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# Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

## Happy Easter

Today, Sunday, March 31st, is Easter Sunday.

Easter is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New

Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary.

It's also a day known for a certain long-eared, egg laying rodent.

There's no story in the Bible about a **cotton-tailed** creature known as the Easter Bunny. Neither is there a passage about young children painting eggs or hunting for baskets overflowing with scrumptious Easter goodies.

And real rabbits certainly don't lay eggs.

So why are these traditions so ingrained in Easter Sunday? And what do they have to do with the resurrection of Jesus?

Well, nothing.

Bunnies, eggs, Easter gifts and fluffy, yellow chicks in gardening hats all stem from pagan roots. They were incorporated into the celebration of Easter separately from the Christian tradition of honoring the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

According to University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, the origin of the celebration — and the Easter bunny — can be traced back to 13th century, pre-Christian Germany, when people worshiped several gods and goddesses. The Teutonic deity Eostra was the goddess of spring and fertility, and feasts were held in her honor on the Vernal Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of the animal's high reproduction rate.

Spring also symbolized new life and rebirth; eggs were an ancient symbol of fertility. According to History.com, Easter eggs represent Jesus' resurrection. However, this association came much later when Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany in the 15th century and merged with already ingrained pagan beliefs. The first Easter bunny legends were documented in the 1500s. By 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published. These legends were brought to the United States in the 1700s when German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country, according to the University of Florida's Center for Children.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs soon followed. Eventually, nests became decorated baskets and colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and other small gifts.



### 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 31st** - National Crayon Day, National Prom Day , Easter, National Clams On The Half Shell Day, National Bunsen Burner Day, National Tater Day

**April 1st** - National Tom Foolerys Day, Take Down Tobacco National Day Of Action, National Sourdough Bread Day , National One Cent Day, April Fools' Day

**April 2nd** - National DIY Day , National Ferret Day , National Peanut Butter And Jelly Day, National Reconciliation Day

**April 3rd** - National Film Score Day, National Find A Rainbow Day, National Chocolate Mousse Day, National Tweed Day, National Walking Day



**April 4th** - National Vitamin C Day, National Burrito Day, Jeep 4x4 Day, National Chicken Cordon Bleu Day, National School Librarian Day, National Hug A Newsperson Day, National Walk Around Things Day

**April 5th** - First Contact Day, Gold Star Spouses Day, National Flash Drive Day, National Nebraska Day, National Deep Dish Pizza Day, National Read A Road Map Day, National Raisin And Spice Bar Day, National Caramel Day, National Go For Broke Day

**April 6th** - National Play Outside Day, National Carbonara Day, National Employee Benefits Day, National Handmade Day, New Beer's Eve, National Tartan Day, National Love Our Children Day, National Teflon Day, National Student-Athlete Day, National Caramel Popcorn Day, National Sorry Charlie Day



## Pancake Breakfast

The annual Pancake Breakfast benefitting our Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department is coming up May 4th!

Come by the Fire Station and support our local firefighters and first-responders and get a great breakfast of pancakes, eggs, hash browns, and bacon 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 7am till 11am.



*(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!)*



### 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](#)

### Kingsbury VFD

Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

**Thursday, April 4th**

Stop by to learn what you can do to help your **community** as a firefighter, a supporter, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2024 will be Thursday, May 2nd and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the awesome KVFD Auxiliary!



### April Fools

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This week, on April 1st is that very special day - April Fool's Day!



In 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other.

Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have **fooled** their audiences. In April 1934, many American newspapers (including The New York Times) printed a photograph of a man flying through the air by means of a device powered only by the breath from his lungs. Accompanying articles excitedly described this miraculous new invention. The man, identified as German pilot Erich Kocher, blew into a box on his chest. This activated rotors that created a powerful suction effect, lifting him aloft. Skis on his feet served as landing gear, and a tail fin allowed him to steer. What the American papers didn't realize was that the "lung-power motor" was a joke. The photo had first appeared in the April Fool's Day edition of the Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung. It made its way to America thanks to Hearst's International News Photo agency which not only fell for the hoax but also distributed it to all its U.S. subscribers.

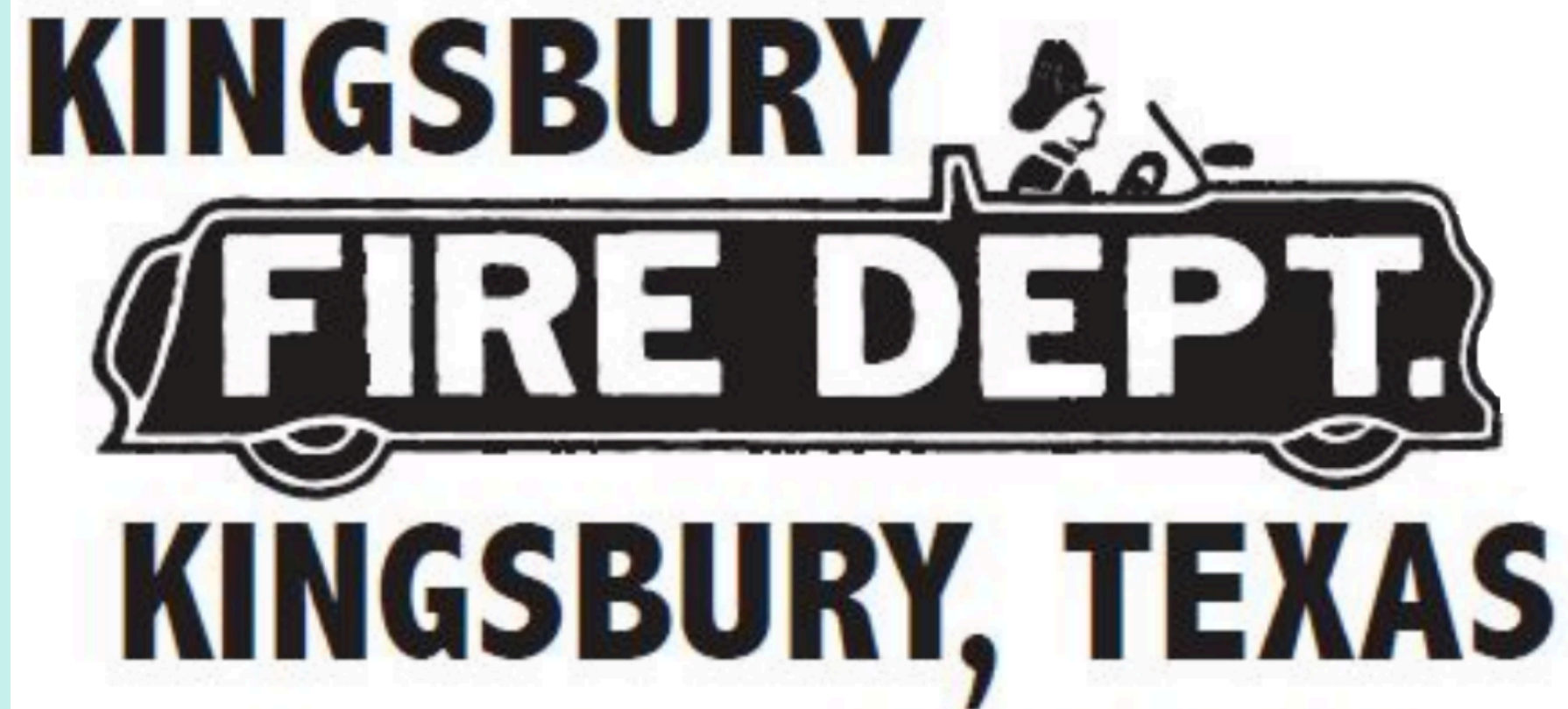
In 2008, the BBC ran a video clip of flying penguins as part of a story for its series "Miracles of Evolution." The presenter explained that the penguins escaped the cold, harsh Antarctic weather by flying to the tropical rainforests of South America.

In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell to help ease the national deficit. When the company claimed it would be renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell, thousands of citizens were fooled and called to complain. The company revealed it was a practical joke a few hours later, but not before reporters asked White House press secretary Mike McCurry about the sale. Creating a joke of his own, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would now be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.



### KVFD Bar-B-Q and Raffle

Mark your calendars for the Annual Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q and **Raffle** coming up Saturday, July 27th!



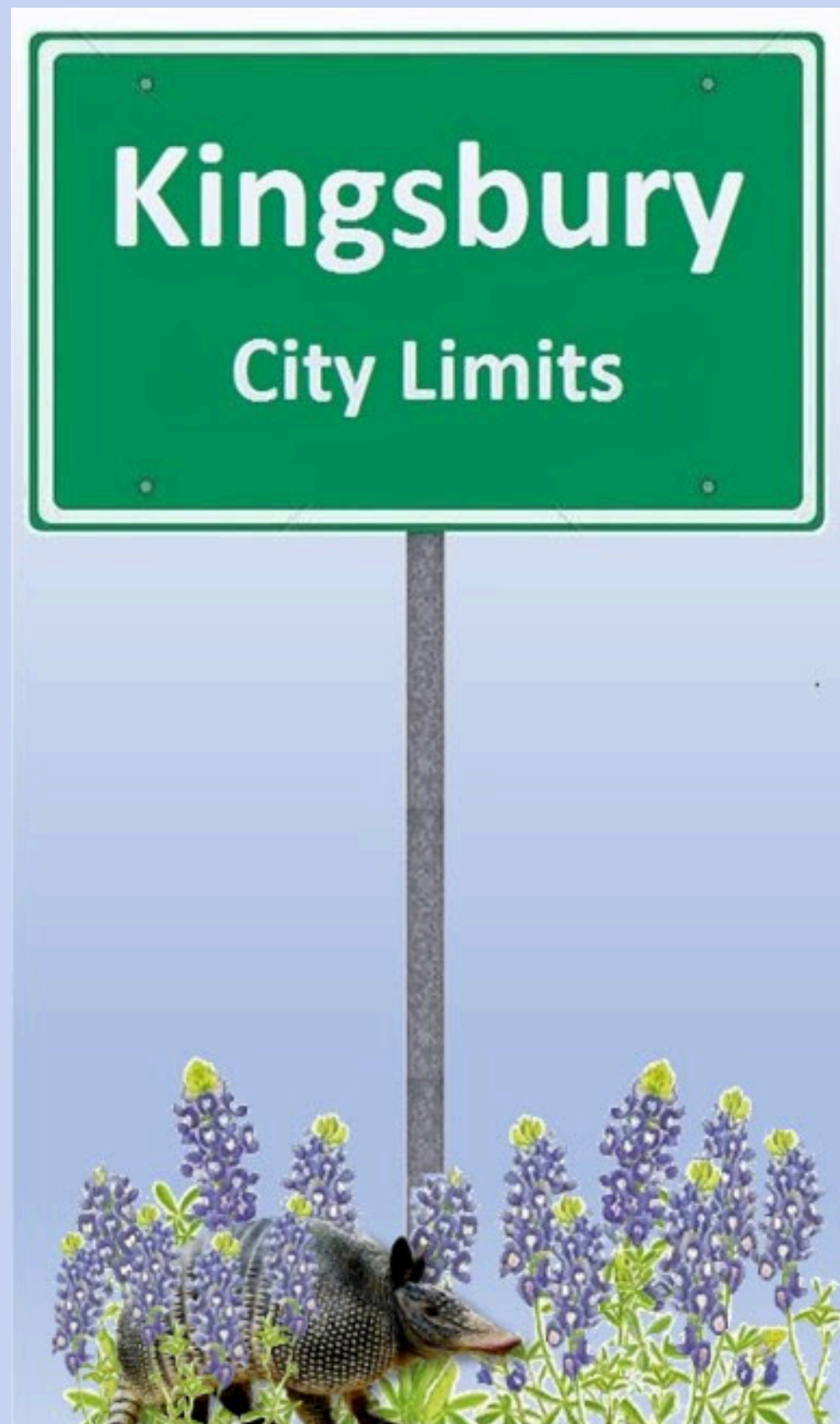
### Kingsbury City Limits

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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!



### **Knife Raffle**

There is another absolutely beautiful knife that has been donated by local artisan Sam Nunemaker in support of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department.



The knife is being raffled off on April 4th with all proceeds going to the Kingsbury VFD.

The knife also comes with it's own **beautiful** display case.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or you can get 6 tickets for \$20 and can be purchased at the Kingsbury Country Store in beautiful downtown Kingsbury!



## Kingsbury Calendar

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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](http://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	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 Knife Raffle ... KFVD Fire Fi...	5	6
7 Market Day	8	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...



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!



## April

This week will see the first days of the new month of April!

The Romans gave this month the Latin name *Aprilis* but the derivation of this name is uncertain. The traditional etymology is from the verb *aperire*, "to open", in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open."



*Oh, how fresh the wind is blowing!  
See! The sky is bright and clear,  
Oh, how green the grass is growing!  
April! April! Are you here?  
—Dora R. Goodale (1866–1953)*

When April blows its horn,  
It's good for hay and corn.

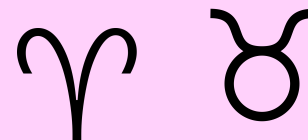


April's birth flower is the daisy or sweet pea.



The diamond is the traditional birthstone of April and holds significant meaning for those born in that month, thought to provide the wearer with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

The zodiac signs for the month of April are Aries (until April 19) and Taurus (April 20 onwards).



## METEOR SHOWERS IN APRIL



April is a good month to check out the night skies for meteor showers!

Considered to be the oldest known meteor shower, the Lyrids are named after **constellation** Lyra and are created by debris from the comet Thatcher, which takes about 415 years to orbit around the Sun. The radiant point of the shower, the point in the sky where the meteors seem to emerge from, lies near the star Vega, one of the brightest stars in the sky during this time of the year. Astronomers suggest looking up towards the east to see these shooting stars. The Lyrids are a medium strength shower that usually produces good rates for three nights centered on the maximum. These meteors also usually lack persistent trains but can produce fireballs.

The Lyrids last from about April 16th to 25th. About 10 to 15 meteors per hour can be expected around the shower's peak. The Lyrids are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring the rate up to 100 per hour.

Those rare outbursts are not easy to predict, but they're one of the reasons the tantalizing Lyrids are worth checking out.

In 2024, expect the peak on the night of April 21-22. This year, the Moon will be close to a full moon during the Lyrids' peak, so the best viewing will be between moonset and dawn on April 22.

APRIL FOLKLORE:



If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.



Moist April, clear June.  
Cloudy April, dewy May.



Snow in April is manure.



Spring Fly-In





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

Fundraising Event



**85TE**

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](http://PioneerFlightMuseum.org)

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

### At The Loading Pens

Quite the group of boys hanging out at the loading pens at the Kingsbury station depot around 1915. The building at the right in the background is the **depot** and there is a train pulling cattle cars waiting on the tracks behind the pens.

There aren't a lot of shoes being worn by the boys, but the young man standing on the ground appears to be sporting an eye patch!





### 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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