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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Burn Ban In Effect

You **knew** it was coming!

This past Tuesday, the Commissioners Court enacted a burn ban for Guadalupe County until October 19. The details of the Order can be found [here](#).

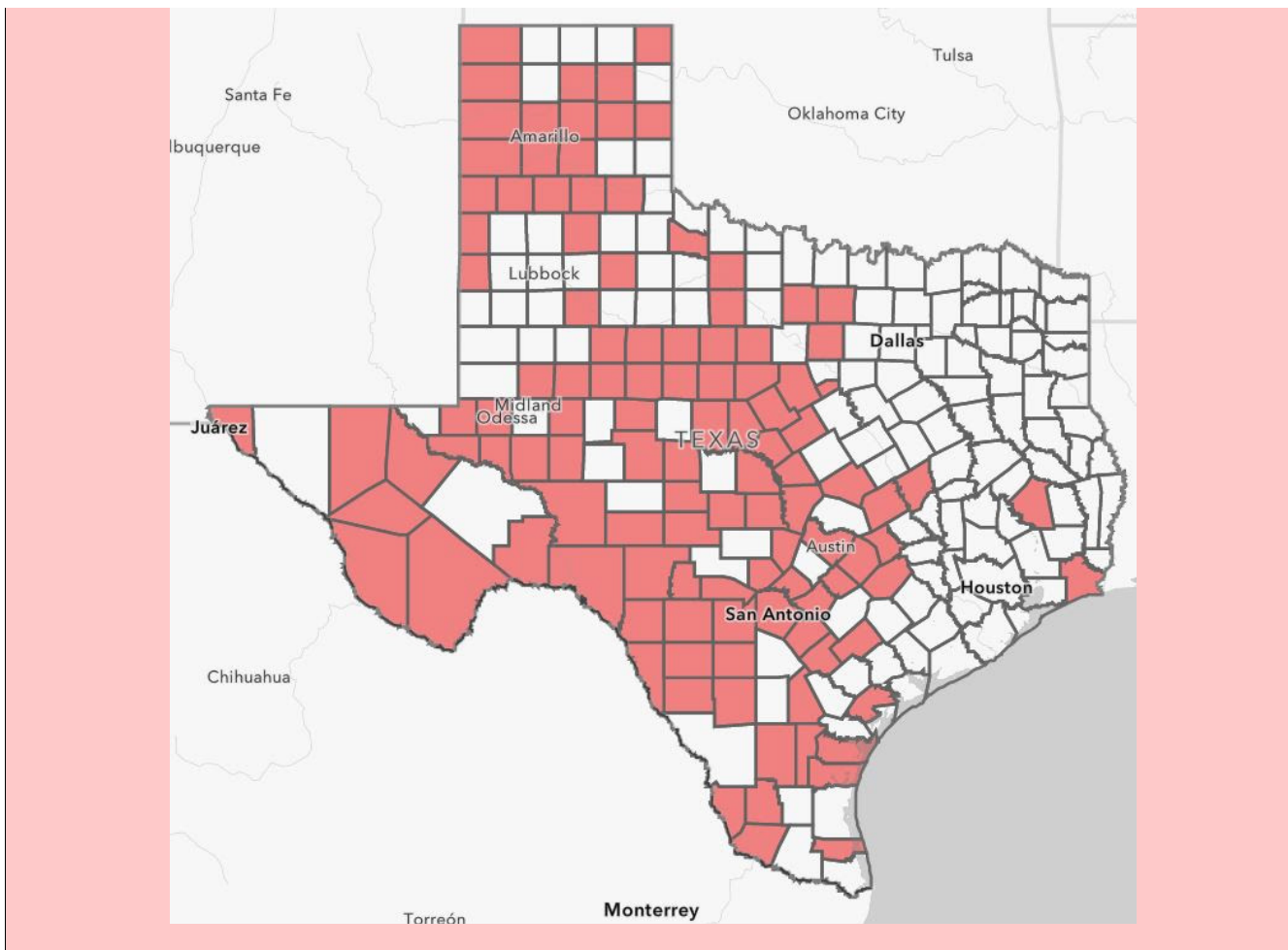
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499. To report a fire, please dial 911.

Always take precautions when:

- 🔥 *Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark*
- 🔥 *Burning household trash*
- 🔥 *Burning of other items*

In the Burn Ban Status of last week's Newsletter, there were 110 counties with a burn ban in place in Texas. This week there are 114.

County burn bans today:

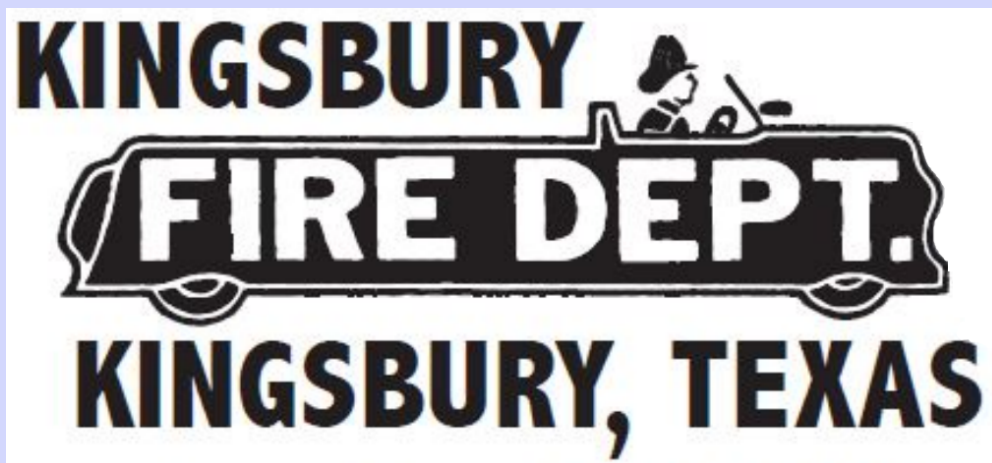


Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department

The Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department and KVFD Auxiliary will be at the first Farmers Market of each month with items for sale.

Since the annual fundraising Bar-B-Q was cancelled due to the ongoing restrictions and concerns with the pandemic, the KVFD is looking for **other** ways to raise money this year.

The Farmers Market is each Sunday (weather permitting) from Noon to 3. The first KVFD booth will be at the August 2nd Market.



Hello August

This Saturday will be the first day of the month of August.

August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the fifth month to have the length of 31 days.

In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers.



Certain meteor showers take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids take place in August with the dates varying each year, the Alpha Capricornids meteor shower takes place as early as July 10 and ends at around August 10, and the Southern Delta Aquariids take place from mid-July to mid-August with the peak usually around July 28–29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 - August 24, with the peak being August 12 this year.

The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.

This month was originally named *Sextilis* in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 45 BC giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus (despite common belief, he did not take a day from February. According to a *Senatus consultum* quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great **triumphs**, including the conquest of Egypt.

*Summer declines and roses have grown rare,
But cottage crofts are gay with hollyhocks,
And in old garden walks you breathe an air
Fragrant of pinks and August-smelling stocks.
—John Todhunter (1839-1916)*

August’s zodiac signs are Leo (July 23–August 22) and Virgo (August 23–September 22).



AUGUST FACTS & FOLKLORE

On August 17, the Cat Nights begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches and the belief that a witch could turn herself into a cat eight times, but on the ninth time (August 17), she couldn't regain her human form. This bit of folklore also gives us the saying, "A cat has nine lives." Because August is a yowly time for cats, this may have prompted the speculation about witches on the prowl in the first place!

As August, so February.

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Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.

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If the first week of August is unusually warm, The winter will be white and long.

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So many August fogs, so many winter mists.

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*When it rains
in August,
It raises honey
and wine.*

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August’s birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.



The gladiolus means strength and sincerity.



A red poppy symbolizes pleasure or consolation; scarlet, extravagance; white, sleep.

August’s birthstone is peridot, which is said to symbolize strength.



The peridot is a gem form of the mineral olivine that appears in various shades of green, sometimes with a brown or yellow tinge. Called “evening emerald,” the peridot was often mistaken for that other gem. It symbolizes strength and was said to protect the wearer from nightmares.

A previous birthstone for this month was sardonyx, which is characterized by alternating bands of sard and onyx, both forms of chalcedony. Although it can appear in several colors, it is usually reddish and white. It is thought to bring courage, happiness, and eloquence.



Legend says that Queen Elizabeth I once gave the Earl of Essex a ring made of sardonyx, pledging her aid if he was ever in need. Later on, when accused of treason and scheduled for execution, he tried to send the ring to her but an enemy intercepted it. The queen learned of his plea only years later, after he had been beheaded.



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](#)

Meteors!

There are currently three meteor showers active with two of them peaking this week !



alpha Capricornids

Period of activity: July 3rd, 2020 to August 15th, 2020

The Alpha Capricornids are active from July 3 through August 15 with a "plateau-like" maximum centered on July 30. This shower is not very strong and rarely produces in excess of five shower members per hour. What is notable about this shower is the number of bright **fireballs** produced during its activity period. This shower is seen equally well on either side of the equator.

Next Peak - The alpha Capricornids will next peak on the Jul 28-29, 2020 night. On this night, the moon will be 66% full.



Southern delta Aquariids

Period of activity: July 12th, 2020 to August 23rd, 2020

The Delta Aquariids are a strong shower best seen from the southern tropics. North of the equator the radiant is located lower in the southern sky and therefore rates are less than seen from further south. These meteors produce good rates for a week centered on the night of maximum. These are usually faint meteors that lack both

persistent trains and fireballs.

Next Peak - The Southern delta Aquariids will next peak on the Jul 28-29, 2020 night. On this night, the moon will be 66% full.



Perseids

Period of activity: July 17th, 2020 to August 26th, 2020

The Perseids are the most popular meteor shower as they peak on warm August nights as seen from the northern hemisphere. The Perseids are active from July 17 to August 24. They reach a strong maximum on August 12 or 13, depending on the year. Normal rates seen from rural locations range from 50-75 shower members per hour at maximum.

The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system. They are called Perseids since the radiant (the area of the sky where the meteors seem to originate) is located near the prominent constellation of Perseus the hero when at maximum activity.

Next Peak - The Perseids will next peak on the Aug 11-12, 2020 night. On this night, the moon will be 47% full.



Farmers Market

There will be a Farmer's Market in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



***Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday***



The event will be outside so you will be able to have the 6 foot safe distancing that is recommended and still be able to pick up **farm fresh** eggs and produce. Homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also usually available.



Plant starts, fruit trees, herbs, Kingsbury T-shirts, delicious wraps, lemonade, homemade soaps, and colorful face masks are usually on hand also.



COVID-19 In Guadalupe County

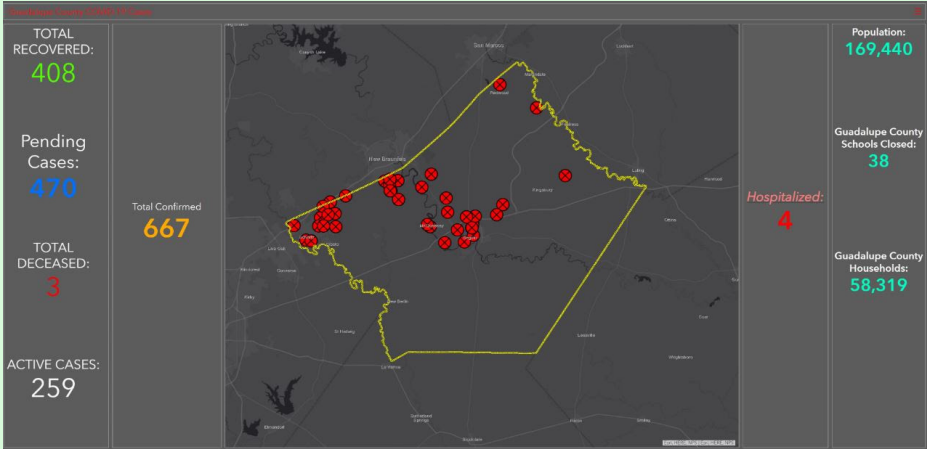
As the world goes through the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, we are all looking for information on the impact in our area. A good place for **info** is on the Guadalupe County website. The county has a "dashboard" showing cases of the virus on a county map, the numbers of recoveries, number of people hospitalized, etc.

It's good to know what is going on around the globe, but it's probably even more important to know what's happening in our immediate area. The dashboard can be found here: https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/commcourt/covid-19_dashboard.php

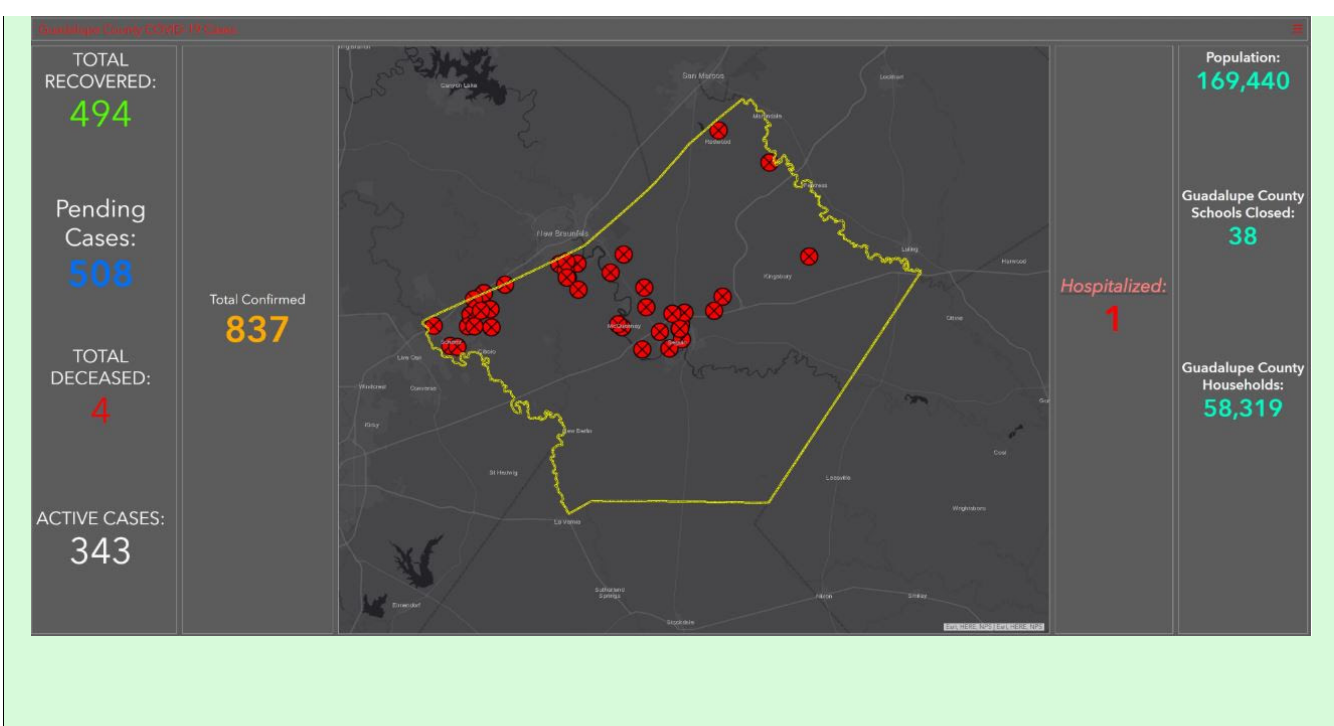
Last week there were 259 active cases and this week there are 343 with an additional death making the number of deceased 4.

Below is last week's dashboard and the most recent dashboard.

Last week's dashboard:



This week's dashboard:



Left to right is C. H. Harris, Jep Dibrell, Britt Harris, Rob Conley, and little girl (unknown) in front.

The sign on the building just to the right of the stairs seems to say "Fresh Butter". I guess you could stop by and get a shot of **whiskey** and a pound of fresh butter - one stop shopping!



Thanks!

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