

**Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - July 9, 2023**

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*

*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### Meteors!

Starting this week and next, there will be not one, not two, but three different meteor showers active!

Meteors are caused by streams of cosmic debris entering the Earth's atmosphere at extremely high speeds. Smaller fragments burn in the atmosphere producing a "shooting star", but the bigger ones can really produce an amazing big **fireball**.

And when the space rocks (meteoroids) of any powerful meteor shower enter Earth's atmosphere, you'd better be ready for a great night of shooting stars.




The Alpha Capricornids are currently active and run from July 3rd to August 15th this year with a "plateau-like" maximum centered on the night of July 30-31. On this night, the moon will be 95% full making for less than stellar viewing conditions until moonset. This shower is not very strong and rarely produces in excess of five shower members per hour. What is notable about this shower is the number of bright fireballs produced during its activity period. This shower is seen equally well on either side of the equator.



The Southern delta Aquariids starts July 18th and can be seen until August 21st. The Delta Aquariids are another strong shower best seen from the southern tropics. North of the equator the radiant is located lower in

the southern sky and therefore rates are less than seen from further south. These meteors produce good rates for a week centered on the night of maximum - July 30-31. These are usually faint meteors that lack both persistent trains and fireballs. The moon on the night of the peak will be 95% full, so viewing will be difficult until the moon sets around 3 am.

 The Perseids start this week and are the most popular meteor shower as they peak on warm August nights as seen from the northern hemisphere. The Perseids are active from July 14 to September 1. They reach a strong maximum on August 12-13 this year and since the moon will only be 10% full, viewing should be excellent. Normal rates seen from rural locations range from 50-75 shower members per hour at maximum. The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system. They are called Perseids since the radiant (the area of the sky where the meteors seem to originate) is located near the prominent constellation of Perseus the hero when at maximum activity.

Forget the TV. The best late-night shows are served up by nature! So put some bug spray on and check out the night skies.



## 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:

**July 9th** - National Dimples Day, National Sugar Cookie Day

**July 10th** - Chronic Disease Day, Global Energy Independence Day, National Pina Colada Day, National Kitten Day, International Town Criers Day, National Clerihew Day

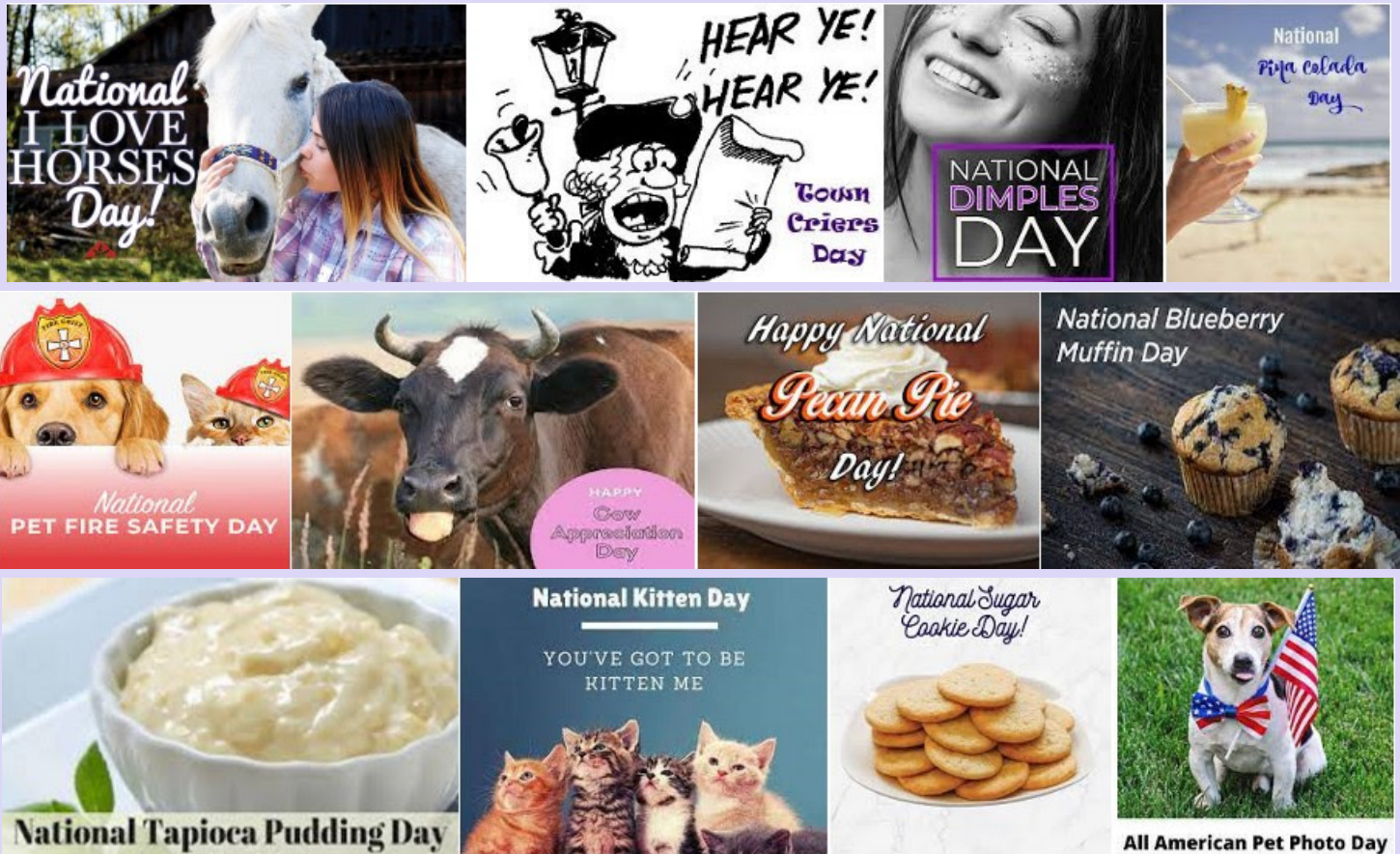
**July 11th** - Cow Appreciation Day, World Benzodiazepine Awareness Day, World Population Day, National 7-eleven Day, National Mojito Day, All American Pet Photo Day, National Blueberry Muffin Day, National Rainier Cherry Day, National Cheer Up The Lonely Day

**July 12th** - Malala Day, Eat Your Jello Day, Paper Bag Day, National Pecan Pie Day, National Different Colored Eyes Day, National Simplicity Day

**July 13th** - National Barbershop Music Appreciation Day, National Beans 'n' Franks Day, National Delaware Day

**July 14th** - National French Fry Day, National Mac And Cheese Day, World Kebab Day, National Nude Day, National Tape Measure Day, Bastille Day, Collector Car Appreciation Day, National Grand Marnier Day

**July 15th** - National Gummi Worm Day, National Tapioca Pudding Day, National I Love Horses Day, National Pet Fire Safety Day, National Give Something Away Day, World Youth Skills Day, Toss Away The "Could Haves" And "Should Haves" Day

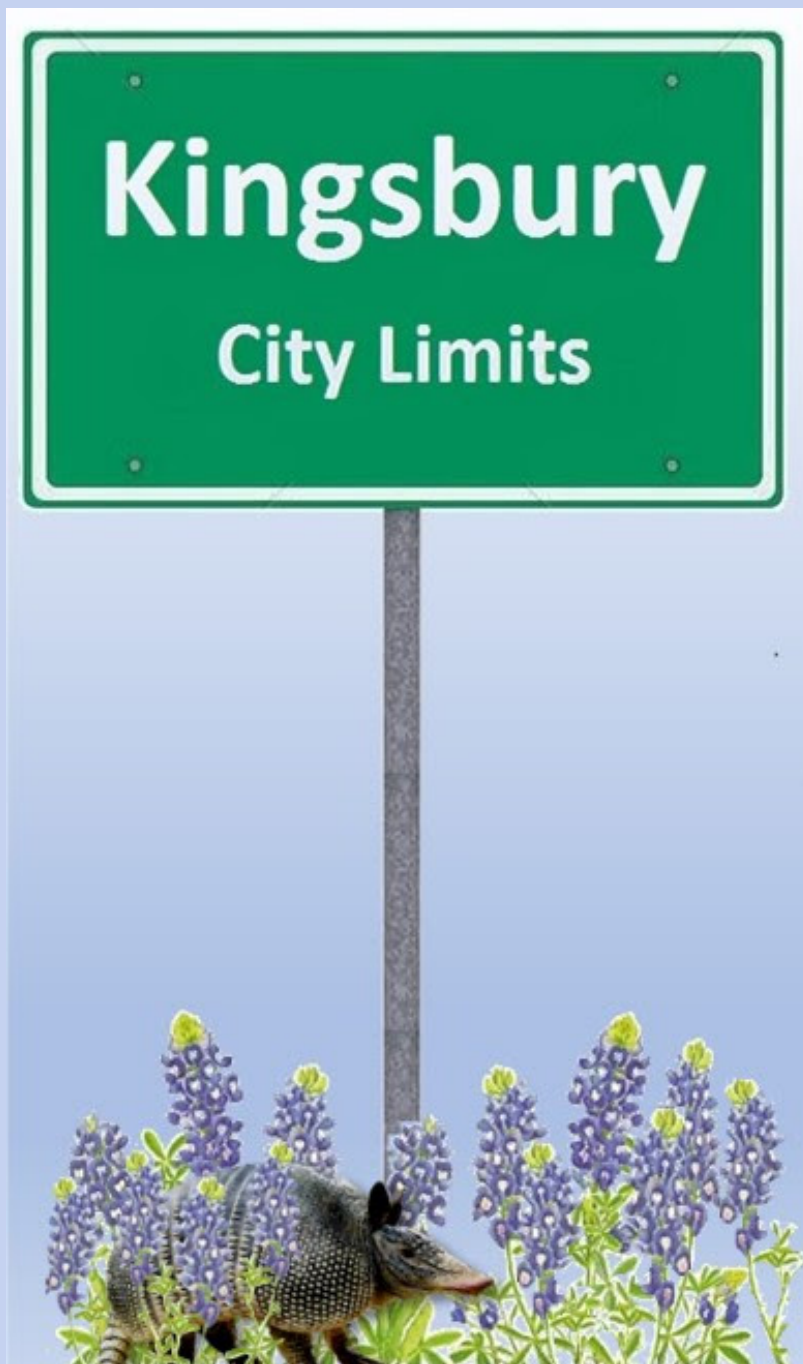


## Kingsbury City Limits

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 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 VFD Bar-B-Q

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We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 30th!

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.

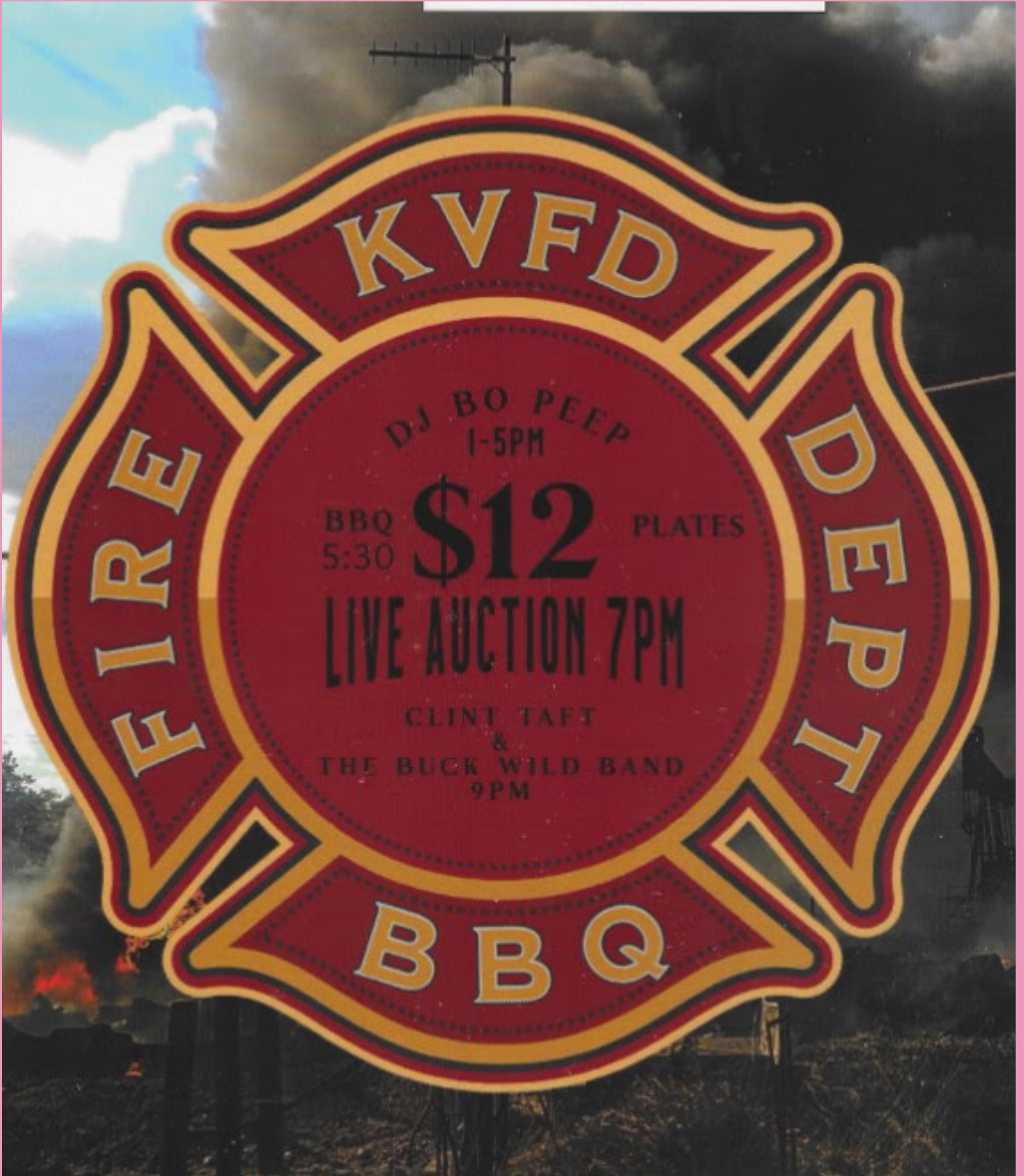
The day starts with DJ Bo Peep doing his thing from 1 to 5. There will be great food and homemade desserts, Raffle for great prizes, games for the kids, Country Store, **Live Auction**, amusements, Silent Auction, and then a fee Dance Under The Stars

Bar-B-Q plates are \$12 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world famous potato salad! Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until 9:00. Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxiliary 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!

Contact [kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com](mailto:kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com) for more information.



**KVFD**  
**53RD ANNUAL**  
*Barbeque & Drawing*



**SATURDAY**

**JULY 29TH, 2023**

**BEER GARDEN & MARGARITAS  
COUNTRY STORE! SILENT  
AUCTION! GAMES! AUCTION &  
DANCING**



## Fish Fry

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The Bohannons have long been in the catering business and are now serving up fried catfish at their place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

Each plate comes with all the **fixin's** - fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and homemade tartar sauce.

You can order up:

Fish & Shrimp plate - \$15  
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters plate - \$20

Just call or text John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for! Make sure you put in your order a day or two in advance.

The fryer gets lit around 5:30 pm so you can start picking up your orders of delicious food at 6:00 at 935 Mill Creek Road.

*The next fish fry of 2023 is July 14th!*



## Raffle Tickets

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Raffle Tickets for the Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q will soon be available in the Kingsbury Country Store and will be for sale until the Bar-B-Q on July 29th.

***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**

## Burn Bans

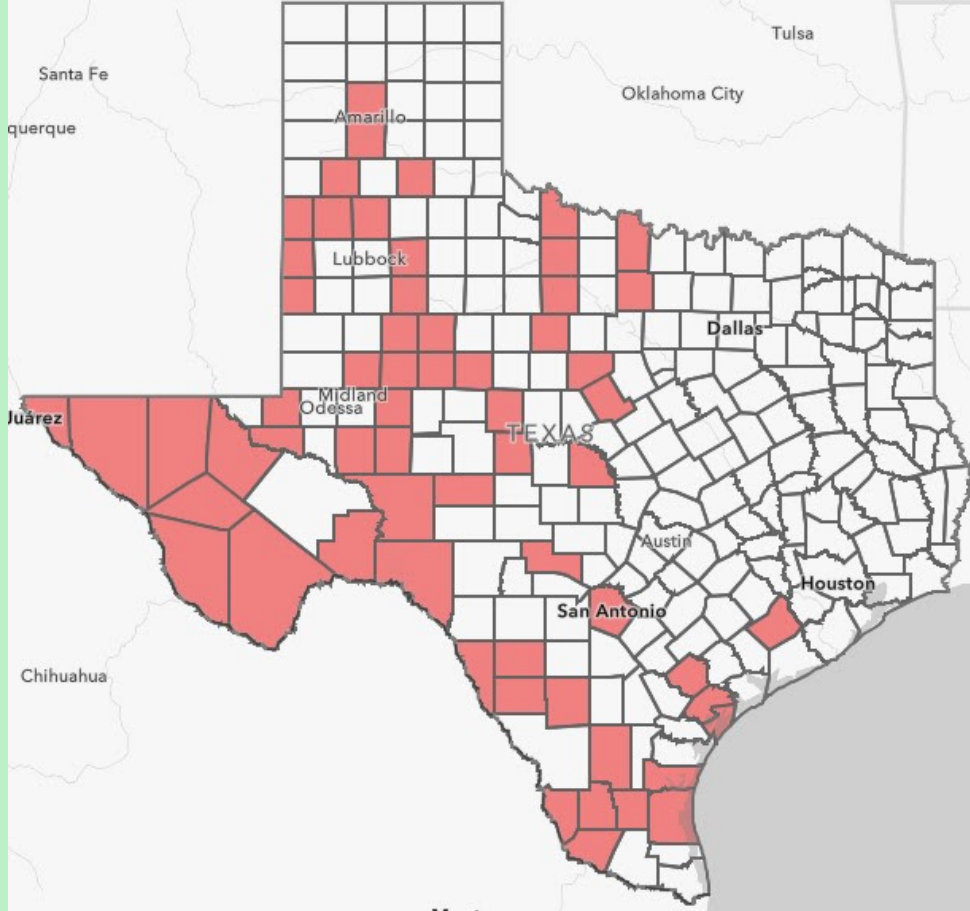
The Guadalupe County Commissions Court has not an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County . . . yet. But we all know that it's only getting **hotter** and drier and it's only a matter of time.

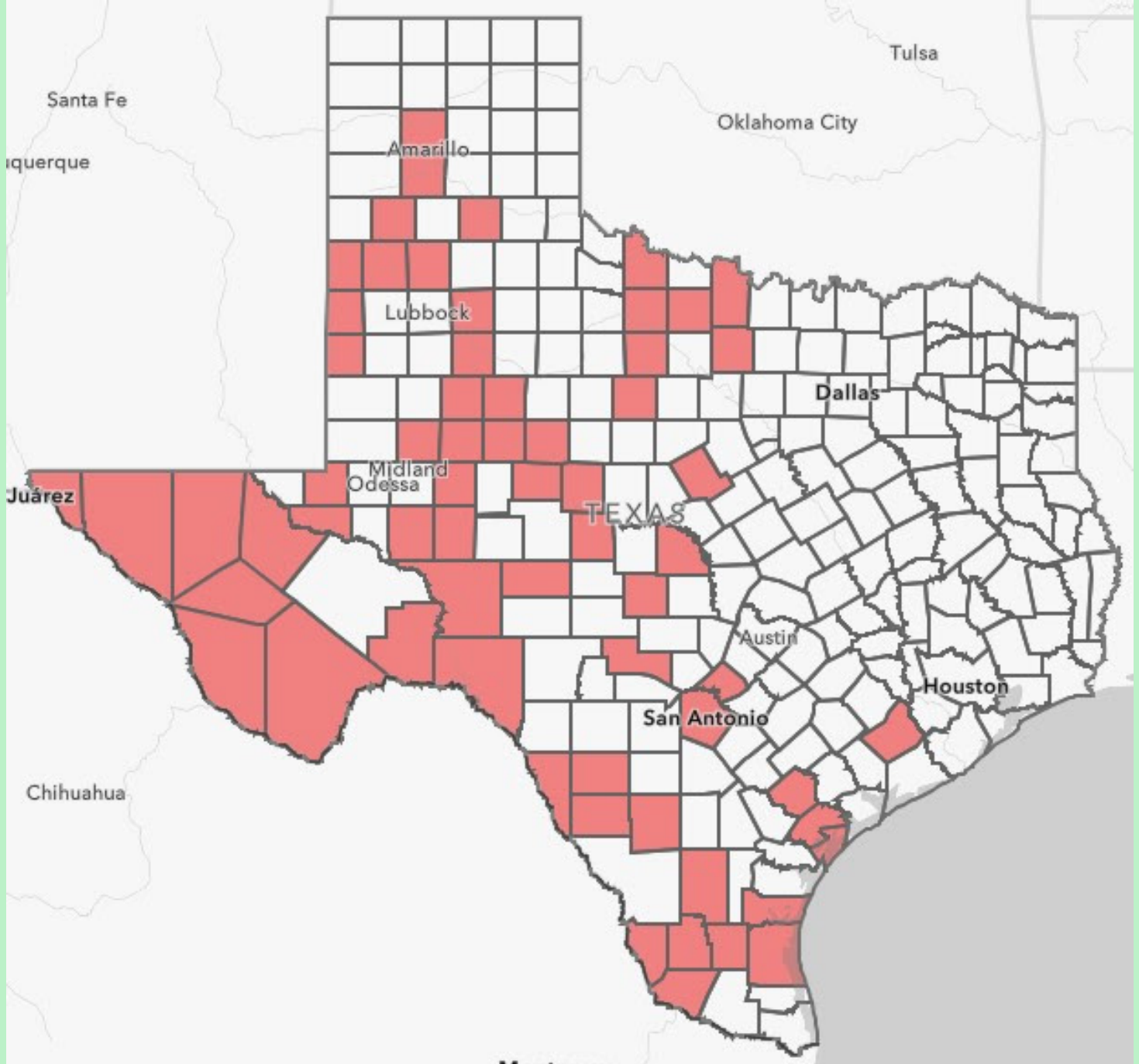
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.

Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 64 that have a burn ban, up from 61 last week.

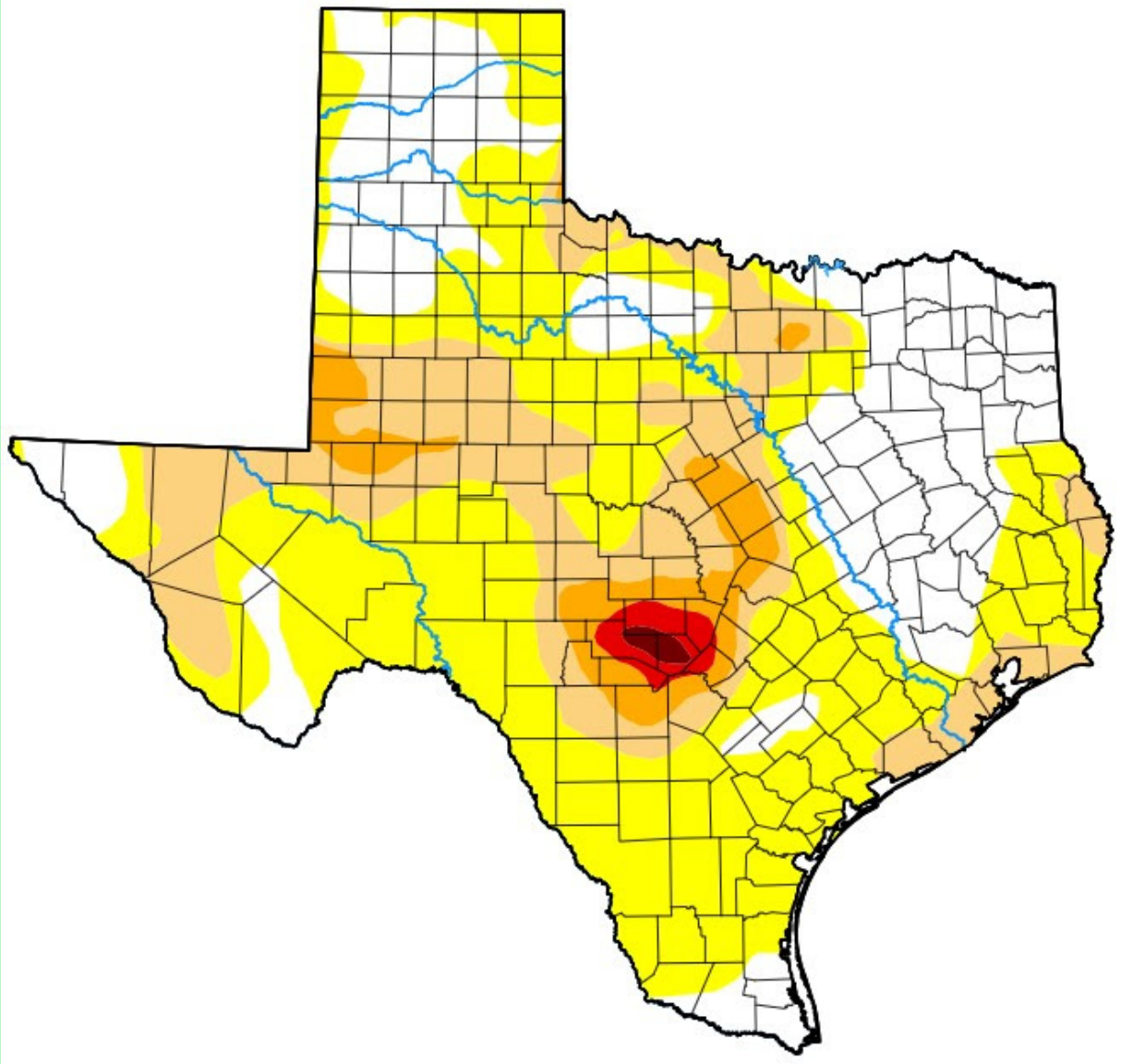
*Current burn bans by county in Texas last week and this week:*








According to the US Drought Monitor, we are not in the Extreme Drought bullseye, but we are close and only getting drier.



## 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 9, 2023



**93°F**  
Fair


Wind: S 9.0 mph  
Humidity: 51%  
Visibility: 10.0 miles

Mon




101°  
77°

Tue




102°  
76°

Wed




101°  
77°

Thu




101°  
76°

Fri



101°  
76°

Sat



101°  
76°

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.



## Volunteer Work Day

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The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

**Saturday, July 15th**

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



This week in American history, on July 11, 1804, in a duel held in Weehawken, New Jersey, Vice President Aaron Burr fatally shoots his long-time political antagonist Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton, a leading Federalist and the chief architect of America's political economy, died the following day.

Alexander Hamilton, born on the Caribbean island of Nevis around 1756, came to the American colonies in 1773 as a poor immigrant. In 1776, he joined the Continental Army in the American Revolution, and his **relentless** energy and remarkable intelligence brought him to the attention of General George Washington, who took him on as an aid.

Ten years later, Hamilton served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and he led the fight to win ratification of the final document, which created the kind of strong, centralized government that he favored. In 1789, he was appointed the first secretary of the treasury by President Washington, and during the next six years he crafted a sophisticated monetary policy that saved the young U.S. government from collapse. With the emergence of political parties, Hamilton was regarded as a leader of the Federalists.

Aaron Burr, born into a prestigious New Jersey family in 1756, was also intellectually gifted, and he graduated from the College of New Jersey (later Princeton) at the age of 17. He joined the Continental Army in 1775 and distinguished himself during the Patriot attack on Quebec. A masterful politician, he was elected to the New State Assembly in 1783 and later served as state attorney. In 1790, he defeated Alexander Hamilton's father-in-law in a race for the U.S. Senate.

Hamilton came to detest Burr, whom he regarded as a dangerous opportunist, and he often spoke ill of him.

When Burr ran for the vice presidency in 1796 on Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican ticket (the forerunner of the Democratic Party), Hamilton launched a series of public attacks against Burr, stating, "I feel it is a religious duty to oppose his career." John Adams won the presidency, and in 1797 Burr left the Senate and returned to the New York Assembly.

In 1800, Jefferson chose Burr again as his running mate. Burr aided the Democratic-Republican ticket by publishing a confidential document that Hamilton had written criticizing his fellow Federalist President John Adams. This caused a rift in the Federalists and helped Jefferson and Burr win the election with 73 electoral votes each.

Under the electoral procedure then prevailing, president and vice president were not voted for separately; the candidate who received the most votes was elected president, and the second in line, vice president. The vote then went to the House of Representatives. What at first seemed but an electoral technicality—handing Jefferson victory over his running mate—developed into a major constitutional crisis when Federalists in the lame-duck Congress threw their support behind Burr. After a remarkable 35 tie votes, a small group of Federalists changed sides and voted in Jefferson's favor. Alexander Hamilton, who had supported Jefferson as the lesser of two evils, was instrumental in breaking the deadlock.

Burr became vice president, but Jefferson grew apart from him, and he did not support Burr's renomination to a second term in 1804. That year, a faction of New York Federalists, who had found their fortunes drastically diminished after the ascendance of Jefferson, sought to enlist the disgruntled Burr into their party and elect him governor. Hamilton campaigned against Burr with great fervor, and Burr lost the Federalist nomination and then, running as an independent for governor, the election. In the campaign, Burr's character was savagely attacked by Hamilton and others, and after the election he resolved to restore his reputation by challenging Hamilton to a duel, or an "affair of honor," as they were known.

Affairs of honor were commonplace in America at the time, and the complex rules governing them usually led to an honorable resolution before any actual firing of weapons. In fact, the outspoken Hamilton had been involved in several affairs of honor in his life, and he had resolved most of them peaceably. No such recourse was found with Burr, however, and on July 11, 1804, the enemies met at 7 a.m. at the dueling grounds near Weehawken, New Jersey. It was the same spot where Hamilton's son had died defending his father's honor in 1801.

There are conflicting accounts of what happened next. According to Hamilton's "second"—his assistant and witness in the duel—Hamilton decided the duel was morally wrong and deliberately fired into the air. Burr's second claimed that Hamilton fired at Burr and missed. What happened next is agreed upon: Burr shot Hamilton in the

stomach, and the bullet lodged next to his spine. Hamilton was taken back to New York, and he died the next afternoon.

Few affairs of honor actually resulted in deaths, and the nation was outraged by the killing of a man as eminent as Alexander Hamilton. Charged with murder in New York and New Jersey, Burr, still vice president, returned to Washington, D.C., where he finished his term immune from prosecution.

In 1805, Burr, thoroughly discredited, concocted a plot with James Wilkinson, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army, to seize the Louisiana Territory and establish an independent empire, which Burr, presumably, would lead. He contacted the British government and unsuccessfully pleaded for assistance in the scheme. Later, when border trouble with Spanish Mexico heated up, Burr and Wilkinson conspired to seize territory in Spanish America for the same purpose.

In the fall of 1806, Burr led a group of well-armed colonists toward New Orleans, prompting an immediate U.S. investigation. General Wilkinson, in an effort to save himself, turned against Burr and sent dispatches to Washington accusing Burr of treason. In February 1807, Burr was arrested in Louisiana for treason and sent to Virginia to be tried in a U.S. court. In September, he was acquitted on a technicality. Nevertheless, public opinion condemned him as a traitor, and he fled to Europe. He later returned to private life in New York, the murder charges against him forgotten. He died in 1836.



## 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](http://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) ▾



July 2023



Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25   12:00pm M...	26	27	28	29	30	1
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9   12:00pm Ma...	10	11   6:00pm P&Z...	12	13	14 Fish Fry Plates	15 Volunteer W...
16   12:00pm M...	17   6:30pm Kin...	18	19	20	21	22
23   12:00pm M...	24	25	26	27	28 Fish Fry Plates	29 KVFD Bar-B-Q
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### Kingsbury High School Girls

The Kingsbury High School around 1940 not long after it first **opened**, and a group of school girls on the front steps in 1944.

The girls are: Gladys Murphy, Dorothy Chessher, Crystal Gillespie, Tula Hickman, Janet Coates, Leonora Schmidt, Madeline Batey, Joyce Hurt, and Mary Jane Appling.

The girls appear to be in their basketball or athletic uniforms and are wearing some really great smiles!









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**Thanks!**

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