

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - March 26, 2023

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Here Comes April

This week will see the first day of the new month of April!

The Romans gave this month the Latin name *Aprilis* but the derivation of this name is uncertain. The traditional etymology is from the verb *aperire*, "to open", in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open."

*Oh, how fresh the wind is blowing!
See! The sky is bright an clear,
Oh, how green the grass is growing!
April! April! Are you here?
—Dora R. Goodale (1866–1953)*

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*When April blows its horn,  
It's good for hay and corn.*



April's birth flower is the daisy or sweet pea.



The diamond is the traditional birthstone of April and holds **significant** meaning for those born in that month, thought to provide the wearer with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

The zodiac signs for the month of April are Aries (until April 19) and Taurus (April 20 onwards).

## METEOR SHOWERS IN APRIL



April is a good month to check out the night skies for meteor showers!

Considered to be the oldest known meteor shower, the Lyrids are named after constellation Lyra and are created by debris from the comet Thatcher, which takes about 415 years to orbit around the Sun. The radiant point of the shower, the point in the sky where the meteors seem to emerge from, lies near the star Vega, one of the brightest stars in the sky during this time of the year. Astronomers suggest looking up towards the east to see these shooting stars. The Lyrids are a medium strength shower that usually produces good rates for three nights centered on the maximum. These meteors also usually lack persistent trains but can produce fireballs.

The Lyrids last from about April 16th to 25th. About 10 to 15 meteors per hour can be expected around the shower's peak. The Lyrids are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring the rate up to 100 per hour.

Those rare outbursts are not easy to predict, but they're one of the reasons the tantalizing Lyrids are worth checking out.



In 2023, expect the peak on the night of April 21 through dawn on April 23. This year, the new moon falls on April 19th so each night will be great meteor viewing!

## APRIL FOLKLORE:



If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.



Moist April, clear June.  
Cloudy April, dewy May.



Snow in April is manure.



## 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 26th - Epilepsy Awareness Day, National Nougat Day, National Spinach Day, National Slam The Scam Day, National I Am Day, National Sunkist Citrus Day, National Spray Tanning Day, World Flour Day, National Chia Day

March 27th - National Scribble Day, National Spanish Paella Day, National Joe Day

March 28th - National Triglycerides Day, National Black Forest Cake Day, National Something On A Stick Day, National Weed Appreciation Day, American Diabetes Association Alert Day

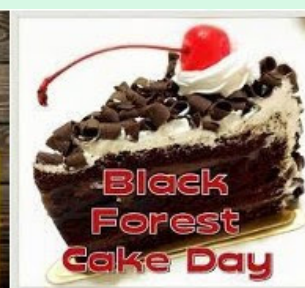
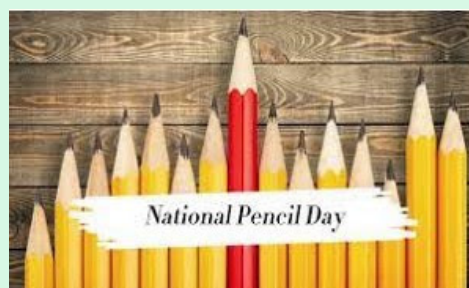
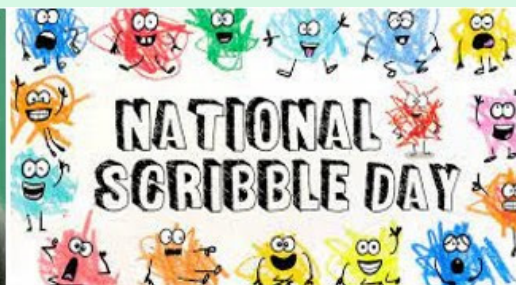
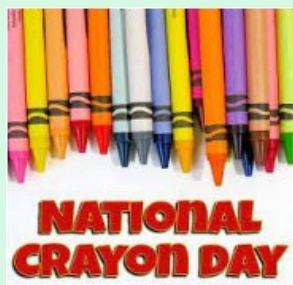
March 29th - National Nevada Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, National Little Red Wagon Day, National Lemon Chiffon Cake Day, National Mom And Pop Business Owners Day, Manatee Appreciation Day

March 30th - National Virtual Vacation Day, National Turkey Neck Soup Day, National Pencil Day, National Doctors Day, National I Am In Control Day, National Take A Walk In The Park Day

March 31st - National Crayon Day, National Prom Day, Take Down Tobacco National Day Of Action, National Clams On The Half Shell Day, National Bunsen Burner Day, National Tater Day

April 1st - National Play Outside Day, National Handmade Day, National Sourdough Bread Day, National One Cent Day, April Fools' Day, National Employee Benefits Day, National Record Store Day, National Sarcoidosis Day





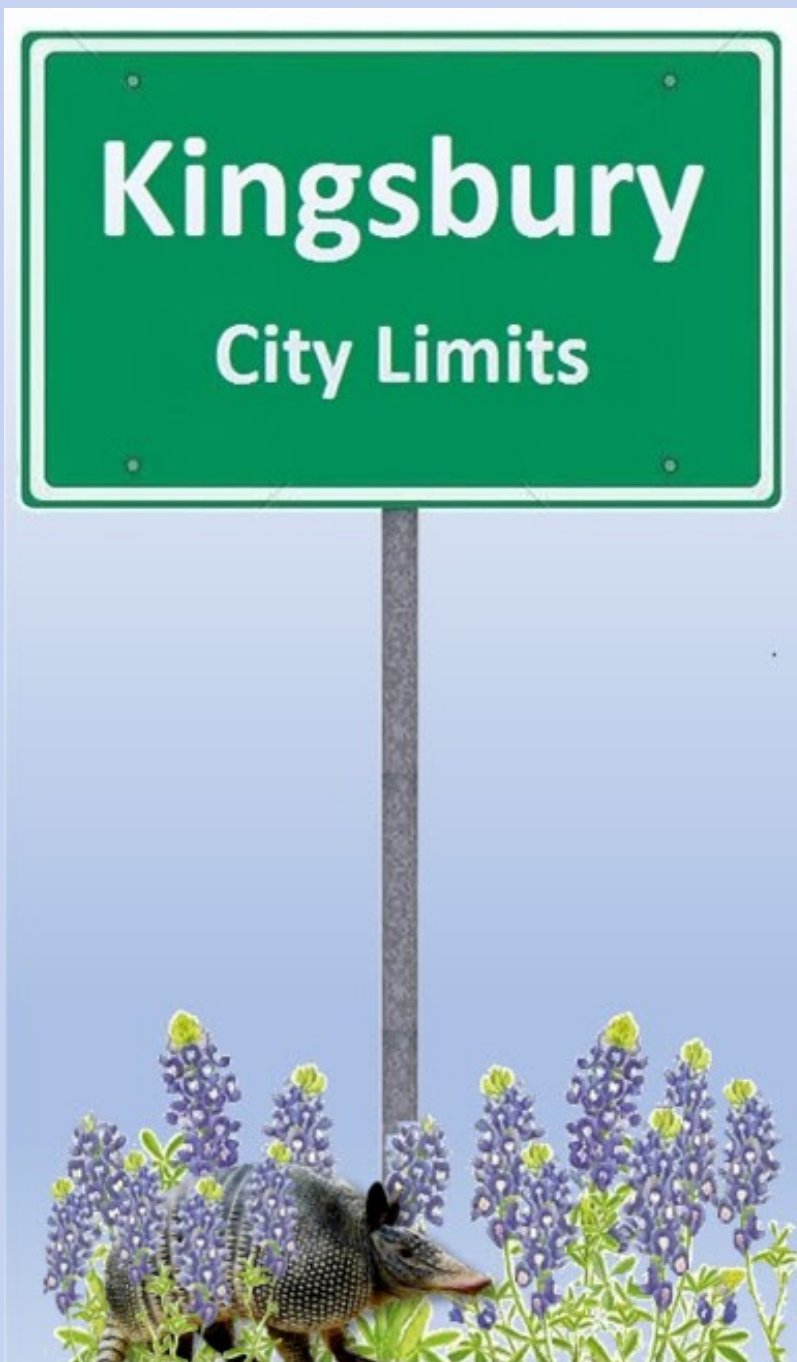
## Kingsbury City Limits

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!





## Massacre At Goliad

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This week in Texas history, on March 27, 1836, hundreds of captured Texian soldiers were executed by Mexican forces at Goliad.

At the Battle of Coleto Creek (see last week's Newsletter) on March 19 and 20, the Texians had put up a gallant fight after being **surrounded** by Mexican troops commanded by General Jose de Urrea. But after being outnumbered, out-gunned, and without water, Colonel Fannin and the majority of his troops voted to surrender. The Mexicans took the Texians back to Goliad, where they were held as prisoners at Fort Defiance (Presidio La Bahia). The Texians thought they would likely be set free in a few weeks. Urrea departed Goliad, leaving Colonel José Nicolás de la Portilla in command. Urrea wrote to Santa Anna to ask for clemency for the Texians. Under a decree passed by the Mexican Congress on December 30 of the previous year, armed foreigners taken in combat were to be treated as pirates and executed. Urrea wrote in his diary that he "...wished to elude these orders as far as possible without compromising my personal responsibility." Santa Anna responded to this entreaty by repeatedly ordering Urrea to comply with the law and execute the prisoners. He also had a similar order sent directly to the "Officer Commanding the Post of Goliad". This order was received by Portilla

on March 26, who decided it was his duty to comply despite receiving a countermanding order from Urrea later that same day.

The next day, Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, Portilla had between 425 and 445 Texians marched out of Fort Defiance in three columns on the Bexar Road, San Patricio Road, and the Victoria Road, between two rows of Mexican soldiers; they were shot point blank, survivors were clubbed and knifed to death.

Held at Fort Defiance, Colonel Fannin was the last to be executed, after seeing his men killed. Aged 32, he was taken by Mexican soldiers to the courtyard in front of the chapel, blindfolded, and seated in a chair (due to his leg wound from the battle). He made three requests: that his personal possessions be sent to his family, to be shot in the heart and not the face, and to be given a Christian burial. The soldiers took his belongings, shot him in the face, and burned his body along with those of the other Texians who died that day.

The entire Texian force was killed, except for 28 men who feigned death and escaped. Due to the intervention of Francita Alavez (the "Angel of Goliad") and the courageous effort of Colonel Garay, 20 more men were spared to act as doctors, interpreters, or workers.

Also spared were the 75 soldiers of Miller and the Nashville Battalion who had been unarmed when they were captured. They were later marched to Matamoros. Spared men were given white arm bands, and while wearing them could walk about freely. They were advised not to take off the arm band, since Mexican troops were hunting for those few who had escaped from Coleto, Victoria, and the massacre itself.

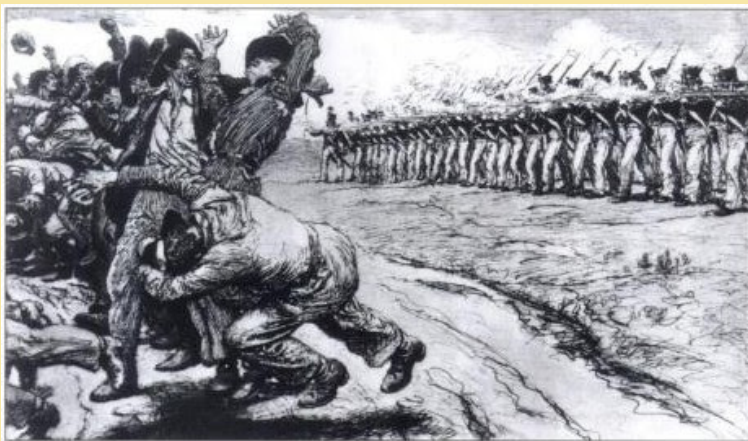
The massive number of Texian prisoner-of-war casualties throughout the Goliad Campaign led to Goliad being called a "massacre" by Texas-American forces and fueled the frenzy of the Runaway Scrape, the massive movement of humanity fleeing eastward ahead of the Mexican Army. The Runaway Scrape had been joined by the widows of the Alamo and now by the widows of Goliad.

After the executions, the Texians' bodies were piled and burned. Their charred remains were left in the open, unburied, and exposed to vultures and coyotes.

General Thomas J. Rusk found the remains of the massacre victims in June, 1836 and gave orders for a formal military funeral. The remains were interred at the location southeast of the Presidio la Bahia where the Fannin Monument now stands. The whereabouts of the gravesite was forgotten until years later when human bone fragments were discovered by a group of boys.

In 1938 the monument to Fannin and his men was erected at the gravesite.

Back in 1836, after the fall of the Alamo and now Goliad, the Mexican forces continue to move eastward where General Sam Houston has fallen back and has been training his Texian army near San Jacinto ...







## Luling Roughneck Chili & Bar-B-Q Cook Off

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**OPEN RIBS** **CHICKEN  
BRISKET** **CHILI BEANS  
MARGARITAS  
SALSA**

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APRIL 1ST 2023**

**IBCA & TOLBERT SANCTIONED**

**LIVE MUSIC  
FRIDAY NIGHT:  
TOMAN BROTHERS**

**DJ ALL DAY SATURDAY!**

**RAFFLE! 2023 POLARIS RANGER!**

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& VINTAGE TRACTOR SHOW**

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**APRIL 1, 2023**

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**DOWNTOWN LULING, TX  
9AM-3PM**



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## 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 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](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) ∨



March 2023



Today

| Sun                                      | Mon                                       | Tue                 | Wed | Thu                                     | Fri                     | Sat                                     |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 26<br>  12:00pm M...                     | 27                                        | 28                  | 1   | 2<br>  6:00pm KVF...<br>  7:30pm KVF... | 3                       | 4                                       |
| 5<br>  12:00pm M...                      | 6                                         | 7<br>Full Worm M... | 8   | 9                                       | 10<br>Fish Fry Plates   | 11                                      |
| 12<br>Daylight Savi...<br>  12:00pm M... | 13                                        | 14                  | 15  | 16                                      | 17<br>St. Patrick's ... | 18<br>Volunteer W...<br>  12:00pm Ch... |
| 19<br>  12:00pm M...                     | 20<br>First Day of ...<br>  6:30pm Kin... | 21                  | 22  | 23                                      | 24<br>Fish Fry Plates   | 25                                      |
| 26<br>  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 more cute girls in costumes. The first picture is Jill and Joy Glenewinkel as little Dutch girls and they've even fashioned some little "wooden" shoes!

The bottom picture is Paula Glenewinkel dressed as Belle from Beauty and the Beast I think because of the red **rose**. And Jill Glenewinkel looks to be dressed as a Little Miss Sunshine.





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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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