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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Battle Of San Jacinto

This week in Texas history saw the fall of the Mexican army at San Jacinto and the birth of the Republic of Texas.

It is April 19th, 1836, and from two prisoners captured by Erasmus "Deaf" Smith, the famous Texas spy, General Sam Houston first learned that the Mexican army had **burned** Harrisburg and had gone down the west side of Buffalo Bayou and of the San Jacinto River, and that Santa Anna in person was in command. In his march downstream Santa Anna had been forced to cross the bridge over Vince's Bayou, a tributary of Buffalo Bayou, then out of its banks. He would have to cross the same bridge to return. Viewing this strategic situation on the morning of the 19th, Houston told his troops it looked as if they would soon get action. And he admonished them to remember the massacres at San Antonio and at Goliad. "Remember the Alamo!" The soldiers took up the cry. "Remember Goliad!" (Thomas J. Rusk, Secretary of War, and other Texans who were in the battle said the battle cry was 'Remember the Alamo' 'Remember La Bahia!')

It was discovered at about nine o'clock on April 20th that General Martin Perfecto de Cos (Santa Anna's brother-in-law) had crossed Vince's Bridge with some 540 troops, swelling the enemy forces to about 1265. General Houston ordered "Deaf" Smith and a detail to destroy the bridge and prevent further enemy reinforcements. This also would prevent the retreat of either the Texans or the Mexicans toward Harrisburg. In dry weather Vince's Bayou was about fifty feet wide and ten feet deep, but the excessive April rains had made it several times wider and deeper.

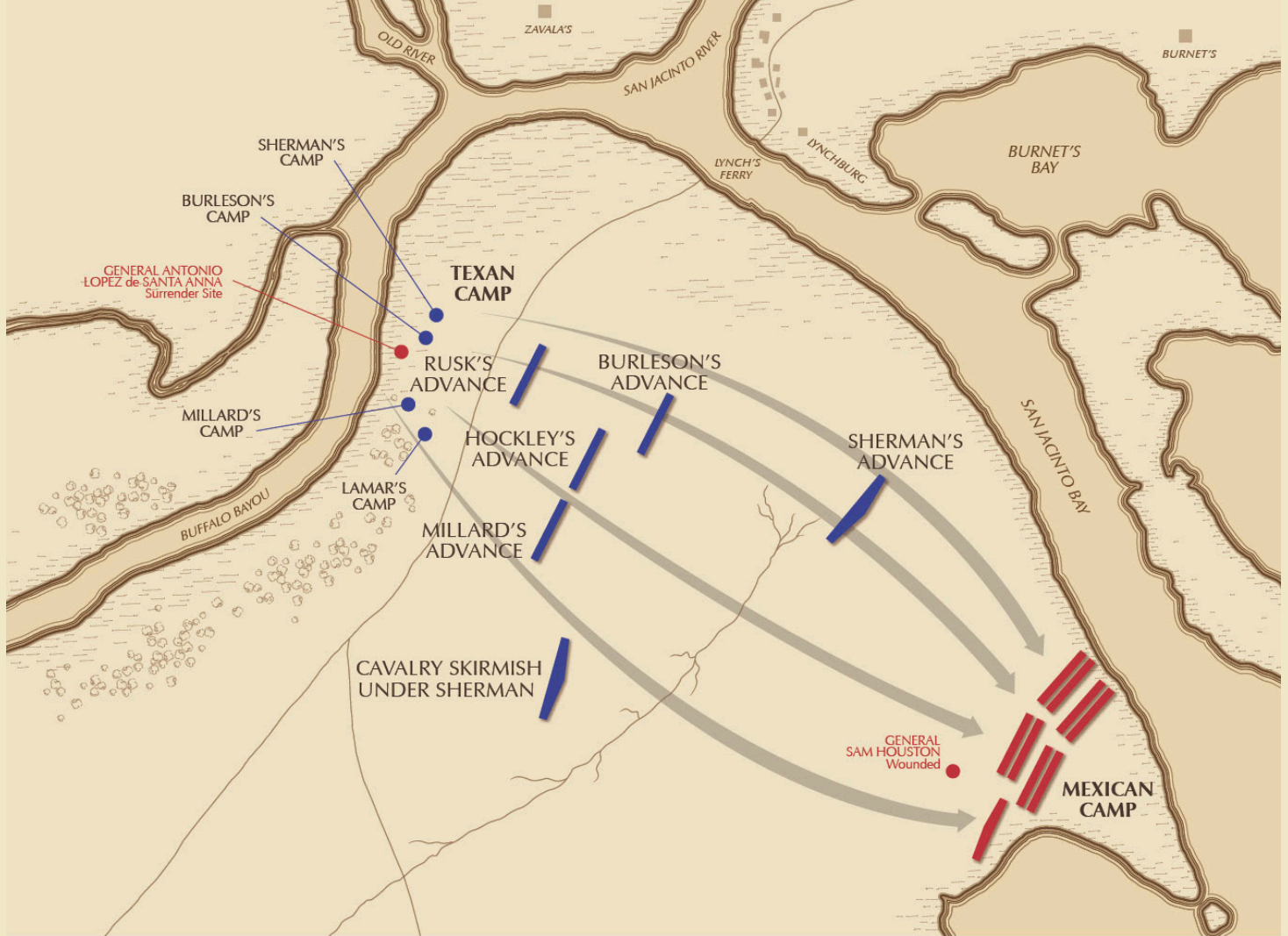
It is now about 3:30 in the afternoon of April 21st. Over on the Mexican side all was quiet; many of the foe were enjoying their customary siesta. The Texans' movements were screened by the trees and the rising ground, and evidently Santa Anna had no lookouts posted. Big, shaggy and commanding in his mud-stained un-military garb, Sam Houston rode his horse up and down the line. "Now hold your fire, men," he warned in his deep voice, "until you get the order!" At the command, "Advance," the patriots, 910 strong, moved quickly out of the woods and over the rise. Bearded and ragged from forty days in the field, they were a fierce-looking band. But their long rifles were clean and well oiled. Only one company, Captain William Wood's "Kentucky Rifles," wore uniforms. Silently and tensely the Texas battle line swept across the prairie and swale that was No Man's Land, the men bending low. A soldier's fife piped up with "Will You Come to the Bower," a popular tune of the day. That was the only music of the battle. As the troops advanced, "Deaf" Smith galloped up and told Houston, "Vince's Bridge has been cut down." The General announced it to the men. Now both armies were cut off from retreat.

Two little cannon known to history as the "Twin Sisters," a gift from citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, were drawn by rawhide thongs, wheeled into position, and suddenly belched their charges of iron slugs into the unsuspecting enemy barricade. Then the whole line sprang forward on the run, yelling, "Remember the Alamo!" "Remember Goliad!" All together they opened fire, blazing away practically point-blank at the surprised and panic-stricken Mexicans.

The casualties, according to Houston's official report, numbered 630 Mexicans killed, 208 wounded, and 730 taken prisoner. Against this heavy score, only nine Texans were killed or mortally wounded, and thirty wounded less seriously. Most of their injuries came from the first scattered Mexican volley when the attackers stormed their barricade. General Houston rode slowly from the field of victory, his ankle shattered by a rifle ball. At the foot of the oak where he had slept the previous night he fainted and slid from his horse into the arms of Major Hockley, his chief of staff.

Santa Anna had disappeared during the battle, and next day General Houston ordered a thorough search of the surrounding territory for him. In the afternoon Sergeant J. A. Sylvester spotted a Mexican slipping through the woods toward Vince's Bayou. Sylvester and his comrades caught the fugitive, wearing a common soldier's uniform, trying to hide in the high grass. They took the captive to camp, and on the way, Mexican prisoners recognized him and cried, "El Presidente!" Thus his identity was betrayed; it was indeed the dictator from below the Rio Grande. He was brought to General Houston, who lay under the headquarters oak, nursing his wounded foot. The Mexican President pompously announced, "I am General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and a prisoner of war at your disposition." General Houston, suffering with pain, received him coldly. Santa Anna cringed with fright as the excited Texas soldiers pressed around him. Fearing mob violence, he pleaded for the treatment due a prisoner of war. "You can afford to be generous," he whined; "you have captured the Napoleon of the West." "What claim have you to mercy?" Houston retorted, "when you showed none at the Alamo or at Goliad?" They talked for nearly two hours, and in the end Santa Anna agreed to write an order commanding all Mexican troops to evacuate Texas.

Thus ended the revolution of 1836, with an eighteen-minute battle which established Texas as a free republic and opened the way for the United States to extend its boundaries to the Rio Grande on the southwest and to the Pacific on the west. Few military engagements in history have been more decisive or of more far-reaching ultimate influence than the battle of San Jacinto.



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 19th - National Hanging Out Day, National Garlic Day, National Bicycle Day, National Cat Lady Day, World Jackal Day, National Primrose Day, National Amaretto Day, National Go Fly a Kite Day, National Poetry & The Creative Mind Day, National Poker Day, National Refresh Your Goals Day, National

Oklahoma City Bombing Commemoration Day, National North Dakota Day, National Humorous Day,
National Sylvester the Cat's Birthday, National Rice Ball Day

April 20th - National Cheddar Fries Day, National Pizza Delivery Driver Appreciation Day, National Volunteer Recognition Day, National Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day, National Look-Alike Day

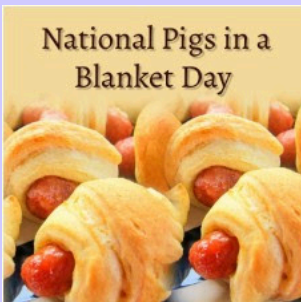
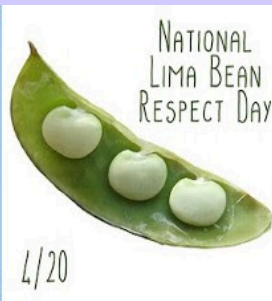
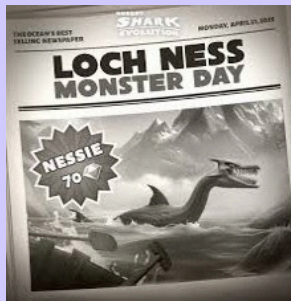
April 21st - National Lima Bean Respect Day, National Bunion Day, National Tea Day, National Library Workers Day, National Chocolate Covered Cashews Day, National Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day, National Yellow Bat Day, National Pet CBD Day, National Kindergarten Day, National Big Word Day, National Keep Off the Grass Day, International Loch Ness Monster Day, National Chickpea Day, Battle of San Jacinto, National Thank You for Libraries Day

April 22nd - Earth Day, National Jelly Bean Day, National Beagle Day, National Baseball Day, National Pinup Day, National April Showers Day, National Narwhal Day, International Mother Earth Day

April 23rd - National German Beer Day, National Picnic Day, National Talk Like Shakespeare Day, National English Muffin Day, National Teach Your Children to Save Day, National Email Day, National Movie Theatre Day, National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, National Asparagus Day, National Cherry Cheesecake Day, National Slay a Dragon Day, National Lost Dog Awareness Day, National Lover's Day, National Take a Chance Day

April 24th - National Scream Day, National Pig in a Blanket Day, National Hairball Awareness Day, National Pet Care for All Day, National Arbor Day, National Historic Marker Day, National Bucket List Day, National Firefly Day

April 25th - World Penguin Day, International Astronomy Day, World Veterinary Day, National Lingerie Day, National Hug a Plumber Day, National Eeyore's Birthday, National Go Birding Day, National Telephone Day, National Sense Of Smell Day, National Celebrate Trails Day, National Pool Opening Day, National Mani-Pedi Day, National Zucchini Bread Day, National Hairstylist Appreciation Day, National License Plate Day



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!



Upcoming Street Closure

Railway Street in the downtown area will be **closed** to through traffic on Saturday, April 25th, from 8 to 5.

The Annual Chili Cook-Off will be taking place on Railway Street that day in front of the Big Easy and that portion of the street will be blocked off for the safety of the people attending.

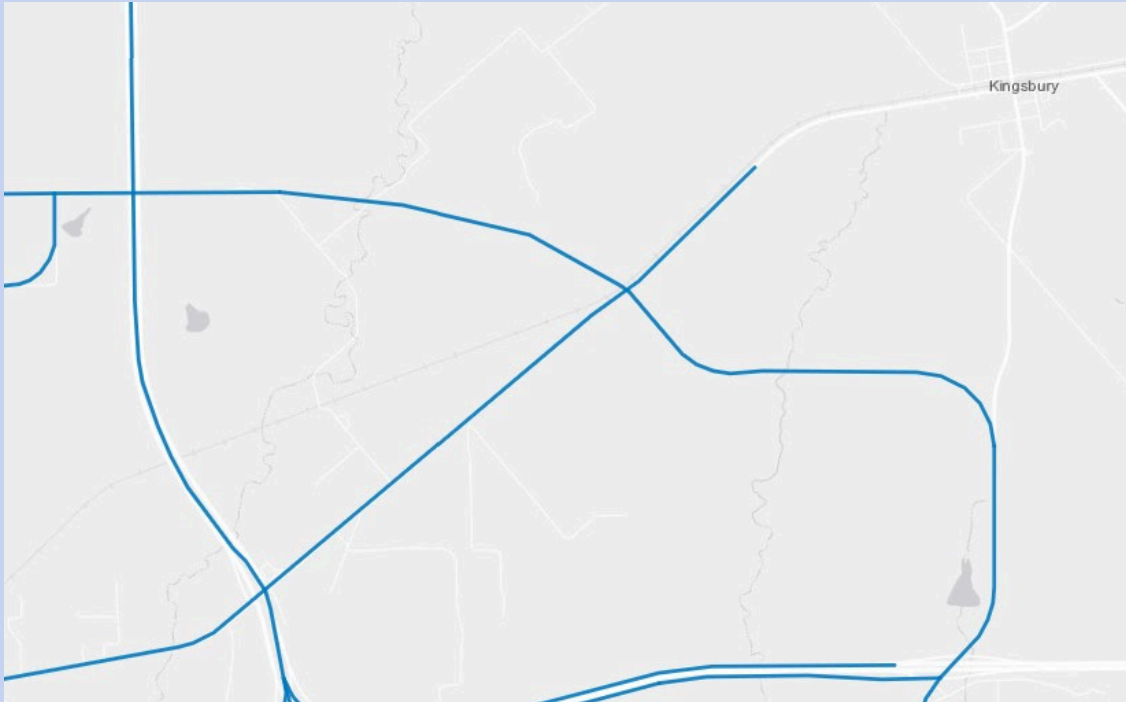


Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury.

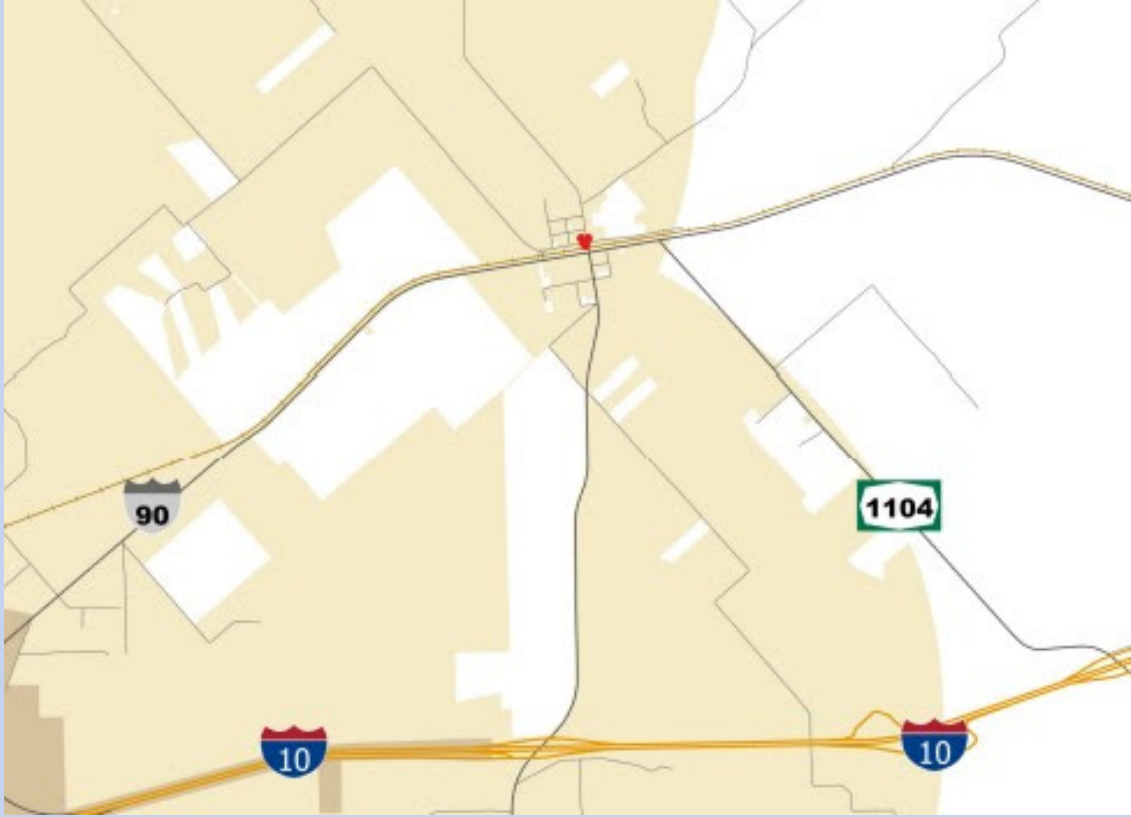
Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

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!

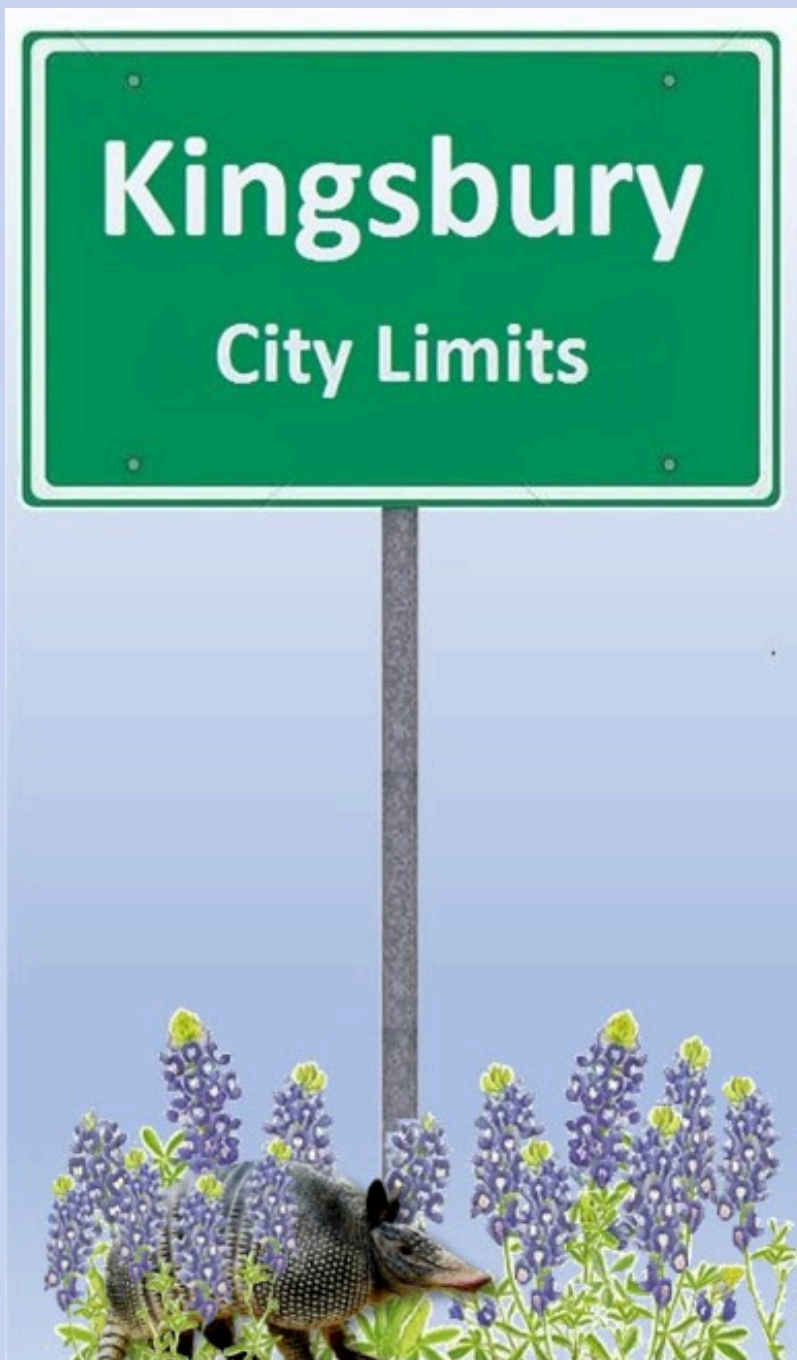
Pictured below is the Seguin thoroughfare plan with their "Outer Loop" coming up FM2438.



This plan once came up into downtown Kingsbury, but due to changes in Texas law, a property owner can now be removed from an ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction which is an area outside of any city's limits) and therefore be removed from their control. Shown below is Seguin's ETJ around Kingsbury (red dot) in tan with the white areas being landowners that have removed their properties from that ETJ.



To see forms and learn more about being removed from Seguin's ETJ click [here](#).



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, April 20th

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

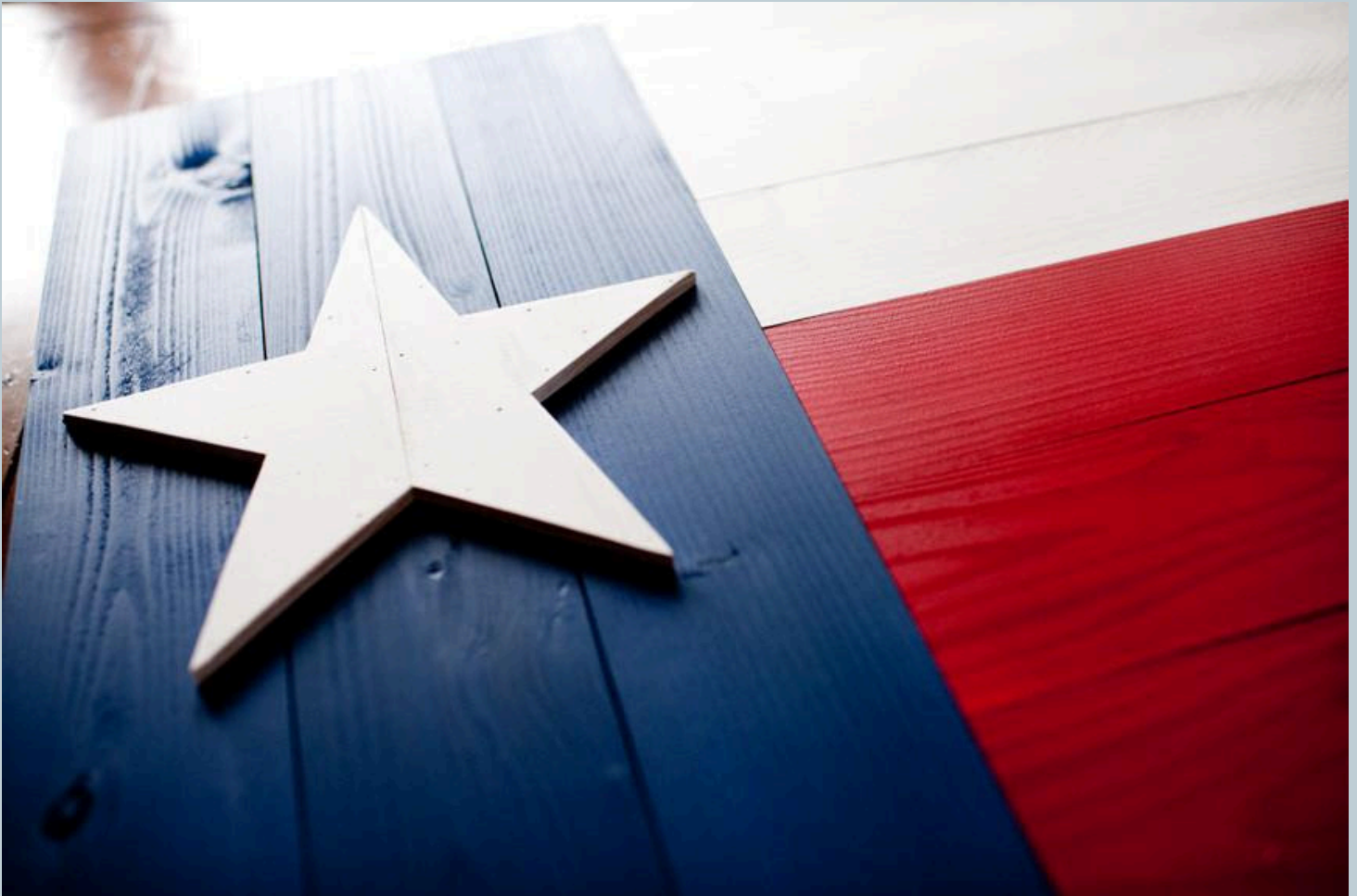
Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Review of Public Documents
- ★ Public Hearing on voluntary annexations
- ★ Town Hall renovation updates

- ★ Our Town Grant projects
- ★ Road maintenance
- ★ Options on heavy industry
- ★ Emergency planning and resources
- ★ Interlocal Agreement on subdivision regulations

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

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



Burn Ban In Effect - Extended - AGAIN

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court instituted an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County for 90 days starting September 3rd, 2025 and going through December 1st, 2025. The county court then extended the burn ban until March 3, 2026. It has now been extended once again to **June 3, 2026**.

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.

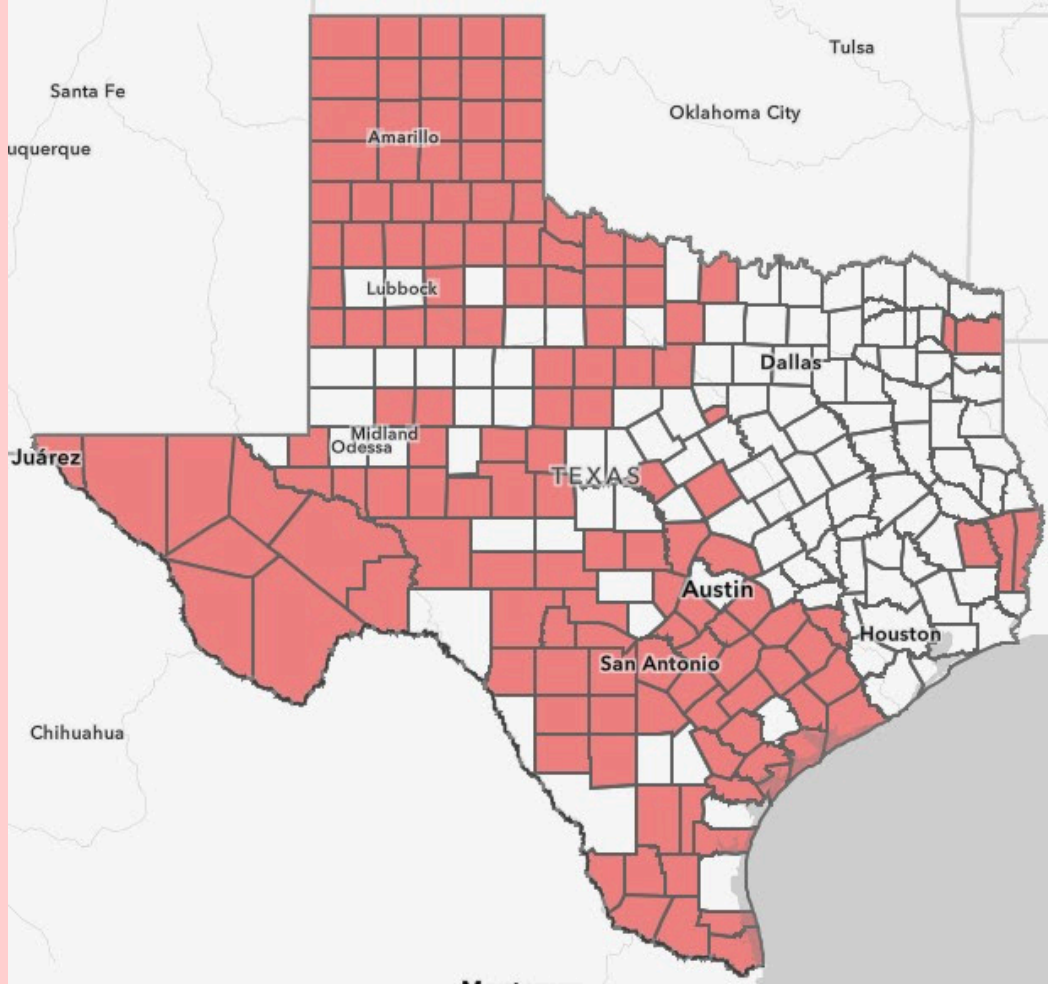


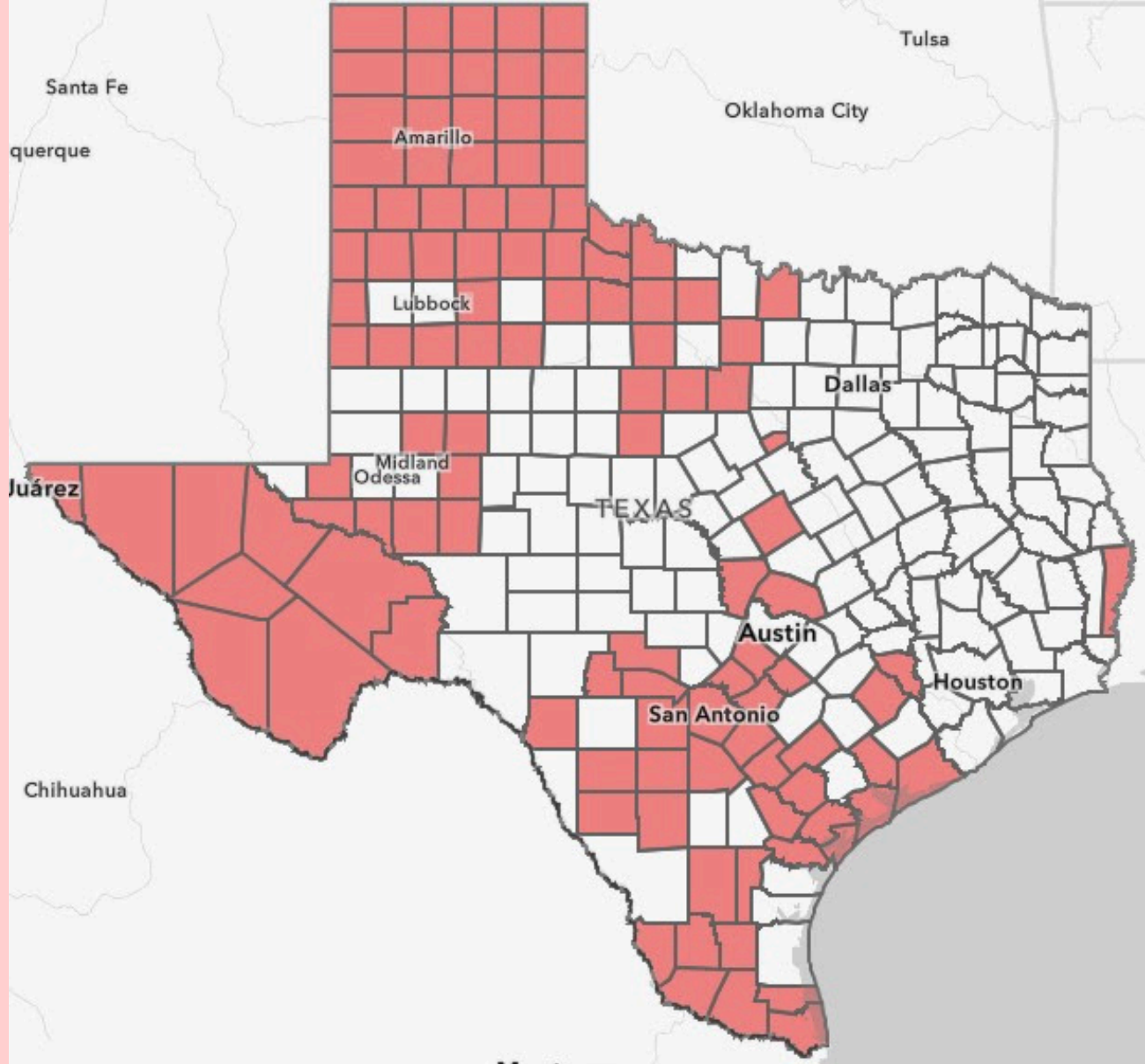
Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 112 that have a burn ban. This is **way** down from 139 last week and leaves 142 counties without a burn ban in the state.



The current burn ban status can always be found on the Kingsbury website at <https://www.kingsburytexas.org/burn-ban-status>

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





Chili Cook-Off



Chili Cook Off

5th Annual

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:
CHILI: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE
BEANS: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE
BLOODY MARYS: WINNER TAKE ALL
COOK'S CHOICE: WINNER TAKE ALL

Chili Cookoff & Vendor Market April 25th!
Vendors: Setup is FREE — sign up today!

BIG EASY SALOON
MUSIC • GAMES • FOOD • COCKTAILS

Fish Fry Plates

John Bohannon has long been in the catering business and is now serving up fried catfish at his place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. The next fish fry is

April 24th

Each plate comes with all the fixin's - fries, coleslaw, **hushpuppies**, and homemade tartar sauce.

You can order up:

Fish & Shrimp plate - \$15
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters plate - \$20

Just call or text John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for! Make sure you put in your order a day or two in advance.

The fryer gets lit around 5:30 pm so you can start picking up your orders of delicious food at 6:00 at 935 Mill Creek Road.

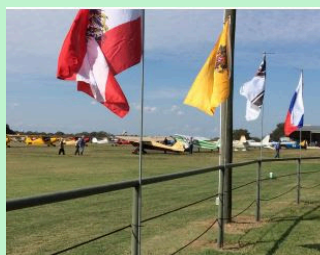


Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In

The Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In is scheduled for May 2nd 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!



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 25th

They invite you to come check out one of their regularly scheduled Volunteer Work Days at the 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 an the library and conference room. It's always a good mix of fun stuff to work on and amiable camaraderie. They usually get start 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.

Please consider joining and helping out!



Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast benefitting our Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department is back!

Mark your calendars for

May 2nd

Come by the Fire Station and support our local KVFD Auxiliary, firefighters, and first-responders and get a great breakfast of pancakes, eggs, hash browns, and sausage to boot! Wash it all down with some OJ and coffee while visiting with your friends and neighbors.

It's \$10 per plate and serving is from 7:30 am till 10:30 am.



There will also be a **Bake Sale** and you can pick up some delicious muffins, cookies, cakes and more!



(Hint: Get your fill of a fantastic breakfast then head on down the road about a mile and have a great rest of your day at the Spring Wings & Wheel Fly-In at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome!)

Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

Kingsbury VFD



Come by for eggs,
sausage, hash browns, OJ,
hot coffee and of course ...
pancakes!

Saturday May 2 7:30 – 10:30

Lyrids Meteor Shower

Looking for something fun to do? Need to get out of the house? Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning (April 21-22) will be the peak of the Lyrids, the first major meteor shower since January.

The annual meteor shower is active each year from about April 16 to April 25. This year, meteor watching will be slightly impacted by a waxing crescent moon. However, the moon will set shortly after midnight, leaving dark skies for optimal viewing!

Although the Lyrid meteor shower can occasionally produce nearly 100 meteors per hour, the average Lyrid shower produces 15 to 20 meteors per hour, according to Space.com.

The Lyrids begin as tiny specks of **dust** that hit Earth's atmosphere at 109,600 mph, vaporizing from friction with

the air and leaving behind the streaks of light we call meteors.

The meteors appear to emanate from the constellation Lyra the Harp, near the bright star Vega, which rises in late evening and passes nearly overhead shortly before dawn. Lyrids are pieces of debris from the CometC/1861 G1 Thatcher and have been observed for more than 2,700 years, making them one of the oldest known meteor showers.

In addition to the Lyrids, the eta Aquariids meteor shower began April 15th. This particular meteor shower will last until May 27th and won't peak until May 5-6, but it will add a few more meteors to the Lyrid shower peaking Tuesday night.



Kingsbury Weather

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

Current
 **Kingsbury Rd,
Kingsbury, TX 78638,
USA**

68°F
**overcast
clouds**



High: 68°F
Low: 68°F

Wind: 9
mph SE

Cloud
Cover:
100%

Humidity:
40%

Today



High: 68°F
Low: 50°F

Tomorrow



High: 58°F
Low: 51°F

Tue



High: 64°F
Low: 58°F

Wed



High: 80°F
Low: 63°F

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](#)

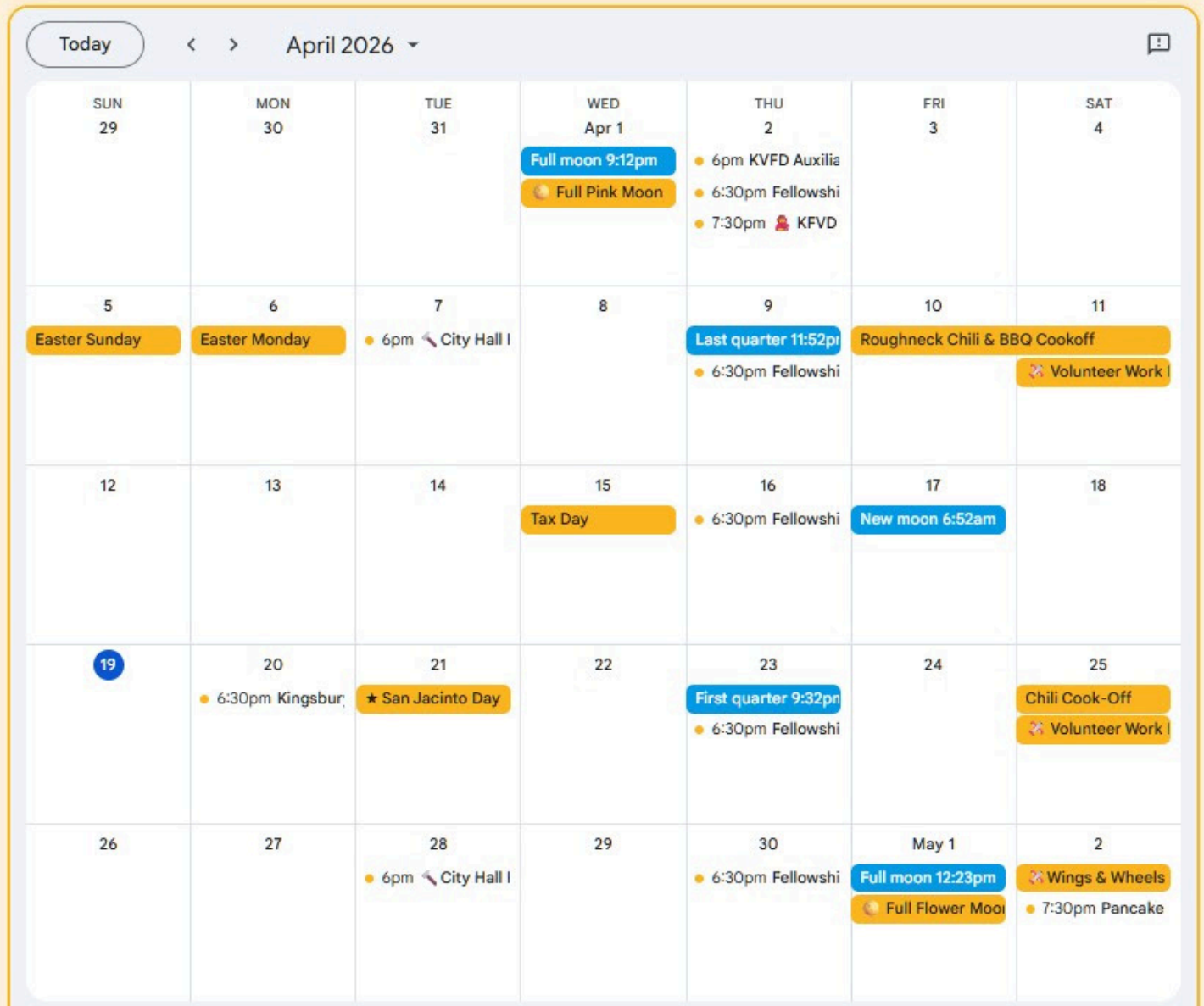
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Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of kingsburytexas.org!

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.

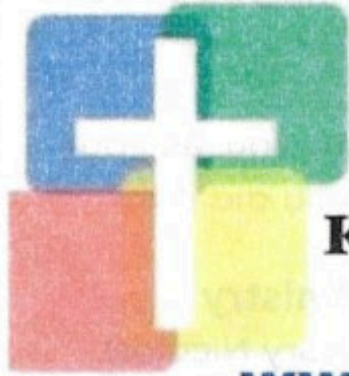
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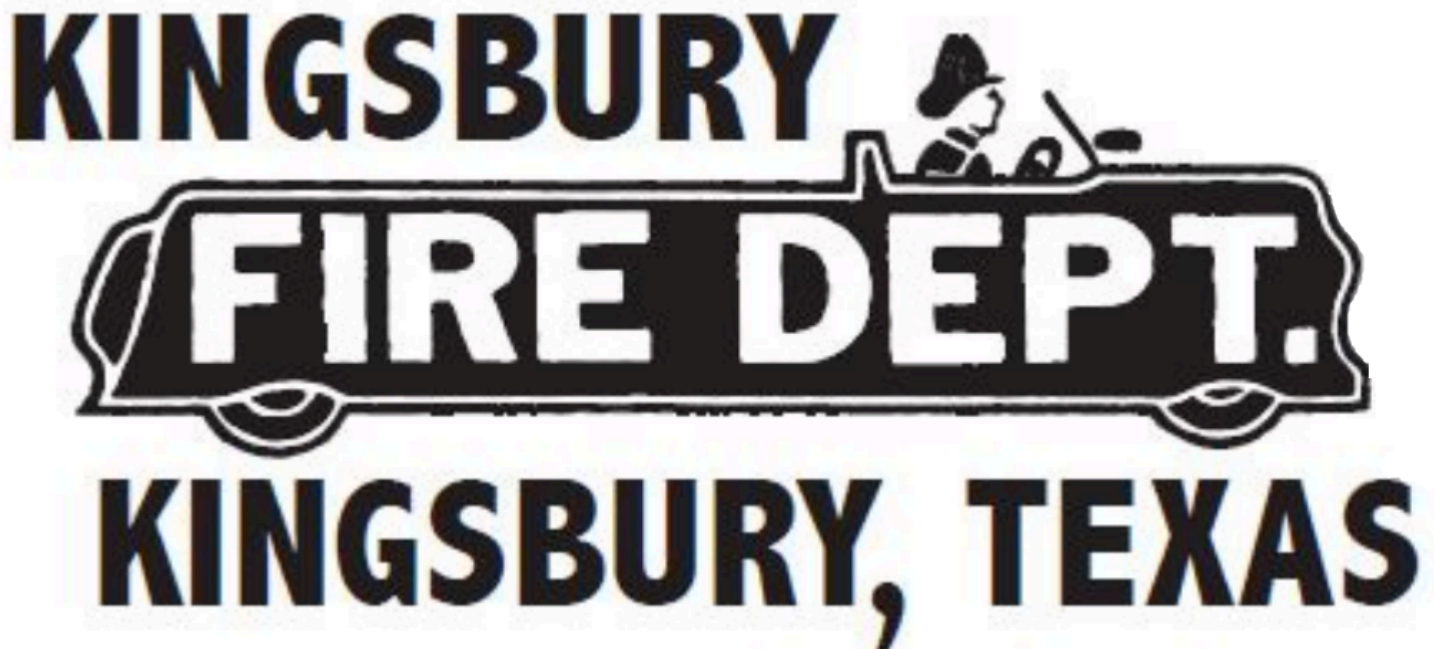
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KVFD Bar-B-Q & Raffle

Mark your calendars for the Annual Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q and **Raffle** coming up Saturday, July 25th!



Old Nixon School

There was a time when Nixon was in Guadalupe County! It was here around the Kingsbury area on FM1150 but

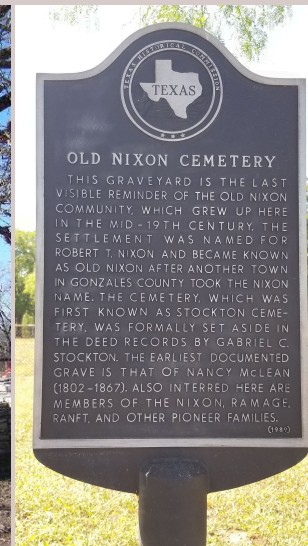
was renamed Old Nixon when a new town of Nixon emerged in Gonzales County.

This is a picture of the Old Nixon school class sometime in the early 1900s. Everybody appears to be very well dressed with bowties and **ribbons** and has that very serious picture-taking face. Today, we smile for pictures, but around 1900, you tried to look your most dignified on the extremely rare occasion that you had a picture taken.

Pretty much all that is left of Old Nixon is the Old Nixon Cemetery on FM1150. The cemetery has a Texas historical marker with this text:

This graveyard is the last visible reminder of the Old Nixon Community, which grew up here in the mid-19th century. The settlement was named for Robert T. Nixon and became known as Old Nixon after another town in Gonzales County took the Nixon name. The cemetery, which was first known as Stockton Cemetery, was formally set aside in the deed records by Gabriel C. Stockton. The earliest documented grave is that of Nancy McLean (1802-1867). Also interred here are members of the Nixon, Ramage, Ranft, and other pioneer families.

I wonder if any member of these "pioneer families" is in this class picture?



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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