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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



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Easter

Today, Sunday, April 20th, is Easter Sunday.

Easter is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary.

It's also a day known for a certain long-eared, egg laying rodent!

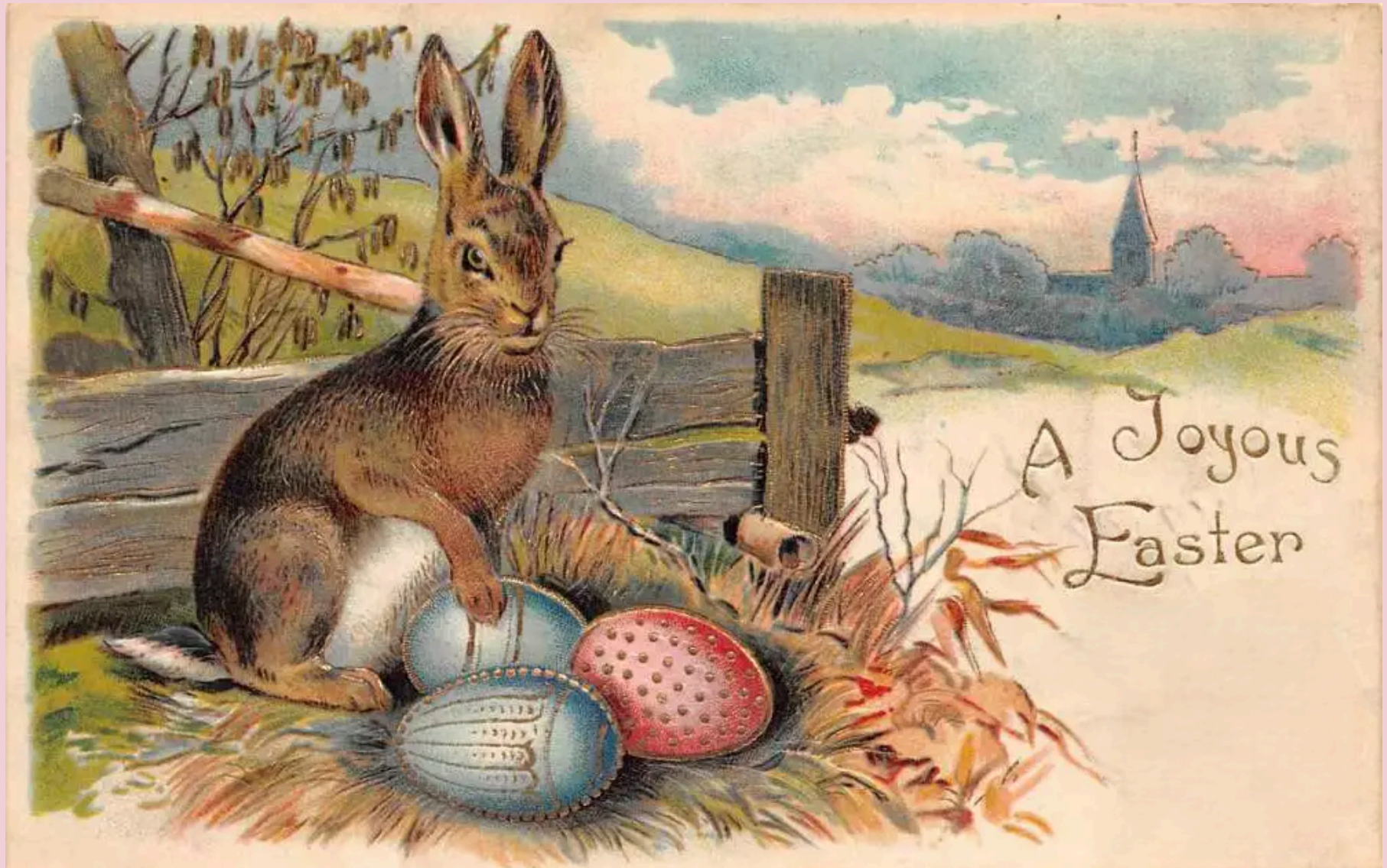
There's no story in the Bible about a cotton-tailed creature known as the Easter Bunny. Neither is there a passage about young children painting eggs or hunting for baskets **overflowing** with scrumptious Easter goodies. And real rabbits certainly don't lay eggs. So why are these traditions so ingrained in Easter Sunday? And what do they have to do with the resurrection of Jesus?

Well, nothing.

Bunnies, eggs, Easter gifts and fluffy, yellow chicks in gardening hats all stem from pagan roots. They were incorporated into the celebration of Easter separately from the Christian tradition of honoring the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. According to University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, the origin of the celebration — and the Easter bunny — can be traced back to 13th century, pre-Christian Germany, when people worshiped several gods and goddesses. The Teutonic deity Eostra was the goddess of spring and fertility, and feasts were held in her honor on the Vernal Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of the animal's high reproduction rate.

Spring also symbolized new life and rebirth; eggs were an ancient symbol of fertility. According to History.com, Easter eggs represent Jesus' resurrection. However, this association came much later when Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany in the 15th century and merged with already ingrained pagan beliefs. The first Easter bunny legends were documented in the 1500s. By 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published. These legends were brought to the United States in the 1700s when German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country, according to the University of Florida's Center for Children.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs soon followed. Eventually, nests became decorated baskets and colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and other small gifts.



Battle of San Jacinto

This week in Texas history saw the fall of the Mexican army at San Jacinto and the birth of the Republic of Texas.

It is April 19th, 1836, and from two prisoners captured by Erasmus "Deaf" Smith, the famous Texas spy, General Sam Houston first learned that the Mexican army had burned Harrisburg and had gone down the west side of Buffalo Bayou and of the San Jacinto River, and that Santa Anna in person was in command. In his march downstream Santa Anna had been forced to cross the bridge over Vince's Bayou, a tributary of Buffalo Bayou, then out of its banks. He would have to cross the same bridge to return. Viewing this strategic situation on the morning of the 19th, Houston told his troops it looked as if they would soon get action. And he admonished them to remember the massacres at San Antonio and at Goliad. "Remember the Alamo!" The soldiers took up the cry. "Remember Goliad!" (Thomas J. Rusk, Secretary of War, and other Texans who were in the battle said the battle cry was 'Remember the Alamo' 'Remember La Bahia!')

It was discovered at about nine o'clock on April 20th that General Martin Perfecto de Cos (Santa Anna's brother-in-law) had crossed Vince's Bridge with some 540 troops, swelling the enemy forces to about 1265. General Houston ordered "Deaf" Smith and a detail to destroy the bridge and prevent further enemy reinforcements. This also would prevent the retreat of either the Texans or the Mexicans toward Harrisburg. In dry weather Vince's Bayou was about fifty feet wide and ten feet deep, but the excessive April rains had made it several times wider and deeper.

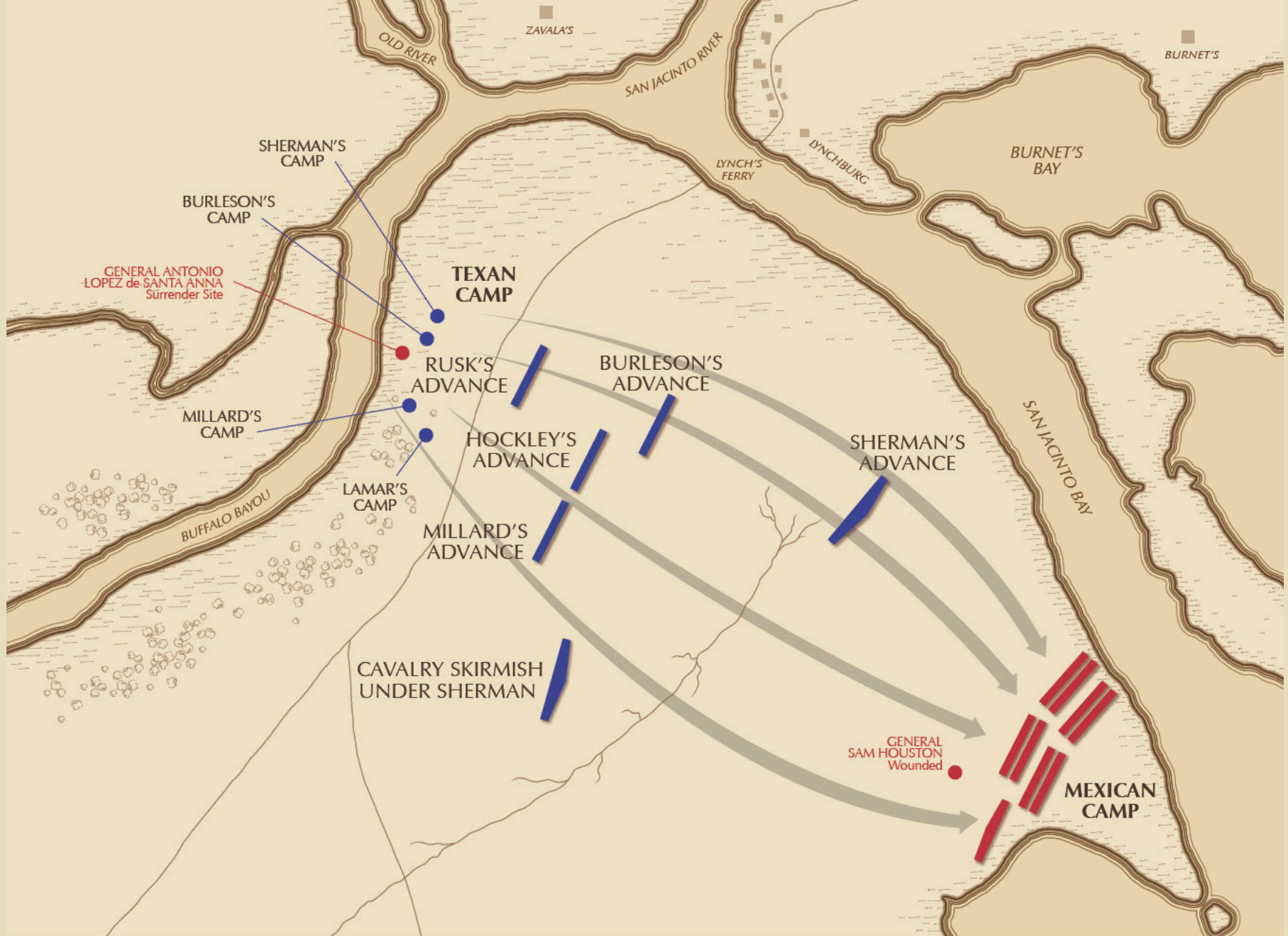
It is now about 3:30 in the afternoon of April 21st. Over on the Mexican side all was quiet; many of the foe were enjoying their customary siesta. The Texans' movements were screened by the trees and the rising ground, and evidently Santa Anna had no lookouts posted. Big, shaggy and commanding in his **mud-stained** un-military garb, Sam Houston rode his horse up and down the line. "Now hold your fire, men," he warned in his deep voice, "until you get the order!" At the command, "Advance," the patriots, 910 strong, moved quickly out of the woods and over the rise. Bearded and ragged from forty days in the field, they were a fierce-looking band. But their long rifles were clean and well oiled. Only one company, Captain William Wood's "Kentucky Rifles," wore uniforms. Silently and tensely the Texas battle line swept across the prairie and swale that was No Man's Land, the men bending low. A soldier's fife piped up with "Will You Come to the Bower," a popular tune of the day. That was the only music of the battle. As the troops advanced, "Deaf" Smith galloped up and told Houston, "Vince's Bridge has been cut down." The General announced it to the men. Now both armies were cut off from retreat.

Two little cannon known to history as the "Twin Sisters," a gift from citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, were drawn by rawhide thongs, wheeled into position, and suddenly belched their charges of iron slugs into the unsuspecting enemy barricade. Then the whole line sprang forward on the run, yelling, "Remember the Alamo!" "Remember Goliad!" All together they opened fire, blazing away practically point-blank at the surprised and panic-stricken Mexicans.

The casualties, according to Houston's official report, numbered 630 Mexicans killed, 208 wounded, and 730 taken prisoner. Against this heavy score, only nine Texans were killed or mortally wounded, and thirty wounded less seriously. Most of their injuries came from the first scattered Mexican volley when the attackers stormed their barricade. General Houston rode slowly from the field of victory, his ankle shattered by a rifle ball. At the foot of the oak where he had slept the previous night he fainted and slid from his horse into the arms of Major Hockley, his chief of staff.

Santa Anna had disappeared during the battle, and next day General Houston ordered a thorough search of the surrounding territory for him. In the afternoon Sergeant J. A. Sylvester spotted a Mexican slipping through the woods toward Vince's Bayou. Sylvester and his comrades caught the fugitive, wearing a common soldier's uniform, trying to hide in the high grass. They took the captive to camp, and on the way, Mexican prisoners recognized him and cried, "El Presidente!" Thus his identity was betrayed; it was indeed the dictator from below the Rio Grande. He was brought to General Houston, who lay under the headquarters oak, nursing his wounded foot. The Mexican President pompously announced, "I am General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and a prisoner of war at your disposition." General Houston, suffering with pain, received him coldly. Santa Anna cringed with fright as the excited Texas soldiers pressed around him. Fearing mob violence, he pleaded for the treatment due a prisoner of war. "You can afford to be generous," he whined; "you have captured the Napoleon of the West." "What claim have you to mercy?" Houston retorted, "when you showed none at the Alamo or at Goliad?" They talked for nearly two hours, and in the end Santa Anna agreed to write an order commanding all Mexican troops to evacuate Texas.

Thus ended the revolution of 1836, with an eighteen-minute battle which established Texas as a free republic and opened the way for the United States to extend its boundaries to the Rio Grande on the southwest and to the Pacific on the west. Few military engagements in history have been more decisive or of more far-reaching ultimate influence than the battle of San Jacinto.





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:

April 20th – 420 Day, National Volunteer Recognition Day, National Cheddar Fries Day, Easter, National Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day, National Lima Bean Respect Day, National Look Alike Day

April 21st – National Rendering Day, National Yellow Bat Day, National Chocolate Covered Cashews Day, National Kindergarten Day

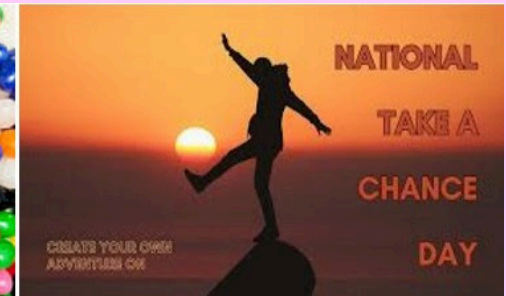
April 22nd – National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, National Jelly Bean Day, National Girl Scout Leader's Day, National Earth Day

April 23rd – National Lost Dog Awareness Day, National Administrative Professionals Day, National Cherry Cheesecake Day, National Take A Chance Day, National Picnic Day, National Talk Like Shakespeare Day

April 24th – National Neck Care Day, National Bucket List Day, National Teach Children To Save Day, National Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day, National Pigs In A Blanket Day

April 25th – National Historic Marker Day, National Hug A Plumber Day, National Hairball Awareness Day, National DNA Day, National Arbor Day, National Zucchini Bread Day, National Telephone Day

April 26th – National Dueling Dinosaurs Day, National Celebrate Trails Day, National First Ladies Day, National Independent Bookstore Day, National South Dakota Day, National Dissertation Day, National Pool Opening Day, National Kiss Of Hope Day, National Help A Horse Day, National Sense Of Smell Day , National Rebuilding Day, National Pretzel Day, National Kids And Pets Day, National Richter Scale Day, National Audubon Day



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

Monday, April 21st

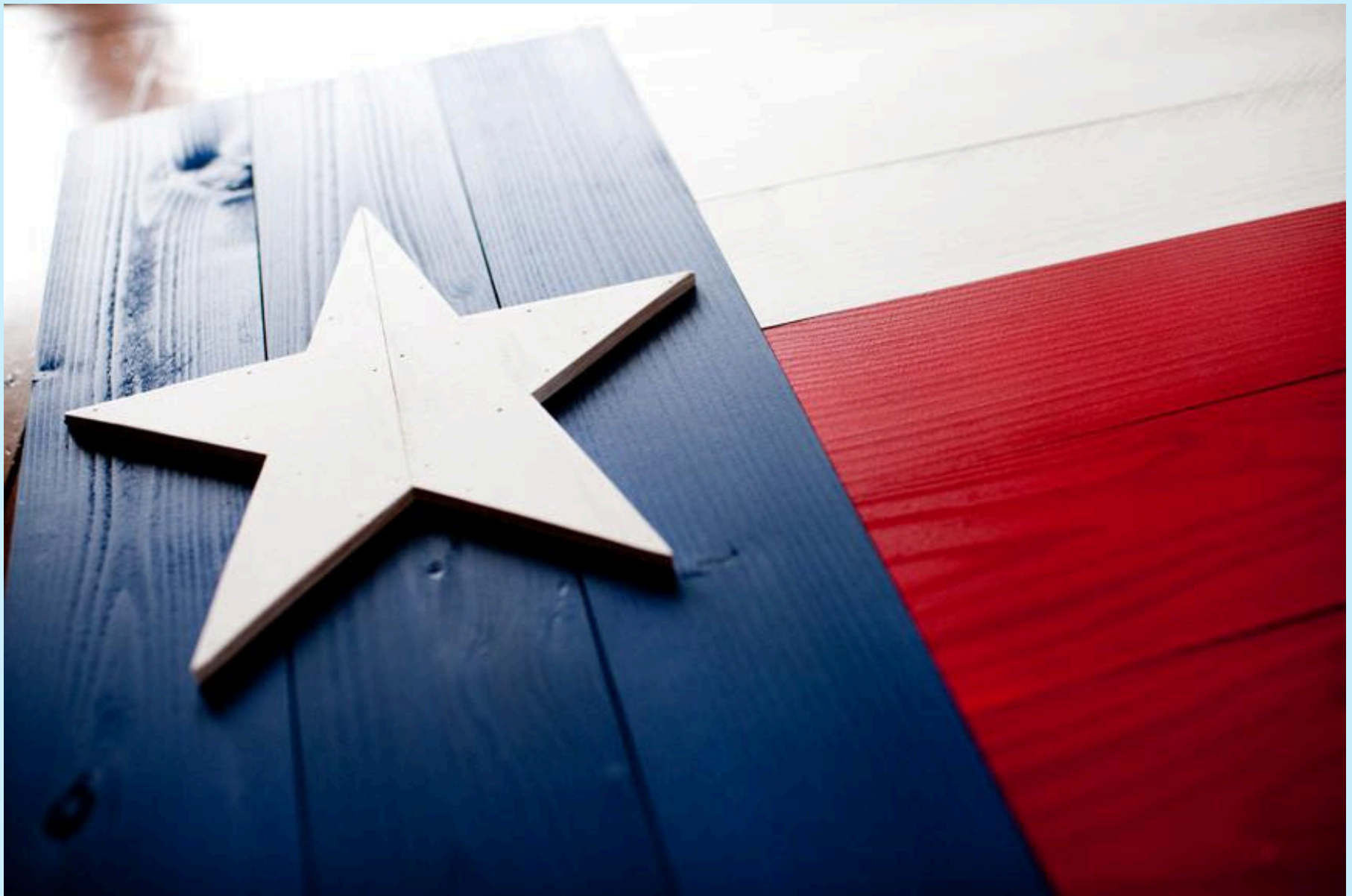
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

-  Fall Harvest Festival
-  Update from Crystal Clear Board member
-  City Hall renovation
-  Kingsbury 10th Anniversary
-  Emergency planning
-  Audit
-  Subdivision regulation update
-  City Mission and Vision statements
-  Announcements

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

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



Spring Fly-In

The Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In is scheduled for May 3rd at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome.

There's always great music, delicious food, tons of sets and displays, **re-enactors**, and awesome antique and vintage vehicles, motorcycles, planes, and more!

Mark your calendars!

WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN

9AM-4PM MAY 3, 2025

AT THE PIONEER FLIGHT MUSEUM

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KINGSBURY, TX

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1909 BLÉRIOT XI

MUSEUM FUN DAY



A person in historical attire, including a brown tunic, breeches, and tall boots, is running through a grassy field. The person is carrying a bag or satchel over their shoulder. The background shows a hilly landscape with some trees and a fence.

**ANTIQUE, VINTAGE & CLASSIC
AIRCRAFT & AUTOMOBILES**

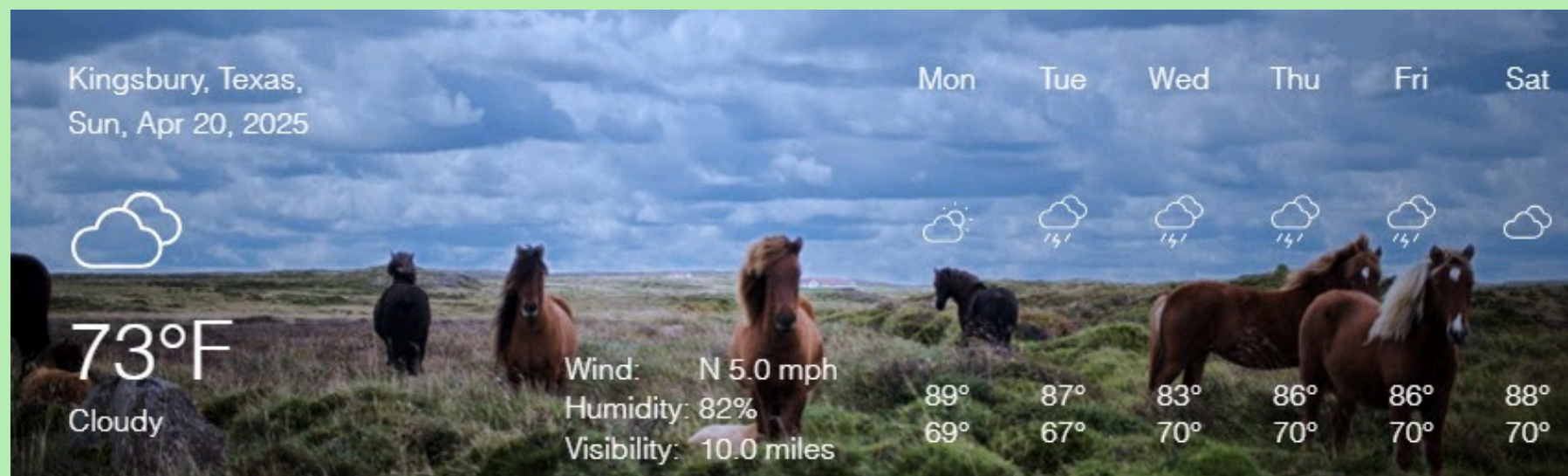
**FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS,
LIVING HISTORY DISPLAYS**

**MORE INFORMATION ON WEBSITE:
PIONEERFLIGHTMUSEUM.ORG**

FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT: DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AT THE GATE

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.



Lyrids Meteor Shower Peaks

Looking for something fun to do? Need to get out of the house? Tomorrow night (Monday) and early Tuesday morning (April 21-22) will be the peak of the Lyrids, the first major meteor shower since January.

The annual meteor shower is active each year from about April 16 to April 25. This year, meteor watching will be impacted by a thick waning crescent moon.

Although the Lyrid meteor shower can occasionally produce nearly 100 meteors per hour, the

average Lyrid shower produces 15 to 20 meteors per hour, according to Space.com.

The Lyrids begin as tiny **specks** of dust that hit Earth's atmosphere at 109,600 mph, vaporizing from friction with the air and leaving behind the streaks of light we call meteors.

The meteors appear to emanate from the constellation Lyra the Harp, near the bright star Vega, which rises in late evening and passes nearly overhead shortly before dawn. Lyrids are pieces of debris from the Comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher and have been observed for more than 2,700 years, making them one of the oldest known meteor showers.

In addition to the Lyrids, the eta Aquariids meteor shower began April 15th. This particular meteor shower will last until May 27th and won't peak until May 5-6, but it will add a few more meteors to the Lyrid shower peaking tomorrow night.



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!

Kingsbury

City Limits



Burn Ban

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court instituted an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County for 90 days starting March 26th. 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.

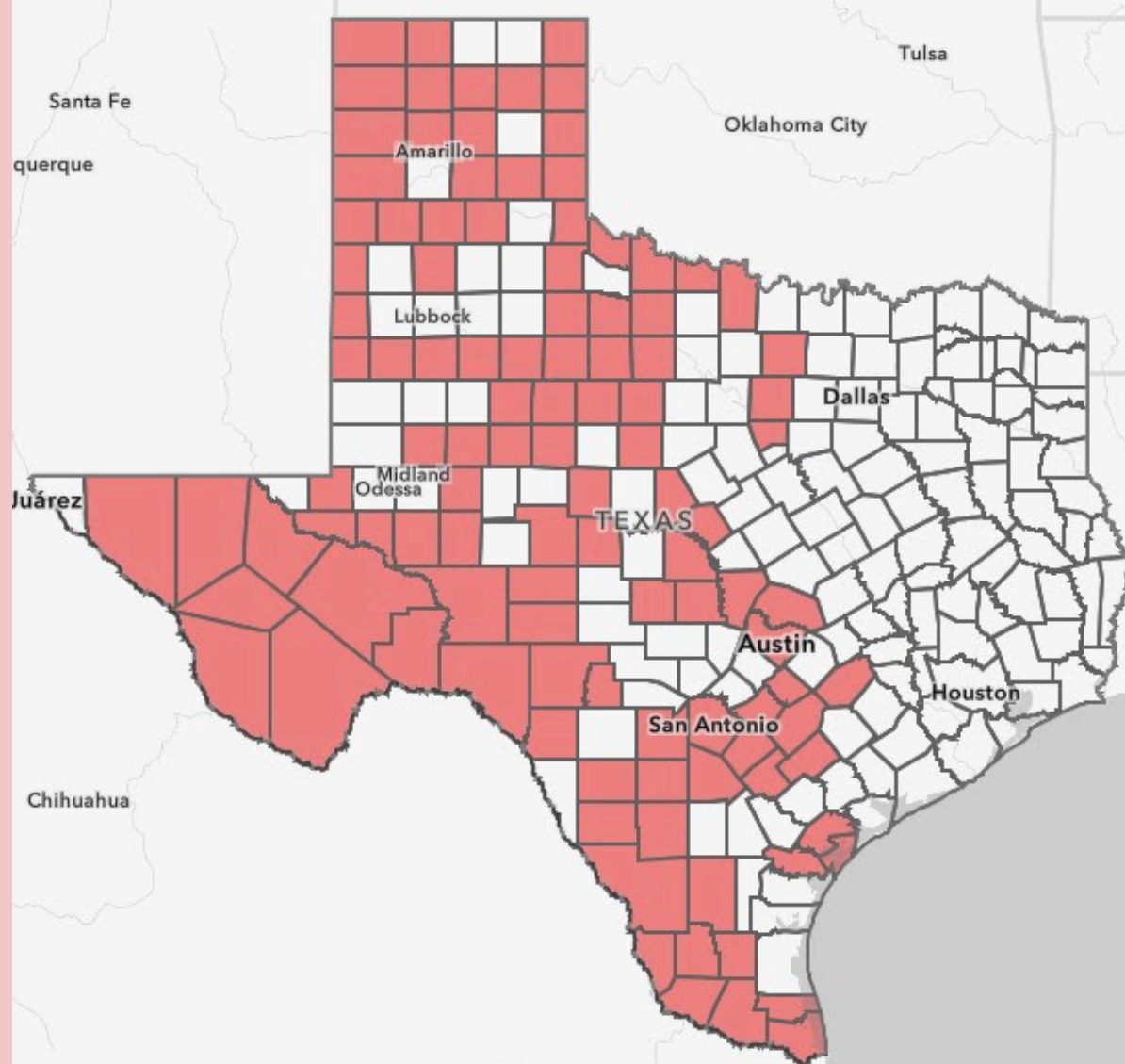


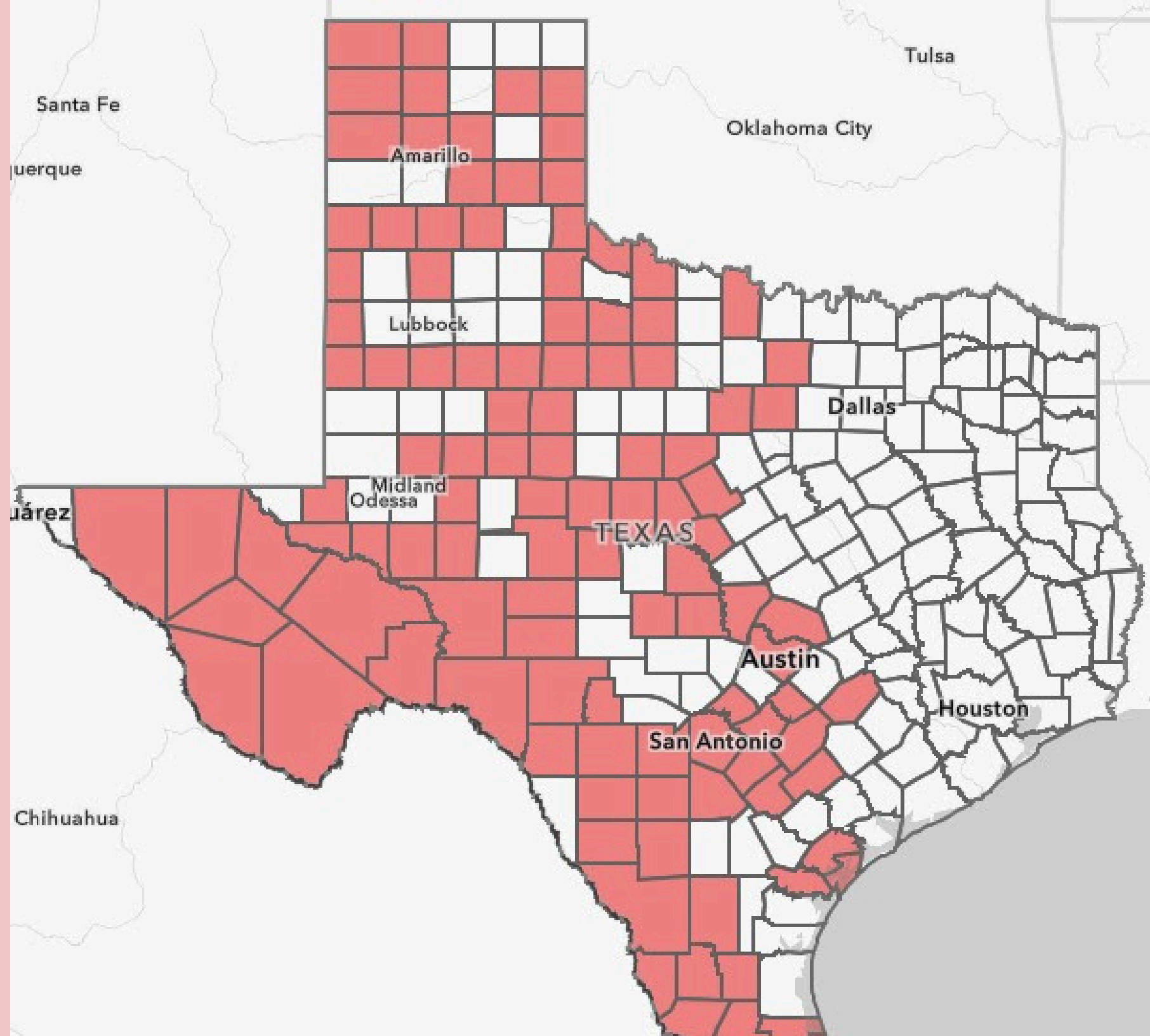
Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 110 that have a burn ban, equal to the 110 counties last week.
This leaves 144 counties without a burn ban in the state.



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.





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 [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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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 🧐 April Fool...	2	3 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	4	5 🐣 Easter M... 🎵 Songwrit...
6	7	8	9	10 Fellowship	11	12 Chili Cook-Off + 2
13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17 Fellowship	18	19 🎵 Songwrit...
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday + 2	22	23	24 Fellowship	25 Good Friday	26 🧑🏻‍🌾 Volunteer...
27	28	29	30	1 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	2	3 🧑🏻‍🌾 🕒 Wings ...

Truck Raffle

The Pioneer Flight Museum is having a **raffle** for a 1965 Chevy C20 truck

The drawing will be held during the Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In scheduled for May 3rd at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at <https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/>

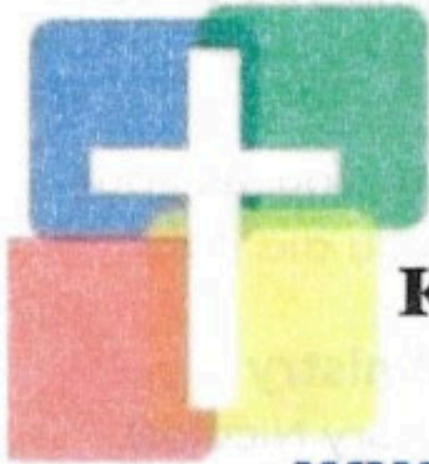
Online ticket sales will be available until May 2nd, 2025 at 10 PM CST. Tickets will be available for sale at the Spring Fly-In until the winner is announced at 1 PM.



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Glenewinkel House

The Glenewinkel house on Guadalupe Street was originally built for Mr. Jesse Augustus Lynch (1863-1935) and his wife Cleopatra "Pattie" Guinn Lynch (1868-1951).

Mr. Lynch owned a mercantile business in town on Railway Street around where the county warehouse is today.

The people in the photos are Lynch family members. The picture with the kids on the horse has a baby in

a **pram** on the right with the girls in huge, wonderful hats - just click on the pictures to enlarge and check out everything that is going on in the photos.

The photos were given to Margaret Taylor by Bill Colville, son of Elsie Lynch Colville Hartman and grandson of the Lynches.







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.



Thanks!

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