

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - February 19, 2023

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter

Dear Kingsbury,

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

President's Day

This Monday, February 20th, is Presidents Day.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following President George Washington's death in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a **perennial** day of remembrance. At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was the first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington's Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day and Thanksgiving—and was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.



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:

February 19th – National Arabian Horse Day, National Chocolate Mint Day, National Lash Day, National Vet Girls RISE Day, Iwo Jima Day

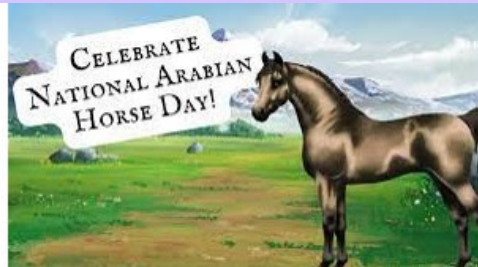
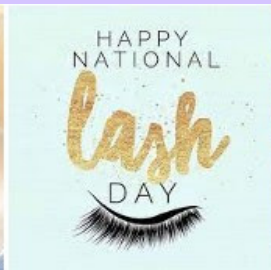
February 20th – National Cherry Pie Day, National Comfy Day, National Leadership Day, National Love Your Pet Day, National Muffin Day, Presidents Day

February 21st – National Grain-Free Day, National Sticky Bun Day, Fastnacht Day, Fat Tuesday, Paczki Day, National Pancake Day, Texas Game Warden Day

February 22nd – National California Day, National Cook a Sweet Potato Day, National Margarita Day, National Supermarket Employee Day, Ash Wednesday

February 23rd – National Banana Bread Day, National Dog Biscuit Day, National Tile Day, National Chili Day, National Toast Day

February 24th – National Tortilla Chip Day, Tartar Sauce Day, Skip the Straw 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!



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,
Sun, Feb 19, 2023

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



50°F

Fog

Wind: S 4.0 mph
Humidity: 93%
Visibility: 1.5 miles



78°
61°



82°
66°



85°
60°



78°
61°



82°
65°



85°
66°

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](#)

The Siege Of The Alamo

This week in Texas history, the siege of the Alamo began ...

In February, 1836, Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana has crossed the Rio Grande and marched from Mexico, arriving near San Antonio de Bexar (now San Antonio). The garrison within the Alamo mission was jointly commanded by newcomers William B. Travis, regular army officer, and James Bowie, who had commanded a volunteer company.

Day 1 - February 23, 1836

In the early hours of February 23, Travis stationed a soldier in the San Fernando church bell tower—the highest location in town—to watch for signs of an approaching force. Travis then sent Captain Philip Dimitt and Lieutenant Benjamin Noble to scout for the Mexican Army's location. At approximately 2:30 that afternoon the church bell began to ring; the soldier stationed in the tower claimed to have seen **flashes** in the distance. Dimitt and Noble had not returned, so Travis sent Dr. James Sutherland and John W. Smith on horseback to scout the area. Smith and Sutherland spotted members of the Mexican cavalry within 1.5 miles of the town and returned to Béxar at a run.

By late afternoon, Béxar was occupied by about 1500 Mexican troops, who quickly raised a blood-red flag signifying "No Quarter" - there would be no prisoners. Soon after, a Mexican bugler sounded the request for parley. Travis answers the Mexican's terms with a volley from the Alamo's 18-pounder cannon.

Furious, the Mexican general ordered his forces to launch a siege.

Day 2 - February 24, 1836

Wednesday, February 24 marked the first full day of the siege. Throughout the day, the Mexican army reconnoitered the Alamo defenses. At 11 a.m. Santa Anna accompanied the cavalry on a scouting mission, coming within musket shot of the Alamo.

Bowie had been ill and at some point during the day he collapsed and was confined to his bed. Fearing that he was contagious, Bowie moved into a small room in the low barracks along the south wall of the mission. Travis was now in sole command of the garrison and recognizes their disadvantage. He sent out several messages via

couriers asking for reinforcements. He wrote his famous letter addressed "To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World ... The call is upon ALL who are able to bear arms, to rally without one moment's delay, or in fifteen days the heart of Texas will be the seat of war." In the letter, he pledged that he would "never surrender or retreat" and swore "Victory or Death."

Travis sent the letter with courier Albert Martin, who delivered it to Gonzales. There, Launcelot Smithers took custody of the message and delivered it to San Felipe, where it was read by Governor Henry Smith. Smith told the colonists at San Felipe "to fly to the aid of your besieged countrymen and not permit them to be massacred by a mercenary foe." The letter was eventually reprinted throughout the United States and much of Europe.

In the early evening, Mexican Colonel Juan Bringas led scouts across a footbridge over the San Antonio River; Texian sharpshooters quickly killed one soldier and the Mexicans retreated, but Davy Crockett managed to drop a second man before the enemy finally reached cover.

Throughout the night the Mexican artillery sporadically bombarded the church and long barracks, while the Mexican army fired muskets and shouted to fool the Texians into believing that an assault was imminent, or that Texian reinforcements were being slaughtered.

Santa Anna also ordered that his military band serenade the Texians throughout the night.

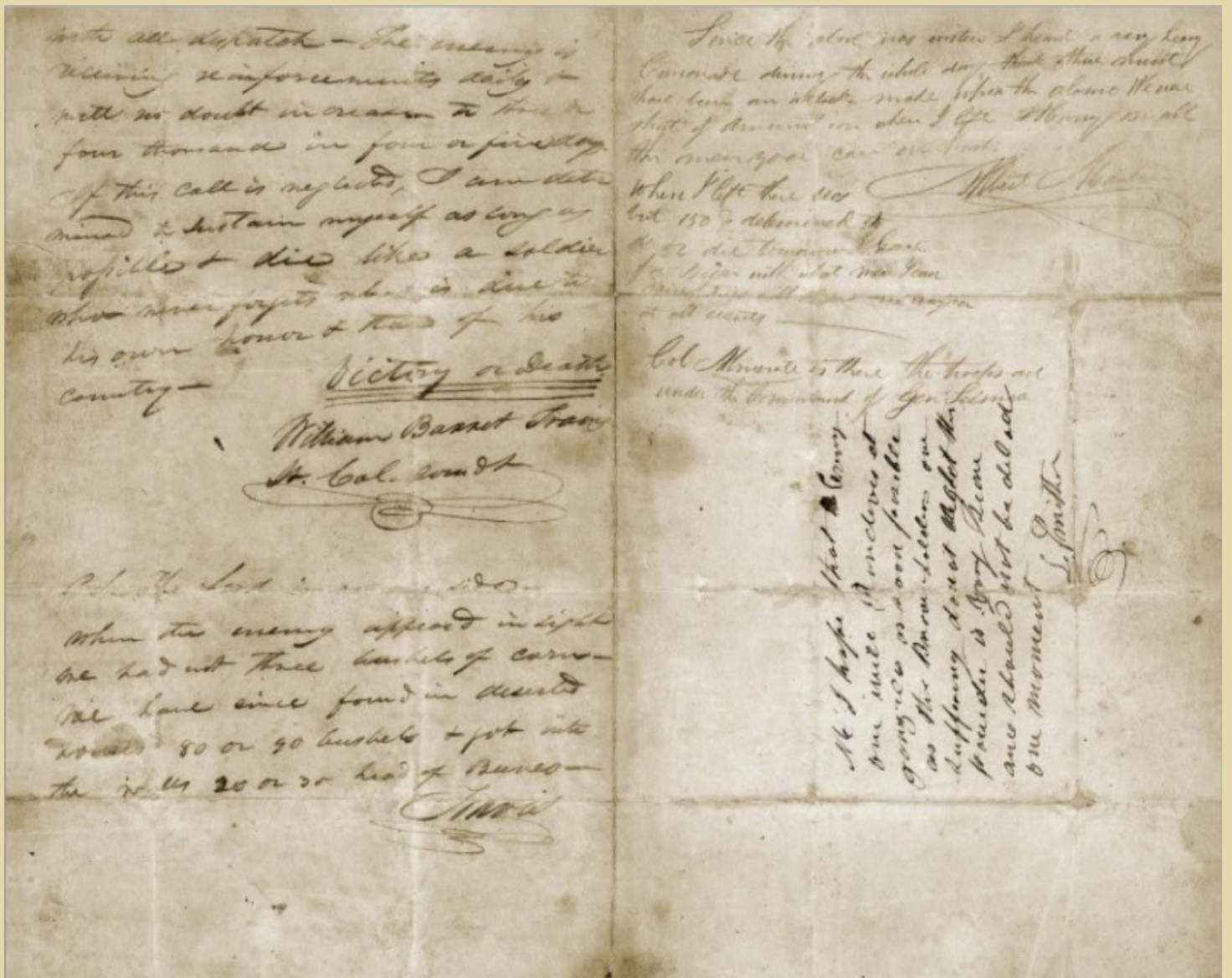
Day 3 - February 25, 1836

The Mexican bombardment continued through the morning of February 25. At approximately 10 a.m. about 200–300 Mexican soldiers, primarily cazadores from the Matamoros Battalion, crossed the San Antonio river and took cover in abandoned shacks approximately 90 to 100 yards from the Alamo walls. The Mexican soldiers were intending to use the huts as cover to erect another artillery battery, although many Texians assumed they were actually launching an assault on the fort. Travis called for volunteers to burn the huts, despite the fact that it was broad daylight and they would be within musket range of the Mexican soldiers. Charles Despallier, Robert Brown, James Rose and a few others volunteered for the mission. To provide cover, Dickinson and his men fired their 8-lb cannons, filled with grapeshot and canister, at the Mexican soldiers in the huts. Crockett and his men fired rifles, while other Texians reloaded extra weapons for them. Within two hours the battle was over. As soon as the Texians saw flames erupting from the huts they threw open the Alamo gate, and the Texians re-entered the Alamo. The Mexican soldiers retreated, after six of their soldiers were killed and four wounded, while several Texians had been mildly scratched by flying rock.

That afternoon Mexican soldiers were posted east of the Alamo, on the road to Gonzales. Santa Anna learned that a beautiful 17-year-old girl, Melchora Barrera, and her widowed mother had remained in town and he dispatched one of his men to ask the girl to be Santa Anna's mistress. The girl's mother refused the offer and, although Santa Anna was already married, one of his officers dressed up as a priest and performed a marriage ceremony. Santa Anna then retired to enjoy a honeymoon.

Travis wrote another letter requesting help and the Texian officers voted that Juan Seguin should carry the message. The Texians believed that none of the other couriers had made it through the Mexican lines, and told Travis that Seguin's knowledge of Spanish would help him to avoid capture by Mexican patrols. Seguin, riding Bowie's horse, which was the fastest in the mission, and his aide Antonio Cruz left about 9 pm. Seguin did not expect to survive the mission; he and Cruz encountered a Mexican cavalry patrol but were able to escape using their knowledge of Spanish and the local terrain.

After dark, a small party of Texians left the Alamo to burn down more of the huts; all were able to return to the Alamo without injury ...



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 City Commission

The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, February 20th

at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ [Public Hearing](#) on voluntary annexations
- ★ Street closure for Chili Cook-Off
- ★ Permitting for Special Events
- ★ Food Sovereignty Act for Kingsbury
 - ★ Announcements
 - ★ Check Report

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



Fat Tuesday

This Tuesday, February 21st, is Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday!

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is a festival held the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday), signifying the end of the Carnival season and the start of Lent. Many cities (especially those with large Catholic populations) like New Orleans are famous for their Mardi Gras.

During Mardi Gras, almost everyone takes part in celebrating with lavish **parades** and parties. Many different people celebrate Mardi Gras in their own way, some people have small parties and eat many of the tasty pastries and some people have huge parties and celebrate in a big way. Some of the pastries they eat are called king's cake, hot cross buns, punchskis, tricolor scrolls and thick sugar cookies. There are many more things that other people eat but these are the usual American celebration food for mardi gras. There are so many different parades and kinds of celebrations.

In some countries, including the United Kingdom, Ireland and Australia, the day is called Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday, or Pancake Day.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!
(*Let the good times roll!*)



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 12:00pm M...	30	31	1	2 Groundhog ... 7:30pm KfV...	3	4
5 Full Snow M... 12:00pm M...	6 9:00am Trail...	7	8	9	10	11 1:00pm City... 6:00pm Chi...
12 12:00pm M...	13	14 Valentine's D...	15	16	17	18 Volunteer W...
19 12:00pm M...	20 President's D... 6:30pm Kin...	21 Fat Tuesday	22	23	24	25
26 12:00pm M...	27	28	1	2 6:00pm KfV... 7:30pm KfV...	3	4

Chili Cook-Off

Marshall's will be having their 2nd Annual **Chili** Cook Off on March 18th in Downtown Kingsbury!



2ND ANNUAL
CHILI
COOK OFF 

MARCH 18TH, 2023
KINGSBURY, TX

12PM-8PM

Featuring DJ BUSTINLOOSE
Outside 12pm-6pm

MEYER ANDERSON BAND
on stage inside 8pm-12am

Craft and Artisan Booths

Chili, Bean and Bloody Mary Tastings

1st, 2nd and 3rd place Prizes

FOR ENTRY OR BOOTH INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT TRENT AT
mt8manager@marshallstavern.com
or on Facebook at Marshall's General Store



Kingsbury School 1963 Class Picture

Denise Imhoff shared some awesome pictures of the kids at the Kingsbury School when she was attending there.

This is a picture of the 1962-63 class of kids from Grades 1 through 6. This was the last year of classes at the Kingsbury School. Starting with the next year (1963-64), the children in Kingsbury were bussed to school in Seguin.

It looks like it was a nice Spring day when the photo was taken and they have a large **basket** of daisies in front. Little Eddie Tagle looks like he may be holding some paper airplanes. I'm sure you recognize many faces and names!



Kingsbury Elementary Grades 1-6, 1962-63



Row 5

Mrs Mildred Barbara Martha Judy Paula Bill Stanley
Zunker Brown Boerger Willmann Glenewinkel Vadin Williams
Teacher, Grades 4-6

Row 4

Gay Cynthia Wanda Denise Jill Mrs.
Glenewinkel Williams Strawn Imhoff Glenewinkel Susan
Anderson
(Principal, Grades 1-3)

Row 3

Lucy Joy Linda ~~Lucy~~ Douglas Roger Bonnie
Boerger Glenewinkel Hurt Villareal Brown Hurt Peschky

Row 2

Gem Cynthia Ann Annie Millie Jr Dennis
Glenewinkel Strawn Jones Williams Cimental Ricketts Lorenz Ricketts

Row 1

Brenda Yokunda Billy Doug Brenda Debbie Eddie Ronnie Cecil
Grimm Villareal Imhoff Glenewinkel Brown Brown Tagle Grimm Ricketts

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Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](http://www.kingsburytexas.org), 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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