

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - January 28, 2024

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# Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

## Trail Riders and Trail Drive Breakfast

The Mesquite Trail Riders will be coming to town! They'll be making their annual **stopover** in Kingsbury on their way to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

The Mesquite Trail Riders are one of 11 trail rides on their way to the rodeo this year and will log 87 miles during the trip. These riders promote fellowship and horseback riding as they make their way to the Rodeo with the ride concluding in grand fashion inside the AT&T center Rodeo arena.

The riders will stay overnight at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome on FM1104 and head back out on the trail on



Monday, February 5th.

This year we are planning a Trail Drivers Breakfast in downtown Kingsbury to get the riders back on the trail! There will be breakfast food and hot coffee available to the trail riders and everyone that wants to stop by and say "Howdy!" while they're here!



## Kingsbury City Limits

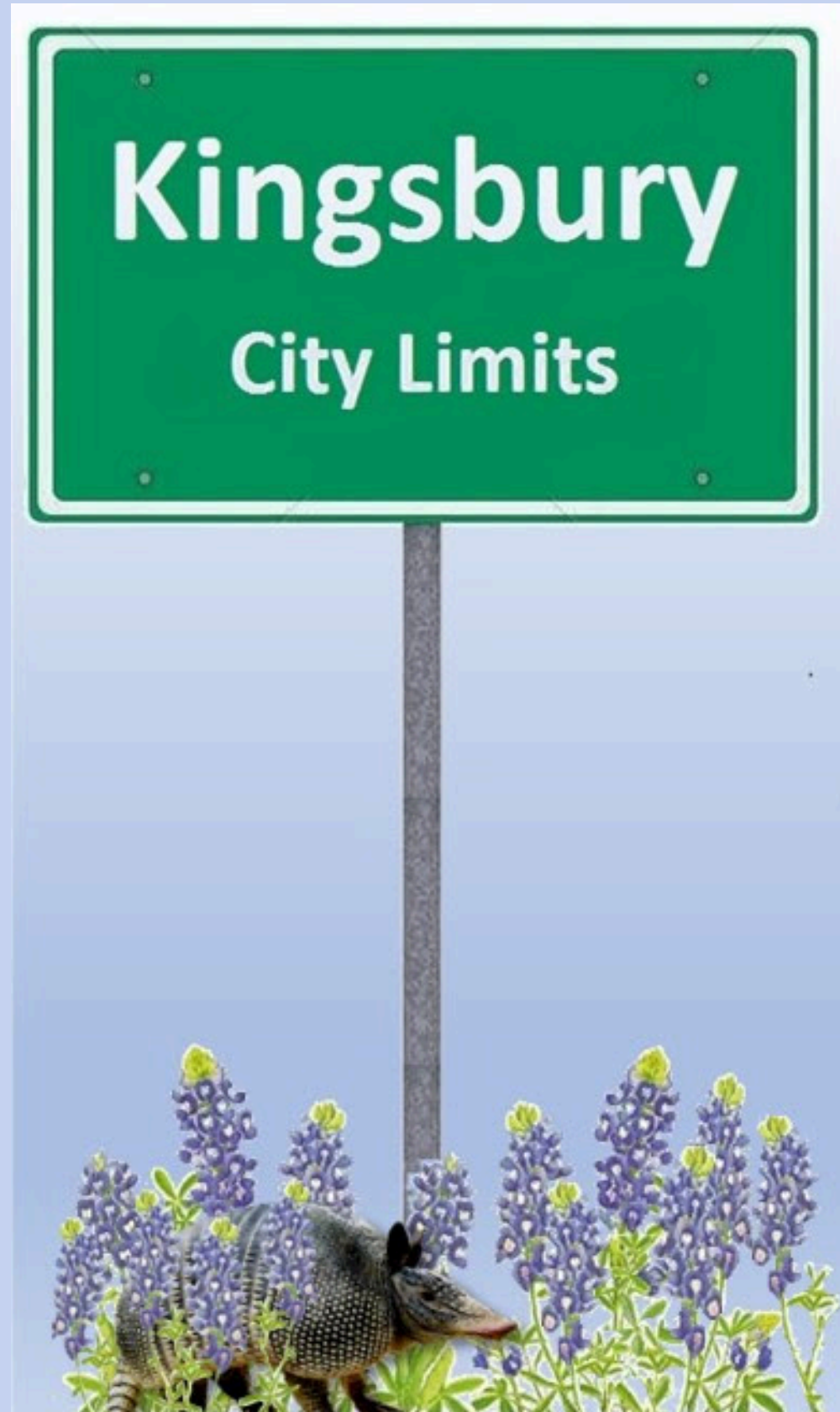
Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury.

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!



**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:

**January 28th** - National Gift of the Ladybug Day, National Data Privacy Day,  
National Blueberry Pancake Day, National Kazoo Day

**January 29th** - National Bubble Wrap Day, National Corn Chip Day, National  
Puzzle Day

**January 30th** - National Plan For Vacation Day, National Croissant Day

**January 31st** - National Hot Chocolate Day, National Inspire Your Heart With  
Art Day, National Backward Day

**February 1st** - National Dark Chocolate Day, National Optimist Day, National  
Texas Day, National Get Up Day, National Baked Alaska Day, National Serpent  
Day, National Freedom Day

**February 2nd** - National Tater Tot Day, National Bubble Gum Day, National  
Wear Red Day, National Heavenly Hash Day, National Groundhog Day

**February 3rd** - National Play Outside Day, National Four Chaplains Day,  
National Ice Cream For Breakfast Day, National Missing Persons Day,  
National Women Physicians Day, National Carrot Cake Day, National Day The  
Music Died








# Here Comes February



The month of February starts on Thursday this week.

The Roman month *Februarius* was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means purification, via the purification ritual *Februa* held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a monthless period.

## February Symbols



Its birth flower is the violet (*Viola*)  and the common primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) .


 Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual **wisdom**, and sincerity.


Its zodiac signs are Aquarius  (until February 19) and Pisces  (February 20 onwards).

The February skies are one of the few that are not blessed with meteor showers, but any cloudless night this month is a good time to bundle up and check out the diamonds in the sky. Maybe there will be the odd shooting star to make it special.

## FEBRUARY LORE

*There is always one fine week in February.*   
 *If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.*

*Fogs in February mean frosts in May.* 

 *Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.*

## MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

National Fasting February

National Self Check Month



National Enrolled Agents Month	Free and Open Source Software Month
American Heart Month	Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
An Affair to Remember Month	Black History Month
Canned Food Month	Creative Romance Month
Great American Pies Month	National Bake for Family Fun Month
National Bird Feeding Month	National Cherry Month
National Children's Dental Health Month	National Grapefruit Month
National Heart Month	National Hot Breakfast Month
National Library Lover's Month	National Snack Food Month
National Weddings Month	National Embroidery Month



### 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](#)

Hot Chocolate Social



# Come to the City of Kingsbury's

## *Hot Chocolate Social*



**Sat, Feb 10, 3-6pm**

**Kingsbury Hall**

**668 Railway Street**

Residents in an ETJ are subject to possible zoning, code enforcement and future annexation of their property! Texas has recently made a simple and guaranteed process to remove your property from any ETJ. Kingsbury City officials will be there to help you fill out and notarize your paperwork at no cost or obligation to you!

*Stop by!*

**The City of Kingsbury**

[www.kingsburytexas.org](http://www.kingsburytexas.org)

### Groundhog Day

This week on Friday, February 2nd, it's Groundhog Day!

According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

On February 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper Punxsutawney Spirit at the time, and he began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist".



Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

Just what the heck is a groundhog anyway? According to Wikipedia: "The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as a woodchuck, or **whistlepig**, is a rodent of the family *Sciuridae*, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The groundhog is also referred to as a chuck, wood-shock, groundpig, whistler, thickwood badger, Canada marmot, monax, moonack, weenusk, and red monk. The name "thickwood badger" was given in the Northwest to distinguish the animal from the prairie badger. Monax was an Indian name of the woodchuck, which meant "the digger". Young groundhogs may be called chucklings. Other marmots, such as the yellow-bellied and hoary marmots, live in rocky and mountainous areas, but the groundhog is a lowland creature. It is widely distributed in North America and common in the northeastern and central United States and Canada. Groundhogs are found as far north as Alaska, with their habitat extending southeast to Georgia."

There you have it! Do you want 6 more weeks of winter? It's been a pretty light winter except for that hard, hard freeze a couple of weeks ago. We certainly don't want six more weeks of that!! I'm sure that some of the people up north that are dealing with polar vortexes are looking forward to the groundhog popping up with no shadow in sight.



As we do every year, we'll see if Kingsbury Kliff the Weather-Predicting Armadillo can give us some spring-like weather with a few more cold nights thrown in just to keep the bugs from taking over this summer! Check the Kingsbury [website](#) anytime for the local weather forecast - it's probably more reliable than a large rodent or a ... what *is* an armadillo anyway?





## Kingsbury Calendar


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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) 

< January 2024 >

Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's E...  + 2	1 New Year's D...	2	3	4 6:00pm KVF... 7:30pm KfV...	5	6
7 12:00pm M...	8	9 6:30pm Dev...	10	11	12	13 10:00am Fa...
14 12:00pm M...	15 Martin Luthe...	16	17	18	19	20
21 12:00pm Ma...	22 6:30pm PO...	23	24	25 Full Wolf Moon	26	27
28 12:00pm M...	29	30	31	1 First Day of ... 7:30pm KfV...	2 Groundhog ...	3

## Card Raffle

Local artisan Sam Nunemaker has donated some absolutely beautiful handmade knives for a Playing Card Raffle with all proceeds going to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department.

The cards are \$20 and can be purchased at the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street where the knives are



on display. There is a different deck of cards for each knife so get a card for your favorite knife or try for both!

Go on by the store and take a look at the craftsmanship of the Damascus steel blades and the **stunning** handmade handles with inlay.

The drawings will be held March 7th at the Kingsbury Country Store. Good Luck!!



**PLAYING CARD  
RAFFLE!**

For Beautiful  
Handmade  
Knives Donated  
By Sam  
Nunemaker

**\$20 per card**

All proceeds  
go to the  
Kingsbury VFD

## The Murder Steer

This week in Texas history, on January 28, 1891, Fine Gilliland shot and killed Fort Davis cattleman Henry Harrison Powe during a roundup near Leoncita Springs in Brewster County in Big Bend country.

Gilliland had been sent by the firm of Dubois and Wentworth to make sure none of the local ranchers appropriated any of the company's cattle; he became embroiled in a dispute with Powe over an unbranded brindle yearling steer found without its mother. Powe believed that the steer belonged to a cow with his HHP brand, but Gilliland disagreed - he dismounted and dropped to one knee, drew his weapon and fired. Several gunshots were exchanged between the two at close range and when the **gunsmoke** cleared, Henry Powe lay dead on the ground.

Gilliland fled on horseback, but was himself killed a few days later in a shootout with two Texas Rangers - shot



right between the eyes. The canyon where it happened is named Gilliland Canyon.

Meanwhile, the cowboys branded "MURDER" on one side of the yearling and "JAN 28 91" on the other. The outcast steer roamed the plains for years and was said to bring bad luck to anyone who crossed its path. The whole incident became so well known, it inspired an episode of the television series "Rawhide" and a ballad by Canadian folk singer Ian Tyson.

As time went by, the legend of the Murder Steer grew. It was said it grew huge and mean, its eyes a bright red as it searched the range looking for the cowboys who marked him with that ominous brand. Legend has it that the "murder steer" still appears whenever foul play has occurred.



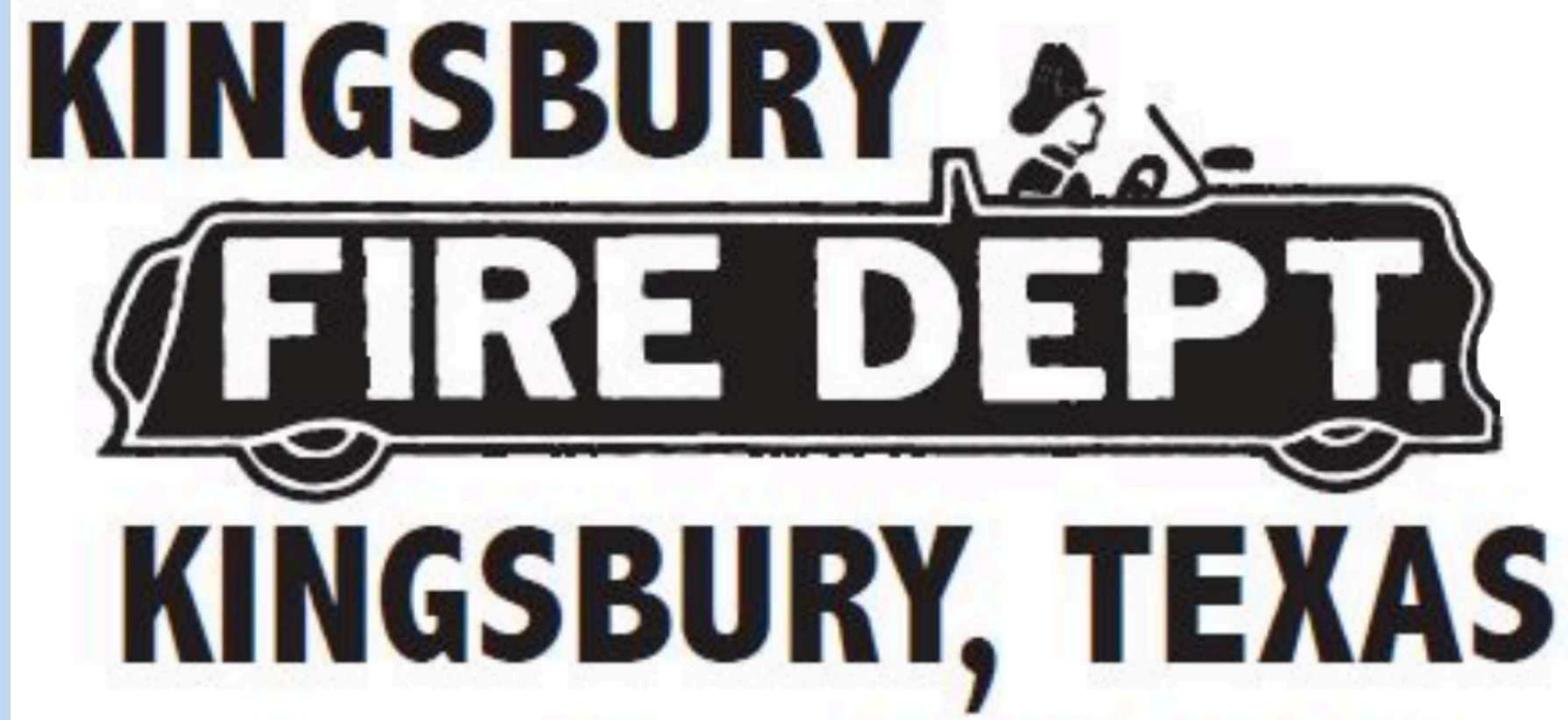


Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

**Thursday, February 1st**

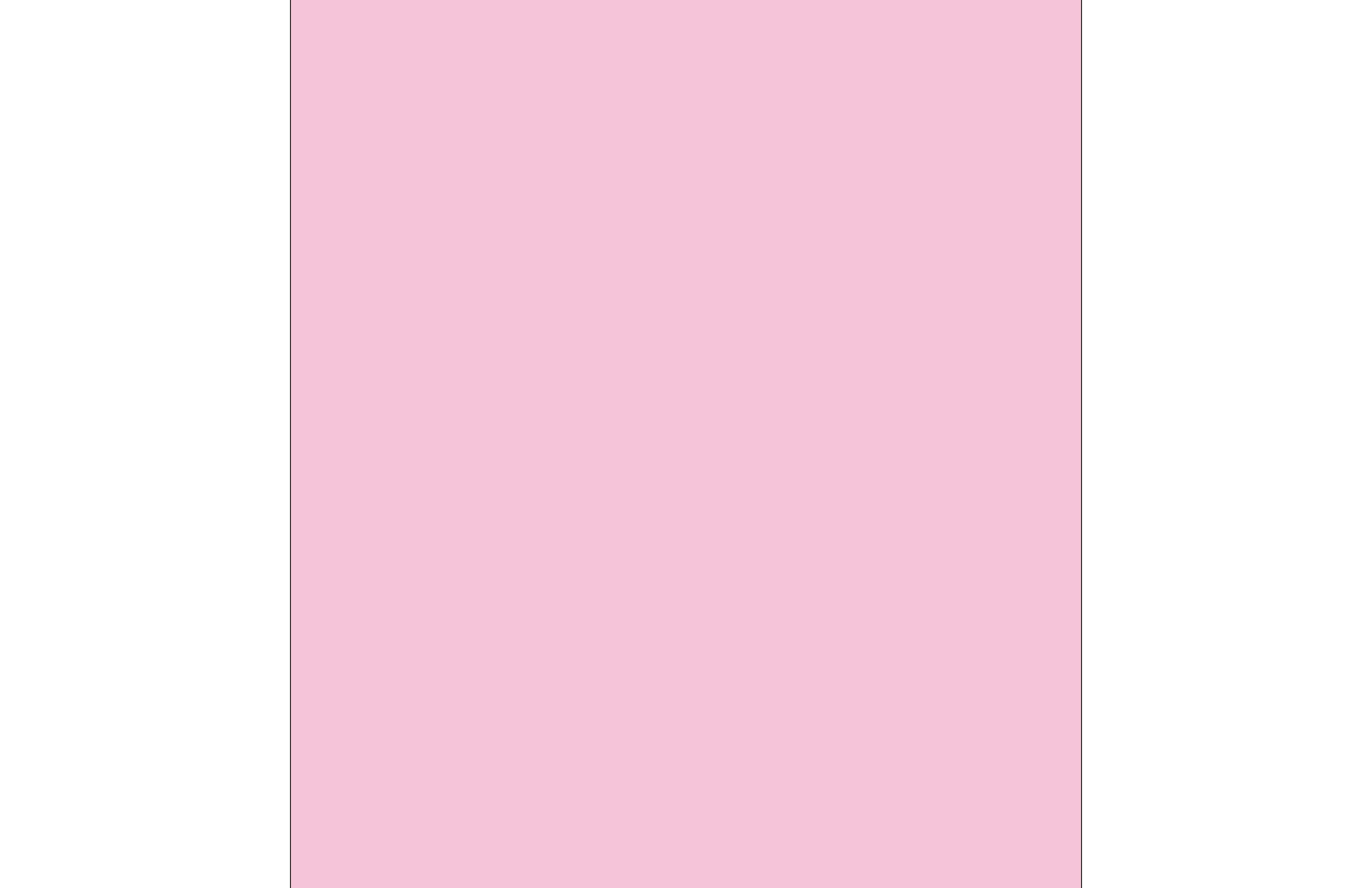
Stop by to learn what you can do to help your **community** as a firefighter, a supporter, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2024 will be Thursday, March 7th and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the awesome KVFD Auxiliary!



**Valentine's Banquet**

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**SUMMER MISSIONS  
FUNDRAISER**

**VALENTINE'S  
BANQUET**



**\$10 PER PERSON**

**14 FEBRUARY**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

Pasta blended with Chicken

Garden Salad

Tea & Dessert



**KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**6901 FM 2438**  
**KINGSBURY, TX 78638**





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## Model T Raffle

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The Pioneer Flight Museum here in Kingsbury is raffling off a **real** model T !

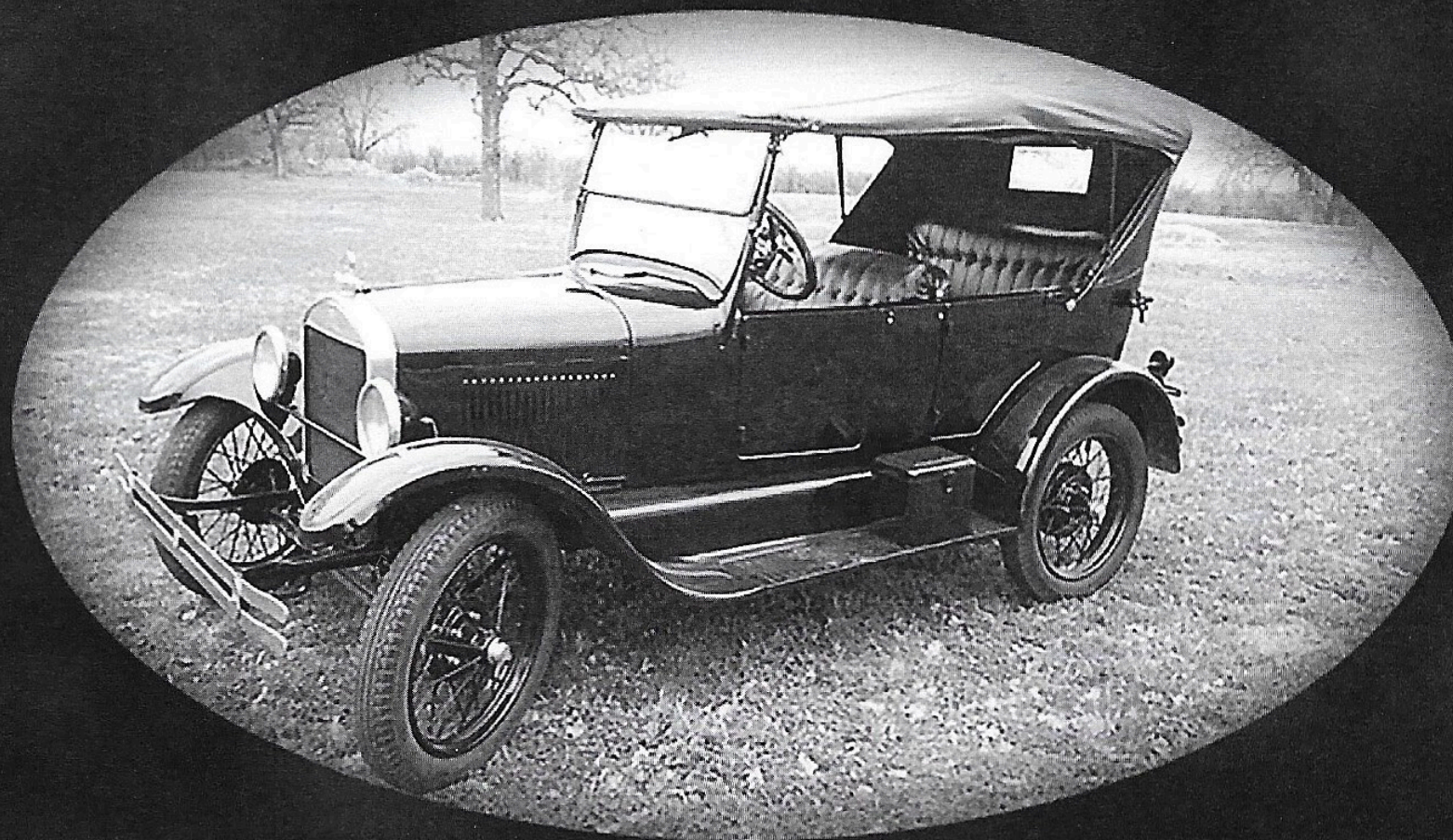
Details are below and more are available at <https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/>

The drawing will be May 4th, 2024 at the Spring Fly-In.



# Win This Car

Drawing: May 4, 2024



1927 Ford Model T Touring Car

- Raffle -

Drawing will be held at the Pioneer Flight Museum "Wings & Wheels" Event at 1:00 PM

Winner need not be present to win.

Pioneer Flight Museum is a  
501(c)(3) non profit  
organization dedicated to the  
history of aviation and  
transportation.

Ticket  
Price **\$50**

Ticket price is a donation to  
the museum, all proceeds  
will be used for the  
maintenance, operation and  
expansion of the museum.



Winner will be announced at the event, on our website and facebook page. Winner is responsible for all taxes, titling, licensing and any other fees associated with winning this car.

For a complete list of the rules and to buy tickets online please visit:

[PioneerFlightMuseum.org/Raffle](http://PioneerFlightMuseum.org/Raffle)

## Kingsbury 1981

An awesome picture of downtown Kingsbury looking North East from the tracks in 1981.

There are some people getting **lunch** at Ray's Cafe which had the best Mexican food around! The red truck looks kind of like a Pat Baker Co. red and white truck but I think it's actually a GVEC truck based on the shape of the company logo on the door.

The Post Office was still at the corner because the mail drop box is there on the front porch. This must have been taken in the summer because The Tree is nice and full of leaves.





## 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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