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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Hello October!

The month of October starts this Wednesday. It shouldn't be a surprise since the stores already have the Halloween stuff on display!



"October" was the name of the eighth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar by adding January and February, the name "October" stuck.

October's birth flowers are the cosmos and the calendula or marigold.



Cosmos is a symbol of joy in life and love and of peace.



The calendula (aka garden, English, or pot marigold) represents winning grace, grief, or chagrin.

Listen! The wind is rising,
And the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
Now for October eves!

-Humbert Wolfe (1885-1940)

The October birthstone is the opal, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence.



Opals also symbolize hope and purity and were once thought to improve eyesight or enhance intuition. Throughout history, the gem's reputation has oscillated between standing for luck and standing for lack of luck. According to some, those born in October are immune from any possible negative effects.

OCTOBER FOLKLORE

- When deer are in a grey coat in October, expect a hard winter
 - Much rain in October, much wind in December
 - A warm October means a cold February!
- in October dung your field, and your land its wealth shall yield.
- Good October, a good blast, To blow the hog acorn and mast.

OCTOBER NIGHT SKIES



Draconids

Keep an eye out for the Draconid meteor shower – sometimes called the Giacobinids – that is expected to peak October 8th. Unlike many meteor showers, the Draconids are short-lived, only active for a few nights - October 6th though 10th this year. The radiant point for the Draconid meteor shower almost coincides with the head of the constellation Draco the Dragon in the northern sky. Unfortunately, the waning gibbous moon will be 97% illuminated and will dampen this year's Draconid shower.



Orionids

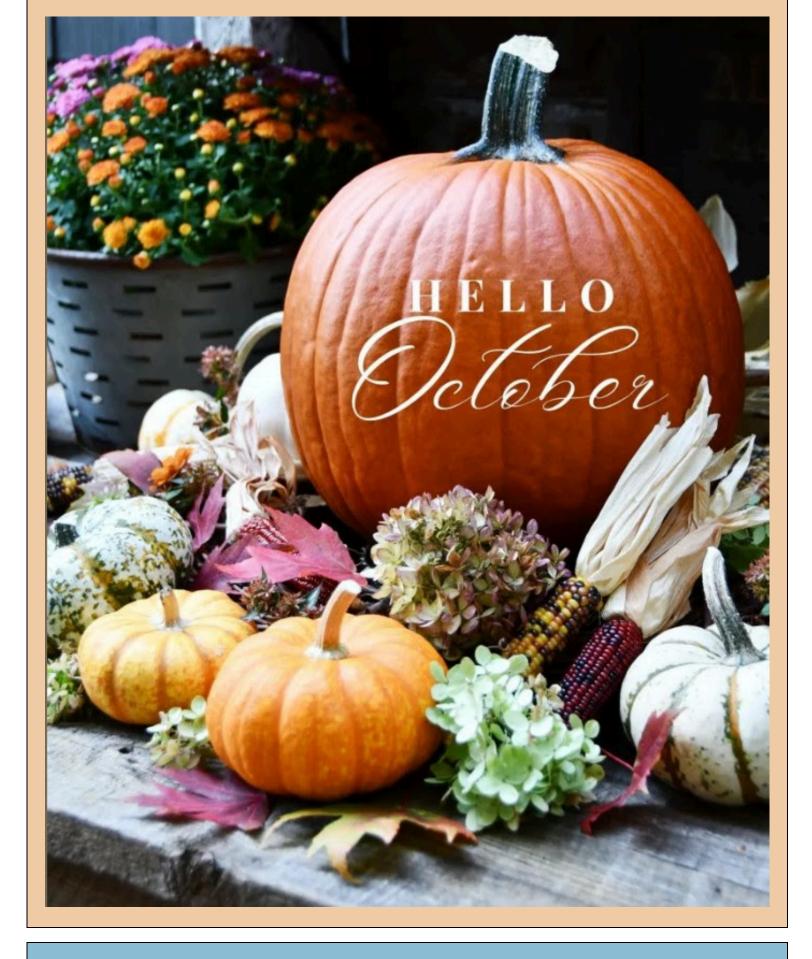
Orionid meteors fly each year between about October 2 to November 7. That's when Earth is passing through the stream of debris left behind by Comet Halley, the parent comet of the Orionid shower. The Orionids usually put out the greatest number of meteors in the few hours before dawn. And the expected peak in 2025 is October 20th and 21st in the wee hours before dawn. But you might see an Orionid meteor at any time during October, assuming you're a dark location, with a sky free of moonlight. This year the Orionids fall during the New Moon so viewing should be excellent!



It's probably safe to assume that the long-lasting South Taurid meteor shower will ramble along, as it always does, between September 10 and November 20, with no sharp peak. This shower rarely offers more than five meteors per hour. That's why the moon phase may be more of a factor in watching the South Taurids than any predicted peak date.

The Taurids (both branches) are rich in fireballs and are often responsible for increased number of fireball reports from September through November.





National Night Out

The National Night Out event in Kingsbury is coming up on Tuesday, October 7th from 5:30 pm - 7 pm in downtown Kingsbury.

National Night Out is an annual **community-building** campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. To escape some of the heat, here in Texas we celebrate on the first Tuesday in October.

We'll be having the event in the downtown with free food, members of our local law enforcement, fun activities, information on crime in our area, and our Kingsbury first-responders.

Everyone in the Kingsbury area is welcome to attend. Come on down and meet your friends and neighbors!



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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:

September 28th - National North Carolina Day, National Drink Beer Day, National Strawberry Cream Pie Day, National Gold Star Mother's And Family Day, National Good Neighbor Day

September 29th - Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day, National VFW Day, National Coffee Day

September 30th - National AI In Work Day, National Orange Shirt Day, National Love People Day, National Hot Mulled Cider Day, National Mud Pack Day, National Chewing Gum Day

October 1st - National Jiffy Mix Day, National Walk To School Day, National Pumpkin Seed Day, National Coffee With A Cop Day, National Fire Pup Day, National Pumpkin Spice Day, National Green City Day, National Random Acts Of Poetry Day, National Black Dog Day, National Hair Day, National Homemade Cookies Day

October 2nd - National Smarties® Day, National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day, National Name Your Car
Day, National Fried Scallops Day, National Produce Misting Day

October 3rd - National Body Language Day, National Manufacturing Day, National Techies Day, National Boyfriend Day

October 4th - National Play Outside Day, National Golf Lover's Day, National Vodka Day, National Cinnamon Bun Day



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.



Come And Take It!

The first shots of the Texas Revolution were fired this week in history, on October 2, 1835.

When Domingo de Ugartechea, Mexican military commander in Texas, received word that the American colonists of Gonzales refused to surrender a small cannon that had been given that settlement in 1831 as a defense against the Indians, he dispatched Francisco de Castañeda and 100 dragoons to retrieve it. Ugartechea realized that, given the tensions between the Texans and Antonio López de Santa Anna's Centralist government, the slightest provocation might ignite **hostilities**. He therefore instructed Castañeda to use force if necessary but to avoid open conflict if possible. The company rode out of San Antonio de Béxar on September 27, 1835.

When Castañeda's troops reached the Guadalupe River opposite Gonzales (just downstream where the San Marcos River runs into the Guadalupe) on September 29 they found their path blocked by high water and eighteen militiamen (later called the Old Eighteen). Castañeda announced that he carried a dispatch for alcalde Andrew Ponton but was informed that he was out of town and that the Mexican dragoons would have to wait on the west side of the river until he returned. Unable to proceed, Castañeda pitched camp 300 yards from the ford.

As he awaited word from the absent alcalde, the men of Gonzales summoned reinforcements from several of the surrounding settlements and the settlers, led by figures like Sara Seely DeWitt, created a flag featuring a cannon and the slogan "Come and Take It!" to display their defiance to the Mexican troops. Later, a Coushatta Indian entered the Mexican camp and informed Castañeda that the number of Texan volunteers now numbered at least 140 and more were expected. Knowing he could not force the guarded crossing, Castañeda abandoned his campsite near the ford and marched his troops in search of another place not so well defended, where he could "cross without any embarrassment." Around sundown on October 1 he ordered his dragoons to pitch camp seven miles upriver from the contested ford on land belonging to colonist Ezekiel Williams (near present-day Cost, Texas).

The Texans were also on the move. On the night of October 1 their troops crossed to the west bank of the Guadalupe and marched upriver toward Castañeda's new camp. On the morning of October 2 they attacked the Mexicans, and Castañeda ordered his men to fall back to a low rise behind their camp.

During a lull in the fighting Castañeda arranged a parley with Texan commander John Henry Moore. Castañeda inquired why he and his men had been attacked without provocation, and Moore replied that the Texans were fighting to keep their cannon and to uphold the Constitution of 1824. Castañeda then assured Moore that he was himself a Federalist and personally opposed to the policies of Santa Anna. He added that he had no wish to fight colonists; he only had orders to reclaim the cannon. Moore then invited Castañeda to join the Texans in their fight for the federal Constitution of 1824. Castañeda explained that as a soldier he was obliged to follow his orders, whether or not he agreed with the politics behind them. At that point negotiations broke down, and the two commanders returned to their respective units.

When the fighting resumed, Castañeda, finding himself outnumbered and outgunned, ordered a withdrawal toward Bexar. He may also have been mindful of his orders not to participate in actions that were likely to bring about a conflict. In his report to Ugartechea, Castañeda stated that "since the orders from your Lordship were for me to withdraw without compromising the honor of Mexican arms, I did so." Despite Castañeda's efforts to avoid war, the so-called battle of Gonzales (which was really only a brief skirmish - two Mexican soldiers were killed in the attack while the only Texian casualty was the bloody nose suffered by a man bucked off his horse) marked a clear break between the American colonists and the Mexican government.



Burn Ban In Effect

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court instituted an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County for 90 days starting September 3rd and going through December 1st. The burn ban imposed by the Commissioners Court has specific guidelines for



Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark



Burning household trash



Burning of other items

The official notification with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website here.



The City of Kingsbury has a "trigger" ordinance where a burn ban is in effect in the city limits whenever there is a burn ban issued by the county.



As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.

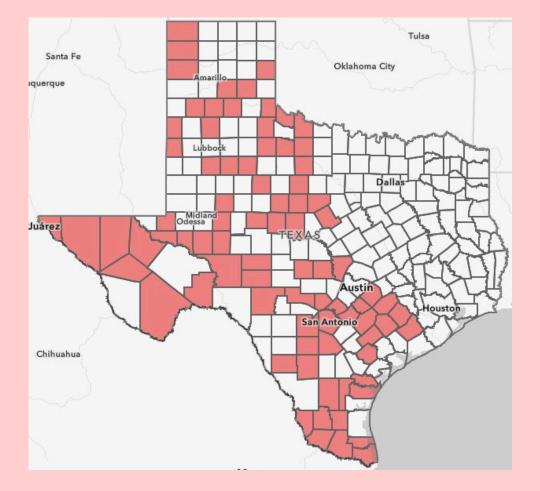


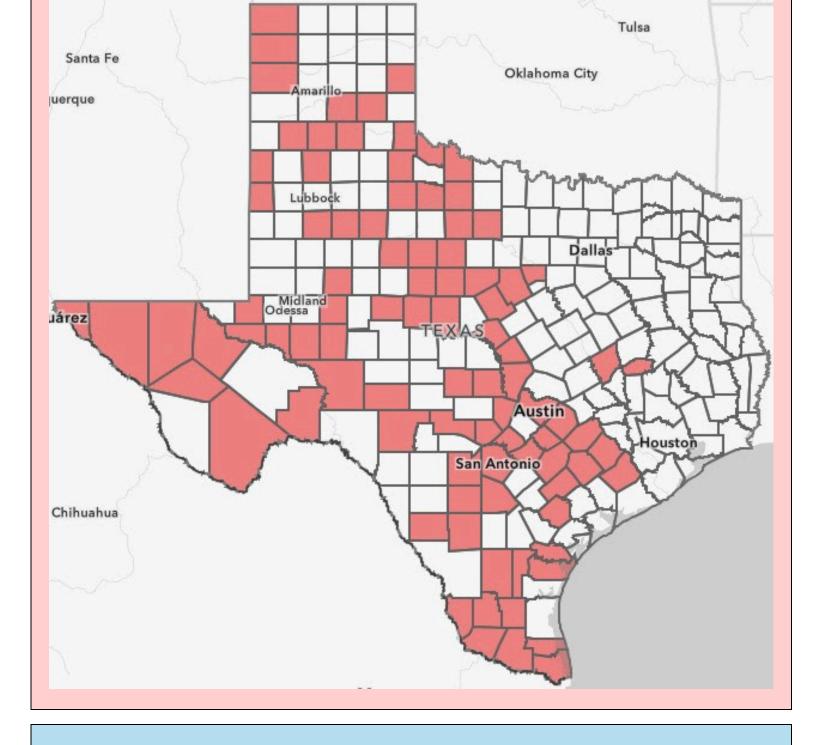
Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 92 that have a burn ban. This is up from 83 last week and leaves 162 counties without a burn ban in the state.



The current burn ban status can always be found on the Kingsbury website at https://www.kingsburytexas.
org/burn-ban-status

Current burn bans by county in Texas last week and this week.





Important Election Dates

With the November **elections** coming up, here is some important information regarding the election:

Important dates:

Monday, October 6 - Last Day to Register to Vote

Monday, October 20 - First Day to Early Vote

Friday, October 24 - Last Day to Apply for Mail Ballot (Received in Elections Office, Not Postmarked)

Friday, October 31 - Last Day to Vote Early in Person

Tuesday, November 4 - Election Day

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS NEAREST TO THE KINGSBURY AREA

Main Elections Office - 3251 State Highway 123 North, Seguin Seguin ISD Administration Building - 1221 E. Kingsbury St., Seguin

EARLY VOTING DATES AND HOURS

Monday, October 20th through Saturday, October 25th......7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26th......12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 27th through Friday, October 31st......7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day

The polling place in Kingsbury on Election Day, November 4th, will be The Kingsbury Methodist Church (7035 FM 2438).

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.



Fall Wings & Wheels Fly-In

Wings And Wheels Fly-In November 8, 2025 190 Pershing Ln Kingsbury, TX

DONATIONS AT THE GATE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

ANTIQUE, CLASSIC, & VINTAGE AIRCRAFT AND VEHICLES

REENACTOR DISPLAYS

FOOD TRUCKS & OTHER VENDORS

GATES OPEN AT 9 AM

DRIVING AND FLYING INSTRUCTIONS ON WEBSITE PIONEERFLIGHT MUSEUM.ORG



Trunk Or Treat

The annual Trunk Or Treat is coming to Downtown Kingsbury in October!

Bring the **kiddos** down and they can go trick-or-treating from car to car.

And you can bring your car with goodies and join in on the fun! A lot of kids in rural communities like ours don't really get to go door to door for Halloween fun so we're bringing it all to Downtown Kingsbury!

Stay tuned for more details.



Volunteer Work Day

The Volunteer Work Day at the new soon-to-be Town Hall was a great success!

So many people showed up and worked inside and outside to get floors up, walls down, and everything out!

Thanks so much to:

Frank & Janet Alison & Shane David Malachi & Sons Nan Shirley & Ladd Jessica & Tyler Dennis Sam (previous VWD)

There will more volunteer days in the future and we'll keep you posted!



Fall Harvest Festival



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

8 NOVEMBER 2025

HANDCRAFTED GIFTS, HAY DIVE, HORSEBBACK RIDES, ARCHERY, ARTS & CRAFTS, MUSIC, FOOD, AND MORE

> Downtown Kingsbury, TX 12- 6 pm on Railway St

Interested in being a vendor Register at the Kingsbury Country Store or by email at:
680 Railway St by November 1st
kingsburyfallfestival@gmail.com



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 out Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury website to see the current map, get a petition form,

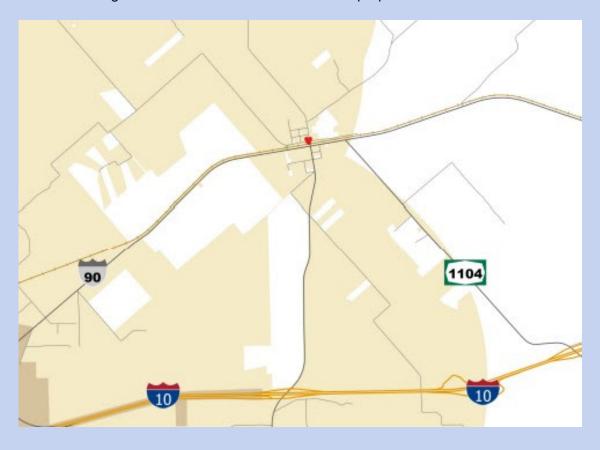
and find more information on voluntary annexations.

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!

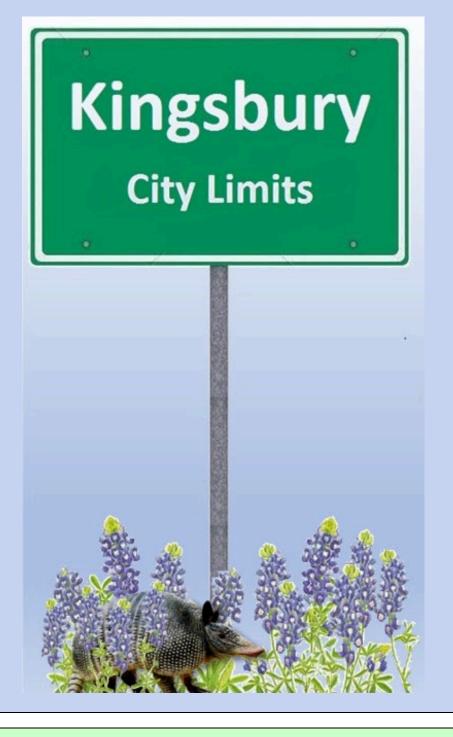
Pictured below is the Seguin thoroughfare plan with their "Outer Loop" coming up FM2438.



This plan once came up into downtown Kingsbury, but due to changes in Texas law, a property owner can now be removed from an ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction which is an area outside of any city's limits) and therefore be removed from their control. Shown below is Seguin's ETJ around Kingsbury (red dot) in tan with the white areas being landowners that have removed their properties from that ETJ.



To see forms and learn more about being removed from Seguin's ETJ click here.



Kingsbury VFD & KVFD Auxiliary

Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

Thursday, October 2nd

Stop by to learn what you can do to help your community as a firefighter, a supporter, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD **Auxiliary** has their meetings on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 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!



Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday.

These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!



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 <u>Calendar</u> page of <u>kingsburytexas.org!</u>

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.

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21	22 First Day Of	23	24	25 Fellowship	26	27
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Food Pantry & Thrift Store



Kingsbury Students In Costume

Another picture from Denise Imhoff of the kids at the Kingsbury School when she was attending there. The school closed in the Summer of 1963 so these would have been taken before that.

It looks like the kids here are dressed in **costumes** for a play or plays. I think I definitely see Little Red Riding Hood and a witch. The girl with the boot (I think I see laces) is maybe the Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe and the girl with the blue dress and white apron looks very Alice In Wonderland. I'm not sure exactly who the other children are portraying, but I'm sure it all came together on stage.

In the photo are (left to right):

Mary Lou Villar, Sue Scruggs, Wanda Grimm, Linda Hurt, Lupe Lopez, Gay Glenewinkle, and Gem Glenewinkle.



Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

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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