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## Burton ISD prepares for upcoming election



Burton ISD Superintendent Edna Kennedy, center, shares information related to the district's transfer policy with trustees Monday night.

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Burton — Burton ISD Board of Trustees passed two items Monday at its meeting to move forward with holding an election Nov. 2.

The first passed item was the approval of a joint election agreement with Washington County. According to Superintendent Edna Kennedy, holding a joint election helps the district keep the costs down as the county will handle the printing of materials.

The second election-related item passed was to appoint election judges and clerks to work the election at Burton Community Center and St. Peter's Lutheran Church Nov. 2. Precincts 410, 413 and 208 will vote at Burton Community Center on Election Day while precincts 311 and 312 will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Early voting will take place on campus.

The district plans to hold an informational session Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Burton High School auditorium to further discuss

this fall's bond election.

Also on Monday, trustees discussed the district's transfer policy and what it means financially. Kennedy said the policy allows the district to accept or deny transfer students to help offset payments due to the state through. She said there are currently 199 transfer students in Burton ISD and that the district had to cut off registration early because the numbers were getting high.

"Each school year, we look at our transfers based on their attendance record, we certainly want someone who is going to come to school because when we bring them here, we get attendance money. We want students who are going to be an asset to our district," Kennedy said.

She added that each transfer brings in an estimated \$11,300. Kennedy said if the district did not have these transfer students, the district would be paying roughly an additional \$1.3 million to the state, in addition to the \$1.5 million already sent back to the state.

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## New Washington County Fair royalty

By Alyssa Faykus

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The queen of the 153rd Washington County Fair was crowned as Emma Marth, daughter of Brandon and Kristie Marth. Emma sold 2,608 tickets for \$104,325 representing Washington County 4-H.

Runner-up was Keely Mikolajchak, who sold 1,935 tickets for \$77,385 representing Washington County 4-H and is the daughter of Kelvin and Crystal Mikolajchak. Trinity Hart was the recipient of the Judges' Choice Award. She is representing Brenham FFA and is the daughter of John and Janie Hart. Altogether, the four candidates sold 5,173 tickets for \$206,910.

Look at page 3 for winners of the Little Mr. and Ms. and Junior Mr. and Ms. competition.

The record for individual ticket sales was set in 2018 by Hanna Warmke, who sold 4,288 tickets for \$128,640.

Official opening ceremonies were held Wednesday night, with entertainment from the Crossroads Band. Activities continue throughout the week. The Junior Livestock Auction will take place Friday at 2 p.m. and the fair will wrap up Saturday night with performances from Rick Trevino and Clay Walker.



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Emma Marth shares a couple of words Wednesday night after being crowned queen of the 153rd Washington County Fair.

## Blinn engineering students have seamless pathway to UTSA

From Blinn College Communications

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is expanding the Transfer Academy for Tomorrow's Engineers (TATE) Dual Enrollment Program across Texas this fall. Leaders from both the UTSA College of Engineering and Integrated Design (CEID) and Blinn College District Engineering Department have signed a memorandum of understanding to provide Blinn engineering students with a smoother transition as they transfer to complete their degree.

Starting this fall, Blinn College students can complete an application for the TATE program. Students that meet program criteria will be invited

to participate in the first cohort by Blinn faculty and staff.

"Blinn College is pleased to provide this opportunity to our engineering students by entering into this collaborative agreement with the University of Texas at San Antonio," said Dr. Mary Hensley, Chancellor of the Blinn College District. "Through this partnership, we look forward to providing seamless pathways for our engineering students to earn their bachelor's degrees."

Dr. JoAnn Browning, UTSA CEID Dean states, "We are very excited to start this partnership and the opportunity it brings for us to work with

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## Toy Kurtz retires

Toy Kurtz (left) celebrates her retirement from the Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Center with friends and family at a small party at the senior center. Kurtz was involved in the senior center for 19 years and served as executive director. Willy Dilworth will be the new executive director.

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## COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

WASHINGTON COUNTY  
ACTIVE (est) **396** DEATHS **111** RECOVERED (est) **4,769**

PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY VACCINATED  
12+ ONE DOSE **58.18%** 12+ FULLY VACCINATED **49.85%**  
65+ ONE DOSE **85.68%** 65+ FULLY VACCINATED **77.35%**

From the Texas DHHS  
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### WEATHER

**TONIGHT:** A few clouds. Low near 70. Winds light and variable. **FRIDAY:** Partly cloudy skies. High 91. Winds light and variable.

### HERE & THERE

Happy early birthday wishes go to Sederick Green and Melissa Thomas Obi, who celebrate Friday ...

Happy early birthday wishes also go to Todd Johnson, who celebrates Saturday ...

### TODAY'S VERSE

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!  
— Romans 6:15

### WATER USAGE

Lake Somerville full stage: 238.0.  
Lake level Wednesday: 237.98.  
City of Brenham water usage:  
Sept. 13: 3.208 million gallons.  
Sept. 14: 3.257 million gallons.  
Rainfall this month: .65"  
Rainfall this year: 41.10"  
Average annual rainfall: 45.34"

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