

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - February 26, 2023

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

The Siege Of The Alamo

This week in Texas history in 1836, the siege of the Alamo continues.

Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana had concluded a march from Mexico, arriving in San Antonio de Bexar (now San Antonio) and the Alamo mission. Texian soldiers had established a garrison at the Alamo Mission, a former Spanish religious outpost which had been converted to a makeshift fort. Described by Santa Anna as an "irregular fortification hardly worthy of the name", the Alamo had been designed to withstand an attack by native tribes, not an artillery-equipped army.

A couple of days ago, Colonel Travis smuggled out a letter that read: "To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World.... I shall never surrender or retreat.... Victory or Death!"

Since then, some reinforcements have come in, occasional cannonballs are volleyed, opposite sides meet in small skirmishes, ... and the waiting continues ...

Day Four – Friday February 26, 1836

The Texians burned more jacales (small thatched roof huts) during the night. It soon became obvious that the Alamo's water well would not supply the needs of a 150+ people in the garrison. They would have to obtain water from the nearby acequia (irrigation ditch). The overnight arrival of a norther dropped the temperatures to near freezing. As daylight broke, a Texian foray went outside the walls to obtain water and wood. A small skirmish erupted with the Mexican troops and Mexican casualties were slightly heavier than in earlier fights due to the

Texian's eastern-facing cannon.

Day Five – Saturday February 27, 1836

The fifth day of the siege was again cold with temperatures ranging in the 30s. Having exhausted their own supplies, the Mexicans pillaged Bexar of foodstuffs and perishables. When they in turn depleted these, they sent troops to nearby ranchos to forage livestock and corn. In a decisive move, the Mexicans cut off the eastern acequia's water supply at its source: the San Antonio River. Not only did this end the minor skirmishes that had taken place from the beginning of the siege; it essentially eliminated the defender's major source of water. General Gaona received Santa Anna's letter of the 25th requesting him to send three battalions as quickly as possible. Gaona immediately complied, yet failed to forward any heavy siege guns because Santa Anna neglected to include this request in his dispatch.

Day Six – Sunday February 28, 1836

Mexicans receive intelligence that 200 Texian reinforcements from Goliad are en route to the Alamo. The morale within the compound is high. According to Mrs. Dickinson, Crockett took up a fiddle and challenged John McGregor, a Scot with bagpipes, to a contest of instruments.

Day Seven - Monday February 29, 1836

The Mexican's Jimenez battalion and the cavalry under command of General Ramirez y Sesma are ordered down the Goliad road to intercept any reinforcements that might have been sent by Fannin. The Mexicans propose a three-day armistice and several Tejanos leave Alamo during the cease-fire.

Day Eight – Tuesday March 1, 1836

Thirty-two reinforcements from Gonzales arrive. General Sesma advances towards Goliad to seek out Texian reinforcements coming to the aid of the Alamo. Finding none, he returns to Bexar. The Alamo's 12-pound gunnade fires two shots, one of them hitting Santa Anna's headquarters.

Day Nine - Wednesday March 2, 1836

Travis receives a report that there is corn at the Seguin ranch. He sends a detatchment headed by Lt. Menchaca to retrieve it.

Mexican forces discover a hidden road within pistol shot of the Alamo and post the Jimenez battalion there to cover it. Unknown to the defenders, Independence has been declared at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Day Ten – Thursday March 3, 1836

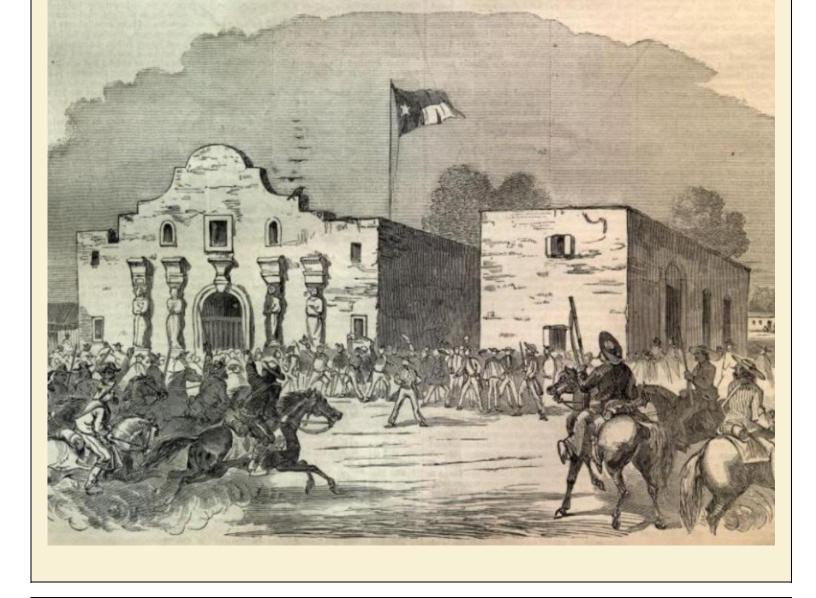
James Butler Bonham arrives with news of reinforcements. He reports that sixty men from Gonzales are due and that an additional 600 would soon be en route. The Texians fire several shots into the city in celebration. Santa Anna receives word of Mexican General Urrea's victory at San Patricio. In celebration, the Mexcians ring church bells and there is revelry in the camp.

The lead elements of General Gaona's Brigade arrive. These are reinforcements needed for a successful assault.

Day Eleven – Friday March 4, 1836

Santa Anna gathers his officers for a council of war. It is decided that when the final assault takes place, that they will take no prisoners. The time for the assault will be determined tomorrow. Having been consolidated into two batteries, the Mexican artillery, is brought to within 200 yards of the compound.

More Texian reinforcements arrive in the late hours.



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:

February 26th - National Letter to Our Elders Day, National Pistachio Day, National Set a Good Example Day, National Tell a Fairy Tale Day

February 27th - National Kahlua Day, National Polar Bear Day, National Retro Day, National Strawberry Day, Anosmia Awareness Day

February 28th - National Chocolate Soufflé Day, National Floral Design Day, National Public Sleeping Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, Rare Disease Day, World Spay Day

March 1st - National Sunkist Citrus Day, National Dadgum That's Good Day, National Fruit Compote Day, National Horse Protection Day, National Minnesota Day, National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, National Pig Day, Self-Injury Awareness Day

March 2nd - National Banana Cream Pie Day, National Old Stuff Day, World Teen Mental Wellness Day, National Hospitalist Day, National Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day)

March 3rd - National Anthem Day, National Cold Cuts Day, National I Want You to Be Happy Day, National Mulled Wine Day, Soup It Forward Day, Tartar Sauce Day, National Day of Unplugging, National Dress in Blue Day, National Speech and Debate Education Day, National Employee Appreciation Day

March 4th - Marching Music Day, National Grammar Day, National Hug a G.I. Day, National Pound Cake Day, National Sons Day

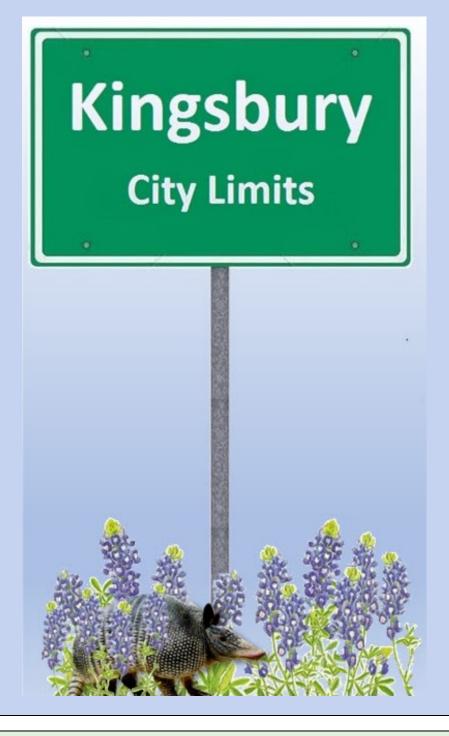


Kingsbury City Limits

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 <u>website</u> 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!



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under <u>Calendar</u>.



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.



Hello March!

This week sees the first days of March. For some of us it's an unsettling month: no longer winter, not quite spring, even though the official First Day of Spring usually falls around March 20th with the vernal equinox. As we march into March, entertain your **brain** with some fun facts about our third month.

First of all, March was not always the third month. For the ancient Romans, it was the first month of the year and was named after Mars, the god of war. This could go a long way toward explaining some of the fierce weather that can occur in this month and the familiar saying that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."



It might also explain why one of the traditional birthstones for March is the bloodstone, marked by red flecks against its green surface and sometimes referred to as the martyr's stone. It symbolizes courage and endurance.

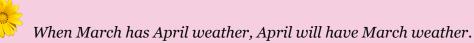


But the alternate birthstone is the more tranquil aquamarine with its distinctive seawater blue coloration. It is said to confer safety during sea voyages.



The official March flower is the daffodil or jonquil. It's one of the first flowers to bloom as spring draws near, making it the flower of rebirth, along with other meanings such as friendship and respect. Its traditional sunny yellow color makes it the perfect cheerful flower for celebrating the end of winter.

MARCH WEATHER LORE





Thunder in March betokens a fruitful year.



Dust in March brings grass and foliage.



A March Sun sticks like a lock of wool.



~~ March is also ~~

National Sauce Month National Frozen Food Month National Craft Month National Peanut Month

National Noodle Month National Flour Month National Celery Month National Umbrella Month



Kingsbury Items For Sale

Looking for a neat little Kingsbury gift or want to support your location Kingsbury VFD? The KVFD Auxiliary has tea towels, stemless wine glasses, and coasters available for sale in the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street.

Tea towels wine glasses are \$10 and coasters are \$5 and all **proceeds** go to the KVFD Auxiliary for support of our firefighters and first responders.

Come check it all out!







Texas Independence Day

This week in Texas history, on March 2nd in 1836, Texas became a republic.

On March 1st, 59 delegates from the seventeen Mexican municipalities of Texas and the settlement of Pecan

Point met at Washington-on-the-Brazos to consider independence from Mexico. George C. Childress presented a resolution calling for independence, and the chairman of the convention appointed Childress to head a committee of five to draft a declaration of independence.							
In the early morning hours of March 2nd, the convention voted unanimously to accept the resolution. After fifty- eight members signed the document, Texas became the Republic of Texas.							



DECLARATION OF INDIPENDENCE.

BY THE

DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS,

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,

AT THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON.



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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, March 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 most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2023 will be Thursday, March 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 <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.

Time zone: (GMT-06:00)						Today
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 12:00pm M	30	31	1	2 Groundhog 7:30pm KFV	3	4
5 Full Snow M	6 9:00am Trail	7	8	9	10	11 1:00pm City 6:00pm Chi
12 12:00pm M	13	14 Valentine's D	15	16	17	18 Volunteer W
19 12:00pm M	20 President's D 6:30pm Kin	21 Fat Tuesday	22	23	24	25
26 12:00pm M	27	28	1	2 6:00pm KVF 7:30pm KFV	3	4

Chili Cook-Off

Marshall's will be having their 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off on March 18th in Downtown Kingsbury!



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COOK OFF

MARCH 18TH, 2023 KINGSBURY, TX 12PM-8PM

Featuring DJ BUSTINLOOSE
Outside 12pm-6pm
MEYER ANDERSON BAND
on stage inside 8pm-12am
Craft and Artisan Booths
Chili, Bean and Bloody Mary Tastings
1st, 2nd and 3rd place Prizes

FOR ENTRY OR BOOTH INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT TRENT AT
mt8manager@marshallstavern.com
or on Facebook at Marshalls General 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 <u>Kingsbury website</u>, 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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