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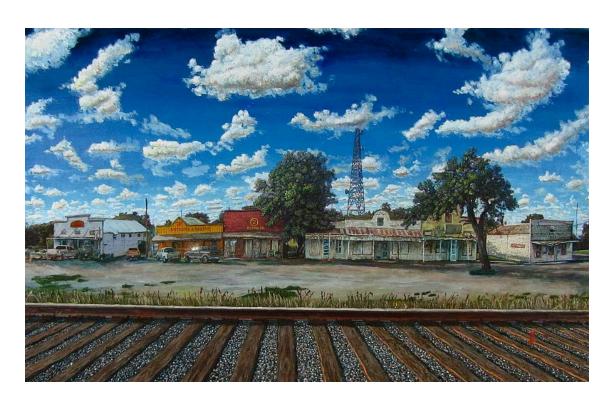
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Tax Day

This Tuesday, April 15th, is Tax Day.

Tax Day is a colloquial term for the day on which individual income tax returns are due to the federal government. Income tax was first introduced in the United States of America in 1861. A rate of three percent was levied on incomes above \$800 per year and the resulting **revenue** was used to help fund the American Civil War effort. However, income tax was seen as unconstitutional and the law was repealed in 1872. The idea of a tax on personal income, at a rate of two percent, was reintroduced in the Revenue Act of 1894, but the legal status of this kind of tax was still unclear. In 1913, the "Sixteenth Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States was ratified. This cleared the way for the modern income tax system in the USA.

Originally, the deadline for filing federal taxes, or Tax Day, was on March 1st. However, it changed to different dates over the years. After WWI, it was moved to March 15th and eventually was changed to April 15th during the 1950s. However, if that date falls on the weekend or on a holiday, then it is extended to the next business day.



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

April 14th - National Gardening Day, National Dolphin Day, National Look Up At The Sky Day, National Pecan Day, National Ex-Spouse Day, National Pan American Day, National Reach As High As You Can Day

April 15th - National Laundry Day, National Purple Up! Day, National Glazed Spiral Ham Day, National Titanic Remembrance Day, National Rubber Eraser Day, National Take A Wild Guess Day, National Tax Day

April 16th - National Pathway Day, National Banana Day, National Bean Counter Day, National Orchid Day, National Healthcare Decisions Day, National Wear Your Pajamas To Work Day, National Eggs Benedict Day

April 17th - Get To Know Your Customers Day, National Crawfish Day, National High Five Day, National Cheeseball Day, National Haiku Poetry Day, National Ellis Island Family History Day

April 18th - National Exercise Day, Good Friday, National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day, National Animal Crackers Day, National Poem In Your Pocket Day, National Columnists' Day, National Lineman Appreciation Day

April 19th - National North Dakota Day, National Auctioneers Day, National Amaretto Day, National Garlic Day, National Oklahoma City Bombing Commemoration Day, National Hanging Out Day



The American Revolution Begins

This week in American history, on April 19, 1775 at about 5 a.m., 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington, Massachusetts to find 77 armed minutemen under Captain John Parker waiting for them on the town's common green. British Major John Pitcairn ordered the

outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation the Americans began to drift off the green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the green. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded. Only one British soldier was injured, but the American Revolution had begun.

By 1775, tensions between the American colonies and the British government approached the breaking point, especially in Massachusetts, where Patriot leaders formed a **shadow** revolutionary government and trained militias to prepare for armed conflict with the British troops occupying Boston. In the spring of 1775, General Thomas Gage, the British governor of Massachusetts, received instructions from England to seize all stores of weapons and gunpowder accessible to the American insurgents. On April 18, he ordered British troops to march against the Patriot arsenal at Concord and capture Patriot leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock, known to be hiding at Lexington.

The Boston Patriots had been preparing for such a military action by the British for some time, and upon learning of the British plan, Patriots Paul Revere and William Dawes were ordered to set out to rouse the militiamen and warn Adams and Hancock. When the British troops arrived at Lexington, Adams, Hancock, and Revere had already fled to Philadelphia, and a group of militiamen were waiting. The Patriots were routed within minutes, but warfare had begun, leading to calls to arms across the Massachusetts countryside.

When the British troops reached Concord at about 7 a.m., they found themselves encircled by hundreds of armed Patriots. They managed to destroy the military supplies the Americans had collected but were soon advanced against by a gang of minutemen, who inflicted numerous casualties. Lieutenant Colonel Frances Smith, the overall commander of the British force, ordered his men to return to Boston without directly engaging the Americans. As the British retraced their 16-mile journey, their lines were constantly beset by Patriot marksmen firing at them Indian-style from behind trees, rocks, and stone walls. At Lexington, Captain Parker's militia had its revenge, killing several British soldiers as the Red Coats hastily marched through his town. By the time the British finally reached the safety of Boston, nearly 300 British soldiers had been killed, wounded, or were missing in action. The Patriots suffered fewer than 100 casualties.

The battles of Lexington and Concord were the first battles of the American Revolution, a conflict that would escalate from a colonial uprising into a world war that, seven years later, would give birth to the independent United States of America.



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under <u>Calendar</u>.



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.



Lyrids 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 2025 this week around April 17, 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 2025, but such things are also notoriously hard to predict.

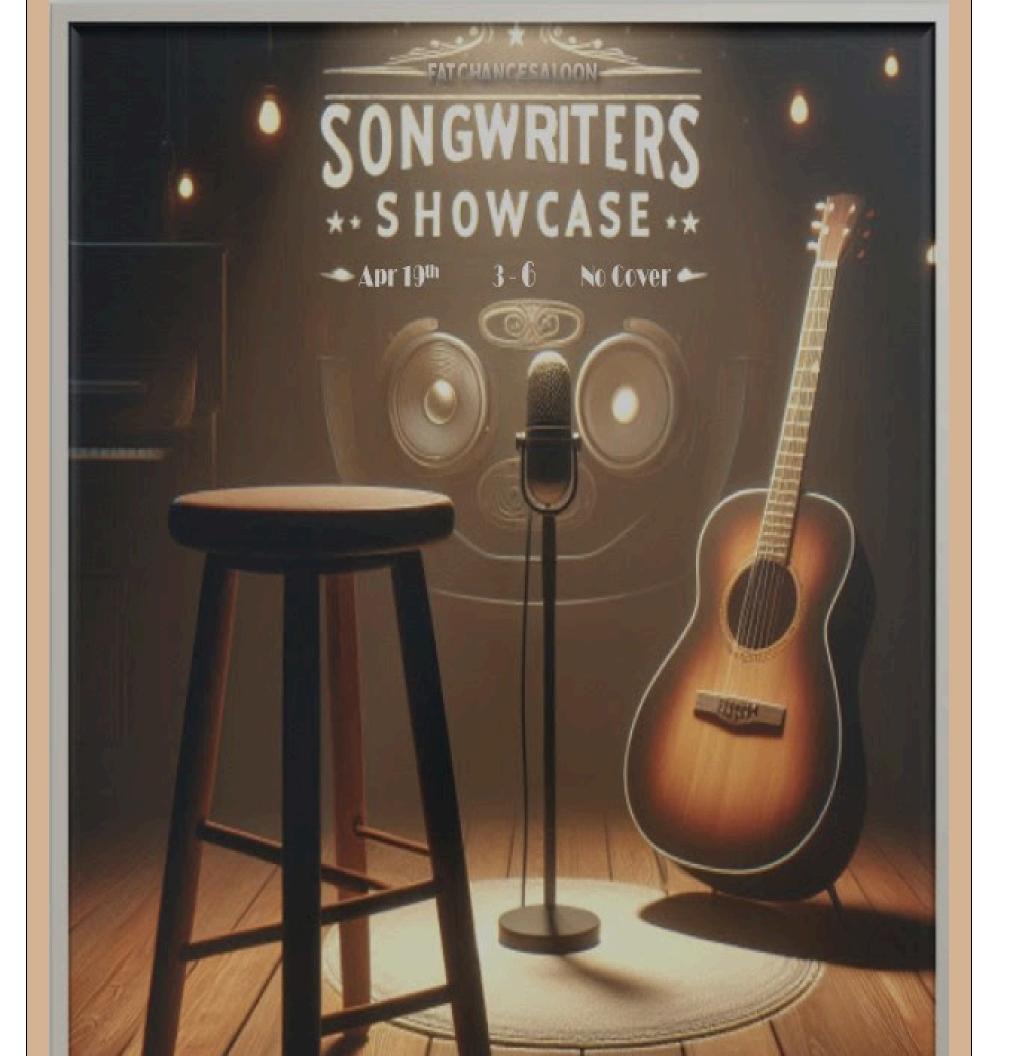
The source of the Lyrids is the debris cloud left behind by a comet named C/1861 G1 Thatcher that was last seen in the 19th century and won't pass through the inner solar system again for more than two centuries. Each year, though, our planet drifts through the dust cloud it left behind on previous visits. 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.

The moon will be in a waning crescent phase at the meteor peak this year, with about 34% illumination, and will not rise until around 3:30 a.m. This means the sky will be relatively dark for much of the night, offering better visibility.



Songwriters Showcase





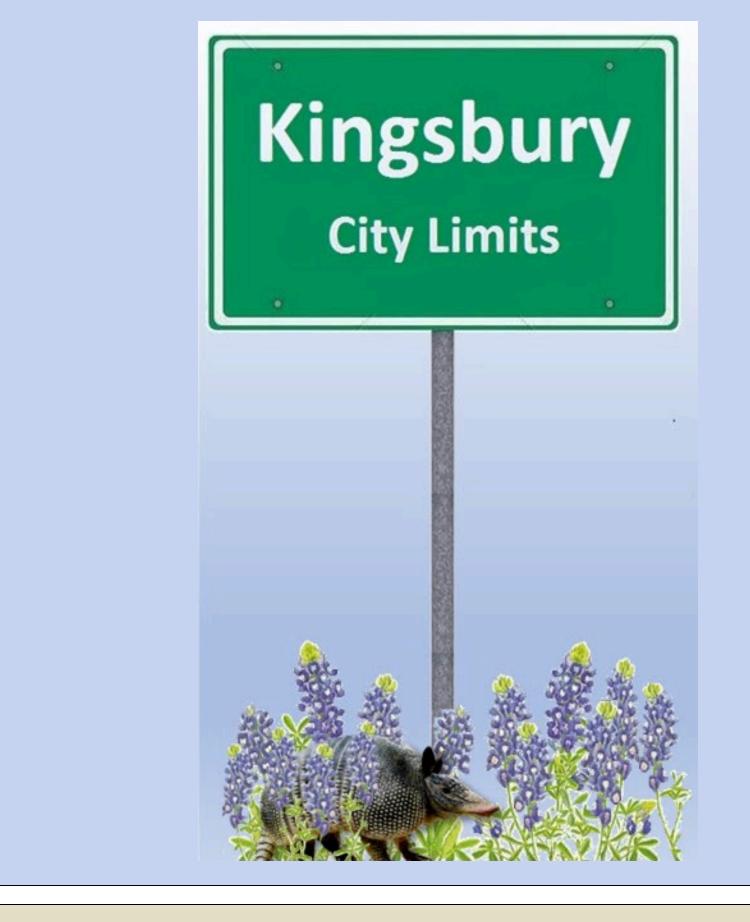
Join us for an unforgettable afternoon featuring both local and guest songwriters as they share their original music and stories. Experience the vibrant energy of creativity and connection as talented artists take the stage, showcasing their unique styles and inspirations. This is a perfect opportunity to support local talent and discover new sounds that resonate with your heart. Don't miss out on this celebration of songwriting and community!

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 <u>website</u> 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 News Past

All the **news** that's fit to print about what was happening in Kingsbury . . .

In Kingsbury news past, the Saturday Morning, September 23, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* told of the last exploits of the James and Younger gang. Apparently when Frank James and Clell Miller returned to America (after an attack by the Pinkerton Detectives on the home of Frank's mother in which she lost her right arm), they needed some cash and immediately "robbed the Kingsbury, the Austin, and the Fort Worth stages." Kingsbury was still at or near the end of the railroad at the time and travelers had to board stagecoaches to continue their travels west. I'll bet stagecoach robberies yielded some good loot!

The article (which was quite a bit longer than was is copied here) seems to indicate that Jesse James was killed in the Minnesota bank robbery which took place on September 7th, 1876. They were mistaken, however, because we know that Jesse was shot in the back by Robert Ford on April 3, 1882.

THE WAY OF THE WICKED.

About two works ago, the James and Younger brothers, and two other men, Chadwell and Pitts, entered a bank in Northfield, Minnesots, shot the toller and cashier, and escaped with several thousand dollars. The outire community in the vicinity of the bold outrage rose in arms and pursued the bad and daring men. Chadwell and Pitts were killed by the pursuers the third day after the robbery, and the Jameses and Youngers were surrounded in a thicket deprived of all means of cacape and without food or covering. This was the report on Tuesday last, and now the telegraph brings the welcome news that the entire party has either been killed or captured. The two Youngers have made confession, having been taken after a severe fight, in which they were badly wounded. One of the party was killed at the capture, whose name the Youngers refuse to tell, but we reasonably suppose that the dead man is Jesse James.

And such is the end to which this, the most dangerous band of robbers and murderers that over infested America, has arrived.

Finally, the news of the act of Pinkerton and his squad reached the cars of Frank James and Clell Miller in Australia, and they returned, it is anpposed, to America, via Mexico, to avenge the fresh outinge upon Mrs. James. On their way, they robbed the Kingsbury, the Austin, and the Fort Worth stages, fled into Missouri, where they were joined by the Younger brothers and others, robbed a train of \$15,000, were pursued by the people and driven out of the country. The next we hear of them is robbing the bank at Northfield, Minnosota, attended with the orime of murder, their ultimate capture and the death of two of their band, and a man, supposed to be Jessie James himself, from the fact that Jessie was wounded a tow days ago, and could not escape. Civil Miller and Frank James are still at liberty. It to hoped they will take warming and reform their ways. If not, a similar fate to that which has evertaken their comrades must woner or later be their doom.



In other 1876 news, a "Terrible Accident" in "Columbus, O" occurred when a train jumped the track and rolled down an embankment (but many of the passengers "proceeded on their journey"!!), people in Houston are "a little disturbed" by reports of yellow fever, the "reds and whites" are in council including Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and the unfortunately named "Young-man-afraid-of-his-horse", and get "treatment of Sexual and Chronic Diseases of both sexes" from Dr. Butts' Dispensary (?!).

Also in 1876, 31 people have died from yellow fever in Savannah but Augusta, Ga. is "clean and healthy", in New Orleans the "devil-may-care personification of eccentricity" General Thompson, "climbed the golden stair", Sam Maverick is still dealing lumber in Kingsbury, and three men were "riddled with bullets" after two of them "deported themselves in such a manner as to invite the attention of a constable" near Oakville and San Diego, Texas (not

California) which are about 60 miles from each other.

Elsewhere in 1876, the Turkish army is burning their tents due to the plague in their ranks, Mr. Hawpe has "flown away" after killing Mr. Miller, Mr. Fleetwood of Elmo Station (now just named Elmo east of Terrell) is running for President and "nominates his wife as Vice-President", you can "Enquire for particulars" on Spanish and German lessons at Mr. Gamble's Book Store, a large stock of "Looking-Glasses" was just received at "Pentenreider & Co.'s Successor", and get Johnson's Anodyne Liniment for your "Base ball" injuries.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Columbus, O, Sept 22-At Black Lick, on the Pan Handle road, a train going 40 miles an hour, jumped the track and fell down an enbankment 25 to 30 feet. The engine, mail and baggage cars remained on the track. The killed and wounded were brought here. Two men and two children were killed outright, one the son of S P Bennett of Cairo. Between 30 and 40 more or less wounded, many of whom proceeded on their journey. Among the wounded was Mrs W II Ellis of New Orleans, who was badly wounded about the head. There were no other Southerners among the wounded.

The Houston people are a little disturbed regarding a report of the existence of yellow fever at that place. The Telegraph dissipates the truth of the rumor by producing the testimony of seven physicians as against one.

The reds and whites are now in sublime council, arranging for a settlement of the Indian problem. Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Young-man-afraid-of-his-horse, and other Sloux chiefs, have consented to listen what the "Great Father," through his representatives, has to say. The Indians seem to be possessed of a natural keenness to guard their Interests and talk as if they imposed but little trust in the promises of Uncle Sam. We presume no definite agreement will be signed by the Indians as to what they will submit to until the "young men" return from Indian Territory and make their report, and visit the "Great Father," and talk to him face to face. They seem anxious to get the personal promises of the President as to what treatment will be given them, and are loath to rest confidence in the government's agents.

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DEATHS BY YELLOW FEVER.

Savannah, Sept 22-Total interments 35 31 of yellow fover.

NO YELLOW PEVER,

Augusta, Ga., Sopt 22-There is no yellow fever in Augusta. The city is cle an and healthy.

Titts is the obituary of the late General Jeff Thompson in the New Orleans Times: "General Jeff Thompson is dead. At St. Joseph, Missouri, at 5 o'clock last evening. that genial, whole souled, devil-may-care personification of occontricity climbed the golden stair. Known and very generally liked the length and breath of the land, scarcely an act of his life challenged criticism, and certainly none was provocative of lasting enmity."

SAM. MAVFRICK,

LUMBER DEALFR,

North side Alamo Plaza,

San Antonio and Kingsbury.

HENRY TERRELL, Agent

AT

KINGSBURY.

A BLOODY AFFRAY.

A FIGHT-THERE MEN RIDDLED WITH RULLETS.

We are informed that two men, named John Durr and Jesse Cole, formerly in the employ of a party at Oakville, visited San Diego last Thursday, and got on a spree They deported themselves in such a manner as to invite the attention of a constatle, who proceeded to arrest them, but in the attempt was shot several times and killed. The citizens of San Diego then rose in arms, and a fight occurred, in which Durr and Cole were both killed. The latter is eath to have been shot fall of ballets.

THE PLAGUE.

The plague has appeared in the Turkish army before Alexinatz. They are compelled to change their positions every day, and burn their tents, etc.

Two young men, Albert Miller and Wake Hawpe, of Dallas, quarrelled about a lady on the 18th. The result was the death of Miller. Hawpe has flown away.

Among the other claims of distinction to which Texas is entitled this centennial season is that of furnishing a candidate for the Presidency, in the person of Wm. Francis Asbury Fleetwood, of Elmo Station. He proposes, if elected, to make everything all right, and do everything for everybody who supports him. He announces himself in the St. Louis Times and nominates his wife as Vice-Presi-

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Burn Ban

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court instituted an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County for 90 days starting March 26th. The burn ban imposed by the Commissioners Court has specific guidelines for



Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark



Burning household trash



Burning of other items

The official notification with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website here.



The City of Kingsbury has a "trigger" ordinance where a burn ban is in effect in the city limits whenever there is a burn ban issued by the county.

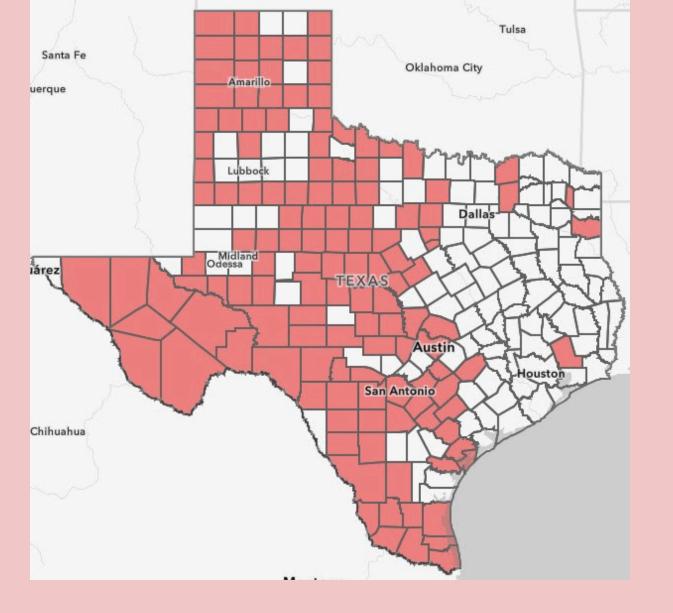


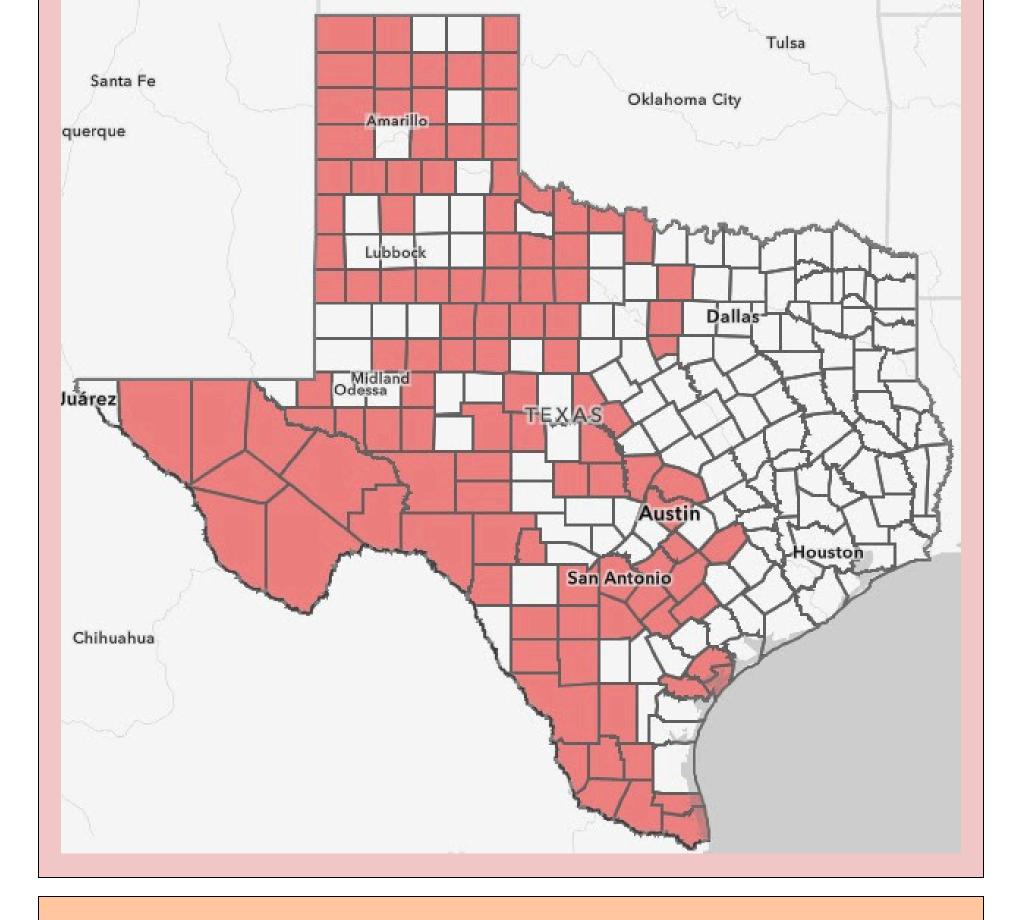
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 110 that have a burn ban, well down (again!) from the 132 counties last week. This leaves 144 counties without a burn ban in the state.

Current burn bans by county in Texas last week and this week.





Volunteer Work Day

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, April 19th

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!



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.

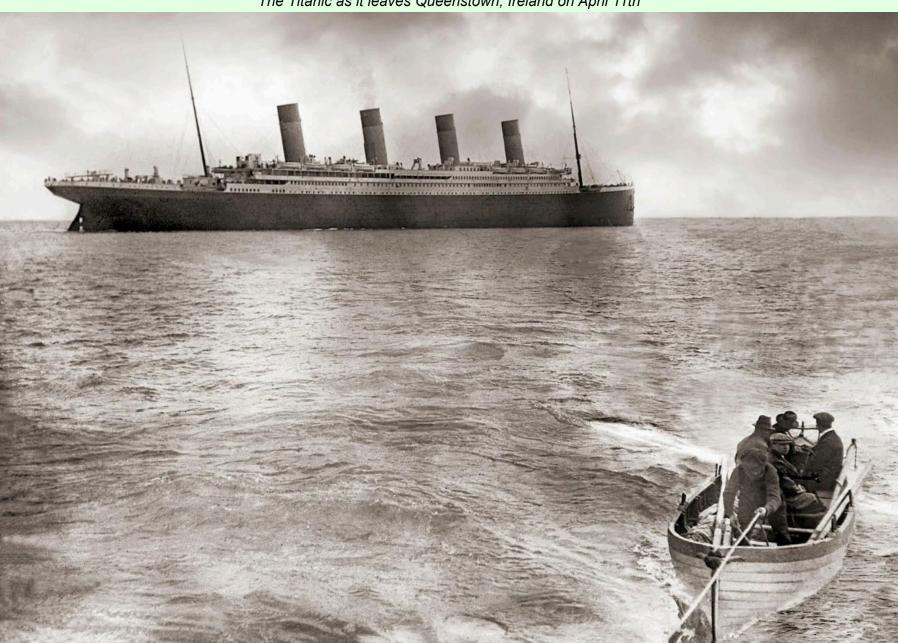
The Titanic was designed by the Irish shipbuilder William Pirrie and spanned 883 feet from stern to bow. Its hull was divided into 16 compartments that were presumed to be **watertight**. Because four of these compartments could be flooded without causing a critical loss of buoyancy, the Titanic was 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.



The Titanic as it leaves Queenstown, Ireland on April 11th

Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday.

These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!

Fellowskip

Spring Fly-In

The Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In is scheduled for May 3rd 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!







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 <u>Calendar</u> page of <u>kingsburytexas.org!</u>

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.

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30	31	1 a April Fool	2	3 KVFD Auxilia + 2	4	5 Songwrit
6	7	8	9	10 Fellowship	11	12 Chili Cook-Off + 2
13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17 Fellowship	18	19 ☐ Songwrit
20 Easter Sunda	21 Easter Monday	22	23	24 Fellowship	25 Good Friday	26 X Volunteer
27	28	29	30	1 KVFD Auxilia + 2	2	3 ☼ ⊙ Wings

Truck Raffle

The Pioneer Flight Museum is having a **raffle** for a 1965 Chevy C20 truck

The drawing will be held during the Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In scheduled for May 3rd at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/

Online ticket sales will be available until May 2nd, 2025 at 10 PM CST. Tickets will be available for sale at the Spring Fly-In until the winner is announced at 1 PM.



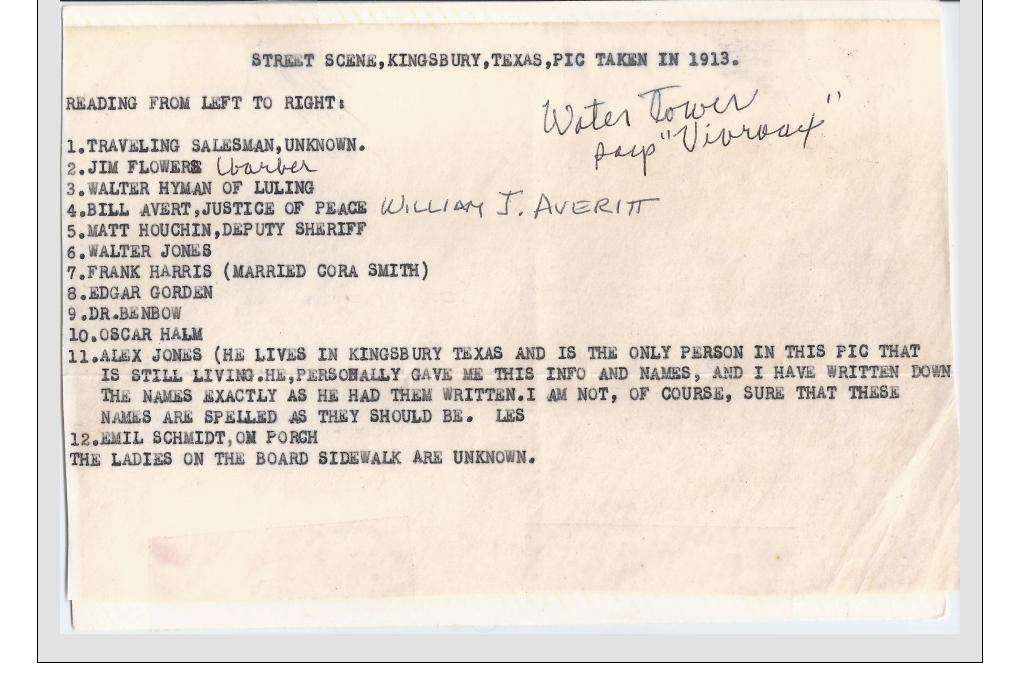
Water Tower Street Scene In Old Kingsbury - 1913

A picture of Railway Street in 1913 showing the water tower and huge windmill that supplied downtown Kingsbury, horses, and cattle with water. Several locals are gathered in the street for the picture and are listed on the back of the picture. It says that Alex Jones was alive at the time the description was written. Since Mr. Alexander W. "Alex" Jones lived from 1890 to 1971, this description must have been added to the picture prior to his death on August 1, 1971.

Mr. Avert, Dr. Benbow, and Mr. Halm are all wearing sleeve garters. Ever wonder why men wore these? Well it's because **ready-made** shirts at the time came with only one sleeve length - extra long. Sleeve garters allowed men to customize sleeve lengths and keep their cuffs from getting dirty or at the correct length when worn under a jacket.

The building at the far right says "M. FLYNOIS GEN. MERCHANDISE" and was probably the old Flynois Hotel that was built for railroad workers then became a general merchandise store operated by Bill Powers. The building next to that was obviously the "DRUG STORE". Several of the buildings have additional signs atop the porches and the building on the other side of the street was the old lumber yard. The cistern is marked "Vivroux and Sons" and has a saddled horse waiting patiently on the other side.





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