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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Tax Day Extended Further for Texans

Normally the deadline for filing your taxes would be this week on April 15th. But, just like last year, there is nothing normal about this year -- especially for Texas!

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Treasury Department and IRS have moved the federal filing deadline to May 15th ... for every state BUT Texas. Because of the winter storms that **disrupted** everything in our lives on top of COVID, the IRS has moved the Tax Day for all 254 counties in Texas to

June 15th

. Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic payment relief.



Lyrid Meteor Shower Starts

After a long break, meteor season is back with the annual peak of the Lyrid meteor shower this month. The first

three months of most years represent a relative dry spell for night sky watchers as there's typically not much happening between the Quadrantid meteor shower in early January and the Lyrids. They signal a welcome return of the chance to **venture** out in the evening amid mild temperatures.

The Lyrids are set to become active in 2021 this week around April 15, according to the American Meteor Society, and they will peak on the evening of April 21 into the early morning hours of April 22. If you can't get out that night or the weather doesn't cooperate, one night before or after the peak is also expected to present a pretty good viewing opportunity as well.

The Lyrids don't produce a whole lot of meteors, perhaps 10 to 15 per hour, but are more likely to include bright, dramatic fireballs than other major showers. Every few decades we get an outburst during the Lyrids that boosts the rate up to about 100 per hour. That's not predicted to happen in 2021, but such things are also notoriously hard to predict.

The source of the Lyrids is the debris cloud left behind by a comet named C/1861 G1 Thatcher that was last seen in the 19th century and won't pass through the inner solar system again for more than two centuries. Each year, though, our planet drifts through the dust cloud it left behind on previous visits. Little space pebbles and other bits of dust and debris collide with our atmosphere and burn up high above us, producing those fleeting little light shows so many are willing to stay up late or wake up early to catch.

This year, with a moon that will be more than two-thirds full at the peak of the Lyrids, it's probably best to try and see the show before dawn and after the moon has set.



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 11th - National Barber Shop Quartet Day, National Cheese Fondue Day, National Eight Track Tape Day, National Pet Day, National Submarine Day

April 12th - National For Twelves Day, National Big Wind Day, National Colorado Day, National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, National Licorice Day

April 13th - National Make Lunch Count Day, National Peach Cobbler Day, National Scrabble Day, National Thomas Jefferson Day

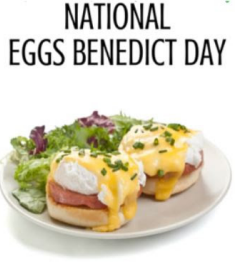
April 14th - National Dolphin Day, National Ex-Spouse Day, National Gardening Day, National Pan American Day, National Pecan Day, National Reach as High as You Can Day, Look Up at the Sky Day

April 15th - National Banana Day, National Glazed Spiral Ham Day, National Rubber Eraser Day, National Take a Wild Guess Day, National Tax Day, National Titanic Remembrance Day, Purple Up! Day, Get to Know Your Customers Day, National High Five Day

April 16th - National Bean Counter Day, National Eggs Benedict Day, National Healthcare Decisions Day, National Orchid Day, National Wear Your

Pajamas to Work Day, National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day

April 17th - National Crawfish Day, International Bat Appreciation Day, National Cheeseball Day, National Ellis Island Family History Day, National Haiku Poetry Day, National Record Store Day, National Auctioneers Day



Texian Forces Getting Ready To Fight

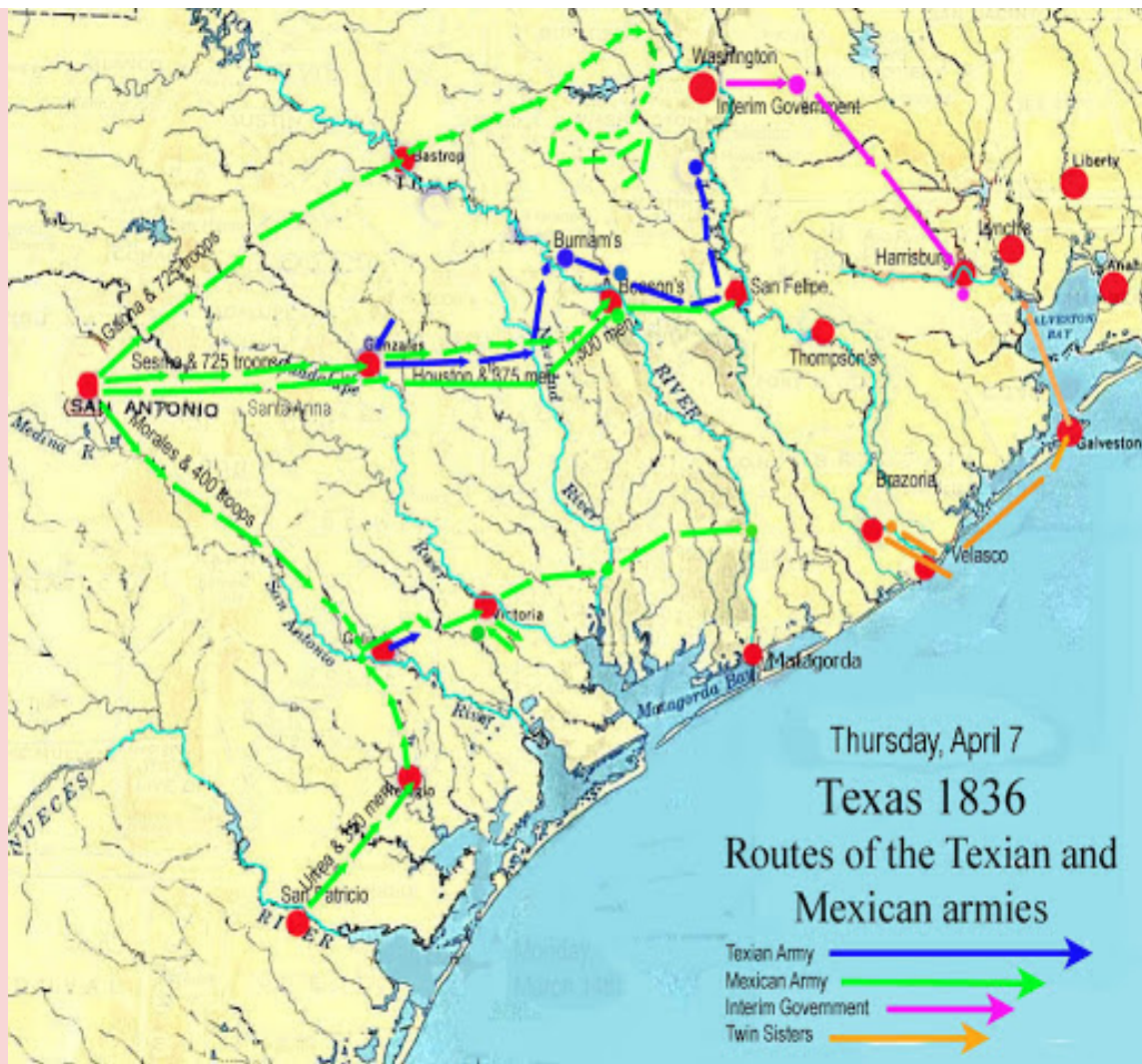
It's April 1836 and the Alamo has fallen, Colonel Fannin and his troops have been massacred at Goliad, and civilians (now joined by the widows of the Alamo and Goliad) are fleeing towards the east in the Runaway Scrape as Generalissimo Santa Anna and his Mexican army march across Texas to Harrisburg.

Concerned that his ill-trained and ill-disciplined force would only be good for one battle and aware that his men could easily be outflanked by Mexican forces, General Sam Houston has continued to fall back and avoid engagement, to the immense displeasure of his troops. Two companies that refused to retreat further than San Felipe were assigned to guard the crossings on the Brazos River. The Texians rested, recovered from illness, and practiced military drills. While there, two cannons, known as the Twin Sisters, arrived from Cincinnati, Ohio. Interim Secretary of War Thomas Rusk joined the camp, with orders from President David G. Burnet to replace Houston if he refused to fight.

Unable to cross the Brazos due to the small company of Texians barricaded at the river crossing, on April 14 a frustrated Santa Anna led a force of about 700 troops to **capture** the interim Texas government. Government officials fled mere hours before Mexican troops arrived in Harrisburg (now Houston) and Santa Anna sent Colonel Juan Almonte with 50 cavalry to intercept them in New Washington. Almonte arrived just as President Burnet shoved off in a rowboat, bound for Galveston Island. Although the boat was still within range of their weapons, Almonte ordered his men to hold their fire so as not to endanger Burnet's family.

At this point, Santa Anna believed the rebellion was in its final death throes. The Texian government had been forced off the mainland, with no way to communicate with its army, which had shown no interest in fighting. He was determined to block the Texian army's retreat and put a decisive end to the war. Almonte's scouts incorrectly reported that Houston's army was going to Lynchburg Crossing, on Buffalo Bayou, in preparation for joining the government in Galveston, so Santa Anna ordered Harrisburg burned and pressed on towards Lynchburg and Lynch's Ferry.

Meanwhile, the Texian army had resumed their march towards San Jacinto....



Classic Car Truck & Tractor Show

The 1st Annual Downtown Kingsbury Classics, Truck & Tractor Show will be happening

April 24th

Mark your **calendars!**



Registration \$20

Saturday, April 24, 2021
10:00 - 3:00

Car Registration: 9-10:30am

Trophy Presentation 2:30pm

Spectator Time: 10:30-2:30pm



Come on out to the...

1st Annual Downtown Kingsbury, Texas

Car, Truck and Tractor Show!

*This event is for car,
truck and tractor
lovers of all ages!*



Titanic Hits Iceberg

This week in history, on April 14, 1912, just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull, and begins to sink.

Four days earlier, the Titanic, one of the largest and most **luxurious** ocean liners ever built, departed Southampton, England, on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. While leaving port, the massive ship came within a couple of feet of the steamer New York but passed safely by, causing a general sigh of relief from the passengers massed on the ship's decks.

The Titanic was designed by the Irish shipbuilder William Pirrie and spanned 883 feet from stern to bow. Its hull was divided into 16 compartments that were presumed to be watertight. Because four of these compartments could be flooded without causing a critical loss of buoyancy, the Titanic was considered unsinkable. On its first journey across the highly competitive Atlantic ferry route, the ship carried some 2,200 passengers and crew.

After stopping at Cherbourg, France, and Queenstown, Ireland, to pick up some final passengers, the massive vessel set out at full speed for New York City. However, just before midnight on April 14, the ship hit an iceberg, and five of the Titanic's compartments were ruptured along its starboard side. At about 2:20 a.m. on the morning of April 15, the massive vessel sank into the North Atlantic.

Because of a shortage of lifeboats and the lack of satisfactory emergency procedures, more than 1,500 people went down in the sinking ship or froze to death in the icy North Atlantic waters. Most of the approximately 700

survivors were children and women, including the unsinkable Margaret "Molly" Brown. A number of notable American and British citizens died in the tragedy, including the noted British journalist William Thomas Stead and heirs to the Straus, Astor, and Guggenheim fortunes.

The announcement of details of the disaster led to outrage on both sides of the Atlantic. The sinking of the Titanic did have some positive effects, however, as more stringent safety regulations were adopted on public ships, and regular patrols were initiated to trace the locations of deadly Atlantic icebergs.



Spring Fly-In

The Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In is scheduled for May 1st 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!

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Upcoming Street Closure

Railway Street in the downtown area will be **closed** to through traffic on April 24th from 8 to 5.

The 1st Annual Downtown Kingsbury Classic Car Truck & Tractor Show will be taking place on Railway Street that day and the portion of the street from Kingsbury Road to Forcey Street will be blocked off for the safety of the people attending.



Kingsbury Street Market

There will be a **Market** in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



**Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday**



The event will be outside so you will be able to have the 6 foot safe distancing that is recommended and still be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Hand-made crafts, homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also usually available.





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](#)

Burn Ban Status

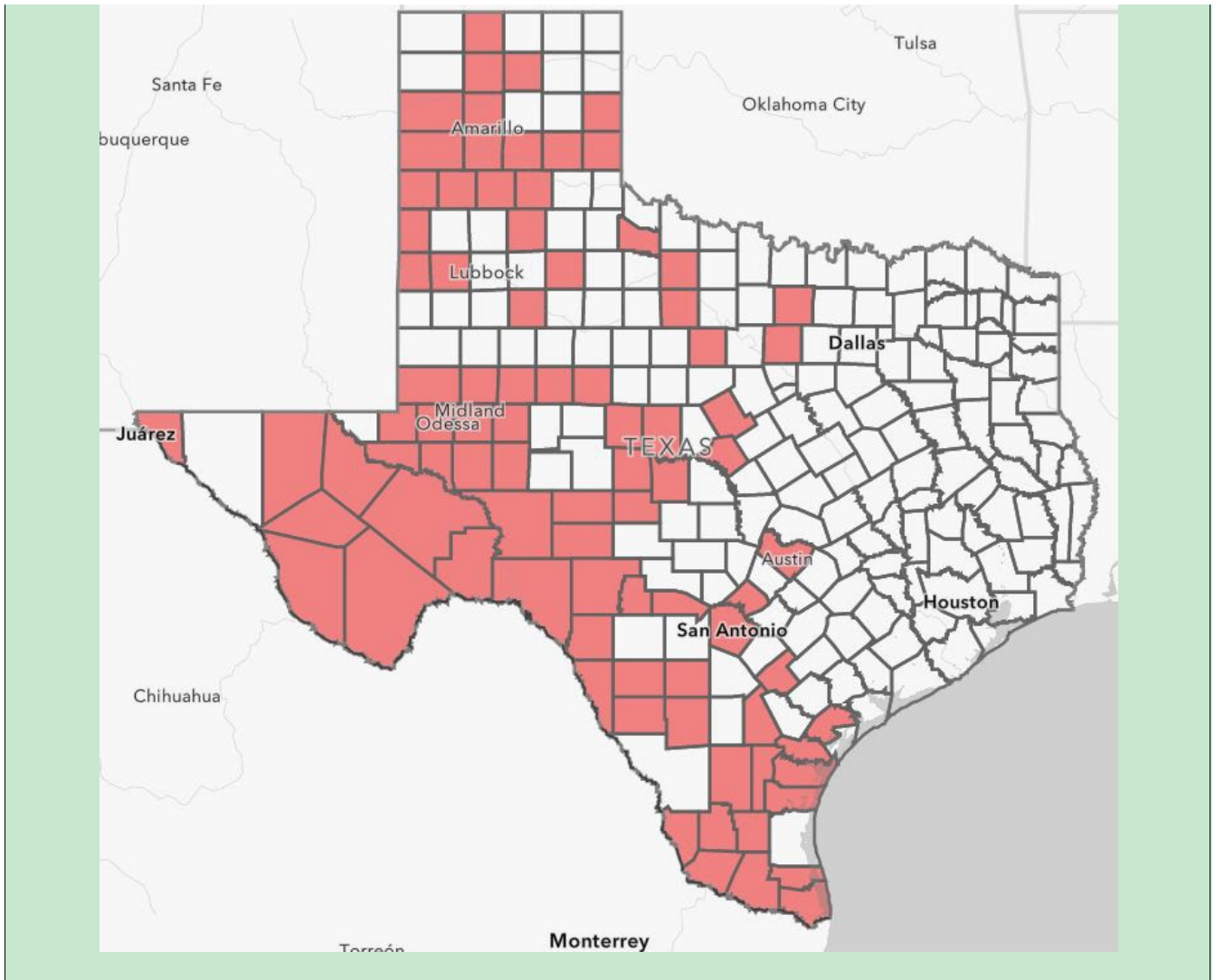
There is currently no burn ban for Guadalupe County.



As the lack of **significant** rain continues, the number of counties with a burn ban will surely rise. There are currently 86 counties that have instituted a burn ban including neighboring Bexas and Comal counties.



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



At The Imhoff Saloon

Ferd and Henry Imhoff tending the bar at the Imhoff Saloon in Kingsbury in the early 1900s.

Ferd and Henry were the sons of Jacob and Hanna Klein Imhoff and lived and worked in Kingsbury all their lives. Ferd was the older brother and lived here from 1877 to 1949. Henry lived in Kingsbury from 1880 to 1947.

There are several bucket-style spittoons on the floor for the patrons (I hope they hit them most of the time) and the picture above the large cabinet on the left seems to be a harbor scene. The mirror behind the bar has a beautiful leaf pattern painted on it and **kerosene** lanterns on each side. The wall to the right of the mirror has pictures of racehorses, a poster picture of a lady, a bar scene painting with a patron wearing a bowler hat, and a calendar that is showing the January page. The year on the calendar is not clear, but the years around the time of the picture and that had January 1st on a Wednesday were 1902, 1913, and 1919. I wonder what would be in the flower-painted cooler behind the bar on the right? Water? Coffee?

Ferd (on the left) seems to be "sampling the wares" of the bar.



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