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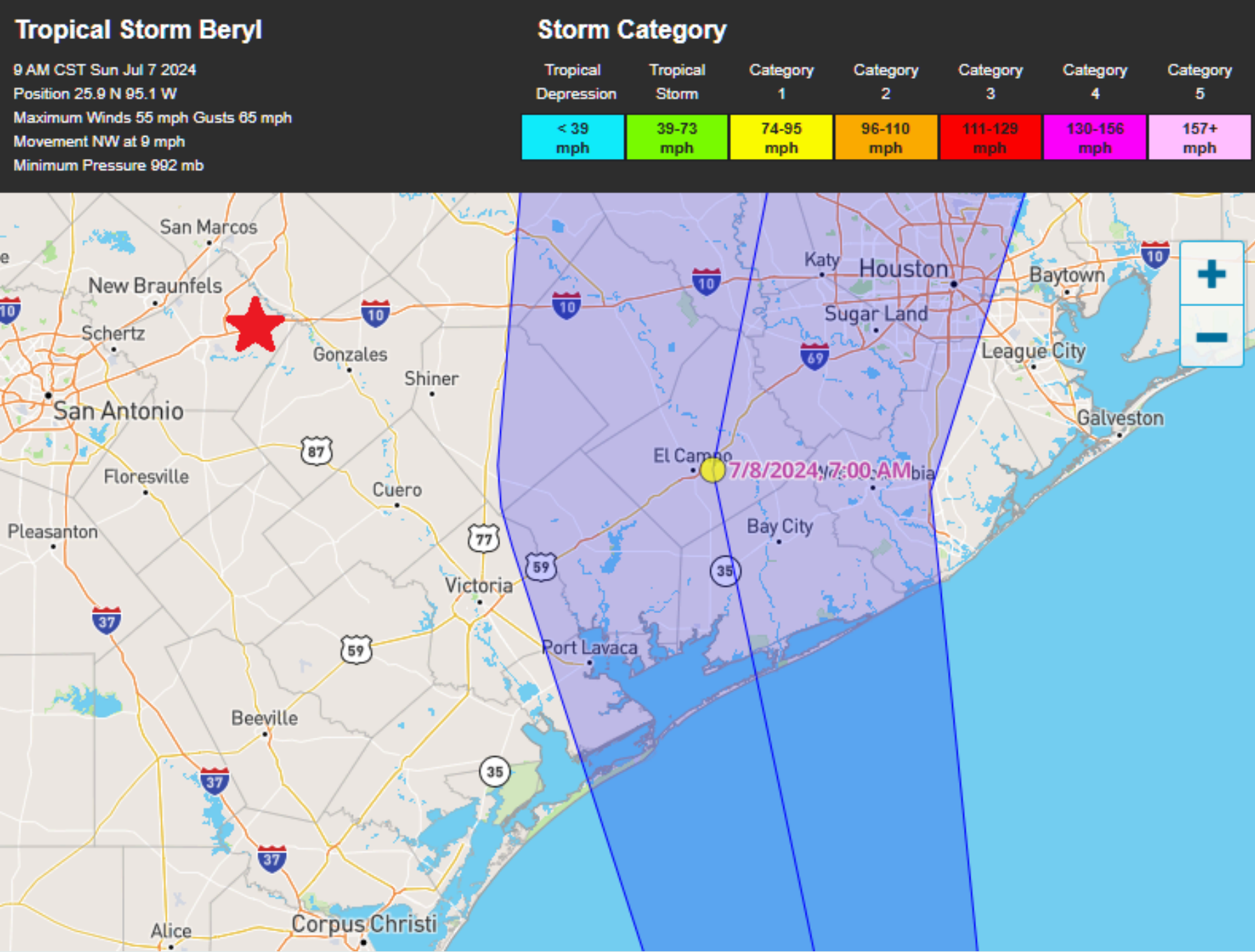
Dear Kingsbury,

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

Beryl

Tropical storm Beryl continues to head for the Texas coast. At this time, It is scheduled to make landfall Monday morning around Palacios as a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 90 mph.

Currently, it is **tracking** east of Kingsbury which puts us on the "dry side" of the storm and our rain chances are about 50%. I never turn down rain, but I certainly don't want all the damage to the coast that comes from a storm.

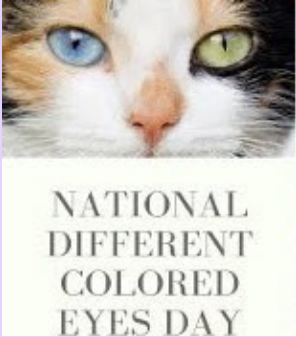


There's A Day For Everything

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 7th - National Koi Day, National Day Of Rock N Roll, National Dive Bar Day, National Macaroni Day, National Strawberry Sundae Day, National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day
- July 8th - National Raspberry Day, National Freezer Pop Day, National Chocolate With Almond Day
- July 9th - National Dimples Day, Cow Appreciation Day, National Sugar Cookie Day
- July 10th - Chronic Disease Day, National Pina Colada Day, National Kitten Day, National Clerihew Day
- July 11th - National 7-Eleven Day, National Slurpee 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 - National French Fry Day, Eat Your Jello Day, Collector Car Appreciation 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





Volunteer Work Day

The Pioneer Flight Museum at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome is always looking for volunteers to help carry their mission forward and hope you'll consider joining them!

They invite you to come check out one of their regularly scheduled Volunteer Work Days at Pioneer Flight Museum, where the gang will be **tinkering** with vintage airplanes and antique vehicles that always want a little attention to ensure they continue running well. A few folks tend to building and grounds issues, such as constructing the library and conference room. It's always a good mix of fun stuff to work on and amiable camaraderie.

They usually get started in the main office with coffee and goodies at 9:00 am. Just look for where the cars are parked, and follow where you see others going in.

NEXT WORK DAY WILL BE JULY 13th

Starting at 9:00 AM. Get out there and give them a hand!



KVFD Bar-B-Q And Raffle

We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 27th!

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.

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 \$15 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world **famous** potato salad! Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxilary 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!

Raffle tickets can be purchased now at the Kingsbury Country Store.

Contact kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com for more information.



Disaster Assistance

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representatives were in town last month to offer assistance to anyone affected by recent storms.

If your household suffered **damages** between April 26th and June 5th this year from "severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding", you can go to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster) to see about assistance. You can also download the FEMA app on your phone, or call FEMA at 800-621-3362.

This time range includes the May 9th storms that did so much damage around here.



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

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets for the Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q are available in the Kingsbury Country Store and will be for sale until the Bar-B-Q on July 27th.

***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!

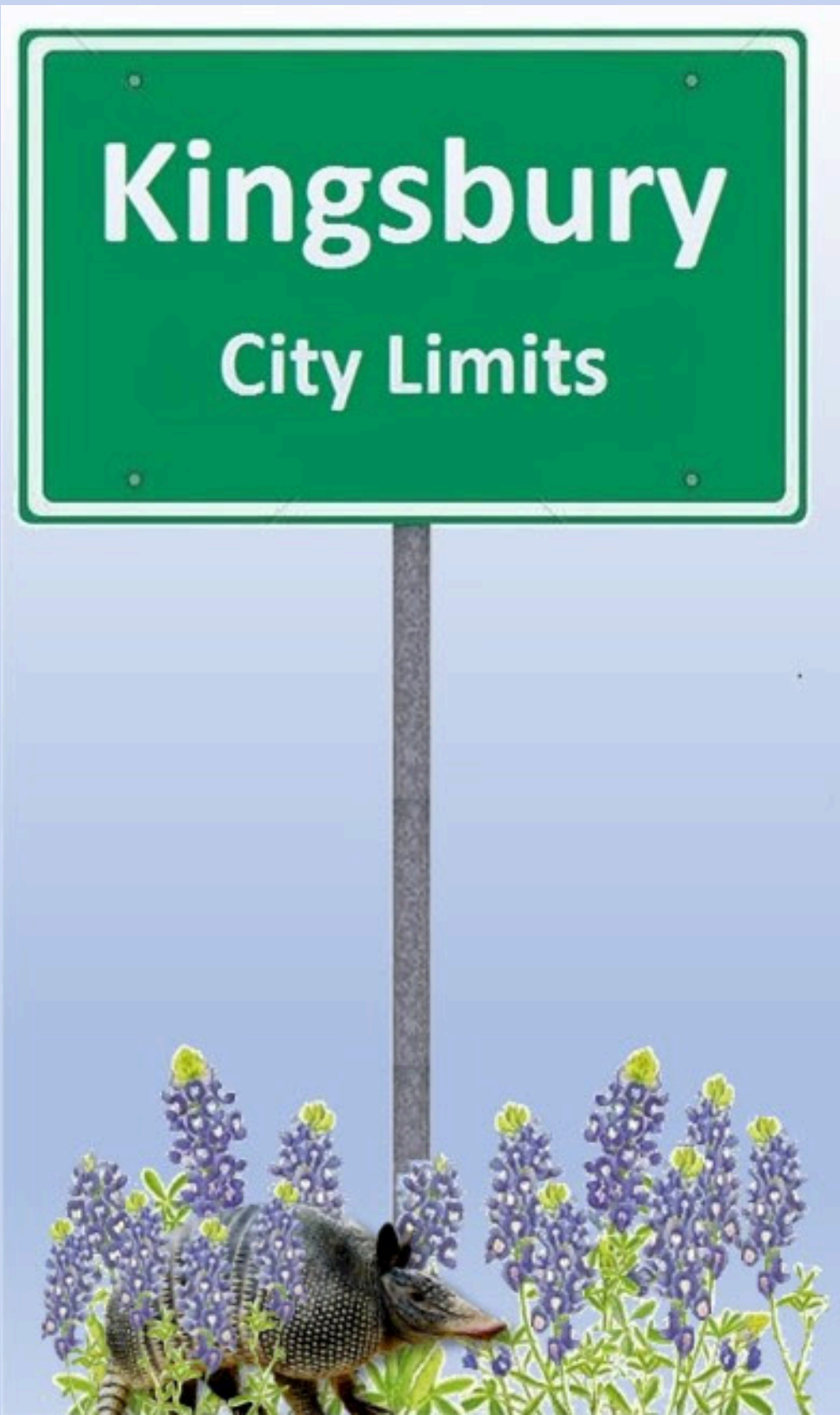


Kingsbury City Limits

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?



July Night Skies

There are not one, not two, but three meteor showers that begin in July!



alpha Capricornids

Next period of activity: July 3rd, 2024 to August 15th, 2024

The Alpha Capricornids are active from July 3 through August 15 with a "plateau-like" maximum centered on July 29. 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.

Next Peak - The alpha Capricornids will next peak on July 29. On this night, the moon will be a waning crescent at 35% full.



Southern delta Aquariids

Next period of activity: July 18th, 2024 to August 21st, 2024

The Delta Aquariids are a 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. These are usually faint meteors that lack both persistent trains and fireballs.

Next Peak - The Southern delta Aquariids will next peak on July 30th. On this night, the moon will be 25% full.



Perseids

Next period of activity: July 14th, 2024 to August 31st, 2024

The Perseids 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 August 31. They reach a strong maximum on August 12 or 13, depending on the year. 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.

Next Peak - The Perseids will next peak on August 12th. On this night, the moon will be 7% full.



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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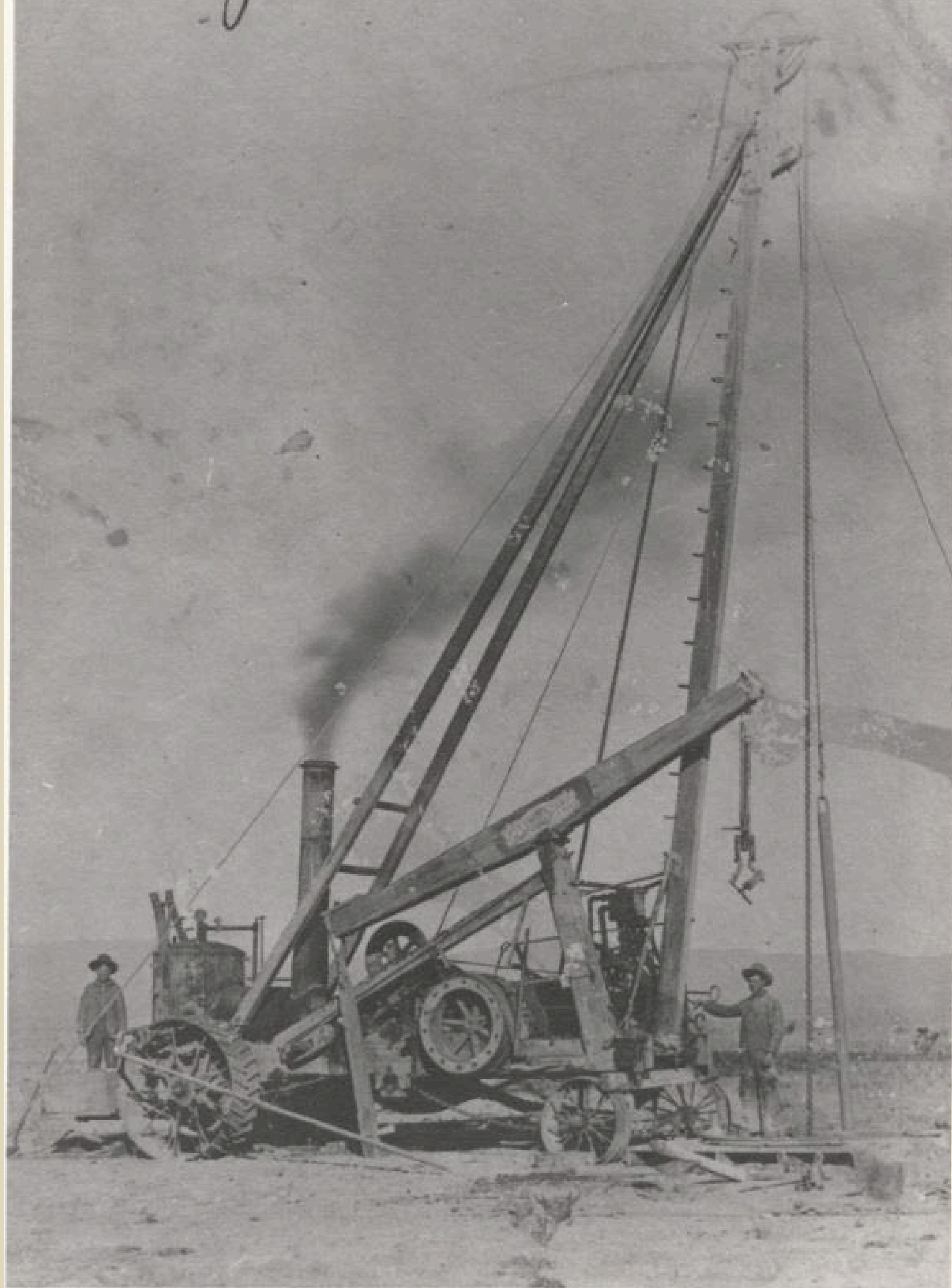
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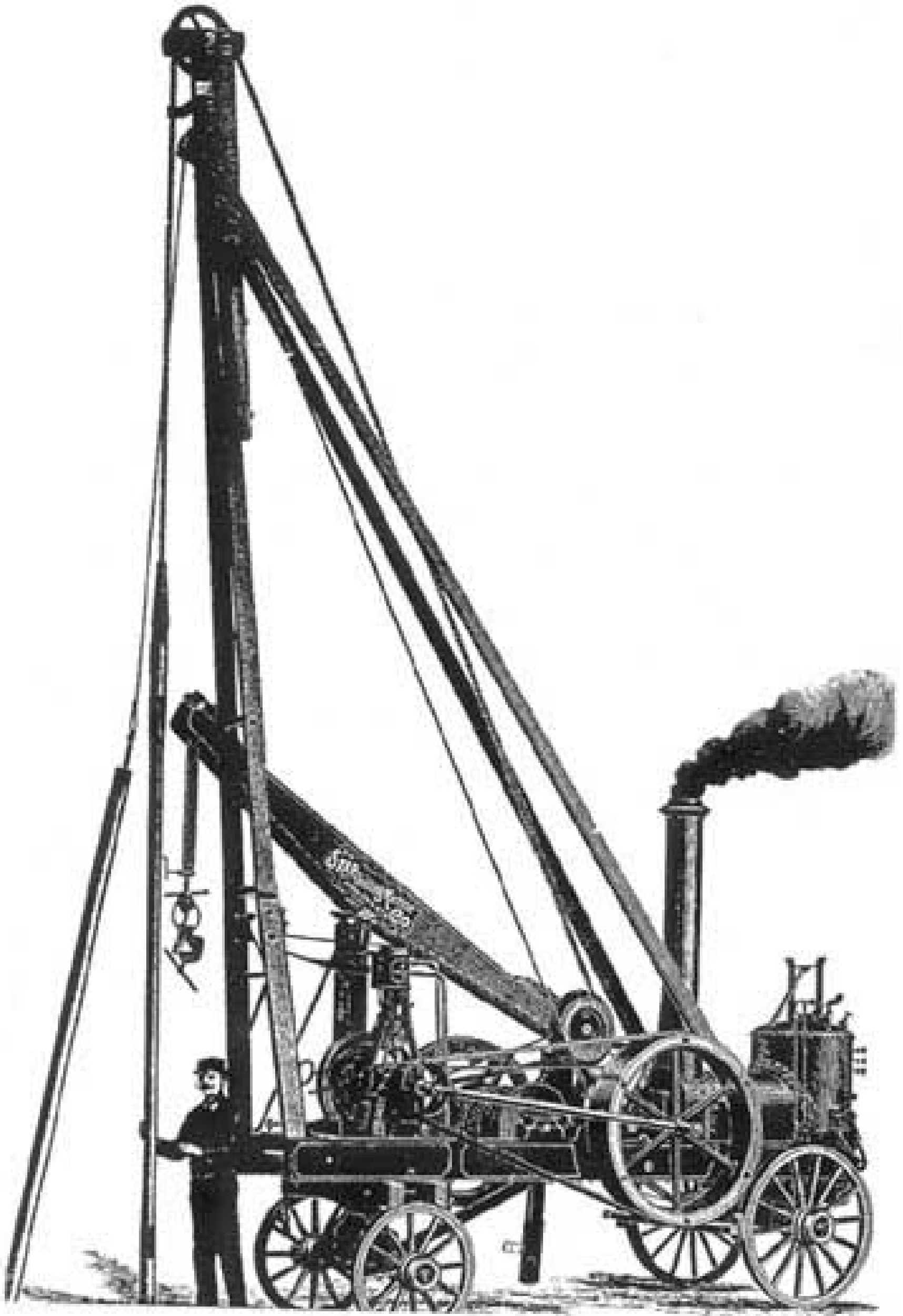
A picture of a steam-powered Star Drilling Machine in the Kingsbury area in the early 1920s. Below that is a drawing from an early Star Drilling Machine Co. handbook and depicts a Star No. 2 drilling machine which *has* to be what is in the picture - they are practically identical.

The photo shows that they used some wider steel wheels than the model in the drawing - probably a good real-world adaptation for the soggy, muddy oil fields around here. And the little man in the drawing looks very neat with his dapper mustache. Not quite what the real **roughnecks** looked like in the actual photo!

Can you imagine how dangerous it must have been to run a steam-powered oil drilling rig like this?

Star drilling rig
early 1920's





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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