

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - July 21, 2024

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

KVFD Bar-B-Q And Raffle

The KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser is this Saturday, 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 free 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.

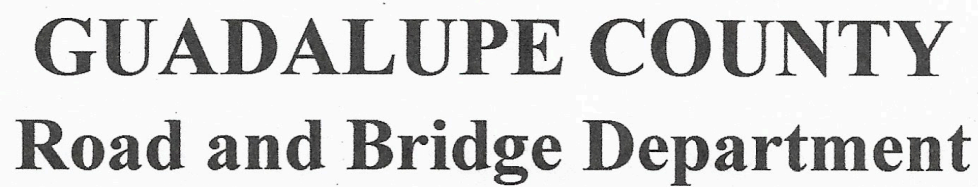


Road Closure

County Road & Bridge is scheduled to be working on the road and culverts on Kingsbury Road this week from Prairie Lea Road to FM 20 - weather permitting.

Traffic (including semi-trucks traffic) will be routed around using Cottonwood Creek Road and Prairie Lea Road.

Please be **careful** of increased traffic and tractor-trailers coming down these roads and possibly other small roads during this time.



Kingsbury Road closed from FM 20 to Prairie Lee Road

When: Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26
What: Kingsbury Road closure between FM 20 and Prairie Lee Road
Where: Guadalupe County, Precinct 1 & 2
Contact: Guadalupe County Road & Bridge Department (830) 379-9721

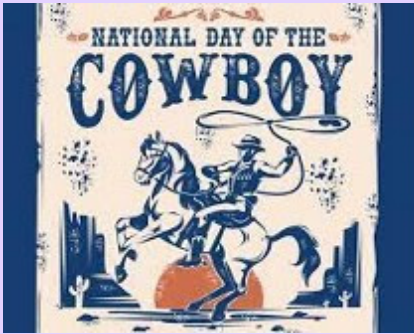


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July 25th – National Wine And Cheese Day, National Hire A Veteran Day, National Refreshment Day, National Hot Fudge Sundae Day, National Merry-Go-Round Day, National Thread The Needle Day, National Intern Day, National Chili Dog Day

July 26th – National Bagelfest Day, National Coffee Milkshake Day, National All Or Nothing Day, National Disability Independence Day, National Aunt And Uncle’s Day, National Get Gnarly Day, National Talk In An Elevator Day, National System Administrator Appreciation Day, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 27th – National Day Of The Cowboy, National Scotch Day, National Crème Brûlée Day, National New Jersey Day, National Love Is Kind Day



US Flag Waves On Texas Soil

This week in Texas history, on July 26th, 1845, the United States flag is said to have been raised on St. Joseph Island by United States troops. This was the first time the U.S. flag was flown in Texas.

On July 23, 1845 Brigadier General Zachary Taylor, commander of the U.S. Army of Occupation, left New Orleans on the steamer Alabama with eight companies of the Third Infantry. His orders were to proceed to Texas and wait there until the Texas Convention had accepted the annexation resolution of the U.S. Congress. He was then to proceed immediately with his whole command to the western border of Texas, take up a position on or near the Rio Grande, and expel any Mexican force that attempted to cross into Texas.

On July 25, the Alabama dropped anchor off St. Joseph Island, a few miles north of the pass into Aransas Bay near the mouth of the Nueces River. By the following evening, three companies of troops had landed, and a small U.S. flag was flying from the top of a **sandhill**—the first ever raised by United States authority in Texas.

On July 29, Taylor attempted to take two companies of men with him to the mainland in the lighter Undine, but water in the Bay was low and the lighter ran aground after going but a few miles. There the General and his men stayed until sundown, August 1, when they were transferred to the Texas mainland in fishing boats that had gathered about the grounded lighter.

General Taylor and his men are believed to have camped beneath a massive live oak (at the site of present-day Rockport) until his return to St. Joseph Island and his subsequent successful trip to Corpus Christi in September. The tree is now known as the Zachary Taylor Oak.

As with every other tree in the Rockport area, the Zachary Taylor tree was badly damaged by Hurricane Harvey, but the city of Rockport has been working to save this historic tree.



The Zachary Taylor tree in 2011



The tree after Hurricane Harvey



The Zachary Taylor Oak in 2022

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets for the Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q are available in the Kingsbury Country Store and will be for sale until the Bar-B-Q on July 27th.

***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!



RAFFLE

Disaster Assistance

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representatives were in town last 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](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,
Sun, Jul 21, 2024



93°F
Sunny

Mon


Tue

Wed


Thu

Fri


Sat




14°




14°




14°



14°



14°



14°

Wind: S 3.0 mph

Humidity: 49%

Visibility: 10.0 miles

91°
73°

84°
73°

84°
71°

88°
71°

88°
73°

86°
73°

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

Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday starting this week, July 18th.

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!

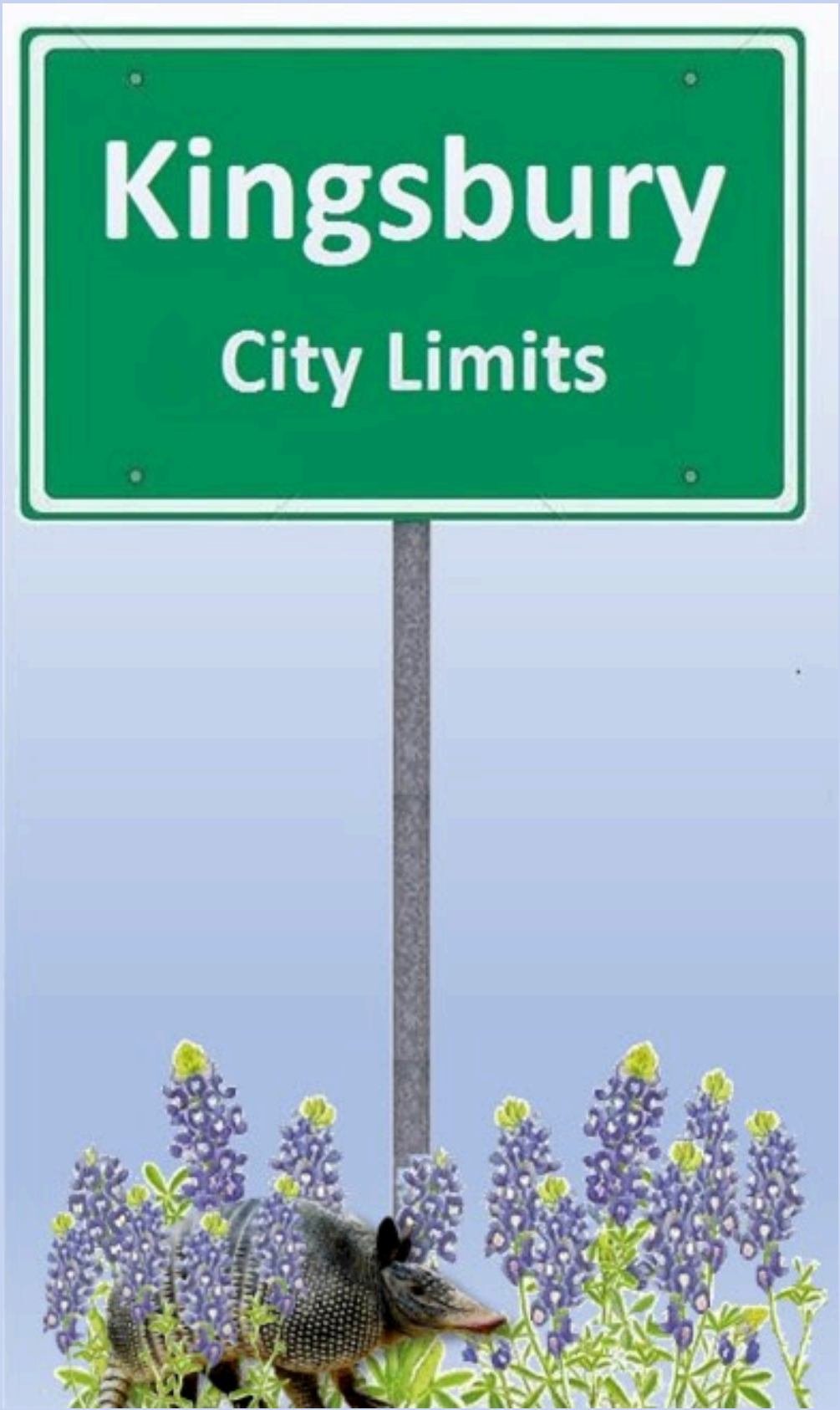


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Full Buck Dog Days Moon

Tonight is the full moon in July known as the the Full Buck Moon. At this time, a buck’s antlers are in full growth mode. This Full Moon was also known as the Thunder Moon because **thunderstorms** are so frequent during this month.

This July full moon is also begins the Dog Days of Summer. According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, the Dog Days of summer are traditionally the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, which coincide with the dawn rising of the Sirius, the Dog Star, which Greek and Roman astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck.



MOON FACTS

- On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to step foot on the Moon. He also placed the U.S. flag there.
- On July 31, 1999, the ashes of astrogeologist Eugene Shoemaker were deposited on the Moon.

*A moon-flooded prairie; a straying
Of leal-hearted lovers; a baying
Of far away watching dogs; a dreaming
Of brown-fisted farmers; a gleaming
Of fireflies eddying nigh, —
And that is July!*

-- James N. Matthews (1852–1910)



MOON FOLKLORE

Based on the moon phase for the rest of July, these are the best days for these activities:

July 19, 20 - set posts or pour concrete

July 20 - end projects

July 21, 22 - castrate animals

July 23, 24 - can or pickle vegetables and fruit, make jams or jellies, make sauerkraut, plant belowground crops

July 25-27 - destroy pests and weeds, dry fruit, vegetables, or meat, prune to discourage growth

July 25, 30 - begin a diet to lose weight, quit smoking, wean animals or children

July 28, 29 - cut hair to discourage growth, color hair, harvest belowground crops



~~ More July Full Moon Names ~~

Arapaho - The Hot Weather Begins Moon

Assiniboine (Northern Plains) - Red Berries Moon

Sioux - Red Blooming Lilies Moon

Omaha - Moon When the Buffalo Bellow

Passamaquoddy (Northeast) - Ripening Moon

Lakota - Moon When the Chokecherries Are Black

Creek - Little Harvest Moon

Ponca - Middle Of Summer Moon

Abenaki (Northeast) - Grass Cutter Moon

Comanche - Hot Moon

Potawatomi (Great Lakes) - Moon of the Young Corn

Shoshone - Summer Moon

Wishram - Salmon Go Up Rivers In A Group Moon

Cherokee - Ripe Corn Moon

Apache - Moon of the Horse and Time of Ripeness Moon

Chocktaw - Moon of the Crane

Kalapuya (Pacific NW) - Mid Summer Moon

Cree - Moon When Ducks Begin to Molt

Hopi - Moon of the Home Dance

Algonquin (NE to Great Lakes) - Squash Are Ripe Moon

Winnebago - Corn Popping Moon

Tlingit (NW Coast) - Salmon Moon

Mohawk - Time of Much Ripening Moon

Haida (Alaska) - Salmon Moon

Chippewa - Raspberry Moon

Shawnee - Blackberry Moon

Zuni - Moon When Limbs of Trees Are Broken By Fruit

Algonquin - Squash Are Ripe Moon

Potawatomi - Moon Of The Young Corn

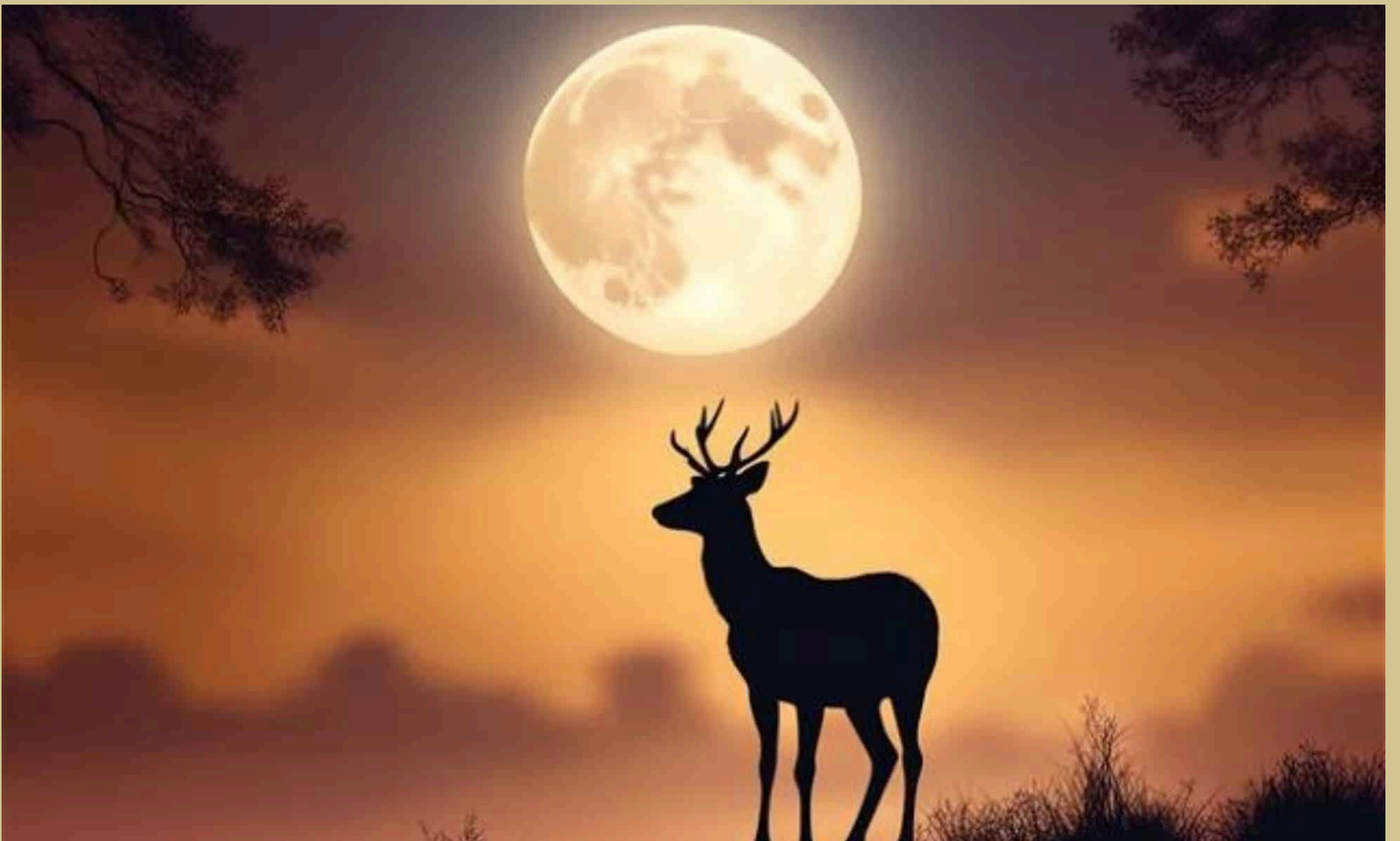
Colonial American - Summer Moon

Chinese - Hungry Ghost Moon

Celtic - Moon of Claiming

Medieval English - Mead Moon

Neo Pagan - Rose Moon



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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21 Full Buck Moon	22	23	24	25	26	27 Kingsbury Vol...
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1918 Oil Field

This is an awesome picture of the very early days of oil production in the Kingsbury area.

The year is 1918 and the men are drilling a new well with an already standing derrick in the background. There is also a woman in the picture standing next to the giant **flywheel** to the left. The gentleman in the middle is wearing those knee-high leather boots that so many workers used in the oil fields.

Other men are unloading items from the wagon where the horse is standing patiently by. It looks like he had to pull that wagon through some pretty muddy ground based on the state of those wagon wheels!

I'm not sure, but the man standing next to the drilling machine may be the law. He appears to have a patch on his sleeve and a gun on his hip. Hard to tell exactly from a picture that is 106 years old!



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](http://www.kingsburytexas.org), 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.



Thanks!

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