain our water supplies while serving the needs of the many who rely on water for life, agriculture, and reliable infrastructure.

Because of my time living and working in Africa and South America, I have seen a number of possible solutions. Most of these are locally driven, few are scalable, and very few are affordable. So how do we fix this problem and continue to grow our economy?

One approach would be to establish a trans-Texas pipeline system to transport water from where it is abundant to areas that are running out. This would be a huge statewide infrastructure project, but it could provide enough water by capturing it during the rainy season and pumping it into storage or injecting it into the aquifers. Again, this system would cost many billions to install and millions more every year to operate. But it could also create a backbone of infrastructure to enable new sources of water, such as desalination plants, to deliver water to where it is needed anywhere in the state. Think of it as a mirror of the electrical grid or the petroleum pipe grid, both common and proven in our state.

All of this is on a large scale, beyond the ability of farmers, cities, and ranchers to create. But what about alternatives to this statewide system, such as an individualized solution for a single residence or a small community? Such systems would need to be small, inexpensive, and reliable enough to support the needs of a homestead, with possible scalability to supply a small community. So, in pondering this, I did some research on the aquifers that serve Texas. Through putting in wells on some of the projects I managed, I have a working knowledge of well drilling, pumps, and storage. The wells I have been involved with ranged from small hand-dug wells of 20-30 feet to drilled community wells of 1,600-1,800 feet. But more important to this discussion is an “alternative” source of water.

Before I continue to discuss the “harvesting” of water, I want to address the very important issue of the quality of water. Most of us in the USA assume the water delivered from wells and public drinking water supplies is potable. You can drink it without ill effect. And, for the most part that is true. There are, however, many elements in our water, other than water. Dissolved chemicals, salts, and microplastics are all found in water supplies deemed “drinkable”. This is a greater issue in the majority of the planet in which water supplies are obviously impure, or appear pure but are tainted in some way. In my travels in both Africa and South America I found that people who could afford to, filtered all their drinking water. In the concept of “water harvesting” we must consider all resulting water as “raw” and requiring filtration to remove both mineral and biological impurities from it before consuming it. A very common method is by use of a silver entrained ceramic filter filled with activated charcoal. One brand of which is the Berkey filter, although there are many competitors in the current marketplace.



A Berkey-style water filter is a **gravity-fed purification system** that uses **ceramic (or composite) elements with activated carbon and other media** to remove contaminants.

Here’s the process step by step:

1. Fill the upper chamber

- You pour untreated or “raw” water (tap, well, rainwater, etc.) into the **top reservoir**.

- No pressure or electricity is used—only gravity.

2. Gravity pushes water through the filter elements

- The upper chamber contains **hollow filter elements** (often called “Black Berkey” elements or ceramic candles).
- As water slowly moves downward under gravity, it is **pulled through the walls of these elements**.

3. Mechanical filtration (physical barrier)

- The filter walls have **very tiny pores (micro- to sub-micron size)**.
- Suspended solids, silt, some bacteria, cysts, and other larger particles are **physically blocked** from passing through.

4. Adsorption in activated carbon

- Inside the elements is **activated charcoal (carbon)**, which has an enormous internal surface area.
 - As water passes through, many **chemicals and organic compounds** are adsorbed (they stick to the carbon surface), helping to reduce:
 - Chlorine and some chlorination byproducts
 - Many organic chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, VOCs)
 - Bad tastes and odors

5. Additional specialty media (depending on element type)

- Some elements include additional media to help reduce:
 - Heavy metals (like lead, mercury)
 - Certain pharmaceuticals
 - Some PFAS (in newer/advanced media)
- This happens through **ion exchange and specific adsorption**, where the media preferentially bind certain ions or molecules.

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6. Pathogen and contaminant

- Between the very fine pore size and the adsorption processes, the system is designed to **remove or greatly reduce**:
 - Bacteria and protozoa (Giardia, Cryptosporidium, etc.)
 - Turbidity (cloudiness)
 - Many chemical contaminants
- Note: exact performance depends on the specific element type and independent test data.

7. Filtered water produce cleaner, better-tasting water in the lower chamber.**collects in the lower chamber**

- Cleaned water exits the filters inside the lower chamber.
- This chamber holds the treated water and is typically made of stainless steel or BPA-free plastic.

8. Dispensing the water

- You open the spigot on the lower chamber to pour water.
- At this point, the water has been mechanically filtered and chemically polished by the media inside the elements.

9. Maintenance

- The elements gradually clog from trapped particles and adsorbed contaminants.
- Users periodically scrub the outer surface of the elements to restore flow and replace them after a certain volume or time.
- The lower tank and spigot are cleaned to prevent biofilm growth.

In short, a Berkey filter works by **letting gravity pull raw water through very fine, carbon-filled filter elements**, combining **micro-filtration** and **adsorptive purification** to produce cleaner, better-tasting water in the lower chamber.

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- Rust, silt, sediment
- Radiologicals and more

Plus:

- Black Berkey Elements average just pennies per gallon of water.
- Replacement is recommended after 6,000 gallons of use for each pair of elements, depending on quality of influent water.

While Berkey is the “gold standard”, many other companies are providing competitive products, and using the subcomponents of the Berkey design, you can make your own system at a fraction of the cost.

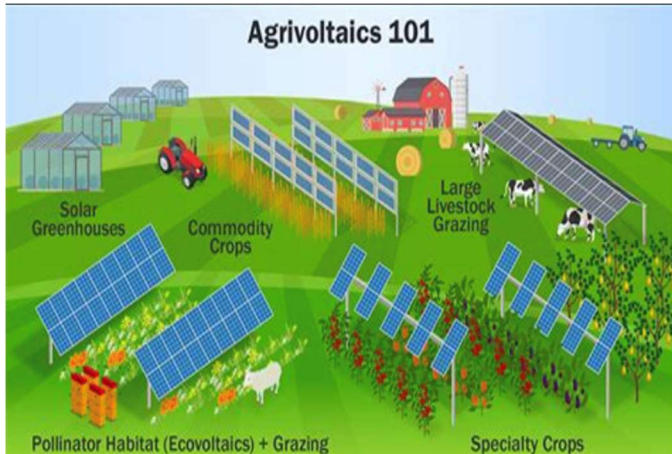
Here, in the region bordering the Gulf, we deal with generally very high humidity. This is mostly not a welcome environment, but it can meet the needs of small-scale atmospheric water use. We do it every day, as our billions of air conditioners consume gigawatts of electricity to keep us cool and dry. As a matter of process, these systems concentrate that water, and it is generally dumped into a drain line or a gutter. Key metrics show that at 75° F and 75% humidity, there is about one gallon of water in every thousand cubic feet of air. That sounds like a lot of air, but the average development home in Texas represents more than thirty thousand cubic feet... for perspective. We augment the HVAC unit with dehumidifiers in two key areas in our home, and those two small dehumidifiers produce about a gallon or so a day. The grow room dehumidifier could produce 70 or so gallons a day. But what if you don't have that equipment? Then what?

It gets prettysimple, since every weather report gives an indicator called the “Dew Point”. This is the temperature at which water in the air condenses and drips. That is the answer, and the colder your system is, but above freezing, the more water you'll get. An example of a cheap homemade water harvester is something we built in Kenya using an old Servil refrigerator. We set up the Servil on 12VDC and attached three solar panels to it (total of <1kWe). To capture the water, we used soft copper tubing with a coil inside the Servil and a second coil outside the box just above a bucket. To circulate the chilled water, we installed a small 12VDC windshield washer pump in the tubing immediately outside the box. When the sun shined, and for hours afterward, the chilled circulating water would cause atmospheric water to condense on the copper tubing and drip into the bucket... capturing 3-5 gallons of water a day. We later upgraded the system by adding a couple of old truck batteries so the unit could collect water at night and on cloudy days, ultimately increasing the collection to 10-12 gallons a day.

No, a system like this won't water the fields, but it watered the veggies in the home garden and, after filtering, became a good source of drinking and cooking water. This could be scaled up by increasing the surface area of the chilled water line, adjusting the flow, and increasing the electrical supply, but there are other ways that work. One of which, is to install Agrivoltaics to harvest sunshine. When they cool in the evenings, the water that condenses on the panel surface drips to the crops being grown beneath the panels. A ten-acre installation of this nature will yield roughly 3-5Mwe and provide both water for crops and livestock. A side benefit is that the panels provide shade for livestock in the heat of the day.

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So, what are the other ways to collect atmospheric water? I know of several, but I'm going to be lazy and let AI list the methodologies and additional information.

Here are ten of the most important and practical ways people harvest water from the atmosphere, and how each works.

1. Active Condensation (Refrigeration-Based Atmospheric Water Generators)

These are the classic “atmospheric water generators” (AWGs) that work like powerful dehumidifiers.

How they work:

- A fan pulls humid air across very cold metal coils.
- A refrigeration cycle (compressor, condenser, expansion valve, evaporator) cools the coils to below the air’s dew point.
- Water vapor in the air condenses into liquid on the cold surfaces.
- The condensed water drips into a collection tray, then is filtered and often UV treated.

Best for: areas with reasonably high humidity (typically >40–50%) and reliable electricity.

2. Desiccant-Based Systems (Liquid or Solid Desiccants)

These systems use materials that absorb water vapor, then release it when heated.

How they work:

- Air is passed over or through a desiccant (e.g., silica gel, zeolites, lithium chloride solutions, metal–organic frameworks in research systems).
- The desiccant captures water from the air.
- Later, the desiccant is heated (by electricity, waste heat, or solar thermal) so that it releases the absorbed water as vapor.
- The released vapor is cooled and condensed to liquid water.

Best for: low- to medium-humidity environments, especially where heat or solar thermal energy is available.

3. Radiative Cooling Condensers (Passive Night-Sky Collectors)

These systems use the cold of outer space as a “heat sink” to cool surfaces below air temperature at night.

How they work:

- A specially designed surface (often with high emissivity in the thermal-infrared) is exposed to the clear night sky.
- The surface radiates heat into space and cools below the ambient air temperature, ideally below the dew point.
- Water vapor from the air condenses on the cooled surface.
- The condensed water runs down into gutters and storage tanks.

Best for: arid to semi-arid regions with clear skies and big day–night temperature swings.

4. Fog Nets / Fog Harvesters

These are simple, passive structures used where fog is frequent (coastal or mountainous regions).

How they work:

- Vertical mesh nets (often polypropylene or specialized meshes) are installed on frames.
- Wind pushes fog droplets against the mesh.
- Droplets collide with fibers, coalesce into larger drops, and drip down into gutters.
- Water is collected in tanks at the base.

Best for: regions with frequent, dense fog (e.g., coastal deserts, mountain ridges).

5. Dew Collectors and Condensing Roofs

These use radiative cooling plus simple surfaces (metal, plastic films, or coated panels) to promote dew formation.

How they work:

- Sloped surfaces (roofs, panels, or film-covered frames) are designed to radiate heat to the sky at night.
- If the surface temperature drops below the dew point, moisture in the air condenses.
- Surfaces are often coated to be hydrophilic so water forms a thin film and runs off easily.
- Condensed water is channeled into gutters and stored.

Best for: rural homes, greenhouses, and small farms where nights are relatively cool and humidity is moderate.

6. Agrivoltaics Panels with Condensate Capture

This is close to what you described: solar panels that both generate electricity and help capture water.

How they work:

- During the day, photovoltaic (PV) panels heat up in the sun.
- After sunset and into the night, panel surfaces cool, often below air temperature.
- Moist air in contact with the cooler panel surfaces condenses water.
- If the installation is designed with gutters or drip channels, this condensation can be directed to crops below or into storage.
- Panels also provide shade, reducing evaporation from soil and improving water-use efficiency.

Best for: farms with good solar resources; particularly useful where both energy and water are scarce.

7. Heat-Exchanger–Enhanced HVAC / A/C Condensate Recovery

This uses existing air-conditioning or dehumidification systems to deliberately capture and use their condensate.

How they work:

- Air conditioners naturally condense water as they cool indoor air.
- Instead of sending condensate to a drain, it is routed to a storage tank. (Continue on Page 5)



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• Systems can be optimized by increasing coil surface area, improving airflow, or using heat exchangers to increase time above coils while still meeting cooling loads.

• The recovered water is then filtered and used (often for irrigation, flushing, or, with proper treatment, drinking).

Best for: buildings in hot, humid climates with high A/C usage (like much of Texas and the Gulf region).

8. Solar-Powered Refrigerator/Freezer Harvesters (Like Your Servil System)

This is a specific form of active condensation, powered directly by solar and sometimes batteries.

How they work:

• A fridge or freezer (or custom cold box) is powered by solar panels and optionally a small battery bank.

• Cold coils or chilled fluid lines inside the box absorb heat from circulating air or water.

• Cold fluid is pumped through coils exposed to ambient air.

• When humid air contacts the cold coils, water condenses and drips into collection vessels.

Best for: off-grid homesteads or small farms with decent solar availability, especially where grid power is unreliable or expensive.

9. Sorption-Based Solar Stills (Hybrid Sorbent + Condenser Systems)

These combine **sorbent materials** and simple solar still-like condensation.

How they work:

• In the cool, humid night or early morning, air is passed over a hygroscopic material (e.g., salt solutions, specialized gels) that captures water vapor.

• During the day, solar heat warms the material in a closed chamber.

• The absorbed water is released as vapor and condenses on a cooler surface (often a glass or metal cover) in a still-like configuration.

• The condensed liquid is collected in channels.

Best for: regions with clear skies where daytime solar heating and nighttime cooling cycles are strong.

10. Biomimetic and Specialized Surface Collectors (Inspired by Desert Organisms)

How they work (examples):

• **Cactus or spider silk-inspired fibers:** conical spines or nanostructured fibers guide droplets from tips to a central collector via surface-tension gradients.

• **Engineered coatings:** surfaces that enhance nucleation of droplets and make them slide off easily into gutters.

Best for: locations with fog, mist, or high humidity where passive collection is preferred; many of these are still emerging technologies.

Article Submitted by Pete Horn

Confession is good for the soul, but bad for your career.

The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.

Repeat after me. We are all individuals.

Take my advice, I'm not using it.

Annual Good Friday Picnic

Bethany Church is inviting families and friends to their annual Good Friday picnic to be held at noon on April 3rd. There will be a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation. Before the meal is served, there will be a short patriotic program. Grilled sausage and hamburgers will be served. Please bring table, chairs, plates and drinks to accommodate your group as well as a side dish (salad, vegetables, dessert) to share. Following the meal there will an Easter Storytime and egg hunt for the children. Bethany Church is located at 8955 Christian Cemetery Road, Burton, Texas.

Long Life Brotherhood Event

Long Life Brotherhood will be holding an Easter egg hunt along with a dedication for the Matthew Gaines Marker on Saturday, April 4th starting at 1:00pm. Chris Evans, caretaker for Long Life Brotherhood, has built a new slab next to the road where the marker can be seen.



Matthew Gaines was born as a slave on August 4, 1840, near Alexandria La. He taught himself how to read and write. After the civil war ended, Gaines settled in Burton, Texas where he became a leader of the freedmen, both as a politician and a Baptist preacher. In 1866, alongside George Ruby, founded the Texas House of Councils.

In 1869, Gaines was elected as Texas's 16th district in the Twelfth Texas Legislature. He gained a reputation for being a guardian of the newly won rights of Black Texans. He addressed issues of public education, prison reform, the protection of black voters and tenant farming reformation.

Matthew Gaines died on June 11, 1900, in Giddings, Texas. On November 19, 2021, a statue of Gaines was unveiled and dedicated at Texas A&M.

I bought one those tapes that teach you Spanish in your sleep. During the night the tape skipped. Now I can only stutter in Spanish.

Please do not steal. This IRS hates competition.

TOMMIE GILMON

**For City of Burton
Councilmember Pos. #2**

The decisions being made at Burton City Council cover complicated issues that affect our water/ sewer infrastructure, tax rates, property values, and how and when we grow as a City.

My goal is to listen to residents and business owners and bring your concerns to the table.

I have served in Position No. 2 for the past four years, and my experience will help guide me in decisions that affect all of us here in Burton.

Questions? Email me at mrstgilmon.022@gmail.com

Please vote for me on Saturday, May 2 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Political ad paid for by Mrs. Tommie Gilmon



The Pink Door Grand Opening on March 13, 2026

**TRY THAT IN A SMALL TOWN – A Series
Highlighting Burton Blessings
What’s Great About Our Town: Neighbor
Support for Small Business and Others
By Ned Ross, contributing writer**

This month’s edition focuses on the strength of our community through support for each other and for town businesses. Many of you know that my wife and I created a startup called The Pink Door on Main. We purchased the 1928 building at 601 N. Main (formerly the Bridge food pantry, thrift store, Schulz Corner, auto dealership, gas station, etc...) and began restoration/renovation after Labor Day. An amazing amount of quality work was completed by Burton Home Builders by January, so much so that we were able to take occupancy. The grand opening and ribbon cutting was set for March 13th. Lauren didn’t want to host a party and have few people show up. She decided to invite our family members to fill the room for photos, and 10 of them showed up. We knew Susan and a rep from the county chamber would also be there. What happened was completely shocking. By noon on the 13th over 100 people were in our small building or outside under the porte cochere because they could not get inside. Not only did our contractors show up but so did their families and friends, almost entire church congregation, fellow small business owners, and long-time friends from other cities. By the end of the day, we estimated that over 200 people visited the store. This kind of crowd might be expected in a larger city, but we had no idea that many would show in Burton. Perhaps we need to stop underestimating our neighbors! The outpouring of support was off the charts. People not only came to wish us well, but many stayed and spent thirty minutes

or more looking around the store. Those who remembered the building in its former state were shocked to see 12’ ceilings and nice finishes in a building that desperately needed a significant restoration. And many people who had never entered our tiny town loved it and inquired about life in Burton. We were happy to tell them that the quality of life is extremely high, largely because of the caring and supportive people who call it home. All of this was so humbling for Lauren and me. We are so grateful for the townspeople we have met and those from surrounding towns who came to the opening. Starting a small business has always been described as a daunting task, and we both know now just how hard it is. All encouragement is welcome, and the outpouring of positive feedback was very heartening. So, thank you to all who came. And for those wondering, business has been bustling as Round Top shoppers and others visit the store. Aside from the community support of the store, we are also aware of neighbors who have fallen victim to illnesses, injuries, and deaths in the family. The townspeople have rallied in support of those in need and provided meals, transportation, encouraging words, prayers, and good company. Burtonites are the epitome of neighbors helping neighbors. I can only attribute that love and support to a strong faith in Jesus. Expect The Pink Door on Main to support many local causes and to welcome out-of-towners with a clean and fresh appearance at our “city center” for years to come. Let us know if you wish to host a small group meeting at the store – we have tables and chairs for that purpose.



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Burton City Council Meeting

The Burton City Council met for its regular meeting on March 10th at the Burton City Hall.

The Council approved the 2026-2027 general and water/sewer budgets for the fiscal year. **See page 9.**

The Council took no action on the Washington County Appraisal District's proposed budget. This is not required by WCAD unless Council chooses to veto the proposed budget.

City Secretary Vacancy – Angela Harrington had resigned last month, and the city is in search of a replacement.

The council approved the bid for an alarm and camera system from Aggieland Smart Home Technologies based out of Bryan/College Station. The system will cost the City \$2,415 and a monthly service fee of \$30.

The Council approved a feral program for spaying and neutering feral cats with Burton Veterinary Clinic. The Feral Friday program will cover half the cost of bill. Generous contributions have been made by some citizens to help support this program.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to act as the city's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the State of Texas 2026 Water supply and Infrastructure Grant Program and in pertaining to the city's participation in the 2026 PIF Grant with the Texas Water Development Board.

Notice of General Election for the City of Burton

The city of Burton will hold its General Election on May 2nd at Burton City Hall from 7am to 7pm. Early voting will be April 20 to April 24 and April 27 & April 28 from 9am to 3pm, also at the Burton City Hall.

During the election cycle, Burton City Hall will be partitioned dividing the City Hall from the Polling Site. Voters will be directed to use the entrance under the portico/covered parking area.

The City of Burton has contracted with Washington County for the elections to be run by Washington County Elections Office.

There are 3 positions up for the 2026 election for the City of Burton.

Position #2-Tommie Gilmon is being opposed by Sheila Ripple.
Position #3 Jeff Eckhardt is being opposed by Charly Ruenke.
Position #5 Macey Tidwell is being opposed by Berneake Gantt.

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**City of Burton, Texas
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
April 2026 through March 2027**

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Franchise Tax Income	12,589.56
Interest Income	2,367.92
Mixed Beverage Taxes	4,396.08
Other Income	14,636.52
Property Tax Revenue (M&O)	25,697.49
Sales Tax Income	<u>157,212.35</u>
Total Income	<u>216,899.92</u>
Gross Income	216,899.32

Expenses

Employee Hlth Reimbursement	1,800.00
Wahington County Sheriff Dept.	15,000.00
Accounting & Auditing	14,500.00
Advertising & Public Notice	1,735.38
Contract Labor	0.00
Copy Machine Lease	1,656.97
Dues & Subscriptions	2,615.71
Election	4,500.00
Insurance & Workman's Comp	6,023.00
Legal & Professional Fees	3,000.00
Miscellaneous & Unforseen	1,200.00
Postage	468.00
Repair & Maintenance	
Weeren Park	900.00
Repair & Maintenance	<u>2,760.00</u>
Total Repair & Maintenance	3,660.00
Security Expense	420.00
Street Light Expense	6,204.12
Street Repair	40,000.00
Supplies -Office	600.00
Supplies-Operating & Others	1,118.00
Tax Collection Fees	2,516.04
Telephone & Communications	1,078.20
TMRS Contributions	48.00
Travel & Mileage	0.00
Utilities	2,483.31
Wages & Payroll Taxes	<u>86,004.00</u>
Total Expense	196,630.73

Net Ordinary Income 20,269.19

Other Expense

Transfer Out	0.00
Debt Service Expenditures	
Bond Payment	98,000.00
Interest on Bond Payment	<u>27,596.00</u>
Total Debt Services	<u>125,596.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>125,596.00</u>
Net Other Income	4,815.51
Net Income	<u>25,084.70</u>

**City Of Burton Water& Sewer
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
April 2026 through March 2027**

Ordinary Income/ Expense

Income

Deposit for Water & Sewer	1,150.00
Garbage Revenues	31,715.16
Water & Sewer Revenues	229,323.36
Total Income	<u>261,990.52</u>
Gross Profit	261,990.52

Expense

Contract Labor	53,400.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,550.00
Garbage & Collection Cost	30,012.00
Insurance & Property Liability	5,336.00
Lab Testing Fees	7,200.72
Legal & Professional Fees	50.40
Postage	1,464.00
Repair & Maintenance	81,647.16
Supplies-Office	344.35
Supplies-Operating & Other	22,472.36
Telephone	566.64
Utilities Expense	20,015.28
Wages & Payroll Taxes	24,679.92
Water & Sewer Deposit Refund	<u>540.12</u>
Total Expense	<u>249,2748.95</u>

Net Ordinary Income 12,711.57
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37th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival April 18, 2026

Free Admission 10am to 6pm

- 10am Cotton Gin Festival Parade Begins
- 11am Antique Engines/Tractor Show, Arts, Crafts, Food Vendors, Black-Smithing, Spoon Carving, Butter Churning, Classic Car Display, Farmer for a Day – All Begins
- 11am to 1pm Music by Robert & Casey Zientek
- 11am to 2pm Gin Tours
- 11am Tractor Pulls Begins
- 12:15pm to 2pm Bubble Gum Blowing, Cotton Seed Pulling Contest, Pie Eating Contest
- 1pm to 2:30pm Music by Bayou City Groove Band
- 2:30pm to 4 pm Music by Ella B & Robert Herridge
- 3pm Ginning of Historic Cotton Bales at the 112 Year Old Burton Farmers Gin
- 4pm to 6pm Music by Brown Sugar Band

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**Burton Farmers & Artisans Market
April 4th at the
Texas Cotton Gin Museum
307 N. Main Street
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10am to 2pm**

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RE-ELECT JEFF ECKHARDT

*City of Burton City Council
Position No. 3*

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Over the years we've grown together, faced challenges, and celebrated triumphs.

Our best days are still ahead.



Jeff Eckhardt has been a part of our community for 10 years. As a member of Burton City Council, he has been committed to listening to his constituents and wants what is best for the whole community. He wants to unite the residents, work with organizations and help small businesses thrive in Burton. Jeff is not just running for City Council — he's running to preserve the future.

Vote for Jeff Eckhardt for Burton City Council, Position No. 3.

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BERNEAKE "PEANUT" GANTT

for Burton City Council Position No. 5



With your vote, I pledge to:

- Work with the Mayor and City Council to prioritize community-driven decisions that benefit all.
- Ensure transparency in Burton City Council operations to build trust and accountability.
- Request that proposed ordinances and policies be made available in advance so that businesses and residents can provide feedback on how they will be affected.
- Address the real needs of the community with actionable solutions.

ASK ME ANYTHING: Join me on Thursday, March 19 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Burton Short Stop. Ask me your questions, let me hear your concerns, and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres.

ELECTION DAY voting is Saturday, May 2 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

I have served in the past on Burton City Council as Mayor Pro-Tem. During my tenure, I presented to a panel at the Brazos Valley Council of Governments, resulting in the City being awarded a \$10,000 grant.

I am ex-military, having served in the army. My career experience includes working in administration for the Brenham Police Department, and as a technical writer for a Brenham-based manufacturer.



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We are all connected and, until all viewpoints are considered, we as a City cannot find peace or common ground.

Business owners pay most of our City's expenses through sales taxes, and they also pay property taxes. Citizens and businesses have seen a 13% increase in property taxes.

Burton I.S.D. is affected by decisions made at City Council and we, as a City, are affected by a school population twice our size. We're in this together.

If elected, I will consider how decisions made at City Council affect everybody.

San Jacinto Day

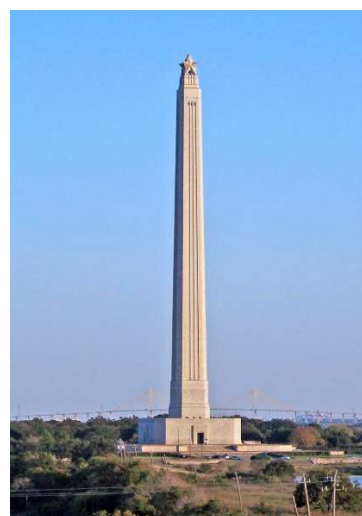
On April 21, 1836, at 4:30pm, General Sam Houston along with about 1,000 Texian soldiers defeated General Santa's army of around 1,400 Mexicans in approximately 18 minutes, thereby winning its independence from Mexico.

With a four-piece band playing a popular love song, "Will You Come to the Bower", the Texians attacked with their battle cry, "Remember the Alamo, Remember Goliad!"

At the end of the battle, 630 enemy were killed and 730 were captured. The Texican army lost 9 men. General Sam Houston was wounded when a shot shattered his ankle.

Sam Houston went on to be the first president of Texas.

San Jacinto Monument



The San Jacinto Monument was built in 1939 and is the tallest war memorial in the world. It is over 12 feet higher than the Washington Monument. On top of the monument is a 220-ton Lone Star. At the base of the monument is a museum.

San Jacinto Monument is located at 1 Monument Circle, La Porte, Texas 77571-9585, about 16 miles from downtown Houston.

The hours of the museum are Wednesday to Sunday, 9am to 6pm. The hours of the battlefield are open daily from 9am to 6pm. Their phone number is 281-2421.

I have been trying to make friends outside of Facebook by applying the same principle. I walk down the street and tell people what I ate, what I did last night and what I plan to do later on in the day. I show them pictures of my family, friends and pets. I also show them what activities we have done, like shopping, eating out, working in the yard.

I listen to their conversations and give them a thumbs up and tell them I like them. It works! Just like Facebook! I now have 4 people following me, 2 policemen, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

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