

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - August 4, 2024

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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Purple Heart Created

This week in history, on August 7, 1782, in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, creates the “Badge for Military Merit,” a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with a narrow binding of silver, with the word Merit stitched across the face in silver. The badge was to be presented to soldiers for “any singularly meritorious action” and permitted its wearer to pass guards and sentinels without **challenge**. The honoree’s name and regiment were also to be inscribed in a “Book of Merit.”

Washington’s “Purple Heart” was awarded to only three known soldiers during the Revolutionary War: Elijah Churchill, William Brown and Daniel Bissell, Jr. The “Book of Merit” was lost, and the decoration was largely forgotten until 1927, when General Charles P. Summerall, the U.S. Army chief of staff, sent an unsuccessful draft bill to Congress to “revive the Badge of Military Merit.” In 1931, Summerall’s successor, General Douglas MacArthur, took up the cause, hoping to reinstate the medal in time for the bicentennial of George Washington’s birth. On February 22, 1932, Washington’s 200th birthday, the U.S. War Department announced the creation of the “Order of the Purple Heart.”

In addition to aspects of Washington’s original design, the new Purple Heart also displays a bust of Washington and his coat of arms. The Order of the Purple Heart, the oldest American military decoration for military merit, is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who have been killed or wounded in action against an enemy. It is also awarded to soldiers who have suffered maltreatment as prisoners of war.



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:

August 4th - National Sisters Day, American Family Day, National Coast Guard Day, National Friendship Day, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

August 5th - National Oyster Day, National Work Like A Dog Day, National Underwear Day

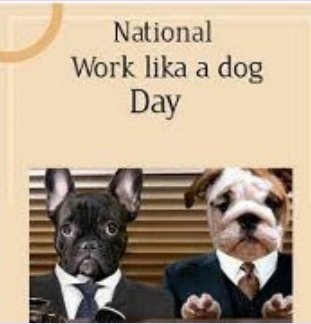
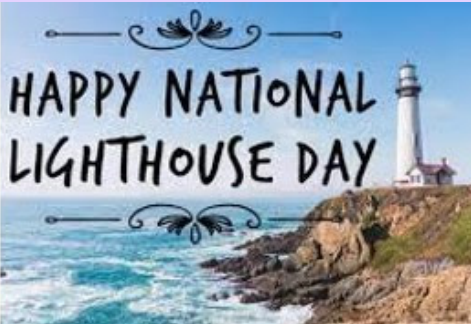
August 6th - National Social Engineering Day, National Night Out Day, National Fresh Breath Day, National Root Beer Float Day, National Wiggle Your Toes Day

August 7th - Purple Heart Day, National Raspberries N' Cream Day, National Sea Serpent Day, National Lighthouse Day

August 8th - National Pickleball Day, National Mochi Day, National Whataburger Day, Global Sleep Under The Stars Night, National CBD Day, National Dollar Day, National Frozen Custard Day, National Happiness Happens Day, National Sneak Some Zucchini Into Your Neighbor's Porch Day

August 9th - National Passion Fruit Day, National Veep Day, National Rice Pudding Day, National Book Lovers Day

August 10th - Agent Orange Awareness Day, National Connecticut Day, National Shapewear Day, National Bowling Day, National Garage Sale Day, National S'mores Day, National Lazy Day



Disaster Assistance

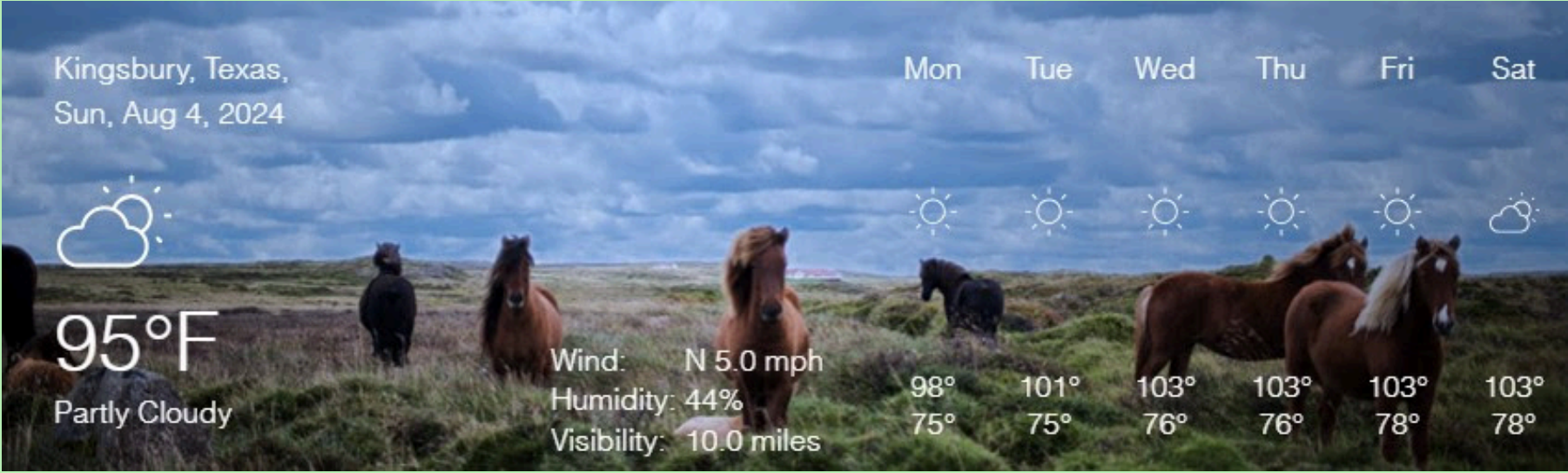
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representatives were in town last month to offer assistance to anyone affected by recent storms.

If your household suffered **damages** between April 26th and June 5th this year from "severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding", you can go to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster) to see about assistance. You can also download the FEMA app on your phone, or call FEMA at 800-621-3362.

This time range includes the May 9th storms that did so much damage around here.



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](#)

Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday starting this week, July 18th.

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!

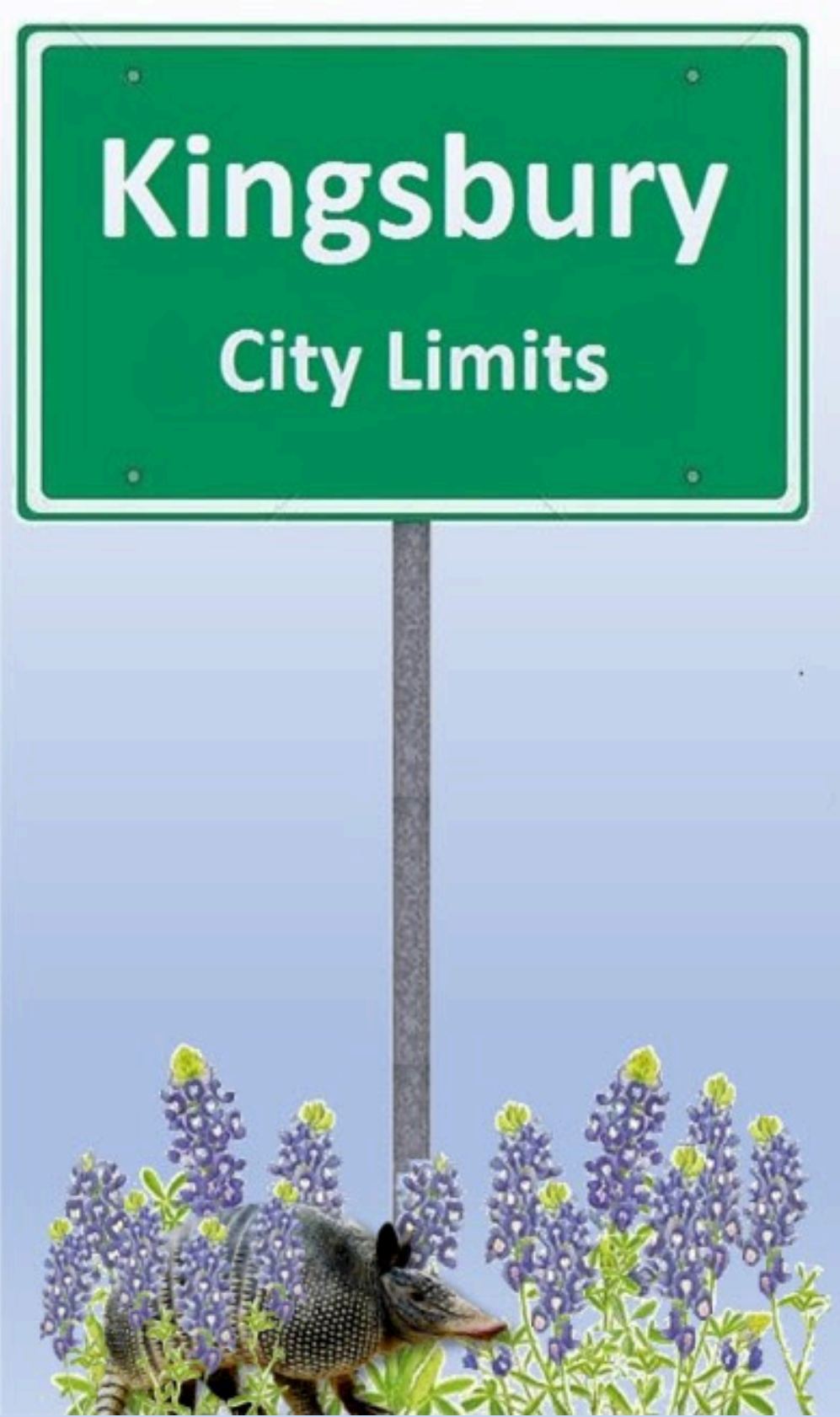


Kingsbury City Limits

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 News Past

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



The Sunday Morning, August 27, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had an item about the train ride from San Antonio (little typo in the paper - I'm pretty sure it's not "San Antonia") to Virginia.

The writer will "rejoice" when the railroad reaches SA and riders won't have to catch the stage to Kingsbury. A stagecoach ride in 1876 was "intensely disagreeable" especially in the summer time. I can't imagine that it was very agreeable at any time of the year but Summer had to be the worst. When you finally got on the train here in Kingsbury, it was apparently cooler than the stage, but you still couldn't escape "the dust".

This snip only takes the trip as far as Little Rock, but the writer didn't have much good to say about this leg of the trip!

FROM SAN ANTONIA TO VIRGINIA.

EDGE HILL, Virginia,
August 15th 1876.)

EDITORS EXPRESS:

The traveling public will rejoice when the railroad is completed to San Antonio, for a portion of the trip to Kingsbury the stage is, in the summer time, intensely disagreeable. Once in the cars you escape the heat but not the dust. Houston depot, where the traveler is compelled to wait several hours, is a lonesome, forlorn place, where one might expect activity. The Houstonians are worried over the loss of their splendid market house and don't like the insinuation that the insurance-money will go to liquidate the debt due on it instead of contributing to build a new one.

There is little of interest on the route till one reaches Little Rock, Arkansas, except that water is handed around to the passengers. It is done very systematically, yet it seems like forcing one to drink, when he does not want to.

At the depot in Little Rock is a large placard warning the public to "beware of pick-pockets and thieves." An efficient police force would be better than publishing to the world the villainy that is in the place, yet imposition on strangers seems to be in the air, since the refreshment-room, where one might get a cup of coffee, is closed, when the train stops, in order to compel every one to pay for a dinner.

Elsewhere in 1876, skates used to be imported from Germany but now are being exported (were skates a thing back in 1876?), use Johnson's Anodyne Liniment if you're about to have your leg amputated (?!), get land for \$4.50 an acre or a 5 room house for \$1200, and several notes in "City News" including that the cooper (barrel maker) "does a *staring* business" (is that supposed to be a pun?) and in Castroville "the goose hangs high". I had to look that one up - it means everything is good and comes from geese flying higher in pleasant weather.

Also in 1876, the Houston narrow gauge railroad will reach the Brazos in time "for this fall's crop", the origins of the word "Yankee", and you can use Sozodont to "preserve the beauty of the teeth" and when older you will have "two glittering rows of unsullied Ivory" (Wow! Sign me up!).

Other goings on in 1876 - I like the ad for Bell & Brothers who are dealers in "Pocket and Table Cutlery" (I guess pocket cutlery is pocket knives?), the Central Hotel and the Stable "near the Old Cathedral" are now under the same ownership and you can get "corn, hay, and oats" for your horse with your hotel room, the city is so healthy that drug stores will "suspend business shortly" as soon as the doctors leave, and apparently "the common twilight bummer" (term for a vagrant) is using a lot of "vulgar and profane language" and thus invites "the attention of the police."

It was not many years ago when all the skates used in the United States came from abroad, chiefly from Germany. Now the "Northampton Skate Company," in Massachusetts, is filling orders for nickel-plated skates to be sent to Germany.

Gentleman in the eastern part of the State who was about having his leg amputated on account of its being bent at right angles and stiff at the knee, heard of JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT. After using it a short time his leg became straight, and is now as serviceable as the other.

610 acres land, 200 in crops, and fenced, house and cabins, 20 miles from city, \$4 50 per acre
6 room house, on good lot, location good for a store, house nearly new, for sale for \$1200
This is a desirable property

CITY NEWS.

- Wanted, a good rain.
- Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
- That cooper on Alamo street does a staring business.
- Mrs. M. E. Norris, Postmistress returned to the city yesterday.
- The local was not lost--simply on a visit to the camp meetin' and Grangers' convocation.
- Castroville is all lovely and the goose hangs high. Two dances came off at that place on the 24th.
- "Straws tell which way the wind blows;" and also where the mint juleps go this warm weather.
- Butter at 35 cents per pound and eggs 30 cents per dozen, and this is the Centennial year, at that.

TWO RAILROADS TO SAN ANTONIO.

Little as it has been thought of, San Antonio is in a fair way to enjoy the benefits of two railroads instead of one only. In addition to the Peireca road, soon to be here, the Houston narrow Gauge railroad is now beginning to push westward with encouraging rapidity. It will be completed to the Brazos, 40 miles, in time for this fall's crop. From there it is to run by way of Bolivar, La Grange, Bastrop, Lockhart and New Braunfels. Capt N A

There is no question or mystery about the origin and meaning of the word "Yankee." It is older than the New England colonies, and was used by Samoset in his historical "Welcome Englishmen." "Welcome Yenghese" was what he actually said, "Yenghese" being the nearest approach the Indian tongue could make to the word "English." Yankees and English are synonymous terms, and the word was applied to the Northern English colonists by the Indians to distinguish them from the French on one side and the Dutch on the other. The latter people soon adopted the term, and it was readily accepted by the New Englanders themselves. It was never considered a term of reproach, but rather one of honor, by the colonists.

IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF GIRLHOOD

Preserve the beauty of the teeth with SOZODONT, and then, when the hair is silvered and the eyes dimmed with years, the mouth will still reveal two glittering rows of unsullied ivory.

BELL & BROTHERS,

DEALERS IN AND

WATCHES, CLOCKS, AND Pocket and Table Cutlery

MANUFACTURERS OF Jewelry and Silver-Ware.



Every article sold warranted to be strictly as represented, or money will be refunded.

WATCHES, CLOCKS, &C.,

REPAIRED & WARRANTED

No. 11, Commerce St.
SAN ANTONIO, TEX

- The Central Hotel and Stable on Main Plaza near the old Cathedral in the centre of the city of San Antonio, will be under the same control from this date.
- The wagon yard will be free to all patrons of the hotel, with corn, hay and oats for sale and stalls to rent. Satisfaction guaranteed.
I. N. BAKER, Manager.
July 18 3m.

- The city seems to be unusually healthy. We expect the drug stores to suspend business shortly, when the doctors leave town.
- Vulgar and profane language, the principle make-up of the conversation of the common twilight bummer, invite the attention of the police to that class of humanity.

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.

KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) < August 2024 > Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Fellowship	9	10 Volunteer Wo...
11	12	13 Developmen...	14	15 Fellowship	16	17
18	19 Full Sturgeon... Kingsbury Ci...	20	21	22 Fellowship	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Fellowship	30	31

Volunteer Work Day

The Pioneer Flight Museum at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome is always looking for volunteers to help carry their mission forward and hope you'll consider joining them!

They invite you to come check out one of their regularly scheduled Volunteer Work Days at Pioneer Flight Museum, where the gang will be tinkering with vintage airplanes and antique vehicles that always want a little attention to ensure they continue running well. A few folks tend to building and grounds issues, such as constructing the library and conference room. It's always a good mix of fun stuff to work on and amiable camaraderie.

They usually get started in the main office with coffee and goodies at 9:00 am. Just look for where the cars are parked, and follow where you see others going in.

NEXT WORK DAY WILL BE AUGUST 10th

Starting at 9:00 AM. Get out there and give them a hand!



Kingsbury Base Ball Team

The Kingsbury **baseball** team around 1945. Or "Base Ball" as in the caption.

The back of the picture has this information:

*Black hat - Manager Gene Wolfshohl
Next to him on the right is Abner Coates
Sitting: Charlie Reid, Sam Chrisco, Earle Coates.*



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Thanks!

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