

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - March 19, 2023

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Vernal Equinox

Tomorrow, Monday, March 20th, is the Vernal Equinox which marks the first day of Spring.

Astronomically speaking, the equinox falls on March 19 or 20 every year, marking spring's beginning in the Northern Hemisphere (whereas it announces fall's arrival in the Southern Hemisphere). The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone.

At the Vernal Equinox, the Sun crosses the **celestial** equator on its way north along the ecliptic. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. The name equinox comes from Latin words which mean "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the Spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days



SIGNS OF THE EQUINOX IN NATURE

The vernal equinox signals the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere. Worms begin to emerge from the earth. Even the March Moon is called "The Full Worm Moon" for this reason. Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.

The increasing sunlight triggers bird song. Trees, shrubs and flowers are sensitive to temperature and daylength, too. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach. Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather. Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats.

March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.



EQUINOX FOLKLORE

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox.

In earlier times, the vernal equinox was considered the beginning of the new year. It has always been an important day to those who work the land because it signifies the beginning of the season of regeneration and growth.

There are many ancient sites that mark the equinoxes (and solstices). One of the most famous ancient Spring equinox celebrations was at Chichen Itza in Mexico. The Mayans built a huge pyramid around the year A.D. 1000. The play of the Sun's light on it signals the beginning of the seasons. On the spring equinox, it looks like a huge snake is slithering down the steps. Mayans called this day "the return of the Sun serpent."



SPRING VERSE

"One swallow does not make a spring."

"Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring."

"In spring, no one thinks of the snow that fell last year."

"Don't say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies."

*"Spring-time sweet!
The whole Earth smiles, thy coming to greet."*



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:

March 19th - National Backyard Day, National Certified Nurses Day, National Chocolate Caramel Day, National Let's Laugh Day, National Poultry Day

March 20th - National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Proposal Day, National Ravioli Day, World Flour Day, Spring Begins

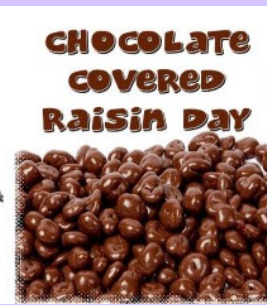
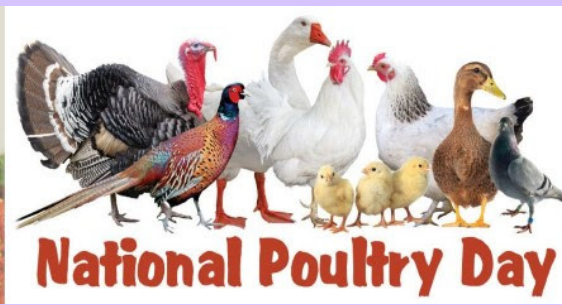
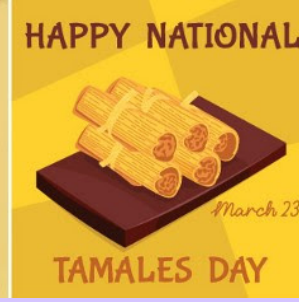
March 21st - National California Strawberry Day, National Common Courtesy Day, National Countdown (321) Day, National Fragrance Day, National French Bread Day, National Memory Day, National Single Parent Day, World Down Syndrome Day, National Ag Day, National 3-D Day, World Social Work Day

March 22nd - National Bavarian Crepes Day, National Goof Off Day, National West Virginia Day

March 23rd - National Chia Day, National Chip and Dip Day, National Melba Toast Day, National Near Miss Day, National Puppy Day, National Tamale Day

March 24th - National Cheesesteak Day, National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day, National Cocktail Day

March 25th - National Lobster Newburg Day, National Medal of Honor Day, National Tolkien Reading Day

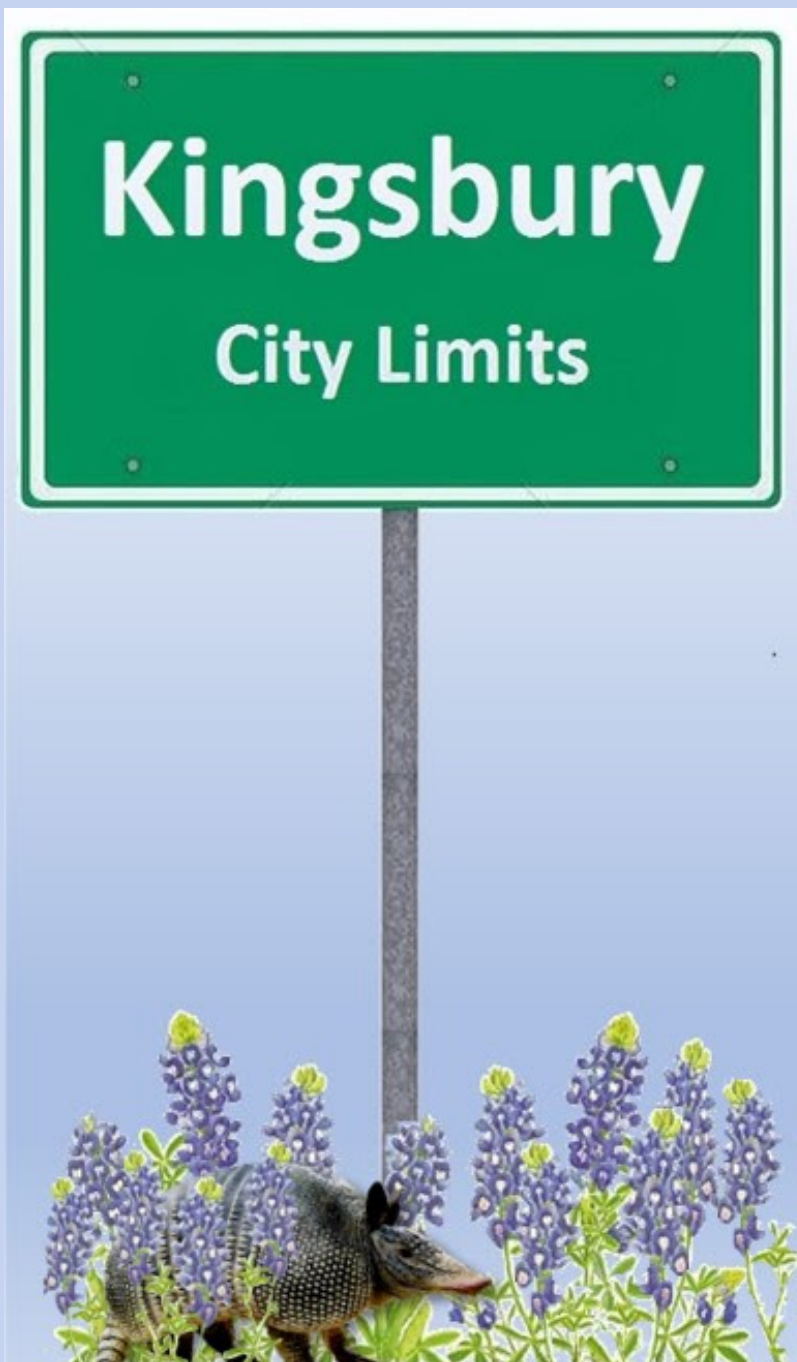


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Battle Of Coleta Creek

This week in Texas history, the Battle of Coleta Creek, also known as the Battle of the Prairie, was fought on March 19 and 20, 1836, during the Goliad campaign of the Texas Revolution.

In February, General José de Urrea led a branch of the Mexican army up the Gulf Coast of Mexican Texas toward Goliad, where a large contingent of soldiers from the Texian Army were garrisoned under Colonel James W. Fannin. Simultaneously, Mexican president Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led a larger force into the Texian interior, where on March 6 his troops won the Battle of the Alamo. After learning of the Alamo's defeat, Texian general Sam Houston ordered Fannin to retreat from Goliad and join the rest of the army in Victoria.

On March 19, Fannin led his men on a leisurely retreat from Goliad. Mexican troops **surrounded** the Texians on the open prairie later in the day, before Fannin could reach the shelter of a grove of timber at Coleta Creek, some 400 yards away. Texians formed a square in the middle of the prairie and attempted to defend their position. Although Mexican troops launched three separate attacks against the square, they could not penetrate

the Texian position. However, the Mexicans received overwhelming reinforcements and heavy artillery. As night fell, Mexican sharpshooters were able to wound and kill more Texians. In this critical predicament, with little water to give to the wounded or to cool their artillery, Fannin and the majority of the men voted to surrender the Texian forces on March 20. Led to believe that they would be released into the United States, they were returned to the fort at Goliad, now their prison.

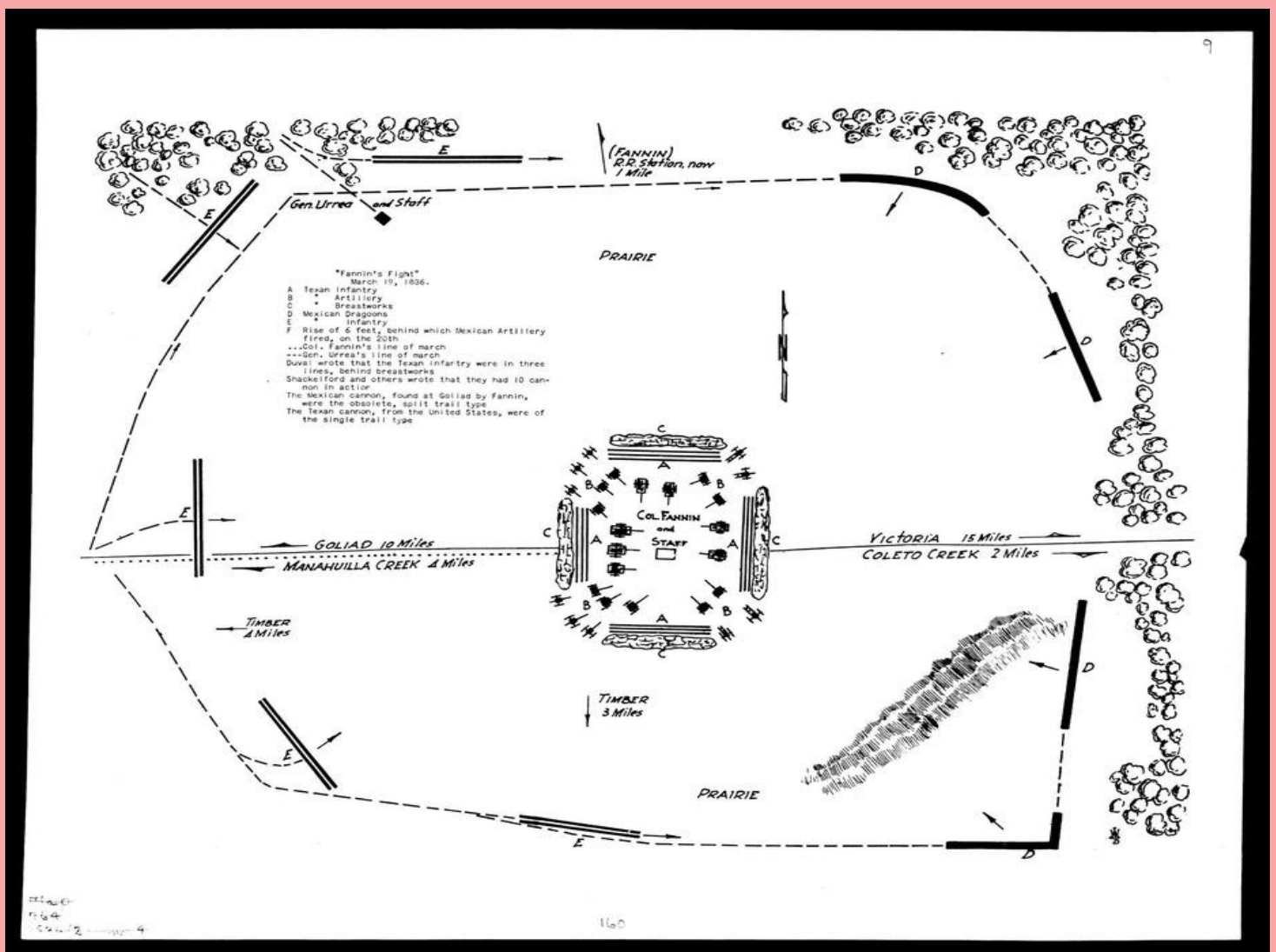
Also happening around Goliad, Albert Clinton Horton and his company had been acting as the advance and rear guards for Fannin's company. Surprised by the overwhelming Mexican force, they were chased off and escaped, however 18 of the group were captured and marched back to Goliad.

The 75 soldiers of William Parsons Miller and the Nashville Battalion were captured on March 20 and marched in on March 23. They were kept separate from the other prisoners, as they had been unarmed and surrendered without a fight.

On March 22, William Ward and the Georgia Battalion (80 men plus Ward) surrendered after escaping from the Battle of Refugio. About 26 men were retained at Victoria as laborers, but 55 of the prisoners were marched into Goliad, on March 25.

The stage is now set as the last of the prisoners arrives at La Bahia in Goliad. Urrea attempts to secure honorable terms for his Texian prisoners. However, Santa Anna had received authorization from the Mexican Congress to treat all captured Texian troops as pirates rather than prisoners-of-war.

The Mexican sentence for piracy is death ...



Fish Fry

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 first fish fry of 2023 is March 17th!



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](#)

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!





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, March 20th

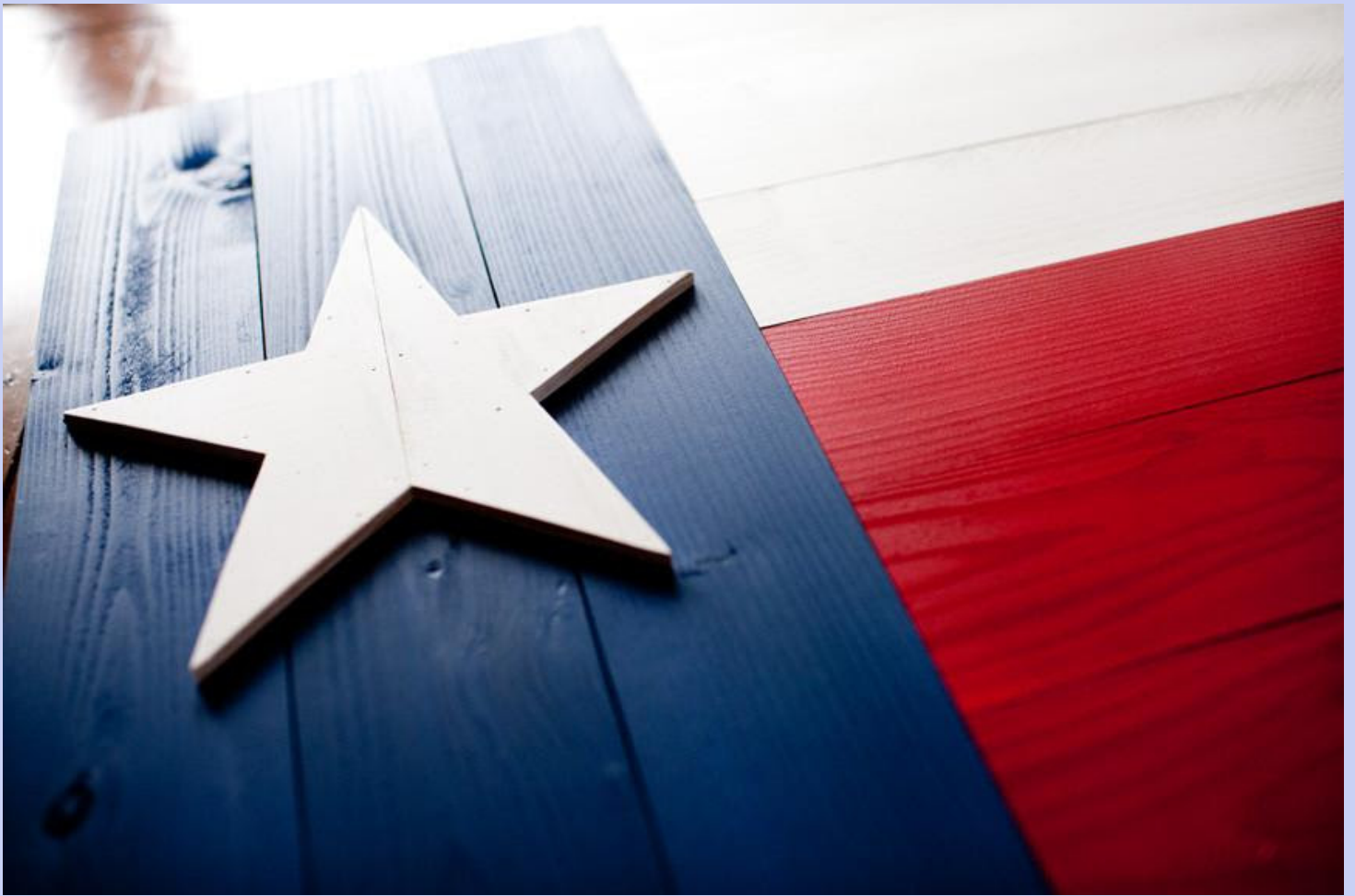
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Planning & Zoning Committee
- ★ Proposed Municipal Utility District
- ★ Texas Government Accountability Association
- ★ Announcements
- ★ Executive Session

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

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



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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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 12:00pm M...	27	28	1	2 6:00pm KVF... 7:30pm KVF...	3	4
5 12:00pm M...	6	7 Full Worm M...	8	9	10 Fish Fry Plates	11
12 Daylight Savi... 12:00pm M...	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's ...	18 Volunteer W... 12:00pm Ch...
19 12:00pm M...	20 First Day of ... 6:30pm Kin...	21	22	23	24 Fish Fry Plates	25
26 12:00pm M...	27	28	29	30	31	1

Kingsbury School Students In Costume

Another couple of pictures 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.

These two pictures show some girls in what looks like Scandinavian costumes or maybe more fairy tale characters.

I'm sure it was these girls and/or their mothers that created these dresses and they look absolutely awesome! I especially love the large shoe **buckles** that one girl made!

First picture left to right: Paula Glenewinkel, Barbara Brown, Judy Wilman, Wanda Strawn
Second picture left to right: Barbara Brown, Gem Glenewinkel, Gay Glenewinkel, Lucy Boerger





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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