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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

The Siege and Battle Of The Alamo

This week in Texas history in 1836, the siege of the Alamo continues but the defenders inside can sense that the final battle is **looming**...

Day Twelve - Saturday March 5, 1836

Saturday, March 5, marked a brief departure from the frigid temperatures of the preceding days, as the air warmed to between 50 and 68 degrees. That morning, Santa Anna called another staff meeting and announced that the assault would commence the following day. Again, officers advocated waiting for the arrival of the heavy artillery. According to his aide, Fernando Urissa, Santa Anna responded "What are the lives of soldiers than so many chickens? I tell you, the Alamo must fall, and my orders must be obeyed at all hazards. If our soldiers are driven back, the next line in their rear must force those before them forward, and compel them to scale the walls, cost what it may." The orders instructed all men to wear shoes or sandals and to properly tie their shako chin-straps. Despite the cold, soldiers were prohibited from wearing cloaks or blankets, as these might limit their movements on the battlefield. Each soldier would receive either 4 or 6 rounds of ammunition and would be given 2 flints.

A messenger arrives at the Alamo compound with the grim news that reinforcements aren't coming.

That evening, James Allen became the last courier to leave the Alamo, carrying messages from Travis and several of the other men. Legend holds that at some point on March 5, Travis gathered his men and explained

that an attack was likely imminent, and that the Mexican Army would likely prevail. He supposedly drew a line in the sand and asked those willing to die for the Texian cause to cross and stand alongside him. A bedridden Bowie requested that Crockett and several others carry his cot over the line, leaving only one man, Louis "Moses" Rose on the other side. Explaining that he was not yet ready to die, Rose escaped that evening.

At 10 pm, the Mexican artillery ceased their bombardment. As Santa Anna had planned, the exhausted Texians soon fell into a deep sleep, the first uninterrupted sleep many had gotten since the siege began. Three Texians were sent to act as sentries outside the walls.

Late that evening, the Mexicans begin moving into attack position.

Day Thirteen – Sunday March 6, 1836

At midnight, Mexican soldiers began silently moving towards their places to await the start of battle. The Texian sentries were surprised and killed quickly before they could raise an alarm. At 5:30 am, Santa Anna gave the order for the advance, and his excited troops began shouting "Viva Santa Anna, Viva la republica!" The shouting woke the Texians, but by the time they reached their posts the Mexican soldiers were already within musket range.

Adjutant John Baugh had just begun his morning rounds when he heard the cries. He hurriedly ran to the quarters of Colonel William Barret Travis. He awakened him with: "Colonel Travis, the Mexicans are coming!" Travis ran to the walls and yelled "Come on boys, the Mexicans are on us and we'll give them Hell!" Unable to see the advancing troops for the darkness, the Texian gunners blindly opened fire; they had packed their cannon with jagged pieces of scrap metal, shot, and chain. The muzzle flash briefly illuminated the landscape and it was with horror that the Texians understood their predicament. The enemy had nearly reached the walls of the compound.

The Mexican soldiers had immediate and terrible losses. That first cannon blast ripped a huge gap in their column. Colonel José Enrique de la Peña would later write "...a single cannon volley did away with half the company of Chasseurs from Toluca." The screams and moans of the dying and wounded only heightened the fear and chaos of those first few moments of the assault.

Travis hastily climbed to the top of the north wall battery and readied himself to fire; discharging both barrels of his shotgun into the massed troops below. As he turned to reload, a single lead ball struck him in the forehead sending him rolling down the ramp where he came to rest in a sitting position. Travis was dead.

Amid the Texian cannon fire tearing through their ranks, General Cos's troops performed a right oblique to begin an assault on the west wall. The Mexicans used axes and crowbars to break through the barricaded windows and openings. They climbed through the gun ports and over the wall to enter the compound. General Amador and his men entered the compound by climbing up the rough-faced repairs made on the north wall by the Texians. They successfully breached the wall and in a flood of fury, the Mexican army poured through. The Texians turned their cannon northward to check this new onslaught. With cannon fire shifted, Colonel Morales recognized a momentary advantage. His men stormed the walls and took the southwest corner, the 18-pounder, and the main gate. The Mexican army was now able to enter from almost every direction.

In one room near the main gate, the Mexican soldiers found Colonel James Bowie. Bowie was critically ill and confined to bed when the fighting began. The soldiers showed little mercy as they silenced him with their bayonets. The Texians continued to pour gunfire into the advancing Mexican soldiers devastating their ranks. Still they came.

When they saw the enemy rush into the compound from all sides, the Texians fell back to their defenses in the Long Barracks. Crockett's men in the palisade area retreated into the church. The rooms of the north barrack and the Long Barracks had been prepared well in advance in the event the Mexicans gained entry. The Texians made the rooms formidable by trenching and barricading them with raw cowhides filled with earth. For a short time, the Texians held their ground.

The Mexicans turned the abandoned Texian cannon on the barricaded rooms. With cannon blast followed by a musket volley, the Mexican soldiers stormed the rooms to finish the defenders inside the barrack. Mexican soldiers rushed the darkened rooms. With sword, bayonet, knife, and fist the adversaries clashed. In the

darkened rooms of the north barrack, it was hard to tell friend from foe. The Mexicans systematically took room after room; finally, the only resistance came from within the church itself. Once more, the Mexicans employed the Texians' cannon to blast apart the defenses of the entrance. Bonham, Dickinson and Esparza died by their cannon at the rear of the church. An act of war became a slaughter. It was over in minutes.

According to one of Santa Anna's officers, the Mexican army overwhelmed and captured a small group of defenders. According to this officer, Crockett was among them. The prisoners were brought before Santa Anna where General Castrillón asked for mercy on their behalf. Santa Anna instead answered with a "gesture of indignation" and ordered their execution. Nearby officers who had not taken part in the assault fell upon the helpless men with their swords. One Mexican officer noted in his journal that: "Though tortured before they were killed, these unfortunates died without complaining and without humiliating themselves before their torturers." Despite this one account, most historians agree that there were no prisoners taken. Ben, a former American slave who acted as cook for one of Santa Anna's officers, maintained that Crockett's body was found in the barracks surrounded by "no less than sixteen Mexican corpses", with Crockett's knife buried in one of them.

Santa Anna orders the gathering of firewood from the surrounding countryside and in alternating layers of wood and bodies the dead were stacked. At 5:00 O'clock in the evening the pyres were lit. In this final act, Santa Anna's "small affair" ended.

Santa Anna's cruelty during the battle inspired many Texians - both Texas settlers and adventurers from the United States - to join the Texian Army. The massive "Runaway Scrape" is now at it's height as the civilian population flees eastward ahead of the Mexican forces. It is now joined by the widows of the Alamo.

The Mexican army will move on to Goliad where Colonel James Fannin is defending Presidio La Bahia, which he had renamed Fort Defiance ...



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:

March 5th - National Absinthe Day, National Cheese Doodle Day, National Multiple Personality Day, National Finisher's Medal Day

March 6th - National Dentist's Day, National Dress Day, National Frozen Food Day, National Oreo Cookie Day, National White Chocolate Cheesecake Day

March 7th - National Be Heard Day, National Cereal Day, National Crown of Roast Pork Day, National Flapjack Day

March 8th - International Women's Day, National Oregon Day, National Peanut Cluster Day, National Proofreading Day, National Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day

March 9th - National Barbie Day, National Crabmeat Day, National Get Over it Day, National Meatball Day, World Kidney Day

March 10th - National Blueberry Popover Day, National Mario Day, National Pack Your Lunch Day, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

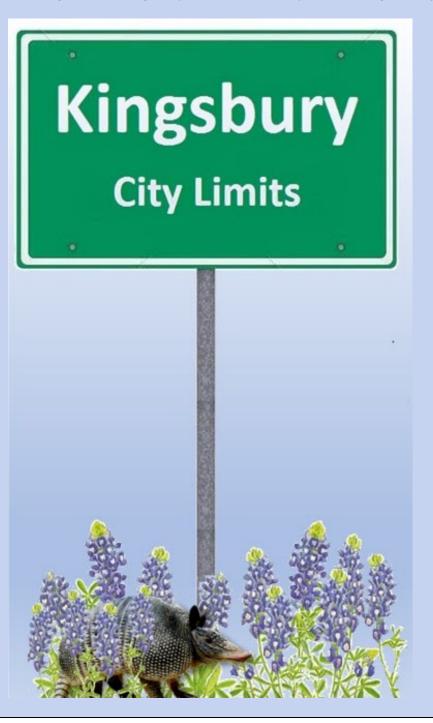
March 11th - National 311 Day, National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day, National Johnny Appleseed Day, National Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day, National Promposal Day, National Worship of Tools Day



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 out Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury <u>website</u> 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 <u>Calendar</u>.



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.



Fish Fry Time!

The Bohannons have long been in the catering business and are now serving up fried catfish at their place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

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.

The first fish fry of 2023 is March 10th!



Daylight Saving Time is Coming!

Just a friendly **reminder** - Daylight Saving Time starts again <u>next</u> Sunday, March 12th.

We'll have to set our clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. ... technically. In reality, we'll just adjust our clocks the evening before. Then have to keep setting clocks over the next few days as we run across ones that we didn't think about and forgot to do!



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!







Full Worm Moon

The Full Worm Moon rises this Tuesday evening.

Traditionally, the Moon we see in March is called the Full Worm Moon. At this time of the year, the ground begins

to soften enough for earthworm casts to reappear, inviting **robins** and birds to feed—a true sign of spring. Roots start to push their way up through the soil, and the Earth experiences a re-birth as it awakens from its winter slumber. There are many alternative names for the March Moon. One name was the Full Sap Moon, as this is the time of year when the sap of sugar maples starts to flow.

Other traditional names for the March full moon

Mohawk - Much Lateness Moon Zuni - Little Sand Storm Moon Pueblo - Moon When the Leaves Break Forth Omaha - Little Frog Moon Hopi - Moon of the Whispering Wind Cree - Eagle Moon Choctaw - Moon of Winds Shoshone - Warming Moon Dakotah Sioux - Moon When Eyes Are Sore From Bright Snow Arapaho - Buffalo Dropping Their Calves Moon Cherokee - Strawberry Moon or Windy Moon Comanche - Cotton Ball Moon Creek - Little Spring Moon Lakota - Moon of the Sore Eyes Ponca - Water Stands in the Ponds Moon Shawnee - Sap Moon

> Colonial American - Fish Moon Chinese - Sleepy Moon Celtic - Moon of Winds Medieval English - Chaste Moon Neo Pagan - Death Moon



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 <u>Calendar</u> page of <u>kingsburytexas.org!</u>

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.

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) V			March 2023	>		Today
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26 12:00pm M	27	28	1	2 6:00pm KVF 7:30pm KFV	3	4
5 12:00pm M	6	7 Full Worm M	8	9	10 Fish Fry Plates	11
12 Daylight Savi 12:00pm M	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's	18 Volunteer W 12:00pm Ch
19 12:00pm M	20 First Day of 6:30pm Kin	21	22	23	24 Fish Fry Plates	25
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Chili Cook-Off

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



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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 Marshalls General Store



More Kingsbury Students In Costume

Another picture from Denise Imhoff of the kids at the Kingsbury School when she was attending there. The school closed in the Summer of 1963 so these would have been taken before that.

It looks like the kids here are also dressed in **costumes** for a play or plays or maybe as fairy tale characters. I think the little girl on the right may be Mary with her Little Lamb, there is obviously a Big Bad Wolf in the middle, and the girl with the crown and the pale blue dress looks like a princess - I just don't know which one!

In the photo are (left to right)
Joyce Brown, Paula Glenewinkle, Joy Glenewinkle, ?? inside the wolf, Jill ?, Barbara Brown, Denise Imhoff.



Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the <u>Kingsbury website</u>, 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.



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