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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Independence Day

This Thursday is, of course, The Fourth of July. It's a day when we celebrate America's bid for independence with cookouts and fireworks. But there were many events that occurred this week in history surrounding that independence.

On July 3rd in 1775, George Washington rides out in front of the American troops gathered at Cambridge common in Massachusetts and draws his **sword**, formally taking command of the Continental Army.

After the American Revolution erupted in 1775, Washington was nominated to be commander in chief of the newly established Continental Army. Some in the Continental Congress opposed his appointment, thinking other candidates were better equipped for the post, but he was ultimately chosen because, as a Virginian, his leadership helped bind the southern colonies more closely to the rebellion in New England.

In agreeing to serve the American colonies in their war for independence, he declined to accept payment for his services beyond reimbursement of future expenses. Despite his inexperienced and poorly equipped army of civilian soldiers, General Washington led an effective war of harassment against British forces in America, while encouraging the intervention of the French into the conflict on behalf of the colonists.

On July 4th in 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims the independence of a new United States of America from Great Britain and its king. The declaration came 442 days after the first shots of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts and marked an ideological expansion of the conflict that would eventually involve France’s intervention on behalf of the Americans.

On July 8th in 1776, a 2,000-pound copper-and-tin bell now known as the “Liberty Bell” rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Four days earlier, the historic document had been adopted by delegates to the Continental Congress, but the bell did not ring to announce the issuing of the document until the Declaration of Independence returned from the printer on July 8.



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THE TOCSIN OF LIBERTY.

Rung by the State House Bell, (Independence Hall) Philadelphia, July 4th 1776.

"PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND, UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF." LEV. XXV. 10.

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:

June 30th - National OOTD Day, Social Media Day, National Meteor Watch Day

July 1st - National Gingersnap Day, National Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, National U.S. Postage Stamp Day, National Postal Worker Day

July 2nd - National Wildland Firefighter Day, National Anisette Day

July 3rd - International Plastic Bag Free Day, National Fried Clam Day, National Chocolate Wafer Day, National Eat Your Beans Day, National Compliment Your Mirror Day

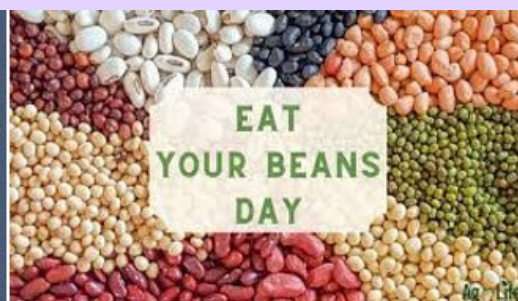
July 4th - Alice In Wonderland Day, Independence Day, National Caesar Salad Day, National Barbecued Spareribs Day

July 5th - National Hawaii Day, National Bikini Day, National Graham Cracker Day, National Apple Turnover Day, National Workaholics Day

July 6th - National Play Outside Day, National Hand Roll Day, National Hop-A-Park Day, National Fried Chicken Day



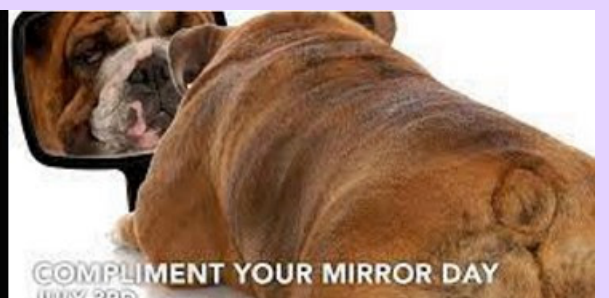
National Graham
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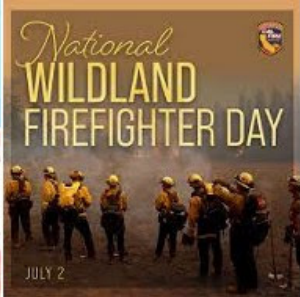


National Apple
Turnover Day



National Postal
Workers Day
July 1





Here Comes July

Ready or not, Monday is the very first day of July.

July is the seventh month of the year (between June and August) in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the fourth month to have the length of 31 days. It was named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Cæsar, it being the month of his birth. Prior to that, it was called *Quintilis*.

It is on average the warmest month in most of the Northern hemisphere.

"Dog days" are considered to begin in early July, when the hot **sultry** weather of summer usually starts.

JULY SYMBOLS:



July's birthstone is the ruby, which symbolizes contentment. It was regarded by ancient Hindus and the "king of gems" and was believed to protect its wearer from evil. The ruby's deep-red color signifies love and passion.

July birth flowers are the Larkspur or the Water Lily.



Each color variation of the larkspur has a different meaning:

Pink means fickleness;

White conveys a happy nature; and,

Purple normally represents a first love.

Generally, larkspur indicates strong bonds of love.



The water lily signifies purity and majesty.

Aside from being lovely in their own right, water lilies are often used in ponds to deter the growth of algae and to shade and cool the water for resident fish and frogs.

JULY FOLKLORE



If the 1st of July be rainy weather, it will rain more or less for three weeks together.



Ne'er trust a July sky.



Dog days bright and clear, indicate a happy year.

The zodiac signs for the month of July are



Cancer (until July 22) and



Leo (July 23 onwards).



Disaster Assistance

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representatives were in town this month to offer assistance to anyone affected by recent storms.

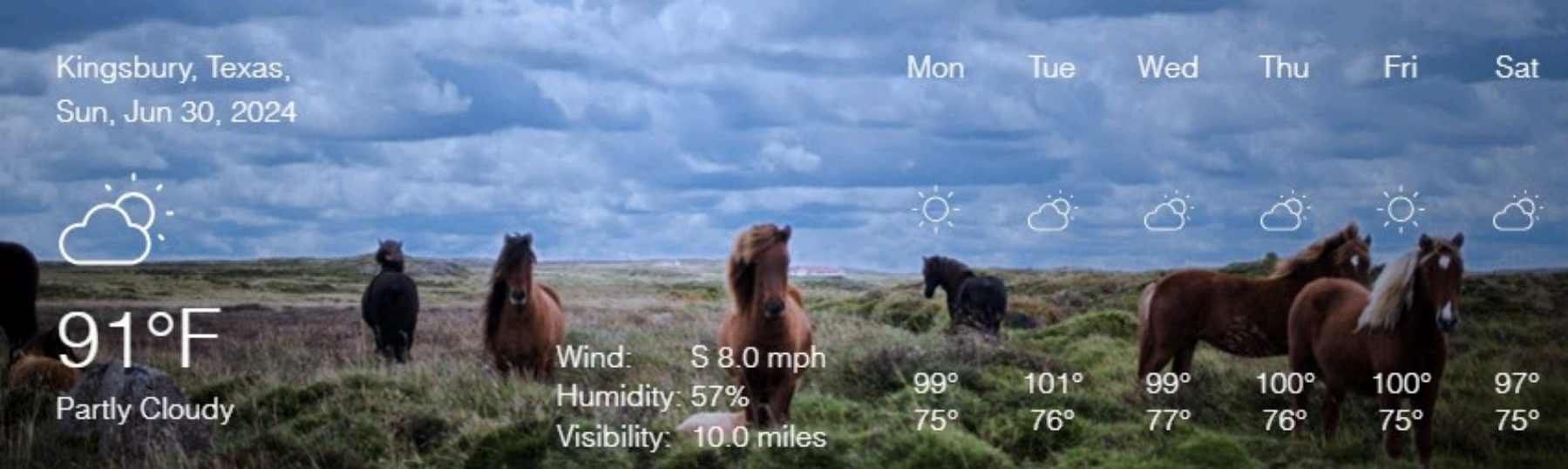
If your household suffered **damages** between April 26th and June 5th this year from "severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding", you can go to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) to see about assistance. You can also download the FEMA app on your phone, or call FEMA at 800-621-3362.

This time range includes the May 9th storms that did so much damage around here.



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](#)

Gunfighter Clay Allison Is Killed

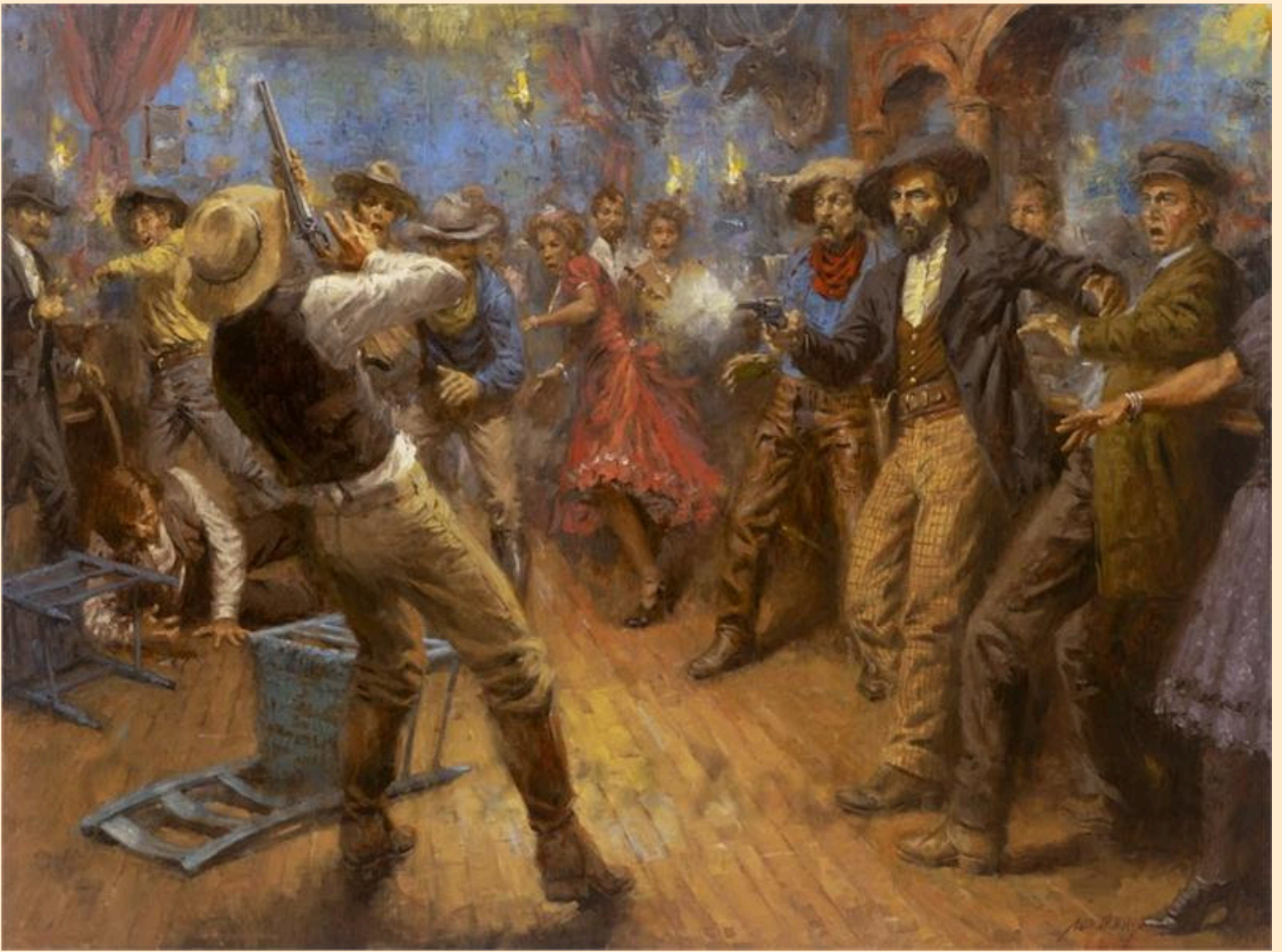
Clay Allison, eccentric gunfighter and rancher, dies in a freak wagon accident in Texas this week in history. Born around 1840 in Waynesboro, Tennessee, Allison seemed to display odd tendencies from a young age. When the Civil War broke out, he joined the Confederate Army but received a rare medical discharge for a condition that doctors called “partly epileptic and partly maniacal,” resulting perhaps from an early childhood head injury.

After spending some time as a cowhand for the famous Texas ranchers Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight, Allison started his own ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. For a time, he got along well with the local residents, but his tendencies toward **violent** rages soon became apparent. In October 1870, Allison led an angry mob that seized an accused murderer named Charles Kennedy from the local jail and hanged him. Such vigilante justice was not unusual, but many townspeople were shocked when a wild-eyed Allison decapitated Kennedy and displayed his head on a pole in a local saloon.

In 1874, Allison’s dangerous reputation grew when he beat a famed gunfighter, Chunk Colbert, to the draw, coolly shooting his opponent squarely above the right eye. A year later, Allison joined another lynch mob and helped hang suspected murderer Cruz Vega from a telegraph pole. Again, merely killing the man did not satisfy Allison’s blood lust. He shot Vega’s corpse in the back and then dragged it over rocks and bushes until it was a mangled pulp.

In 1881, Allison married and moved his ranch to the Texas Panhandle. His wife eventually bore him two daughters, and perhaps family life mellowed him. His behavior, however, remained extremely eccentric, and he occasionally lapsed into violent rages. Once he rode nude through the streets of Mobeetie, Texas. On another occasion, he visited a dentist in Cheyenne, Wyoming, who began drilling on the wrong tooth. After having his bad tooth repaired by a different doctor, Allison returned to the offending dentist, pinned him down, and extracted a tooth with a pair of pliers.

On July 1st 1887, Allison died while driving a freight wagon to his ranch north of Pecos, Texas. A sudden jolt threw Allison from the wagon and a wheel rolled over his head, crushing his skull and neck. In 1975, Allison’s remains were moved to a grave in downtown Pecos where a granite headstone made the questionable assertion that he was a “Gentleman and Gunfighter” who “never killed a man that did not need killing.”

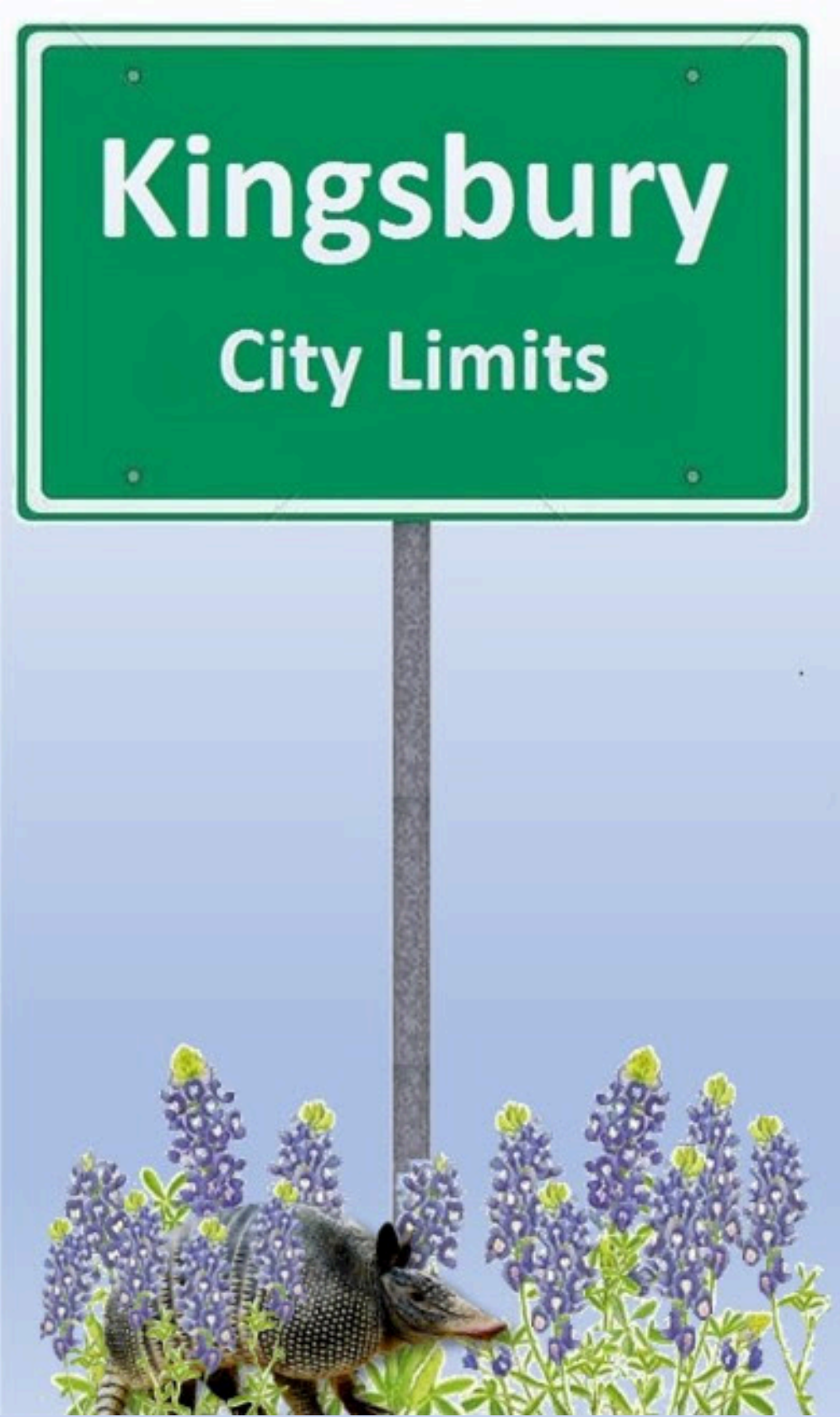


Kingsbury City Limits

Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

Also, check out the Kingsbury "[Blog](#)" to see pictures of the first voluntary annexations! Need more information? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!



July Night Skies

There are not one, not two, but three meteor showers that begin in July!



alpha Capricornids

Next period of activity: July 3rd, 2024 to August 15th, 2024

The Alpha Capricornids are active from July 3 through August 15 with a "plateau-like" maximum centered on July 29. 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.

Next Peak - The alpha Capricornids will next peak on July 29. On this night, the moon will be a waning crescent at 35% full.



Southern delta Aquariids

Next period of activity: July 18th, 2024 to August 21st, 2024

The Delta Aquariids are a 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. These are usually faint meteors that lack both persistent trains and fireballs.

Next Peak - The Southern delta Aquariids will next peak on July 30th. On this night, the moon will be 25% full.



Perseids

Next period of activity: July 14th, 2024 to August 31st, 2024

The Perseids 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 14 to August 31. They reach a strong maximum on August 12 or 13, depending on the 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.

Next Peak - The Perseids will next peak on August 12th. On this night, the moon will be 7% full.



KVFD Auxiliary

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of the month. However, the July meeting has been moved due to the Independence Day holiday.

The next meeting will be

Tuesday, July 2nd

and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the **awesome** KVFD Auxiliary!



Kingsbury Calendar

Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of kingsburytexas.org!

Get in touch by replying to this email or by going to the Contact page on the Kingsbury [website](#).

It's a great way to find out what's going on around town and to let others know what meetings or events you have planned that your friends and neighbors might like to attend.

KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) 

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KVFD Bar-B-Q And Raffle

We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 27th!

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.

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 fee Dance Under The Stars

Bar-B-Q plates are \$15 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world **famous** potato salad! Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxilary 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!

Raffle tickets can be purchased now at the Kingsbury Country Store.

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



At The Oil Derrick

This picture is from a group of Kingsbury area oil field pictures kept by Dee Perryman. Mr. Perryman worked for Magnolia Oil which was later purchased by Mobil Oil.

This picture was taken at an oil derrick in the early 1900s. At that time, the rig would have been powered by a steam engine. The ladies have some great **bonnets** on to beat the Texas heat. But I'm sure they got their dresses dirty by sitting on that platform! I don't think that there was such a thing as a clean derrick in the early days of oil production with these wooden derricks.

The gentleman sitting with them seems to be the only one paying attention to the photographer. I'm not sure if the ladies are hiding their faces or just had their attentions elsewhere when the picture was snapped.



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Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](#), click on the weird little **dog** at the bottom of any page, and fill out their name and email address. It's so easy! Let's get everybody to be "in the know" about what's going on in their community.



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