

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - March 24, 2024

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Massacre At Goliad

This week in Texas history, on March 27, 1836, hundreds of captured Texian soldiers were executed by Mexican forces at Goliad.

At the Battle of Coleto Creek (see last week's Newsletter) on March 19 and 20, the Texians had put up a gallant fight after being surrounded by Mexican troops commanded by General Jose de Urrea. But after being outnumbered, **out-gunned**, and without water, Colonel Fannin and the majority of his troops voted to surrender. The Mexicans took the Texians back to Goliad, where they were held as prisoners at Fort Defiance (Presidio La Bahia). The Texians thought they would likely be set free in a few weeks. Urrea departed Goliad, leaving Colonel José Nicolás de la Portilla in command. Urrea wrote to Santa Anna to ask for clemency for the Texians. Under a decree passed by the Mexican Congress on December 30 of the previous year, armed foreigners taken in combat were to be treated as pirates and executed. Urrea wrote in his diary that he "...wished to elude these orders as far as possible without compromising my personal responsibility." Santa Anna responded to this entreaty by repeatedly ordering Urrea to comply with the law and execute the prisoners. He also had a similar order sent directly to the "Officer Commanding the Post of Goliad". This order was received by Portilla on March 26, who decided it was his duty to comply despite receiving a countermanding order from Urrea later that same day.

The next day, Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, Portilla had between 425 and 445 Texians marched out of Fort Defiance in three columns on the Bexar Road, San Patricio Road, and the Victoria Road, between two rows of Mexican soldiers; they were shot point blank, survivors were clubbed and knifed to death.

Held at Fort Defiance, Colonel Fannin was the last to be executed, after seeing his men killed. Aged 32, he was taken by Mexican soldiers to the courtyard in front of the chapel, blindfolded, and seated in a chair (due to his leg wound from the battle). He made three requests: that his personal possessions be sent to his family, to be shot in the heart and not the face, and to be given a Christian burial. The soldiers took his belongings, shot him in the face, and burned his body along with those of the other Texians who died that day.

The entire Texian force was killed, except for 28 men who feigned death and escaped. Due to the intervention of Francita Alavez (the "Angel of Goliad") and the courageous effort of Colonel Garay, 20 more men were spared to act as doctors, interpreters, or workers.

Also spared were the 75 soldiers of Miller and the Nashville Battalion who had been unarmed when they were captured. They were later marched to Matamoros. Spared men were given white arm bands, and while wearing them could walk about freely. They were advised not to take off the arm band, since Mexican troops were hunting for those few who had escaped from Coleto, Victoria, and the massacre itself.

The massive number of Texian prisoner-of-war casualties throughout the Goliad Campaign led to Goliad being called a "massacre" by Texas-American forces and fueled the frenzy of the Runaway Scrape, the massive movement of humanity fleeing eastward ahead of the Mexican Army. The Runaway Scrape had been joined by the widows of the Alamo and now by the widows of Goliad.

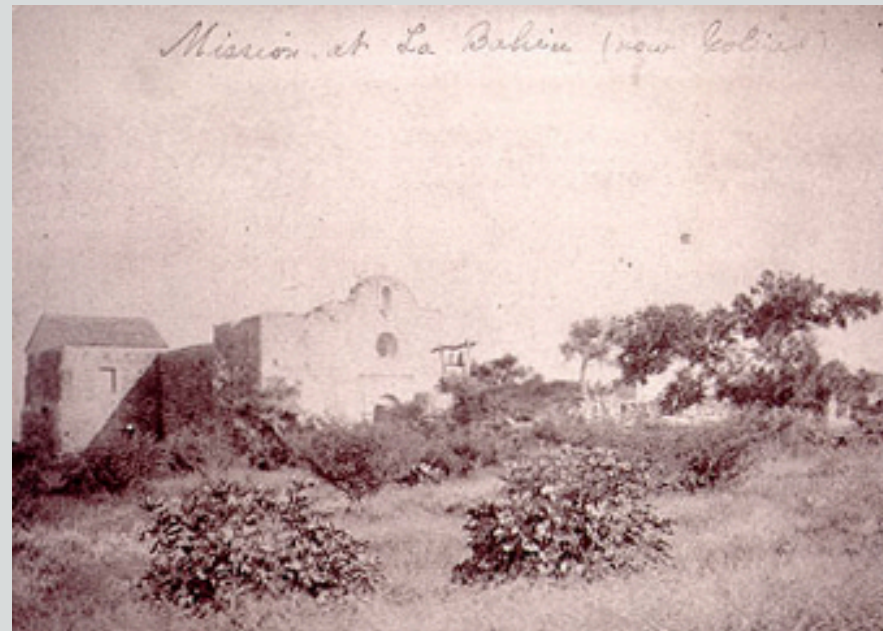
After the executions, the Texians' bodies were piled and burned. Their charred remains were left in the open, unburied, and exposed to vultures and coyotes.

General Thomas J. Rusk found the remains of the massacre victims in June, 1836 and gave orders for a formal military funeral. The remains were interred at the location southeast of the Presidio la Bahia where the Fannin Monument now stands. The whereabouts of the gravesite was forgotten until years later when human bone fragments were discovered by a group of boys.

In 1938 the monument to Fannin and his men was erected at the gravesite.

Back in 1836, after the fall of the Alamo and now Goliad, the Mexican forces continue to move eastward where

General Sam Houston has fallen back and has been training his Texian army near San Jacinto ...



Chili Cookoff

Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury

Chili

COOK-OFF



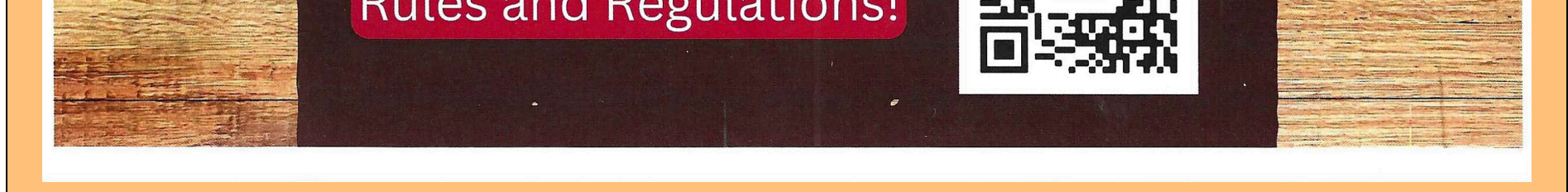
Join us for our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff!
Chili, Bean, and Bloody Mary Tastings

Saturday March 30

Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury
620 Railway St, Kingsbury, TX 78638

Scan the QR Code for
Rules and Regulations!





Road Closure

There will be a road closure on Railway Street during the Chili Cook-Off for the safety of the people attending.

The street will be closed on the section in front of the Big Easy. Any through **traffic** will have to divert around during the Cook-Off.



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 24th - National Cocktail Day, National Cheesesteak Day, National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day

March 25th - National Medal Of Honor Day, Tolkien Reading Day, National Lobster Newburg Day

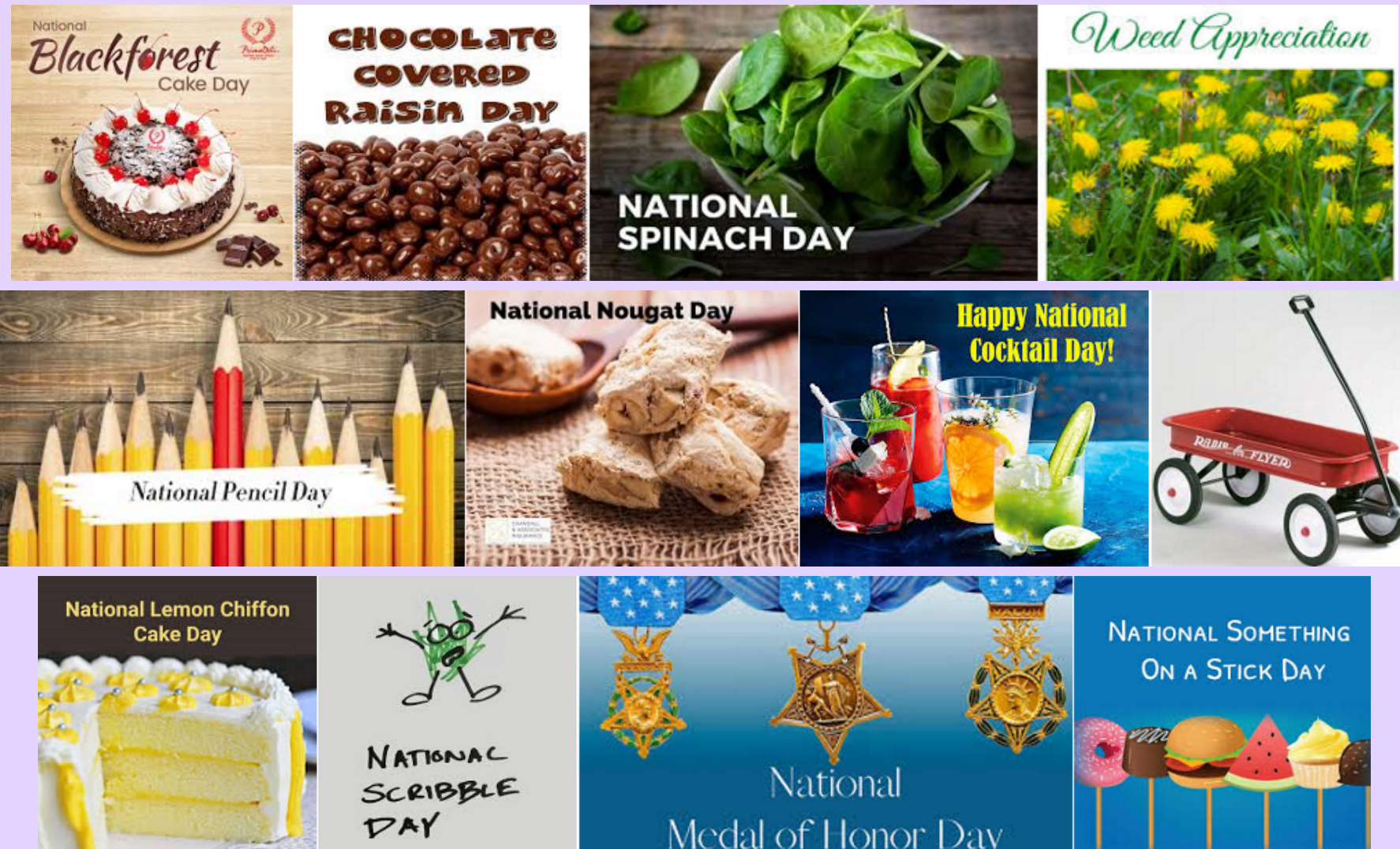
March 26th - Epilepsy Awareness Day, National Nougat Day, National Spinach Day, American Diabetes Association Alert Day

March 27th - National Scribble Day, National Little Red Wagon Day, National Spanish Paella Day, National Joe Day

March 28th - National Triglycerides Day, National Black Forest Cake Day, National Something On A Stick Day, National Weed Appreciation Day

March 29th - National Pita Day, Good Friday, National Nevada Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, National Lemon Chiffon Cake Day, National Mom And Pop Business Owners Day

March 30th - National Virtual Vacation Day, National Turkey Neck Soup Day, National Pencil Day, National Doctors Day, National I Am In Control Day, National Take A Walk In The Park 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.

 [Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

Full Worm Moon

The Full Worm Moon rises this Monday 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*
- Assiniboine (Northern Plains) - Sore Eye Moon*
- Pueblo - Moon When the Leaves Break Forth*
- Omaha - Little Frog Moon*
- Abenaki (Maine) - Moose Hunter Moon*
- Hopi - Moon of the Whispering Wind*
- Tlingit (Pacific NW coast) - Underwater Plants Sprout Moon*
- Cree - Eagle Moon*
- Choctaw - Moon of Winds*
- Passamaquoddy (NE US) - Spring Moon*

Chippewa - Snow Crust Moon
Shoshone - Warming Moon
Dakotah Sioux - Moon When Eyes Are Sore From Bright Snow
Arapaho - Buffalo Dropping Their Calves Moon
Kalapuya (Pacific NW) - Women Dig Camas Moon
Cherokee - Strawberry Moon or Windy Moon
Wishram - Long Days Moon
Comanche - Cotton Ball Moon
Algonquin (Great Lakes) - Catching Fish Moon
Creek - Little Spring Moon
Lakota - Moon of the Sore Eyes
Potawatomi (Great Lakes) - Moon Of The Crane
Ponca - Water Stands in the Ponds Moon
Shawnee - Sap Moon
Haida (Alaska) - Noisy Goose Moon

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



Fish Fry

The Bohannons with J&S Custom Catering have long been in the catering business and are now serving up fried catfish at their place for the 2024 season.

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 next fish fry is March 29th!

Fish will be a-fryin' on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

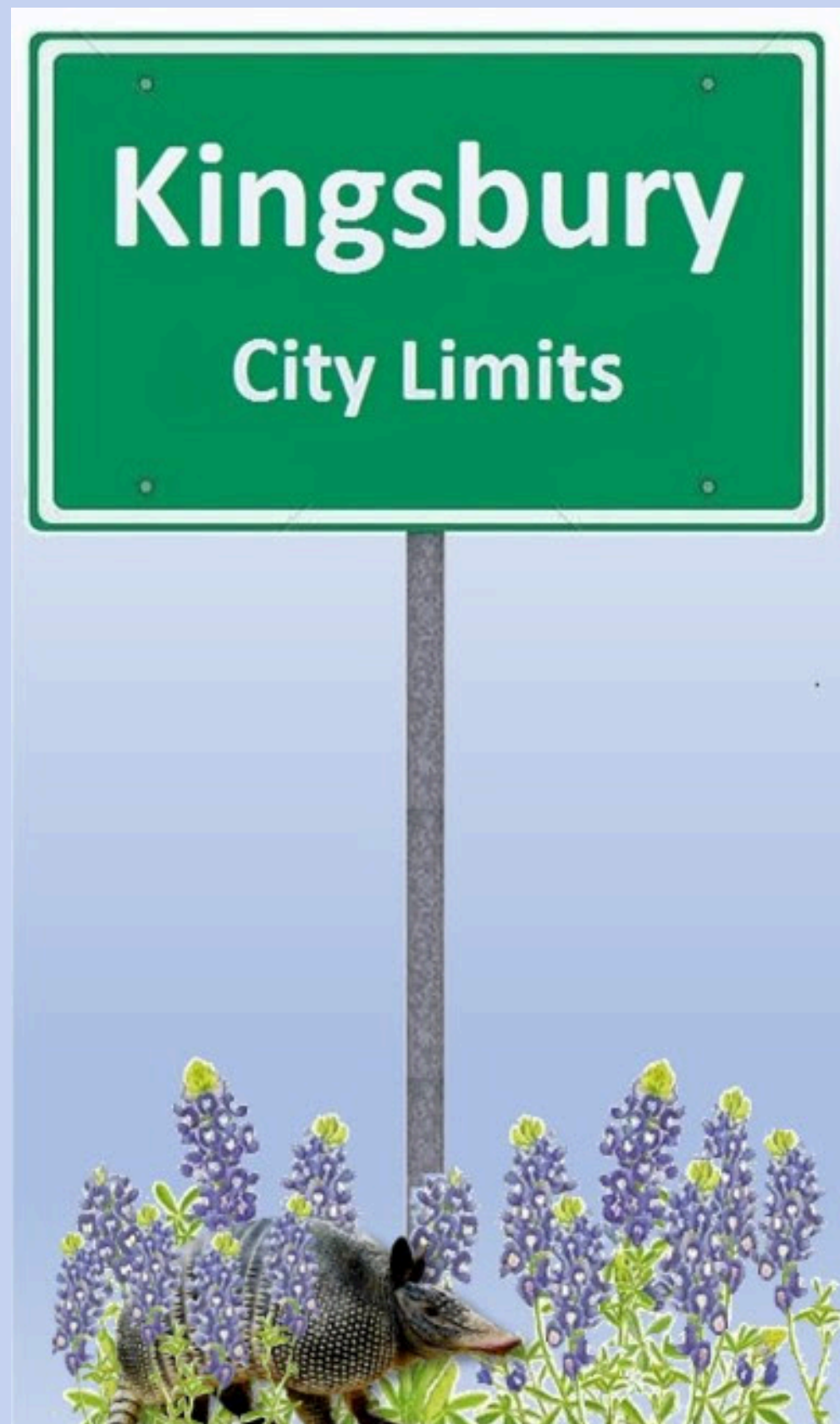


Kingsbury City Limits

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 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) ▾

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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Market Day	26	27	28	29	1 First Day of ...	2
3 Market Day	4 Community ...	5	6	7 Card Raffle D... + 3	8 Fish Fry Winter Clear...	9 Volunteer Wo... Winter Clear...
10 Daylight Savi... Market Day	11	12 Developmen...	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's ... Market Day	18 Kingsbury Ci...	19 First Day of S...	20	21	22	23
24 Market Day	25 Full Worm M...	26	27	28	29 Fish Fry	30 Chili Cook Off
31 Easter Sunday Market Day	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 KVFD Auxilia... KVFD Fire Fi...	5	6

Kingsbury Waste Transfer Station

After hearing citizens comments regarding the closing of the waste transfer station (aka "The Dump") off of FM 2438, the City of Kingsbury and the Kingsbury Development Committee started working on a **plan** to re-open the facilities there. The site will then be run by the City of Kingsbury.

The agreement is currently in the Guadalupe County Court's hands to work with the Road & Bridge department and identify the area that will still be used for brush mulching and other ongoing county activities.

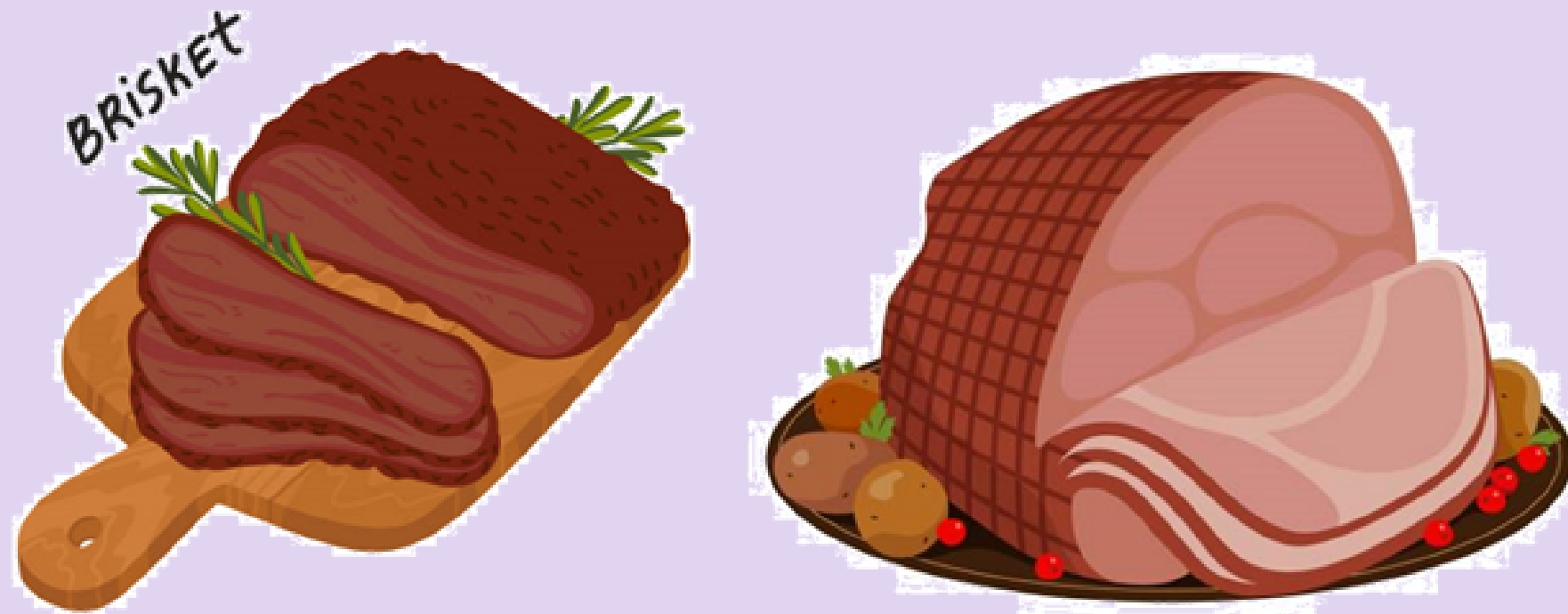
The City of Kingsbury appointed Udo Stockdreher as Waste Manager for the city and he has been pushing this through the process with permitting, working with potential waste companies, working to identify a recycling stream, and much more.

More details to come!



J&S Catering will have cooked Brisket for \$15/lb. and spiral sliced hams for \$85 for your **Easter** get-togethers.

Just call or text John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and get your order in.



Kingsbury Student Picture

A great picture of the students at the Kingsbury school about 1940.

There is no date on it, but it has all the names on back! Do you recognize any faces or names?

Everybody looks well dressed and very well behaved. Little Mary Jane Appling and Bubby Hurt are both striking a **pose** with their arms crossed! And James Kluth next to Bubby has on the cutest overalls.

Some of the kids are smiling, but most have on that very-serious-business-of-picture-taking face.





Top Row
Row 1

James Talley
Ray Coers
Herschel Harboth
Jack Irwin
Vernon Rabe
Albert Pape

Row 2

Clarence Raske
Nelson Jechow
Eckle Lee Baker
Ed "Jo" Murphy
J.B. (Pie) Murphy

Row 3

Valaska Baumert
Carline Pierce
Waldine Presswood
Ruby Kluth
Helen Baumert

Row 4

Jack Bonewald
Preston Engelke
Emelyn Coates
Opal Hunt
Marlene Green
Dolly Harboth

Row 4

Vernon Dadson
Madelene Beaty
Mary Etta Lerrill
Charles Black
John Henry Smith
Grace Imhoff
Angela Klenewinkel

Row 5

Wilbur Kluth
~~Mark Murphy~~
Leona Lenz
Thomas A. Smith
Delvin Meyer
Herbert Heinemann

Row 6

Jennie Mae Appling
Wilbur Seiter
Peggy Chesher
Earnest Robbins
Gloria Halm
Yvonne Green
Betty Halland
Harry Gillespie

Row 7

Ann Hudson
Eva Nell Ferrell
Linda Ferrell

Row 7

Bessie Hudson
Vergie Mae Black
Connie Martz
Linda Wadler
~~Alton~~ Sonbach
Fred Imhoff Jr

Row 8

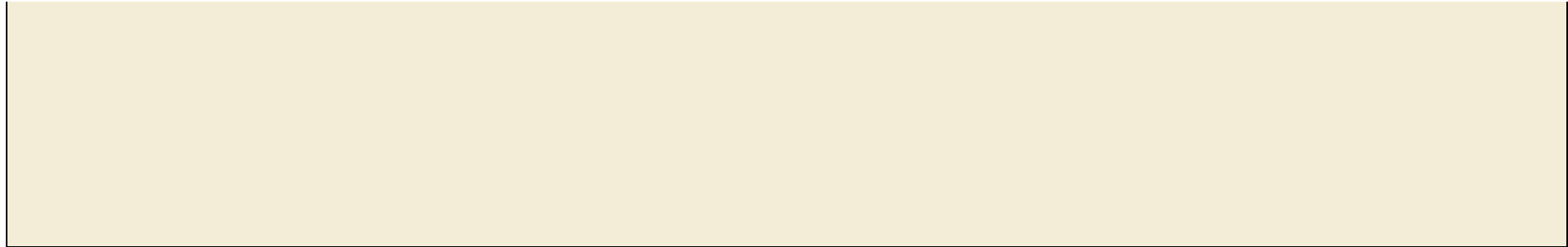
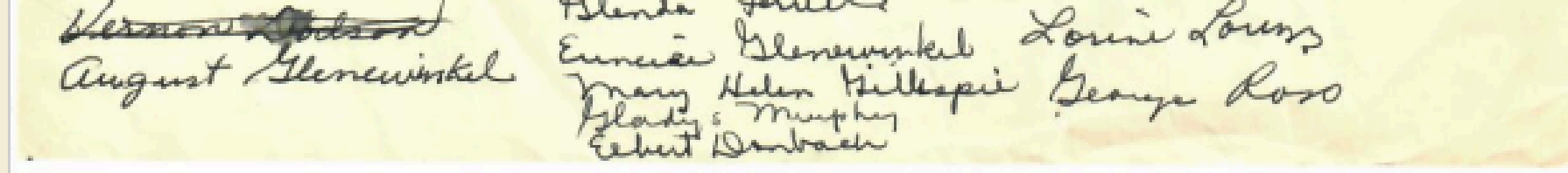
Dorothy Chesher
Velma Wadler
Dorothy Mae Nalte
Mary Jane Appling
Nelda Klenewinkel
Lloyd (Bubby) Hunt

Row 9

James Kluth
Adrian Mercer
Pat Harboth
L.M. Dadson
Lillian Green
Lowell Irwin
Mavis Sonbach
Braden Jechow

Row 10

Cicle Mercer
Carline Mercer
Lola Lenz
Gertrude Raske



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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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