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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q

We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 31st!

This is the annual benefit Bar-B-Q which is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Department, and held each year on the last Saturday in July.

The day starts with DJ Bo Peep doing his thing from 1 to 5. There will be great food and homemade desserts, Raffle for great prizes, games for the kids, Country Store, Live Auction, amusements, Silent Auction, and then a free **Dance Under The Stars**.

Bar-B-Q plates are \$11 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world famous potato salad! Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until 9:00. Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxiliary will be getting together a great group of volunteers to help pull off this event. They will need people to work the serving lines, and to donate items to the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, and the Country Store. Bring a dessert, slice up meat, cook potatoes, there's so much that you can do! Volunteer and be part of a great organization and a great group of people!

Contact kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com for more information.



There's A Day For Everything

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

July 11th - National Cheer Up The Lonely Day, National Rainier Cherry Day, National Blueberry Muffin Day, All American Pet Photo Day, National Mojito Day, National 7-Eleven Day

July 12th - National Simplicity Day, National Different Colored Eyes Day, National Pecan Pie Day, Paper Bag Day, Eat Your Jello Day

July 13th - National French Fry Day, National Beans 'N' Franks Day, National Delaware Day, Cow Appreciation Day

July 14th - National Grand Marnier Day, National Tape Measure Day, National Nude Day, National Mac & Cheese Day

July 15th - National Give Something Away Day, National I Love Horses Day, National Tapioca Pudding Day, National Pet Fire Safety Day, National Gummi Worm Day, Get to Know Your Customers Day

July 16th - National Corn Fritters Day, National Personal Chef's Day

July 17th - National Lottery Day, National Peach Ice Cream Day, National Tattoo Day, Wrong Way Corrigan Day, National Yellow Pig Day, World Emoji Day, National Strawberry Rhubarb Wine Day, Toss Away the "Could Haves" and "Should Haves" Day



Kingsbury Market

There will be a **Market** in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



*Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday*



You'll be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Plant starts, handcrafted items, homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also available.





Shooting Stars!

Starting this week there will be not one, not two, but three different meteor showers active!

Meteors are caused by streams of cosmic debris entering the Earth's atmosphere at **extremely** high speeds. Smaller fragments burn in the atmosphere producing a "shooting star", but the bigger ones can really produce an amazing big fireball.

And when the space rocks (meteoroids) of any powerful meteor shower enter Earth's atmosphere, you'd better be ready for a great night of shooting stars.

🌟 The Alpha Capricornids are currently active and run from July 3rd to August 15th this year with a "plateau-like" maximum centered on July 30th. This shower is not very strong and rarely produces in excess of five shower members per hour. What is notable about this shower is the number of bright fireballs produced during its activity period. This shower is seen equally well on either side of the equator.

🌟 The Southern delta Aquariids starts July 12th and can be seen until August 23rd. The Delta Aquariids are another strong shower best seen from the southern tropics. North of the equator the radiant is located lower in the southern sky and therefore rates are less than seen from further south. These meteors produce good rates for a week centered on the night of maximum - July 28-29. These are usually faint meteors that lack both persistent trains and fireballs.

🌟 The Perseids start this week and are the most popular meteor shower as they peak on warm August nights as seen from the northern hemisphere. The Perseids are active from July 17 to August 26. They reach a strong maximum on August 11-12 this year. Normal rates seen from rural locations range from 50-75 shower members per hour at maximum. The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system. They are called Perseids since the radiant (the area of the sky where the meteors seem to originate) is located near the prominent constellation of Perseus the hero when at maximum activity.

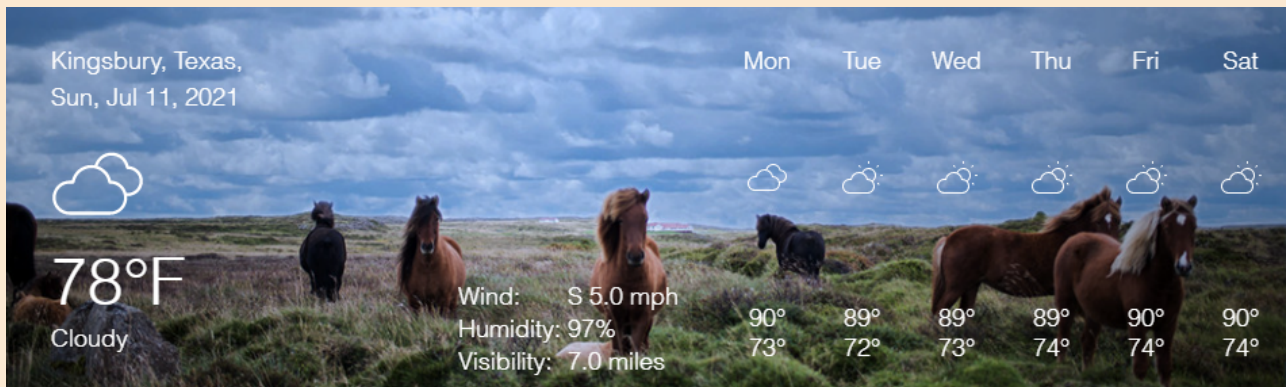
Forget the TV. The best late-night shows are served up by nature! So put some bug spray on and check out the

night skies.



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).



For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.



[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

KVFD Bar-B-Q Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets for the Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q will be available in the Kingsbury Country Store starting this week and will be for sale until the Bar-B-Q on July 31st.

**Tickets are \$1 each
or
6 tickets for \$5**

There are hundreds of dollars worth of prizes in the raffle so go by the Country Store get your chance to win!

The raffle supports your KVFD so get your tickets and help our local firefighters and first responders and maybe you'll win a prize to boot!



Burr and Hamilton Duel

This week in American history, on July 11, 1804, in a duel held in Weehawken, New Jersey, Vice President Aaron Burr fatally **shoots** his long-time political antagonist Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton, a leading Federalist and the chief architect of America's political economy, died the following day.

Alexander Hamilton, born on the Caribbean island of Nevis around 1756, came to the American colonies in 1773 as a poor immigrant. In 1776, he joined the Continental Army in the American Revolution, and his relentless energy and remarkable intelligence brought him to the attention of General George Washington, who took him on as an aid.

Ten years later, Hamilton served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and he led the fight to win ratification of the final document, which created the kind of strong, centralized government that he favored. In 1789, he was appointed the first secretary of the treasury by President Washington, and during the next six years he crafted a sophisticated monetary policy that saved the young U.S. government from collapse. With the emergence of political parties, Hamilton was regarded as a leader of the Federalists.

Aaron Burr, born into a prestigious New Jersey family in 1756, was also intellectually gifted, and he graduated from the College of New Jersey (later Princeton) at the age of 17. He joined the Continental Army in 1775 and distinguished himself during the Patriot attack on Quebec. A masterful politician, he was elected to the New State Assembly in 1783 and later served as state attorney. In 1790, he defeated Alexander Hamilton's father-in-law in a race for the U.S. Senate.

Hamilton came to detest Burr, whom he regarded as a dangerous opportunist, and he often spoke ill of him.

When Burr ran for the vice presidency in 1796 on Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican ticket (the forerunner of the Democratic Party), Hamilton launched a series of public attacks against Burr, stating, "I feel it is a religious duty to oppose his career." John Adams won the presidency, and in 1797 Burr left the Senate and returned to the New York Assembly.

In 1800, Jefferson chose Burr again as his running mate. Burr aided the Democratic-Republican ticket by publishing a confidential document that Hamilton had written criticizing his fellow Federalist President John Adams. This caused a rift in the Federalists and helped Jefferson and Burr win the election with 73 electoral votes each.

Under the electoral procedure then prevailing, president and vice president were not voted for separately; the candidate who received the most votes was elected president, and the second in line, vice president. The vote then went to the House of Representatives. What at first seemed but an electoral technicality—handing Jefferson victory over his running mate—developed into a major constitutional crisis when Federalists in the lame-duck Congress threw their support behind Burr. After a remarkable 35 tie votes, a small group of Federalists changed sides and voted in Jefferson's favor. Alexander Hamilton, who had supported Jefferson as the lesser of two evils, was instrumental in breaking the deadlock.

Burr became vice president, but Jefferson grew apart from him, and he did not support Burr's renomination to a second term in 1804. That year, a faction of New York Federalists, who had found their fortunes drastically diminished after the ascendance of Jefferson, sought to enlist the disgruntled Burr into their party and elect him governor. Hamilton campaigned against Burr with great fervor, and Burr lost the Federalist nomination and then, running as an independent for governor, the election. In the campaign, Burr's character was savagely attacked by Hamilton and others, and after the election he resolved to restore his reputation by challenging Hamilton to a duel, or an "affair of honor," as they were known.

Affairs of honor were commonplace in America at the time, and the complex rules governing them usually led to an honorable resolution before any actual firing of weapons. In fact, the outspoken Hamilton had been involved in several affairs of honor in his life, and he had resolved most of them peaceably. No such recourse was found with Burr, however, and on July 11, 1804, the enemies met at 7 a.m. at the dueling grounds near Weehawken,

New Jersey. It was the same spot where Hamilton's son had died defending his father's honor in 1801.

There are conflicting accounts of what happened next. According to Hamilton's "second"—his assistant and witness in the duel—Hamilton decided the duel was morally wrong and deliberately fired into the air. Burr's second claimed that Hamilton fired at Burr and missed. What happened next is agreed upon: Burr shot Hamilton in the stomach, and the bullet lodged next to his spine. Hamilton was taken back to New York, and he died the next afternoon.

Few affairs of honor actually resulted in deaths, and the nation was outraged by the killing of a man as eminent as Alexander Hamilton. Charged with murder in New York and New Jersey, Burr, still vice president, returned to Washington, D.C., where he finished his term immune from prosecution.

In 1805, Burr, thoroughly discredited, concocted a plot with James Wilkinson, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army, to seize the Louisiana Territory and establish an independent empire, which Burr, presumably, would lead. He contacted the British government and unsuccessfully pleaded for assistance in the scheme. Later, when border trouble with Spanish Mexico heated up, Burr and Wilkinson conspired to seize territory in Spanish America for the same purpose.

In the fall of 1806, Burr led a group of well-armed colonists toward New Orleans, prompting an immediate U.S. investigation. General Wilkinson, in an effort to save himself, turned against Burr and sent dispatches to Washington accusing Burr of treason. In February 1807, Burr was arrested in Louisiana for treason and sent to Virginia to be tried in a U.S. court. In September, he was acquitted on a technicality. Nevertheless, public opinion condemned him as a traitor, and he fled to Europe. He later returned to private life in New York, the murder charges against him forgotten. He died in 1836.



Kingsbury Post Office

This is a great picture of the people that worked for the Kingsbury Post Office circa 1950.

The back of the picture states:

*From left to right: George Smith - rural carrier, Oscar Halm - retired Postmaster, James Talley - mail messenger, Lucille Coates - postal clerk, Edna Beaty, Jaquelin Schmidt - acting Postmaster, Marshall (**Lightening**) Beaty - mail carrier, Irma Donsbach Oliver - substitute carrier, Carl Anderson - rural carrier.*

The picture appears to be taken in front of the clerk windows inside the old Post Office on the corner of Kingsbury Road and Railway Street. The post office prior to this building was the little building just three doors down on Railway St - now the Kingsbury Country Store. I'm not sure at what time it was moved to the corner building, but in this picture, the space looks too big for that little building so it might have already moved.

There is a "Notice To Federal Income Taxpayers" posted on the wall (wonder what they were being notified of?) and the floor is hardwood planks.

The pictures below are of the older post office in 2011, the old post office on the corner in 2019, and the restored Post Office sign today that was found on the front of the porch awning of the older post office. It looks like a blank board with old peeling white paint in the picture.



Older post office down the street in 2011.



Old Post office probably in the picture.



Restored sign board that was mounted on the older post office on the awning in the picture.

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