

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - April 21, 2024

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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

It is April, 1836, and the Mexican army, led by Generalisimo Santa Anna, has burned Harrisburg while General Sam Houston has led the Texian army to San Jacinto. "Deaf" Smith has been ordered to burn Vince's Bridge over a flooded Vince's Bayou behind the Mexican army. This prevents enemy reinforcements and also prevents

the retreat of either army.

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 21st – National Rendering Day, National Yellow Bat Day, National Chocolate-Covered Cashews Day, National Kindergarten Day

April 22nd – Passover Begins, National Jelly Bean Day, National Girl Scout Leader's Day, National Earth Day

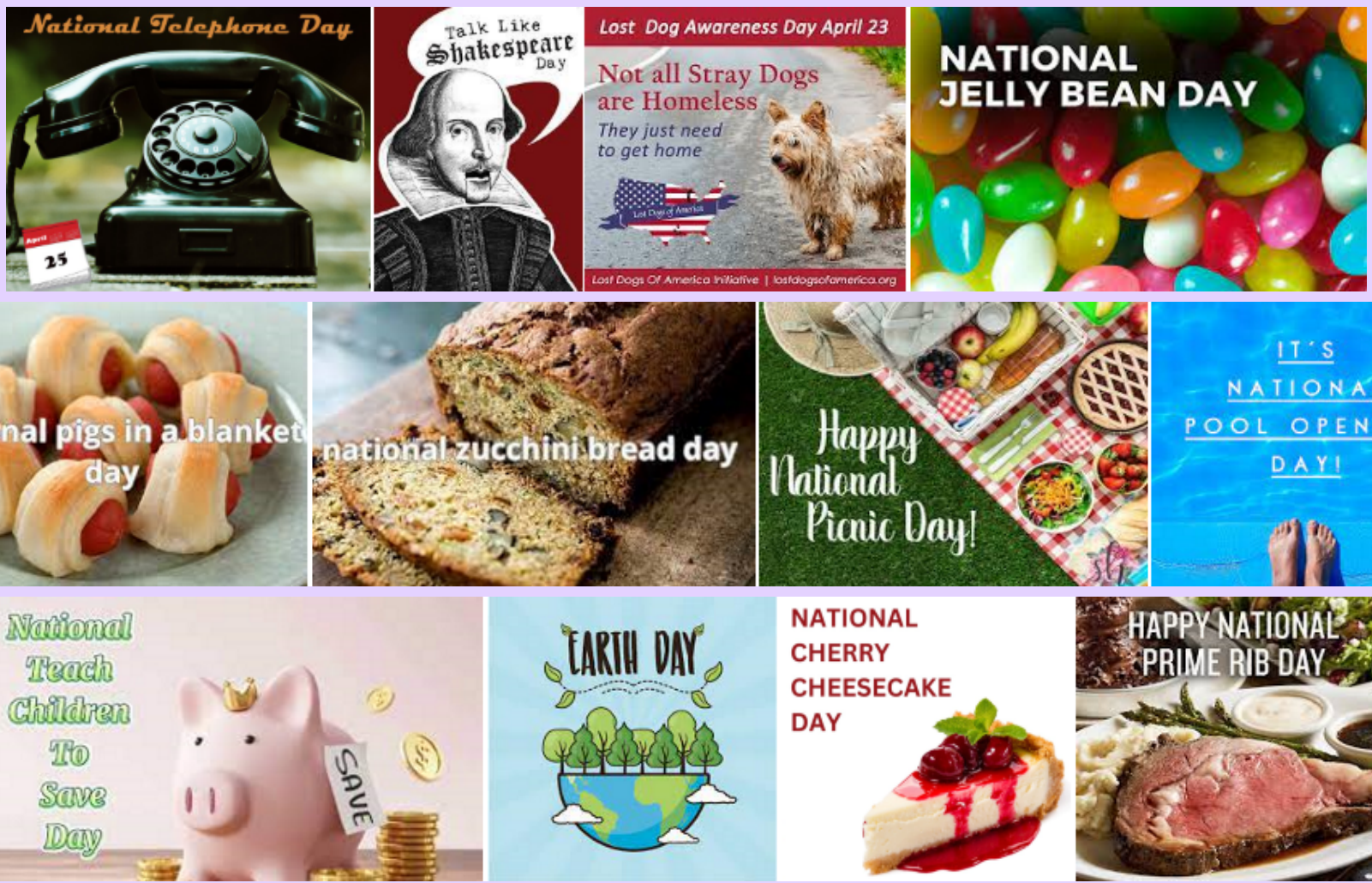
April 23rd – School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, National Lost Dog Awareness Day, National Cherry Cheesecake Day, National Take A Chance Day, National Picnic Day, National Talk Like Shakespeare Day

April 24th – National Bucket List Day, Stop Food Waste Day, National Pigs-In-A-Blanket Day, National Administrative Professionals Day

April 25th – National Hug A Plumber Day, National DNA Day, National Teach Children To Save Day, National Zucchini Bread Day, National Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day, National Telephone Day

April 26th – National Historic Marker Day, National South Dakota Day, National Dissertation Day, National Help A Horse Day, National Hairball Awareness Day, National Pretzel Day, National Kids And Pets Day, National Richter Scale Day, National Audubon Day, National Arbor Day

April 27th – National Gummi Bear Day, Celebrate Trails Day, National First Ladies Day, Independent Bookstore Day, National Devil Dog Day, National Pool Opening Day, National Kiss Of Hope Day, National Sense Of Smell Day, National Rebuilding Day, National Prime Rib Day, National Tell A Story Day, National Babe Ruth Day



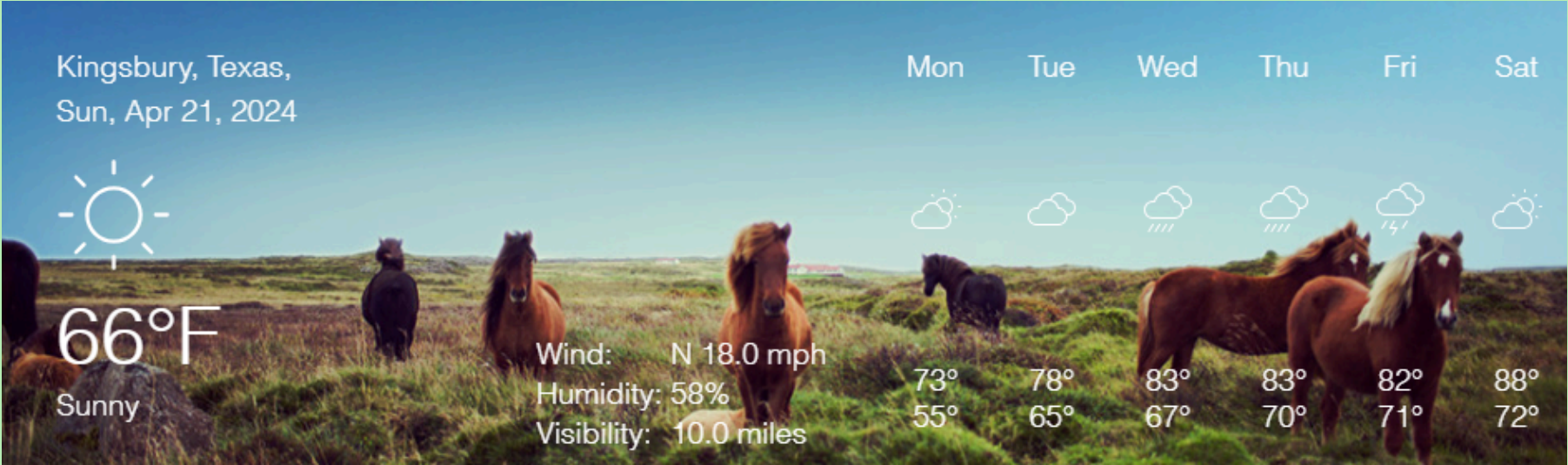
Pancake Breakfast Cancelled

The Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department has decided to not host a Pancake Breakfast this year.

You'll have to make **pancakes** for yourself or wait for next year!



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](#)

Lyrids Meteor Shower Peaks

Looking for something fun to do? Need to get out of the house? Tonight (Sunday) and early Monday 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, with a moon that will be almost full at the peak of the Lyrids, it's probably best to try and see the show before dawn and after the moon has set.

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 tonight.

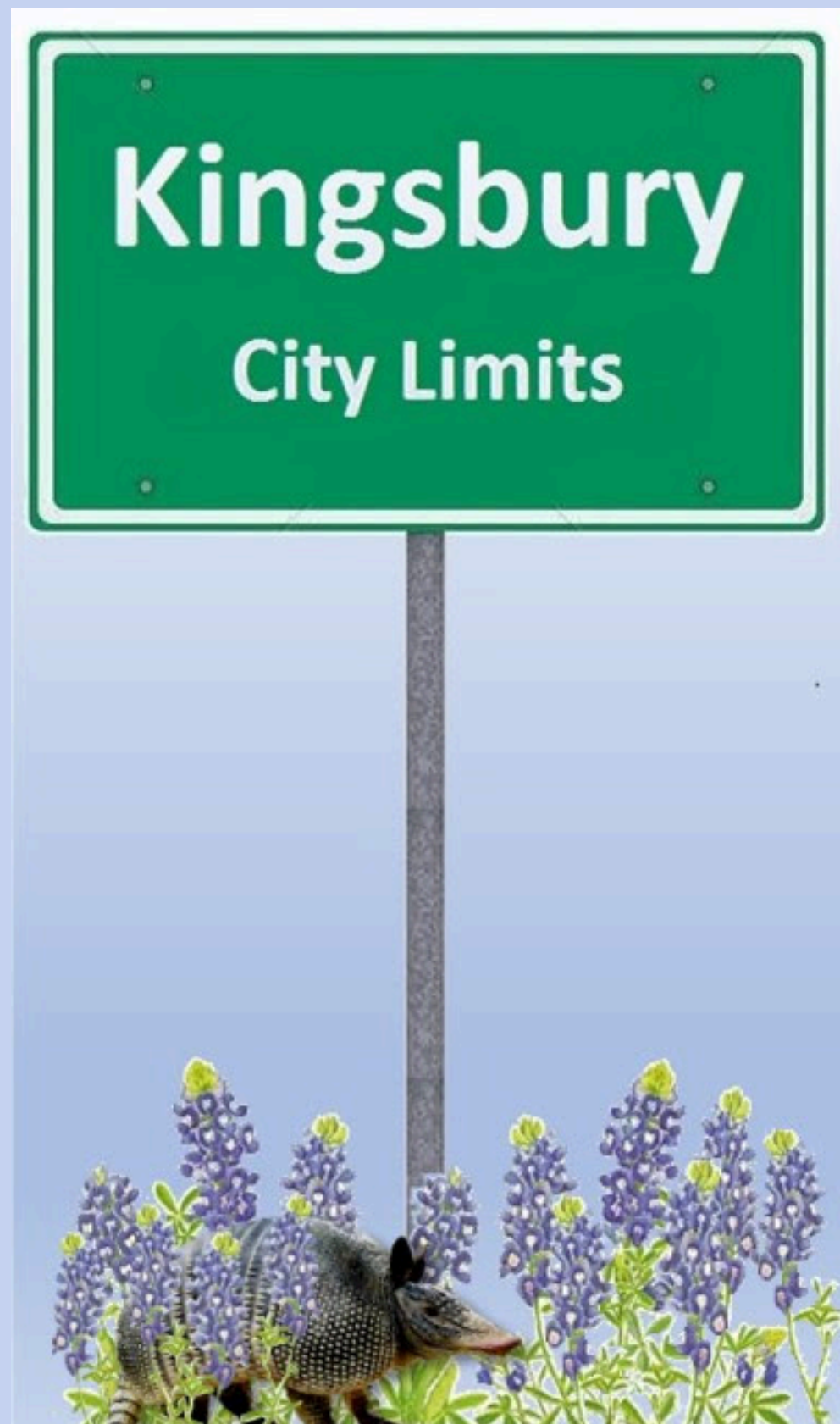


Kingsbury City Limits

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 out 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!



Rummage Sale

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having a Rummage Sale on May 4th.

Stop by and find that **treasure** that you can't live without!



**Kingsbury
Lutheran
Church**

MAY 4TH

Lots of Sellers !

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
31 Easter Sunday Market Day	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 Knife Raffle ... KFVD Fire Fi...	5	6
7 Market Day	8 Solar Eclipse	9 Developmen...	10	11	12 Fish Fry	13 Volunteer Wo...
14 Market Day	15 Tax Day Kingsbury Ci...	16	17	18	19	20
21 San Jacinto ... Market Day	22	23 Full Pink Moon	24	25	26 Fish Fry	27 Volunteer Wo...
28 Market Day	29	30	1 First Day of A...	2 KVFD Auxilia... KFVD Fire Fi...	3	4 Wings & Whe...

Spring Fly-In

Pioneer Flight Museum **WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN**

Fundraising Event



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Airport Identifier

Charles Lindbergh: American Aviator

MAY 4, 2024 9 AM TO 4 PM

Antique - Vintage - Classic
Aircraft & Automobiles

Food Trucks, Vendors &
Living History Displays

**Old Kingsbury
Aerodrome
190 Pershing Ln.
Kingsbury, TX
830-639-4162**

**Model T Raffle
Drawing @ 1 PM**
More Information on Website
PioneerFlightMuseum.org

Bring the Whole Family - Free Admission - Activities for Children
Donations are Greatly Appreciated at the Gate

Model T Raffle

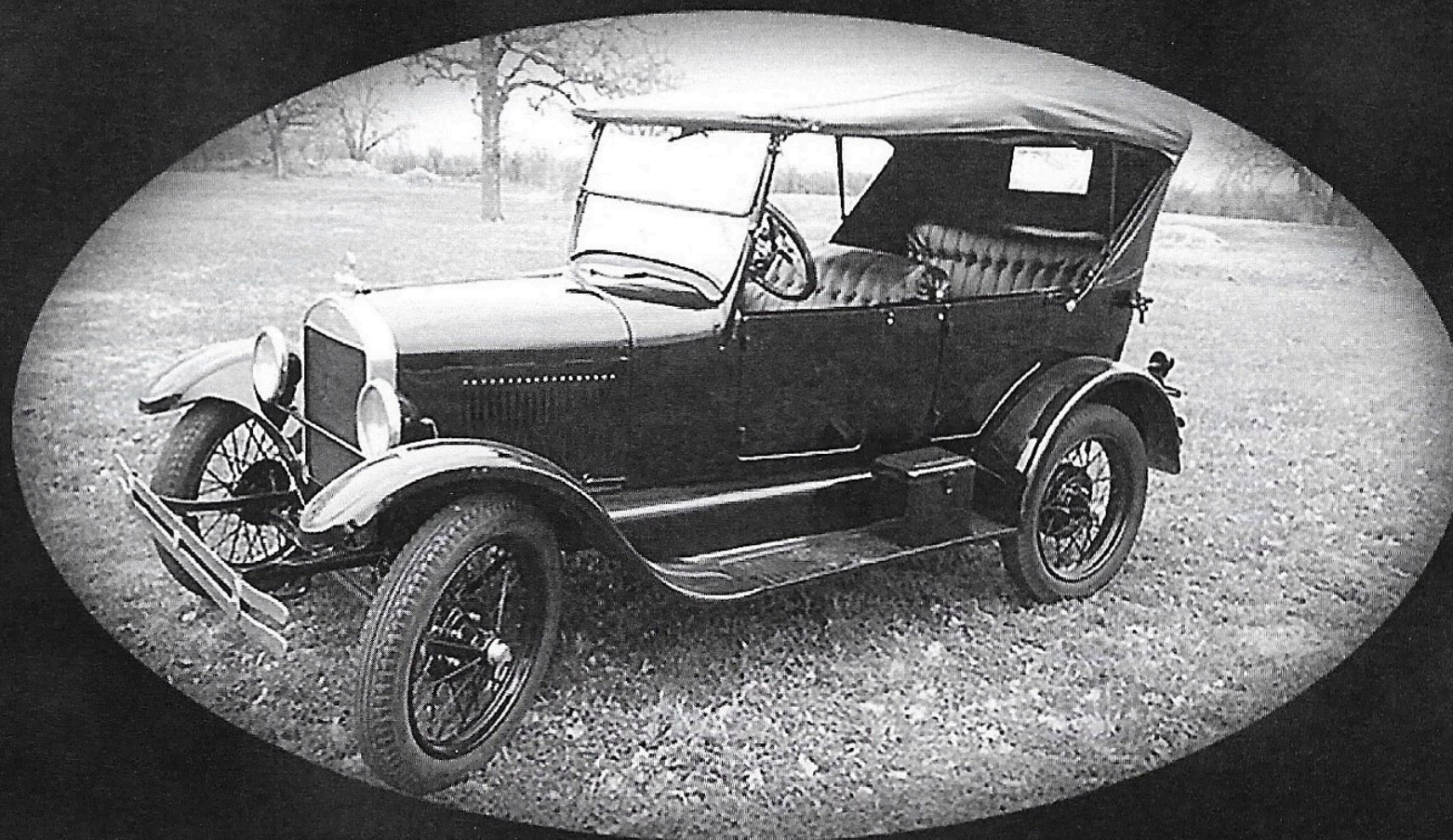
The Pioneer Flight Museum here in Kingsbury is raffling off a **real** model T !

Details are below and more are available at <https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/>

The drawing will be May 4th, 2024 at the Spring Fly-In.

Win This Car

Drawing: May 4, 2024



1927 Ford Model T Touring Car

- Raffle -

Drawing will be held at the Pioneer Flight Museum "Wings & Wheels" Event at 1:00 PM

Winner need not be present to win.

Pioneer Flight Museum is a
501(c)(3) non profit
organization dedicated to the
history of aviation and
transportation.

Ticket
Price **\$50**

Ticket price is a donation to
the museum, all proceeds
will be used for the
maintenance, operation and
expansion of the museum.

Winner will be announced at the event, on our website and facebook page. Winner is responsible for all taxes, titling, licensing and any other fees associated with winning this car.

For a complete list of the rules and to buy tickets online please visit:

PioneerFlightMuseum.org/Raffle

Full Pink Moon

This Tuesday, April 23rd, is the full moon in April known as the Full Pink Moon.



The Full Pink Moon heralds in the appearance of the “moss pink,” or **wild** ground phlox—one of the first Spring flowers. It has also been known as the Grass Moon, the Egg Moon, and the Fish Moon.

These names were used by early Colonial Americans—who learned the names from the local Native Americans; time was not recorded by using the months of the Julian or Gregorian calendar. Many tribes kept track of time by observing the seasons and lunar months, although there was much variability. The name itself usually described some activity that occurred during that time in their location.

OTHER NAMES FOR THE APRIL FULL MOON

Sioux - Red Grass Appearing Moon

Shawnee - Half Moon

Dakotah Sioux - Moon When Geese Return in Scattered Formation

Cree - Gray Goose Moon

Choctaw - Moon of Blackberry and also Wildcat Moon

Cherokee - Flower Moon

Apache - Moon of the Big Leaves

Creek - Big Spring Moon
Tlingit - Budding Moon of Plants and Shrubs
Arapaho - Ice Breaking in the River Moon
Haida (Alaska) - Migratory Geese Moon
Cheyenne - Moon When the Geese Lay Eggs
Abenaki (Maine) - Sugar Maker Moon
Comanche - New Spring Moon
Assiniboine (Northern Plains) - Frog Moon
Hopi - Moon of Wind Break
Kalapyua (Pacific NW) - Time For Pounding Camas Moon
Mohawk - Budding Time Moon
Winnebago - Planting Corn Moon
Chippewa - Broken Snowshoe Moon
Wishram - The Eighth Moon
Shoshone - Melting Moon
Zuni - Great Sand Storm Moon
Lakota - Moon When the Wife Has To Crack Bones For Marrow Fat
Algonquin - Moon When They Set Indian Corn

Colonial American - Egg Moon and also Planter's Moon
Chinese - Peony Moon
Celtic - Growing Moon
Medieval English - Seed Moon
Neo Pagan - Awakening 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:

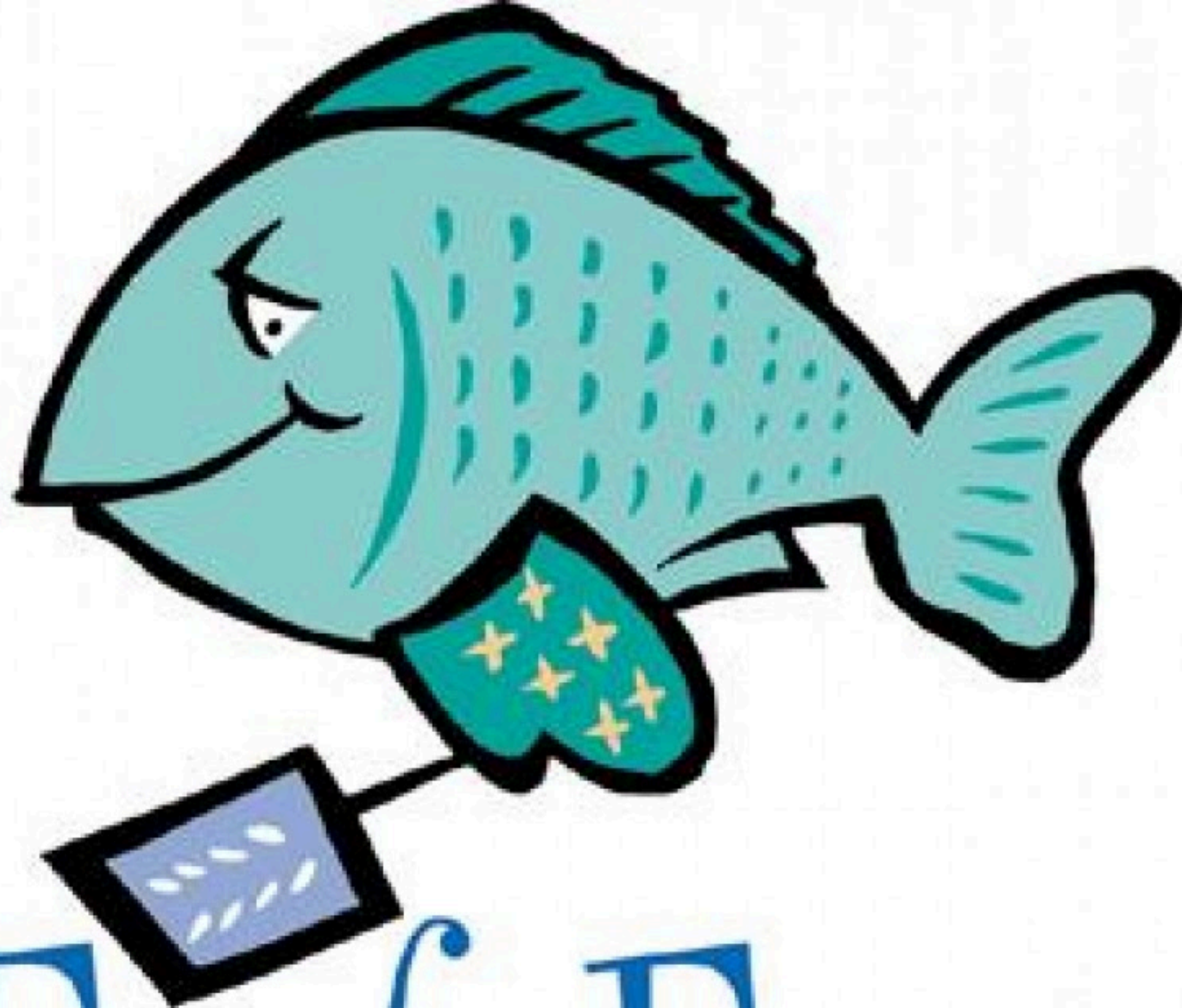
Fish & Shrimp plate - \$15
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters plate - \$20

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.

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

The next fish fry of 2024 is April 26th!



Fish Fry

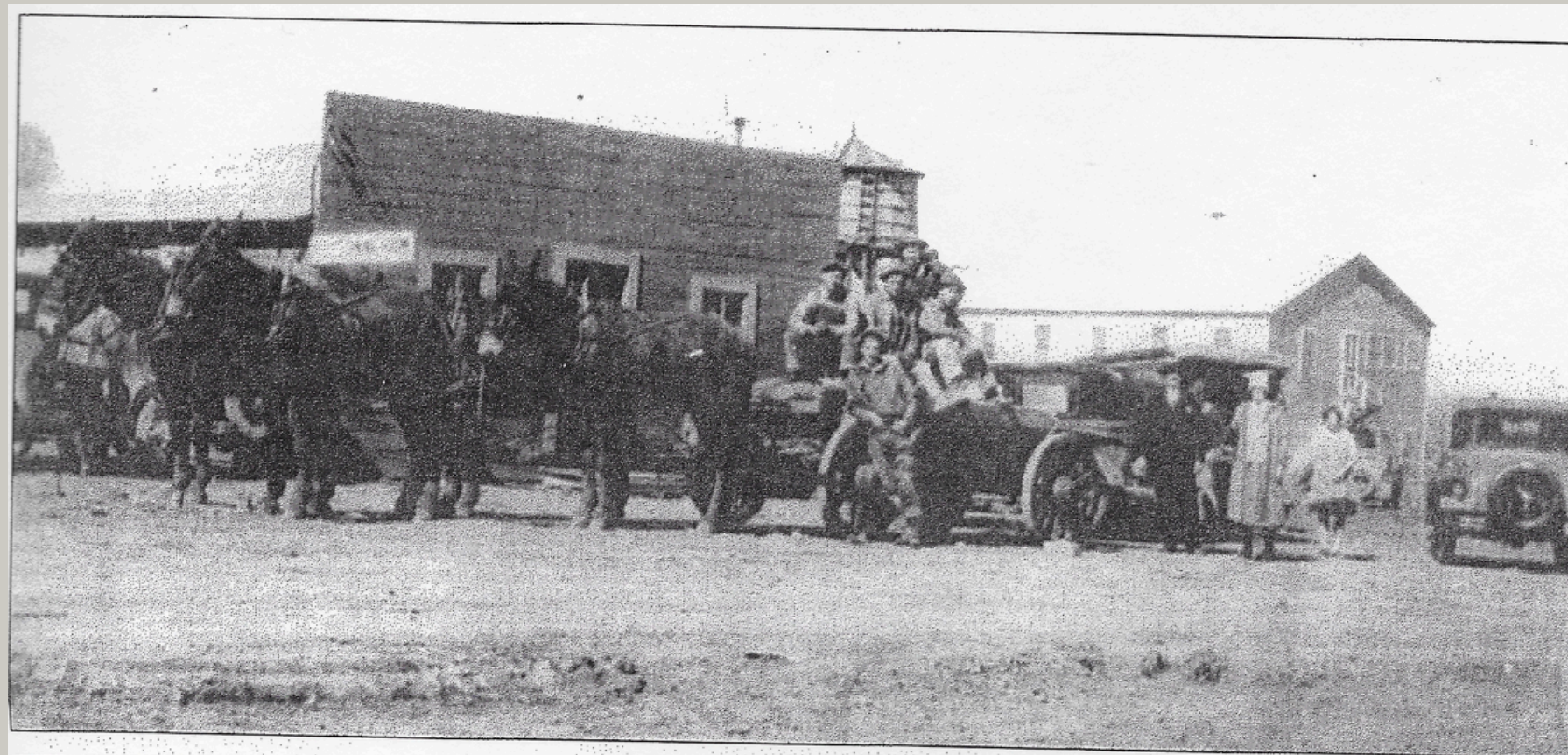
Gusher City Mule Wagon

There was a short lived town around here called Gusher, Texas. It was also known as Gusher City and was one of those very lively towns that grew out of the oil fields in the 1920s and 30s.

This picture was taken in the 1930s and has one heck of a great-looking mule team pulling a wagon of men with one guy **leaning** on the front wheel. Don't you love that awesome water tower in the back? There are a couple of cars in the picture also and a family posing for the photographer.

The building in the back on the right looks like a pretty big structure. It's two stories and goes quite a ways back with a string of windows. I wouldn't be surprised if it was a hotel of some sort,

I just can't get over the size of those mules! They look like they could pull anything!



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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