

## Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - October 1, 2023

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*


*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### October

October starts today!. It shouldn't be a surprise since the stores already have the Halloween stuff on display!



"October" was the name of the eighth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar. When the **Romans** converted to a 12-month calendar by adding January and February, the name "October" stuck.

October's birth flowers are the cosmos and the calendula or marigold.



Cosmos is a symbol of joy in life and love and of peace.



The calendula (aka garden, English, or pot marigold) represents winning grace, grief, or chagrin.

*Listen! The wind is rising,  
And the air is wild with leaves,*

*We have had our summer evenings,  
Now for October eves!*


*—Humbert Wolfe (1885-1940)*


The October birthstone is the opal, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence.





Opals also symbolize hope and purity and were once thought to improve eyesight or enhance intuition. Throughout history, the gem's reputation has oscillated between standing for luck and standing for lack of luck. According to some, those born in October are immune from any possible negative effects.


### OCTOBER FOLKLORE

 *When deer are in a grey coat in October, expect a hard winter*

 *Much rain in October, much wind in December*

 *A warm October means a cold February!*

 *In October dung your field, and your land its wealth shall yield.*

 *Good October, a good blast, To blow the hog acorn and mast.*

### OCTOBER NIGHT SKIES



#### *Draconids*

Keep an eye out for the Draconid meteor shower – sometimes called the Giacobinids – that is expected to peak around October 8th and 9th. Unlike many meteor showers, the Draconids are short-lived, only active for a few nights - October 6th through 10th this year. The radiant point for the Draconid meteor shower almost coincides with the head of the constellation Draco the Dragon in the northern sky. Fortunately, the waxing crescent moon sets before nightfall and won't hinder this year's Draconid shower.



#### *Orionids*

Orionid meteors fly each year between about October 2 to November 7. That's when Earth is passing through the stream of debris left behind by Comet Halley, the parent comet of the Orionid shower. The Orionids usually put out the greatest number of meteors in the few hours before dawn. And the expected peak morning in 2023 is October 22. But you might see an Orionid meteor at any time during October, assuming you're a dark location, with a sky free of moonlight.



## *Southern Taurids*

It's probably safe to assume that the long-lasting South Taurid meteor shower will ramble along, as it always does, between September 10 and November 20, with no sharp peak. This shower rarely offers more than five meteors per hour. That's why the moon phase may be more of a factor in watching the South Taurids than any predicted peak date.

The Taurids (both branches) are rich in fireballs and are often responsible for increased number of fireball reports from September through November.



## **Shooting Event**

There will be a clays shooting event at Moyesway shooting range in Kingsbury **benefitting** the Paralyzed Veterans of America on October 1.

Entry forms are available online or at the Kingsbury Country Store.





Paralyzed Veterans of America

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INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM  
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\$150 - 100 BIRD MAIN EVENT  
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OCTOBER 1, 2023

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REGISTER AT ICLAYS.COM OR  
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12601 FM 20  
KINGSBURY, TX 78638  
512-557-2050

### Come And Take It

The first shots of the Texas Revolution were fired this week in history, on October 2, 1835.

When Domingo de Ugartechea, Mexican military commander in Texas, received word that the American colonists of Gonzales refused to surrender a small cannon that had been given that settlement in 1831 as a defense against the Indians, he dispatched Francisco de Castañeda and 100 **dragoons** to retrieve it. Ugartechea realized that, given the tensions between the Texans and Antonio López de Santa Anna's Centralist government, the slightest



provocation might ignite hostilities. He therefore instructed Castañeda to use force if necessary but to avoid open conflict if possible. The company rode out of San Antonio de Béxar on September 27, 1835.

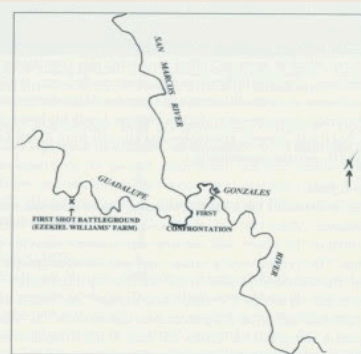
When Castañeda's troops reached the Guadalupe River opposite Gonzales (just downstream where the San Marcos River runs into the Guadalupe) on September 29 they found their path blocked by high water and eighteen militiamen (later called the Old Eighteen). Castañeda announced that he carried a dispatch for alcalde Andrew Ponton but was informed that he was out of town and that the Mexican dragoons would have to wait on the west side of the river until he returned. Unable to proceed, Castañeda pitched camp 300 yards from the ford.

As he awaited word from the absent alcalde, the men of Gonzales summoned reinforcements from several of the surrounding settlements. Later, a Couthatta Indian entered the Mexican camp and informed Castañeda that the number of Texan volunteers now numbered at least 140 and more were expected. Knowing he could not force the guarded crossing, Castañeda abandoned his campsite near the ford and marched his troops in search of another place not so well defended, where he could "cross without any embarrassment." Around sundown on October 1 he ordered his dragoons to pitch camp seven miles upriver from the contested ford on land belonging to colonist Ezekiel Williams (near present-day Cost, Texas).

The Texans were also on the move. On the night of October 1 their troops crossed to the west bank of the Guadalupe and marched upriver toward Castañeda's new camp. On the morning of October 2 they attacked the Mexicans, and Castañeda ordered his men to fall back to a low rise behind their camp.

During a lull in the fighting Castañeda arranged a parley with Texan commander John Henry Moore. Castañeda inquired why he and his men had been attacked without provocation, and Moore replied that the Texans were fighting to keep their cannon and to uphold the Constitution of 1824. Castañeda then assured Moore that he was himself a Federalist and personally opposed to the policies of Santa Anna. He added that he had no wish to fight colonists; he only had orders to reclaim the cannon. Moore then invited Castañeda to join the Texans in their fight for the federal Constitution of 1824. Castañeda explained that as a soldier he was obliged to follow his orders, whether or not he agreed with the politics behind them. At that point negotiations broke down, and the two commanders returned to their respective units.

When the fighting resumed, Castañeda, finding himself outnumbered and outgunned, ordered a withdrawal toward Bexar. He may also have been mindful of his orders not to participate in actions that were likely to bring about a conflict. In his report to Ugartechea, Castañeda stated that "since the orders from your Lordship were for me to withdraw without compromising the honor of Mexican arms, I did so." Despite Castañeda's efforts to avoid war, the so-called battle of Gonzales (which was really only a brief skirmish - two Mexican soldiers were killed in the attack while the only Texian casualty was the bloody nose suffered by a man bucked off his horse) marked a clear break between the American colonists and the Mexican government.



Map showing the location of the "First Shot" Battleground.



## National Night Out

The National Night Out event in Kingsbury is coming up on Tuesday, October 3rd from 5:30 pm - 7 pm in downtown Kingsbury at the tree.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood **camaraderie** to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. To escape some of the heat, here in Texas we celebrate on the first Tuesday in October.

We'll be having the event in the downtown with free food, members of our local law enforcement, fun activities, information on crime in our area, and our Kingsbury first-responders.

Everyone in the Kingsbury area is welcome to attend. Come on down and meet your friends and neighbors!



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### **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:

October 1st - World Sake Day, National Fire Pup Day, National Pumpkin Spice Day, National Black Dog Day, National Hair Day, National Homemade Cookies Day

October 2nd - National Name Your Car Day, National Fried Scallops Day, National Consignment Day, National Smarties Day

October 3rd - National Techies Day, National Boyfriend Day, National Fruit At Work Day

October 4th - National Taco Day, National Golf Lover's Day, National Vodka Day, National Walk To School Day, National Pumpkin Seed Day, National Coffee With A Cop Day, National Cinnamon Bun

Day

October 5th - National Do Something Nice Day, National Get Funky Day, National Apple Betty Day

October 6th - National Coaches Day, National College Radio Day, National Orange Wine Day, National Body Language Day, National Plus Size Appreciation Day, National Manufacturing Day, World Smile Day, National Noodle Day, National German-American Day, National Mad Hatter Day

October 7th - National Play Outside Day, National Day, National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day, National Inner Beauty Day, National LED Light Day, National Frappe Day



## Men's Community Breakfast



# **MEN'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

**"Everyone is Welcomed"**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM**



**Kingsbury Baptist Church**

**6901 FM 2438**

**Kingsbury, Texas 78638**

Planning is underway for the 2023 Fall Harvest **Festival** in Downtown Kingsbury!

The big event will be Saturday, November 11th with lots of activities, food, and fun so mark your calendars!

The latest information can be found at [www.kingsburyfallfest.org](http://www.kingsburyfallfest.org)!

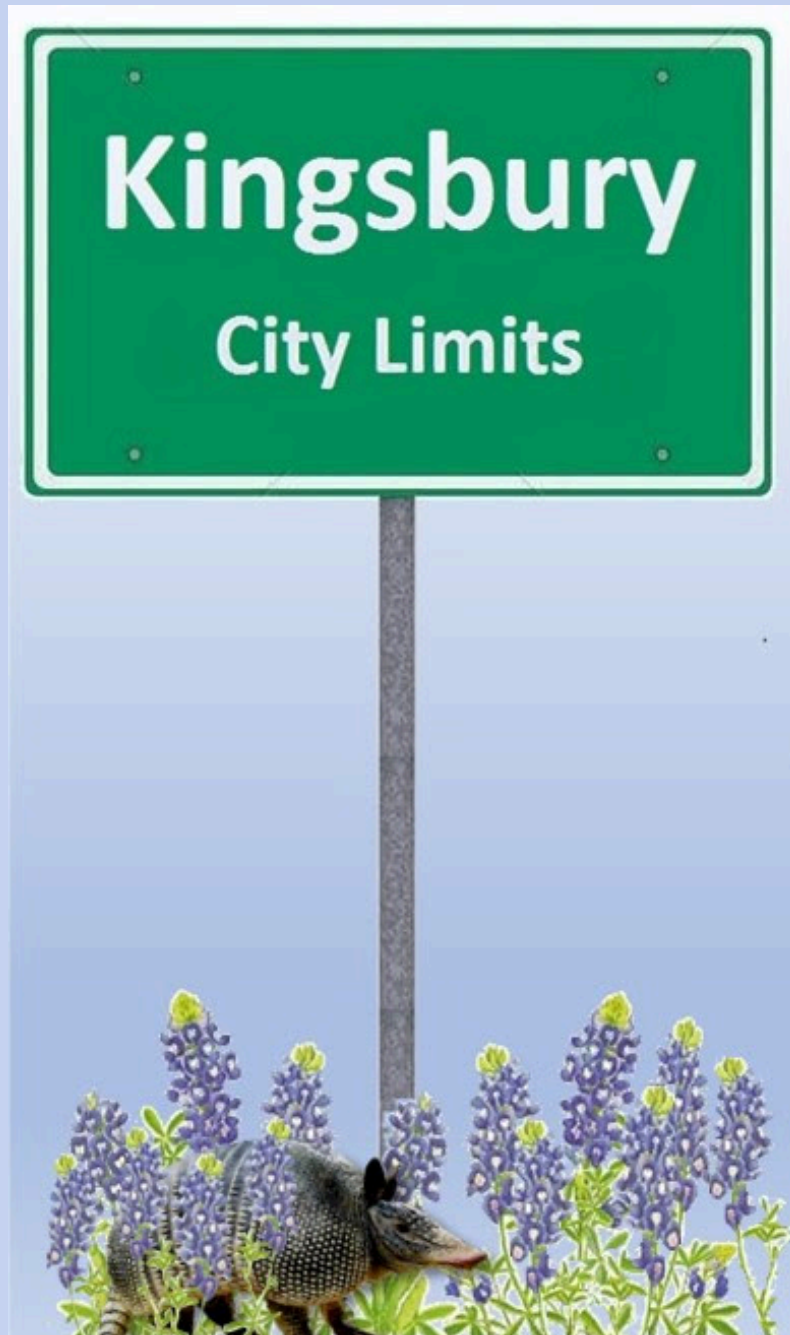


### Kingsbury City Limits

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!



## Trunk Or Treat!

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The Trunk Or Treat in Downtown Kingsbury last year was a huge and **fun** success! So this year, we're having two!

The Guadalupe County Jeep Club is joining the Kingsbury Country Store for a Trunk Or Treat on Saturday, October 29th.



# Trunk Or Treat

October 29, 2023

FT. Guadalupe County Jeep Club

Starts at 4 pm until the candy runs out!



The group that started it all last year will be having their Second Annual Trunk Or Treat on Halloween night - Tuesday, October 31st.



Can't make it on a school night? Come to the Saturday event!



Have something going on the weekend and can't make it Saturday? Come to the Halloween night event!



Or be **awesome** and make it to both and show off those costumes! There will be plenty of candy and treats to go around!!



## Burn Ban Is On

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court has instituted an outdoor burn **ban** for Guadalupe County. 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.



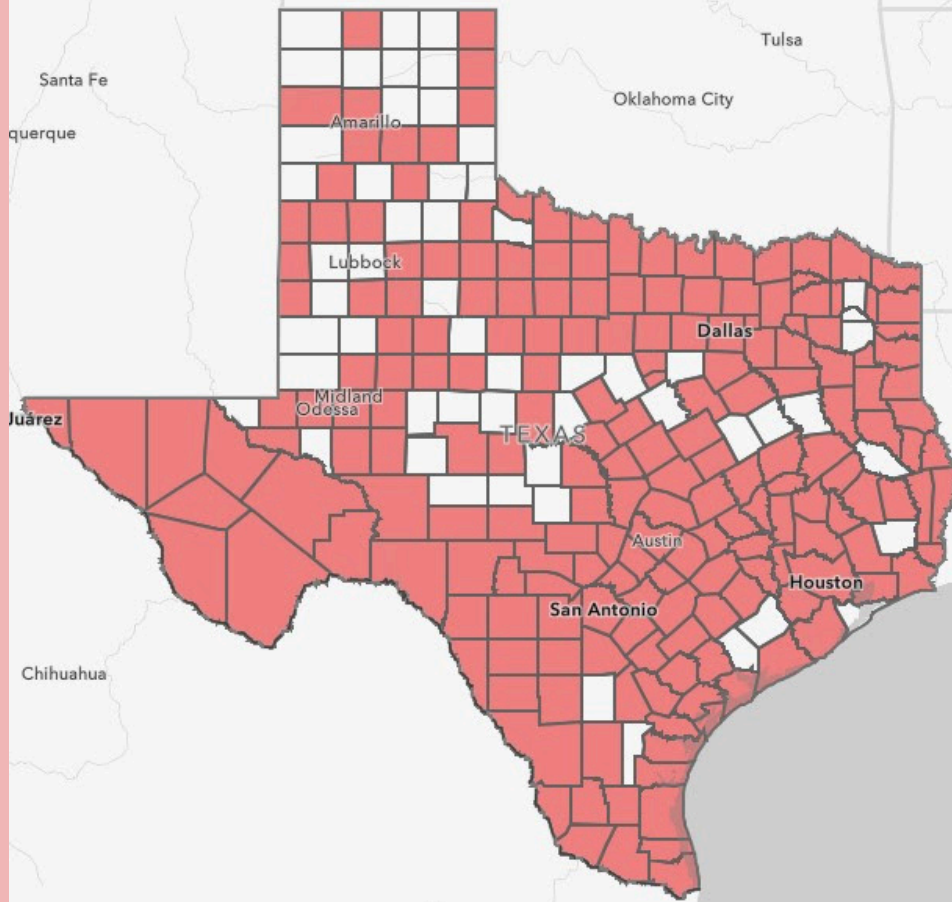
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.

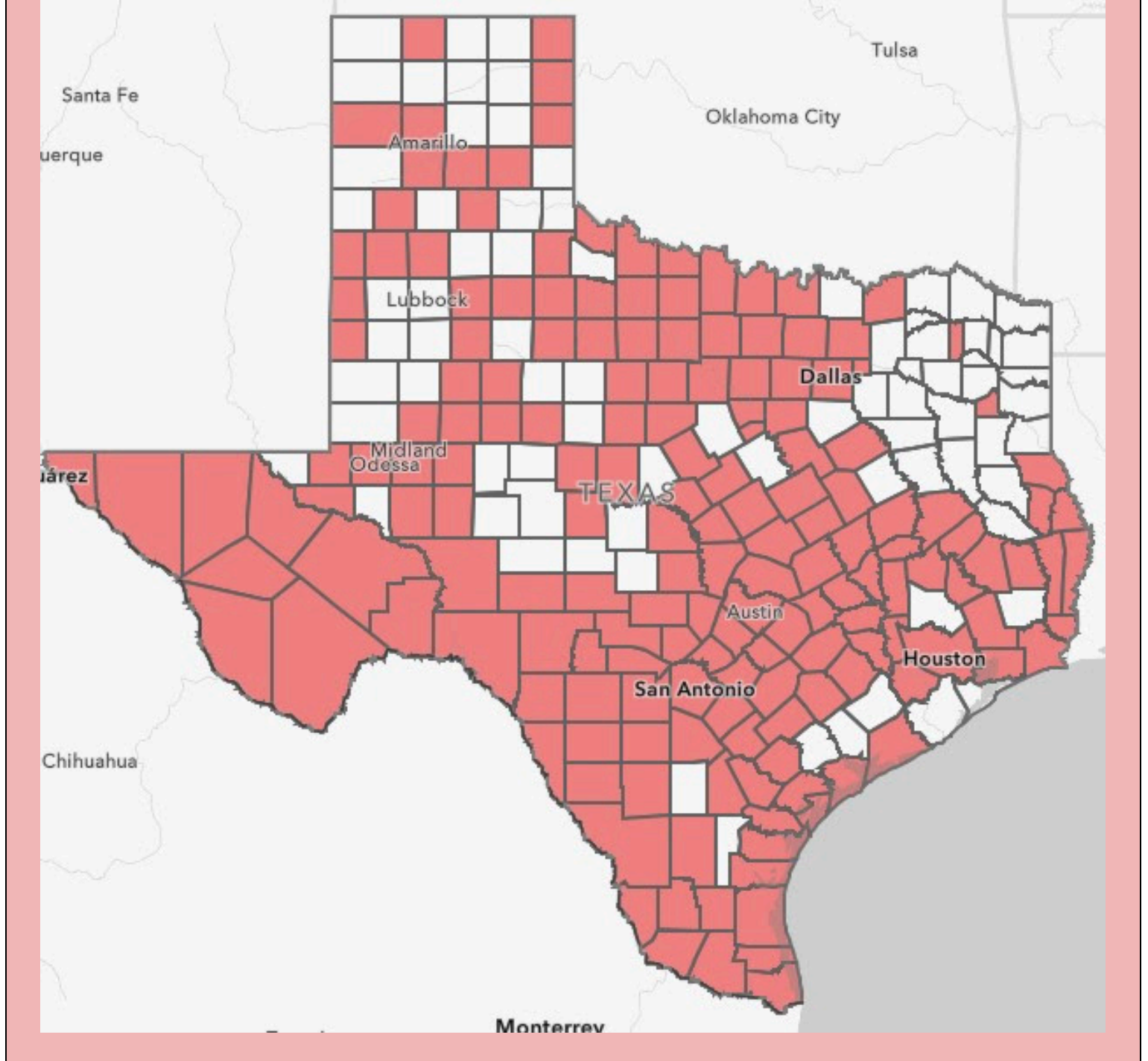




Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 175 that have a burn ban, down from 199 last week. This leaves 75 counties without a burn ban in the state.

*Current burn bans by county in Texas last week and this week:*





## Pink Sunday

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**KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**6901 FM 2438**



**“Pink Sunday”**  
**October 15, 2023**

**Kingsbury VFD and Auxiliary**

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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, October 5th**

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 2023 will be Thursday, October 5th 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!



### Veterans Day Observance In Kingsbury

On Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th, there will be an observance honoring military veterans in downtown Kingsbury.



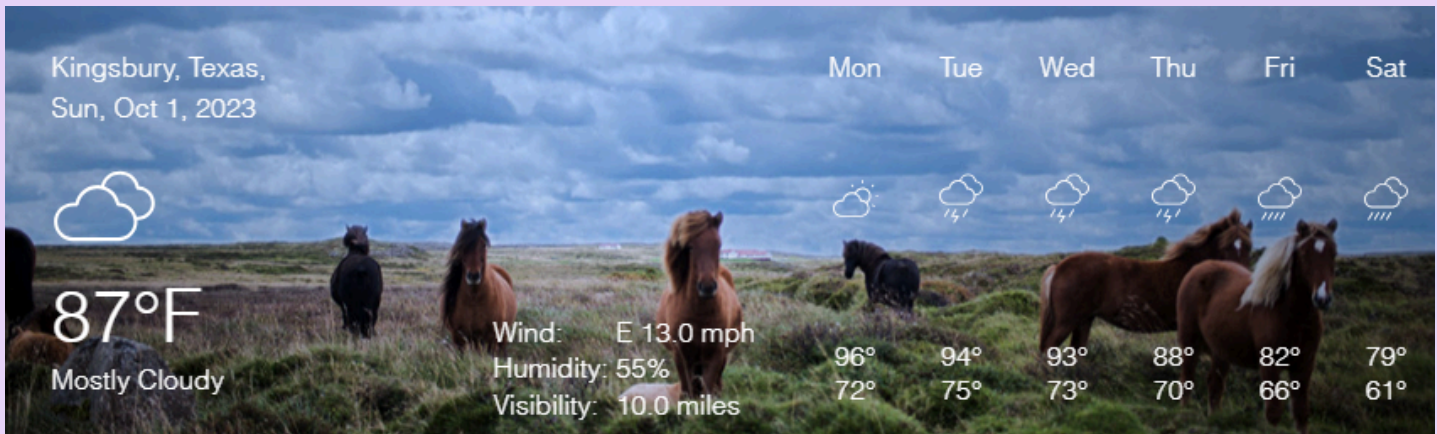
Trail riders and **wagons** will be in attendance to commemorate our veterans at 11:00. It was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 that major hostilities of World War 1 were formally ended and the Armistice with Germany went into effect. That day soon became Armistice Day then Veterans Day.

Join us along with the trail riders to mark this important day.



### 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.





## Model T Raffle

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

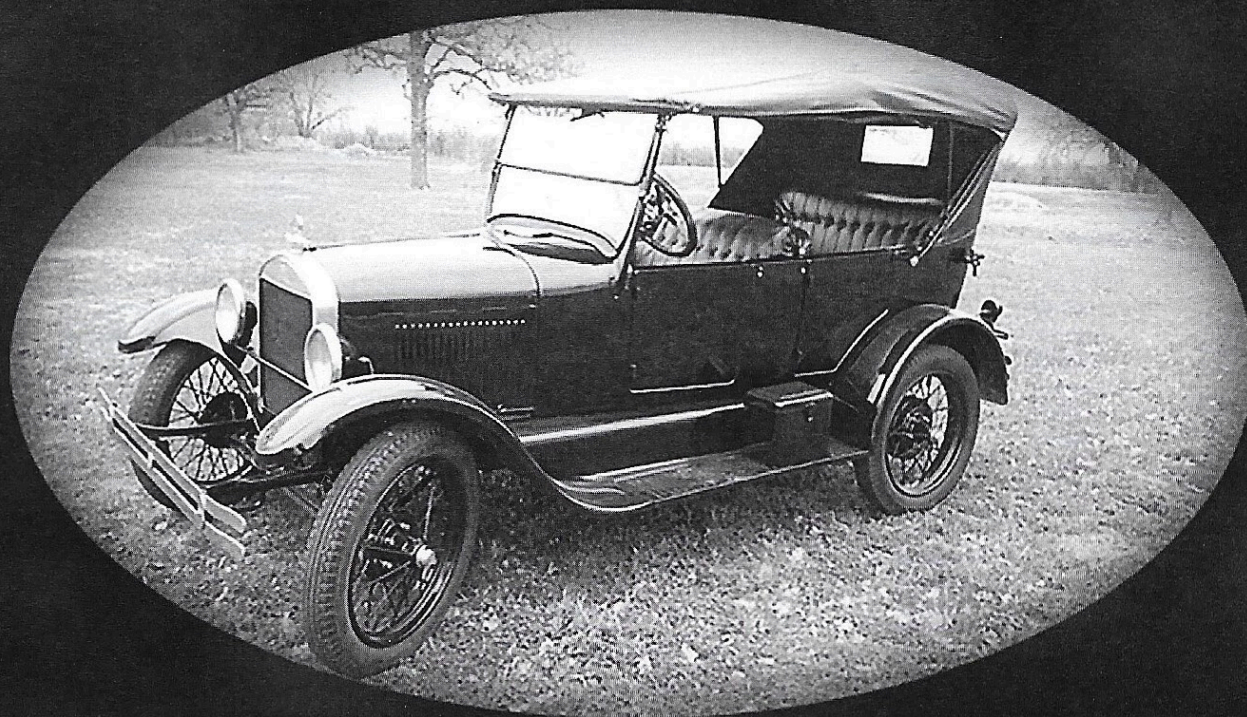
Details are below and more are available at <https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/>

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 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](https://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) ▾

< September 2023 >

Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27   12:00pm M...	28	29	30 Blue Moon	31	1	2
3   12:00pm Ma...	4 Labor Day	5	6	7   7:30pm KfV...	8	9   10:00am Fa...
10   12:00pm M...	11 Patriot Day	12   6:30pm P&Z...	13	14	15 First Day of ...	16 Volunteer W...
17   12:00pm M...	18   6:30pm Kin...	19	20	21	22	23 Autumnal Eq...
24   12:00pm M...	25	26	27	28	29 Full Harvest ...	30

## Fall Fly-In

The Fall Wings & Wheels Fly-In at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome is scheduled for November 11th this year.

Gates will open at 9 and there will be lots of food, classic vehicles and aircraft, displays, vendor booths, and re-enactors. You may even catch some WWI **French** patriots taking out some German soldiers in an open field battle!





# WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN NOVEMBER 11 2023 OLD KINGSBURY AERODROME

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(830) 639-4162



**GATES OPEN 9 AM**



## Dessert Competition

In addition to all the other activities going on November 11th, there will also be a Dessert Competition at the Kingsbury Fall Harvest Festival!

Ribbons and **prizes** will be awarded for the Best Tasting desserts and for the Most Creative dessert.

Get your chef hat on and whip up something tasty and fun! Entries must be received at the Festival by 1:30 pm.



## Kingsbury Collection Station

The collection stations in Guadalupe County, including the Kingsbury Collection Station on FM 2438, handle trash and recycling. The **contract** with the company that runs these stations runs out October 28th.

At that time, the station will close until and unless there is a new contract agreed to with the same or different waste and recycling company.

It is simply not known yet what the future of these collection stations will be at this point. As more information comes in, the Kingsbury Newsletter will pass it on.



### 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.





STREET SCENE, KINGSBURY, TEXAS, PIC TAKEN IN 1913.

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

1. TRAVELING SALESMAN, UNKNOWN.

2. JIM FLOWERS *barber*

3. WALTER HYMAN OF LULING

4. BILL AVERT, JUSTICE OF PEACE *WILLIAM J. AVERITT*

5. MATT HOUCHIN, DEPUTY SHERIFF

6. WALTER JONES

7. FRANK HARRIS (MARRIED CORA SMITH)

8. EDGAR GORDEN

9. DR. BENBOW

10. OSCAR HALM

11. ALEX JONES (HE LIVES IN KINGSBURY TEXAS AND IS THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS PIC THAT IS STILL LIVING. HE, PERSONALLY GAVE ME THIS INFO AND NAMES, AND I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN THE NAMES EXACTLY AS HE HAD THEM WRITTEN. I AM NOT, OF COURSE, SURE THAT THESE NAMES ARE SPELLED AS THEY SHOULD BE. LES

12. EMIL SCHMIDT, ON PORCH

THE LADIES ON THE BOARD SIDEWALK ARE UNKNOWN.

*Water Tower  
say "Vivroux"*



## 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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**For more information any time**

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