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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Full Sturgeon Super Moon

The full moon known as the Full Sturgeon Moon rises this week.

August’s Full Moon, the Sturgeon Moon, will peak on Monday, August 19—and, it’s the first Supermoon of the year! This means that the Moon will appear bigger and brighter for three days, from Sunday morning through early Wednesday morning. This is the first of four consecutive **supermoons** of the year.

Some Native American tribes called the August Moon the “Sturgeon Moon” because they knew that the sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this Full Moon. They also called August’s Moon the “Full Green Corn Moon.”

Different tribes and different cultures gave the full moon in August many names:

- Dakotah Sioux - Moon When All Things Ripen
- Ojibwe - Blueberry Moon
- Tlingit (Pacific NW) - Berries Ripe On Mountain Moon
- Algonquin - Moon When Indian Corn Is Edible
- Arapaho - Moon When Geese Are Shedding Their Feathers
- Cherokee - The Drying Up Moon
- Abenaki (Northeast, Maine) - Cutter Moon
- Comanche - Summer Moon
- Potawatomi (Great Lakes) - Moon Of The Middle Creek - Big Harvest Moon
- Wishram - Blackberry Patches Moon
- Shawnee - Plum Moon
- Kalapuya (Pacific NW, Oregon) - End Of Summer Moon
- Choctaw - Courting Time Moon
- Assiniboine (Northern Plains) - Black Cherries
- Cree - Moon When Young Ducks Begin To Fly
- Hopi - Moon of Joyful
- Ponca (Southern Plains) - Corn Is In The Silk Moon
- Lakota - Moon of the Ripening
- Haida (Alaska) - Cedar Bark For Hat & Baskets Moon

Mohawk - Time of Freshness Moon
Shawnee - Plum Moon
Passamaquoddy (Northeast US) - Feather Shedding Moon
Sioux - Moon When Cherries Turn Black
Shoshone - Hot Moon

Colonial American - Dog Days Moon
Chinese - Harvest Moon
Celtic - Dispute Moon
Neo Pagan - Lightning Moon
Medieval English - Corn Moon

MOON FOLKLORE



Clothes washed for the first time in the full Moon will not last long.



If you glimpse the new Moon over your right shoulder, you will have good luck.



To have a project prosper, start it during the new Moon.



Babies born a day after the full Moon enjoy success and endurance.



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:

August 18th - National Pinot Noir Day, National Fajita Day, National Ice Cream Pie Day, National Mail Order Catalog Day

August 19th - National Potato Day, International Bow Day, National Soft Ice Cream Day, National Aviation Day

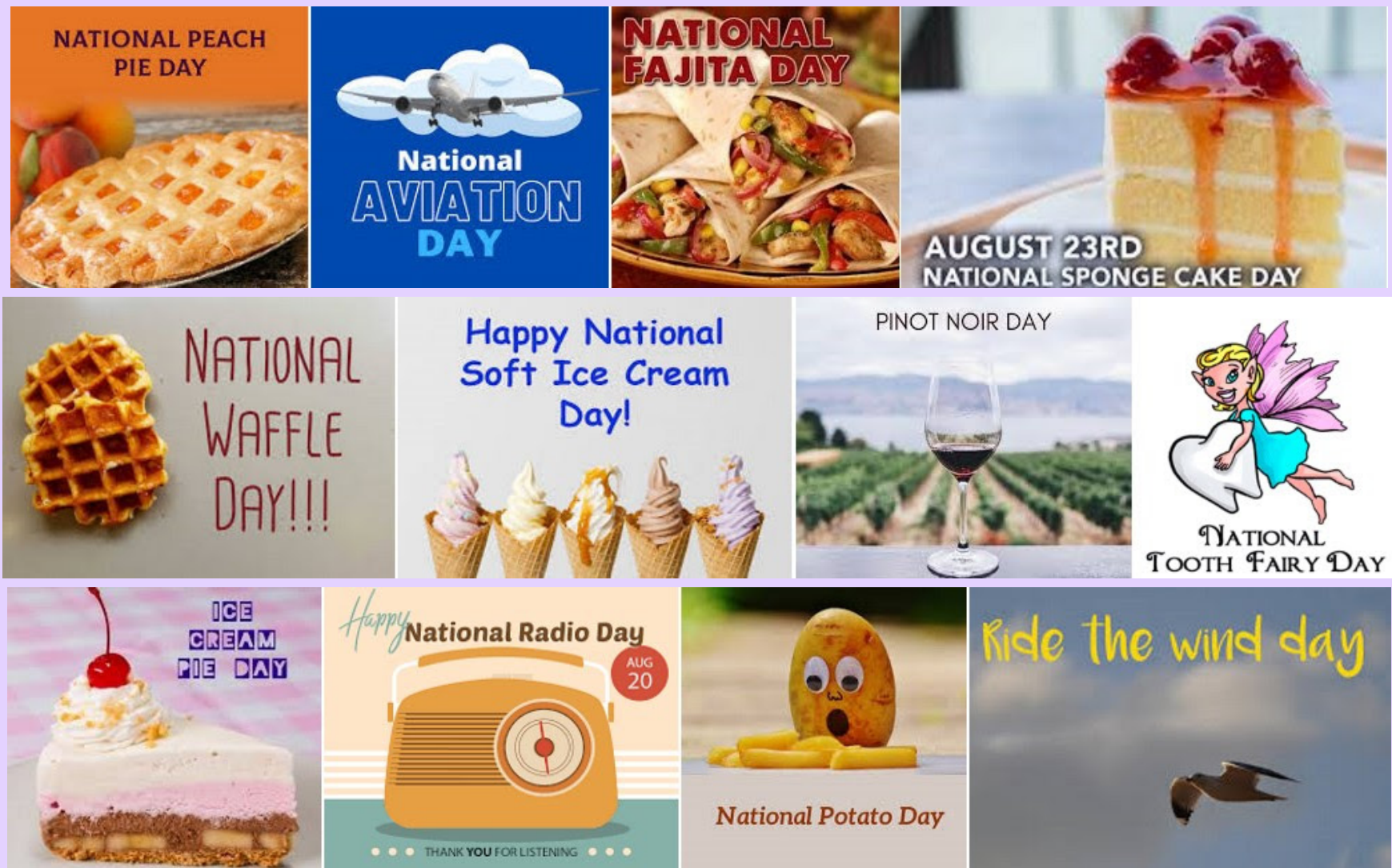
August 20th - National Accessible Air Travel Day, National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day, National Radio Day

August 21st - Brazilian Blowout Day, National Senior Citizens Day, National Spumoni Day

August 22nd - National Surgical Oncologist Day, Never Bean Better Day, National Pecan Torte Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, National Be An Angel Day

August 23rd - Find Your Inner Nerd Day, Black Ribbon Day, National Cuban Sandwich Day, National Sponge Cake Day, National Ride The Wind Day

August 24th - National Maryland Day, National Waffle Day, National Peach Pie Day



Hurricane Harvey

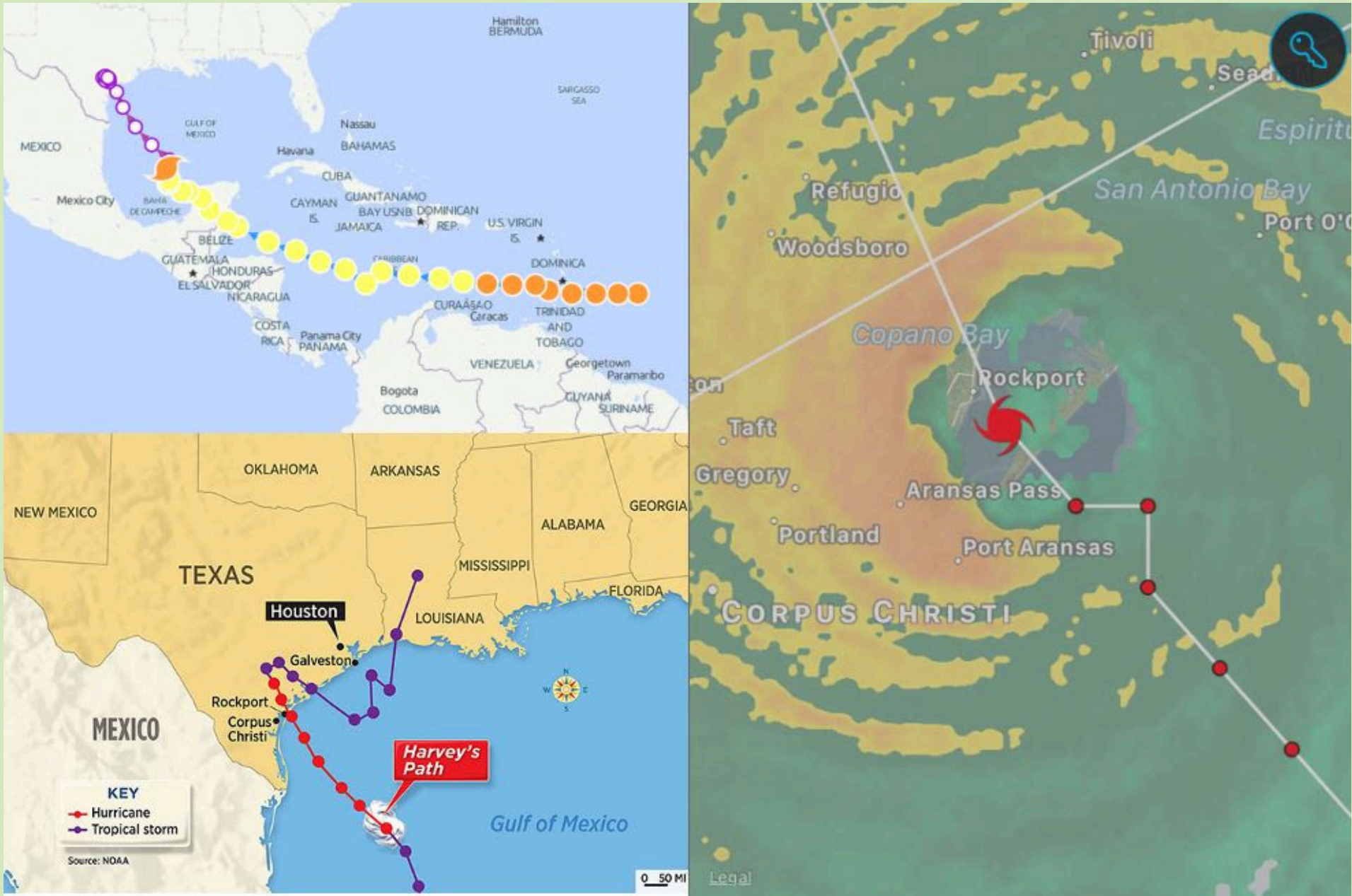
Seven years ago this week, on August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast.

It all started innocently enough, as most hurricanes do. Harvey developed from a tropical wave to the east of the Lesser Antilles, reaching tropical storm status on August 17. The storm crossed through the Windward Islands on the following day, making landfall on the southern end of Barbados and a second landfall on Saint Vincent. Upon entering the Caribbean Sea, Harvey began to weaken due to moderate wind shear, and degenerated into a tropical wave north of Colombia, late on August 19. The remnants were monitored for regeneration as it continued west-northwestward across the Caribbean and the Yucatán Peninsula, before redeveloping over the Bay of Campeche on August 23. Harvey then began to rapidly intensify on August 24, regaining tropical storm status and becoming a hurricane later that day. While the storm moved generally northwest, Harvey's intensification phase stalled slightly overnight from August 24–25; however, Harvey soon resumed strengthening and quickly became a **major hurricane** and attained Category 4 intensity later that day. Hours later, Harvey made landfall at San José Island, Texas, at peak intensity, followed by another landfall at Rockport and Holiday Beach at Category 3 intensity. Afterwards, rapid weakening ensued, and Harvey had downgraded to a tropical storm as it stalled near the coastline, dropping torrential and unprecedented amounts of rainfall over the Lone Star state. On August 28, it emerged back over the Gulf of Mexico, strengthening slightly before making a fifth and final landfall in Louisiana on August 29. As Harvey drifted inland, it quickly weakened again as it became extratropical on September 1, before dissipating two days later.

Hurricane Harvey was the eighth named storm, third hurricane, and first major hurricane of the extremely active 2017 Atlantic hurricane season, Harvey is tied with 2005's Hurricane Katrina as the costliest tropical cyclone on record, inflicting \$125 billion (2017 USD) in damage, primarily from catastrophic rainfall-triggered flooding in the Houston metropolitan area. It was the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Wilma in 2005, ending a record 12-year span in which no hurricanes made landfall at the intensity of a major hurricane throughout the country. In a four-day period, many areas received more than 40 inches of rain as the system slowly meandered over eastern Texas and adjacent waters, causing unprecedented flooding. With peak accumulations of 60.58 inches, Harvey was the wettest tropical cyclone on record in the United States. The resulting floods inundated hundreds of thousands of homes which displaced more than 30,000 people and prompted more than 17,000 rescues.

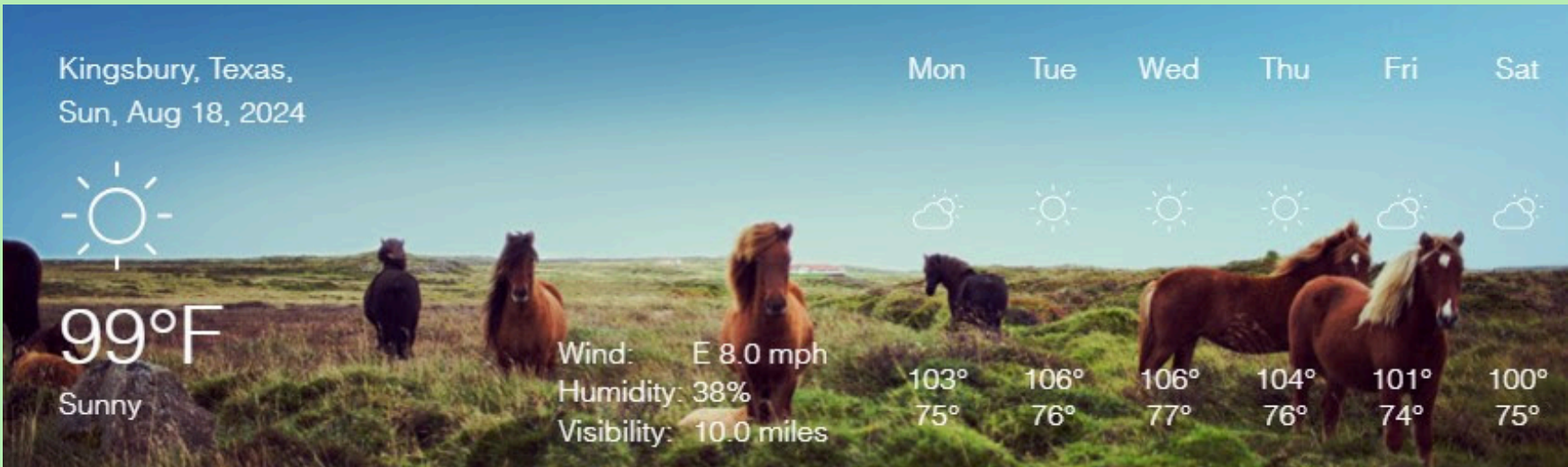
Winds and rain from Harvey even battered us here in Kingsbury for a full day causing damage throughout the area. Almost everyone around here was affected by Harvey in some way - damage to homes and property, friends and family in Houston and the coast, major changes in travel plans, or just spending hours watching the news coverage as Harvey made aim for the Texas coast and then watching the flood waters rise in the Houston area.

Hurricane Harvey - gone (thank Goodness!) but definitely never to be forgotten!



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](#)

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!

Fellowship

Kingsbury City Commission

The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, August 19th

at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Public Hearing on proposed FY 2024-2025 municipal budget
 - ★ Adopt FY 2024-25 budget
 - ★ Development Committee report
 - ★ Our Town Grant update
 - ★ Block Grant updates
 - ★ CLFRF Grant plans
 - ★ Waste Transfer Station
- ★ Interlocal Agreement on subdivision regulation
 - ★ Citizens' Bill Of Rights
 - ★ Executive Session
 - ★ Real Estate Acquisition

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.

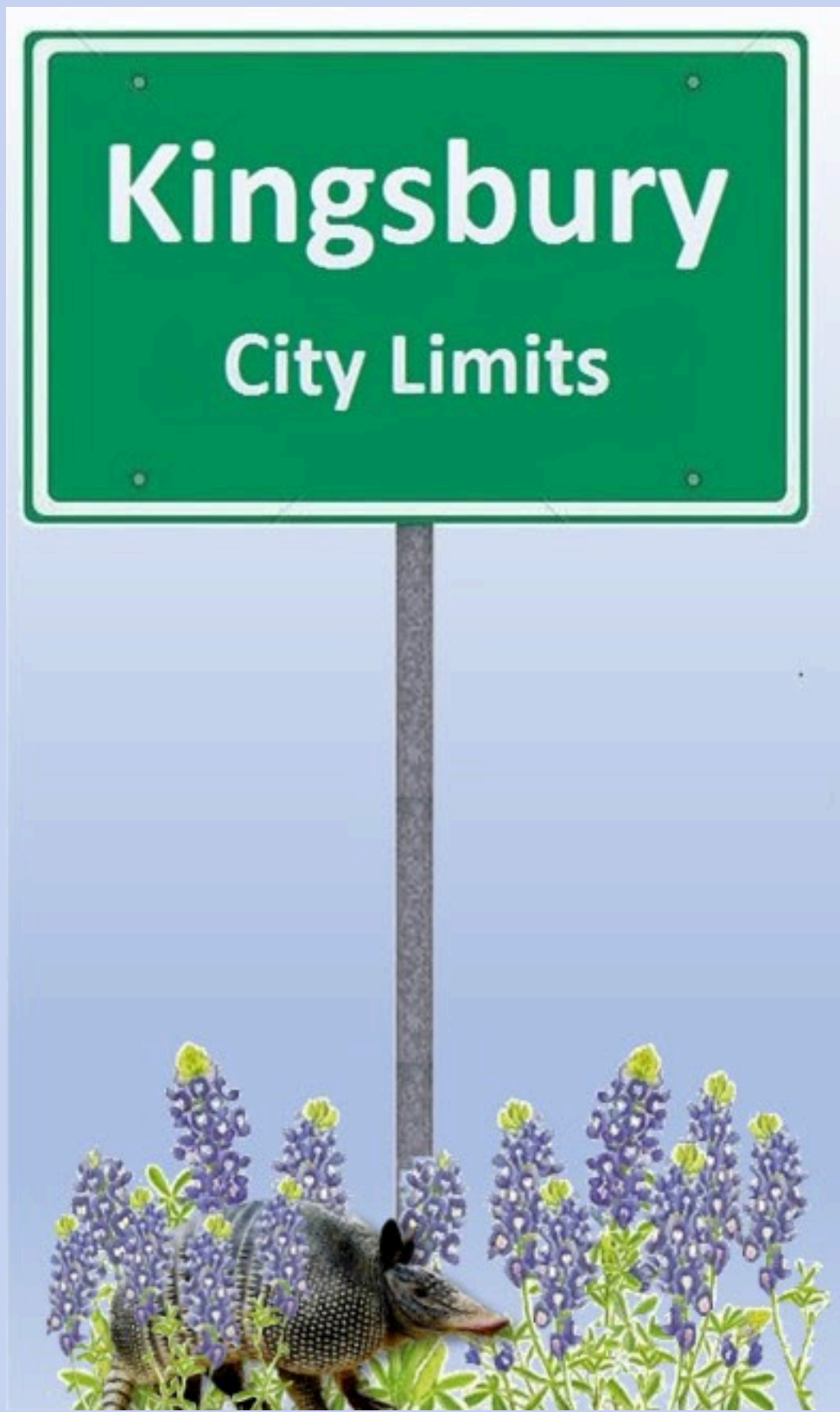


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Dolley Madison Saves Portrait From British

This week in American history, on August 23, 1814, first lady Dolley Madison saves a portrait of George Washington from being **looted** by British troops during the War of 1812.

According to the White House Historical Society and Dolley’s personal letters, President James Madison left the White House on August 22 to meet with his generals on the battlefield, as British troops threatened to enter the capitol. Before leaving, he asked his wife Dolley if she had the “courage or firmness” to wait for his intended return the next day. He asked her to gather important state papers and be prepared to abandon the White House at any moment.

The next day, Dolley and a few servants scanned the horizon with spyglasses waiting for either Madison or the British army to show up. As British troops gathered in the distance, Dolley decided to abandon the couple’s personal belongings and save the full-length portrait of former president and national icon George Washington from desecration by vengeful British soldiers, many of whom would have rejoiced in humiliating England’s former colonists.

Dolley wrote to her sister on the night of August 23 that a friend who came to help her escape was exasperated at her insistence on saving the portrait. Since the painting was screwed to the wall she ordered the frame to be broken and the canvas pulled out and rolled up. Two unidentified “gentlemen from New York” hustled it away for safe-keeping. The task complete, Dolley wrote “and now, dear sister, I must leave this house, or the retreating army will make me a prisoner in it by filling up the road I am directed to take.” Dolley left the White House and found her husband at their predetermined meeting place in the middle of a thunderstorm.

The next night, August 24, British troops enjoyed feasting on White House food using the president’s silverware and china before burning the building. Although they were able to return to Washington only three days later when British troops moved on, the Madisons were not again able to take up residence in the White House and lived out the rest of his term in the city’s Octagon House. It was not until 1817 that newly elected President James Monroe moved back into the reconstructed building.



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

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National Night Out

The National Night Out event in Kingsbury is coming up on Tuesday, October 1st from 5:30 pm - 7 pm in downtown Kingsbury at the tree.

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!



School Days In Kingsbury

A school photo when the Kingsbury School occupied the building that is now the Methodist Church. The school is the building just behind the group to the right and they are gathered on south Center Street, now known as FM-2438 on that side of the railroad tracks.

The photo is in the late 1800s (the building was used as the school from 1879 to 1917) and the children appear to be holding bundles of books and drawings on paper. The boys aren't wearing shoes, but the girls are wearing wonderful bonnets. The little girl standing in the middle of the front row is wearing a bonnet meant for a much larger person but she is proudly showing her drawing. There are no names associated with this group except for John Schmidt - the young man in the **buggy** on the right in the white shirt and holding the reins.

Click on the picture to enlarge and see all the bonnets and bows and hats and the beautiful dress the lady at the far left is wearing. Picture taking was very dignified and serious business then and there aren't a lot of smiles, but I'm sure they were very proud of their school!



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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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