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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 Ten – Thursday March 3, 1836

James Butler Bonham arrives with news of reinforcements. He reports that sixty men from Gonzales are due and that an additional 600 would soon be en route. The Texians fire several shots into the city in celebration. Santa Anna receives word of Mexican General Urrea's victory at San Patricio. In celebration, the Mexcians ring church bells and there is revelry in the camp.

The lead elements of General Gaona's Brigade arrive. These are reinforcements needed for a successful assault.

Day Eleven – Friday March 4, 1836

Santa Anna gathers his officers for a council of war. It is decided that when the final assault takes place, that they will take no prisoners. The time for the assault will be determined tomorrow. Having been consolidated into two batteries, the Mexican artillery, is brought to within 200 yards of the compound.

More Texian reinforcements arrive in the late hours.

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 ...



Card Raffle

Local artisan Sam Nunemaker has donated some absolutely beautiful handmade knives for a Playing Card Raffle with all proceeds going to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department.

The cards are \$20 and can be purchased at the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street where the knives are on display. There is a different deck of cards for each knife so get a card for your favorite knife or try for both!

Go on by the store and take a look at the craftsmanship of the Damascus steel blades and the **stunning** handmade handles with inlay.

The drawings will be held March 7th at the Kingsbury Country Store. Good Luck!!



**PLAYING CARD
RAFFLE!**

For Beautiful
Handmade
Knives Donated
By Sam
Nunemaker

\$20 per card

All proceeds
go to the
Kingsbury VFD

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 3rd - National Finisher's Medal Day, National Soup it Forward Day, National Mulled Wine Day, National Cold Cuts Day, National I Want You To Be Happy Day, National Anthem Day

March 4th - National Sons Day, National Marching Music Day, National Grammar Day, National Hug A G.I. Day, National Pound Cake Day

March 5th - National Absinthe Day, National Cheese Doodle Day, National Multiple Personality Day

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

March 7th - National Slam The Scam Day, National Flapjack Day, National Hospitalist Day National Crown of Roast Pork Day, National Cereal Day, National Be Heard Day, National Oregon Day

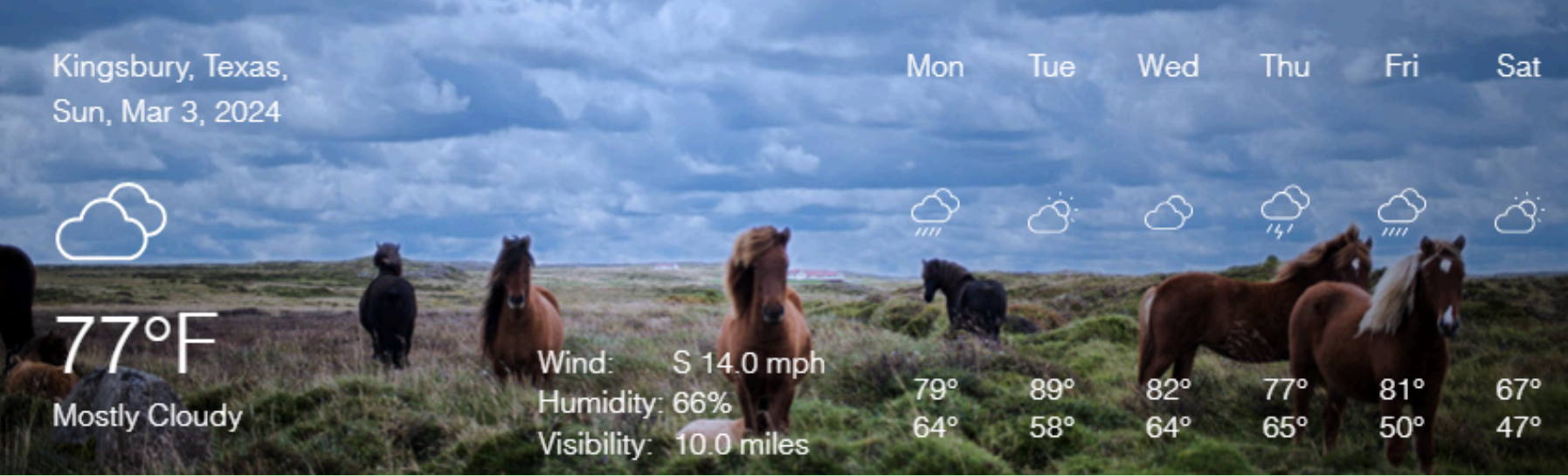
March 8th - National Proofreading Day, National Peanut Cluster Day

March 9th - National Get Over it Day, National Meatball Day, National Crabmeat Day, National Barbie 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](#)

Daylight Saving Time Coming

Just a friendly reminder - Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10th.

We'll have to set our clocks ahead 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!

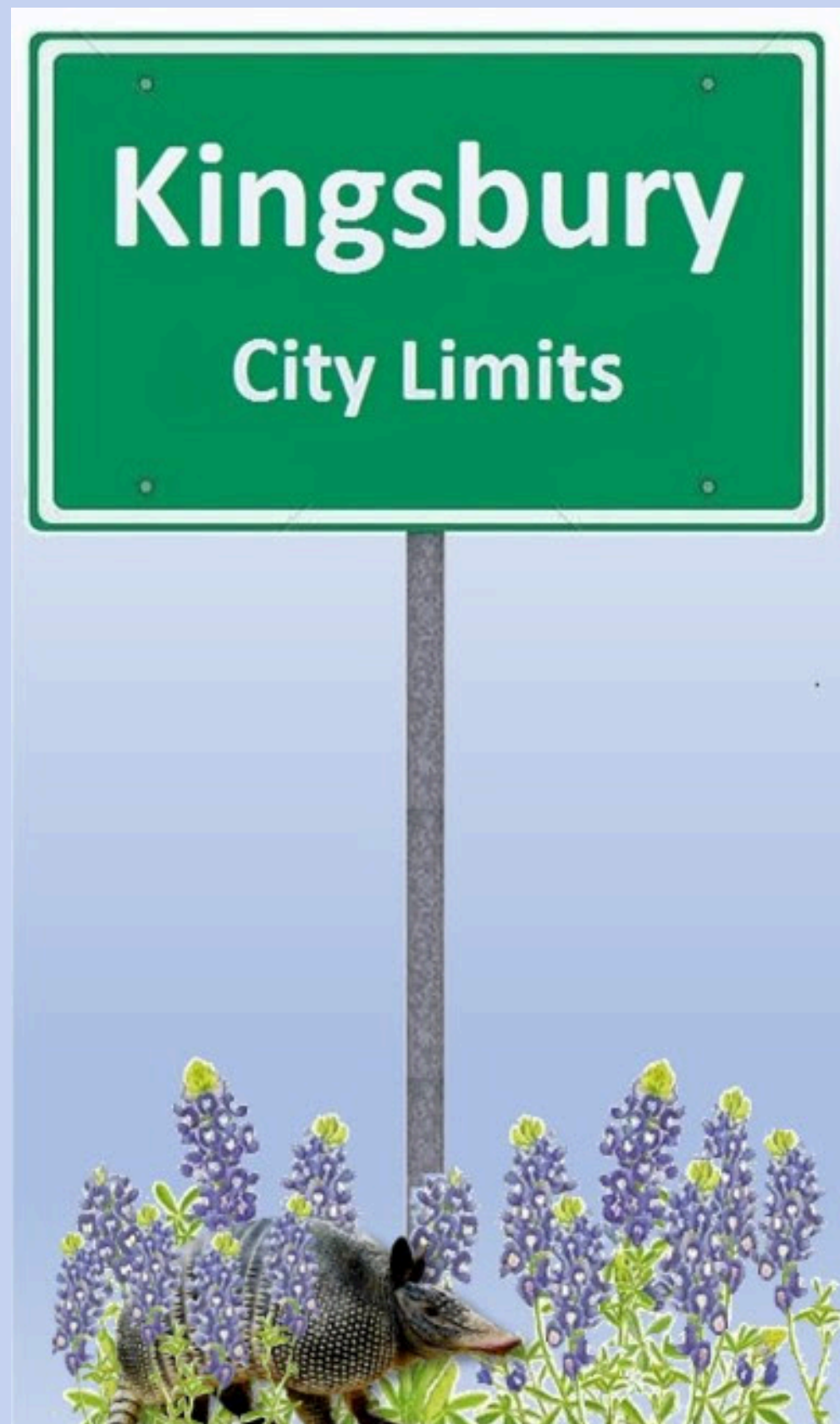


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Free Community Breakfast

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



MARCH 4, 2024

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

6901 FM 2438

Kingsbury, Texas 78638

Paul Revere Of The Texas Revolution Is Born

This week in history, on March 8th in 1798, Mathew Caldwell was born in Kentucky. He moved to Missouri with his family in 1818, where he traded, fought and learned the ways of the Indians. He, his wife, and family arrived in Texas in the Green DeWitt Colony on February 20, 1831. On June 22, 1831, he received the title to a parcel of land near the Zumwalt Settlement, southwest of current Hallettsville and soon became a person of **notoriety**, involved in security and command of minutemen rangers in Gonzales and the surrounding areas.

Caldwell was called "Old Paint" because his whiskers were dappled but later earned the name "Paul Revere of the Texas Revolution" because he rode from Gonzales to Mina (later called Bastrop) to call men to arms before the battle of Gonzales in October 1835. As a participant at the battle, he would serve as a scout and mediator. On February 1, 1836, he was elected as a delegate from Gonzales to the Texas Independence Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos and signed of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2nd.

Caldwell lead a company at the battle of Plum Creek on August 12, 1840 and as captain of Company D of the scouting force in the Texan Santa Fe Expedition in 1841, he was captured with other members and imprisoned in Mexico. He was soon released and headed to San Antonio to confront the invading Mexican forces there. On September 18, 1842, Caldwell commanded a force of 200 men from Gonzales, San Antonio and other nearby settlements, confronting and defeating General Adrián Woll and 1,600 Mexican Army soldiers and Cherokee warriors. This was the decisive Battle of Salado Creek which repulsed the final Mexican invasion of the Republic of Texas.

Mathew Caldwell died at his home in Gonzales on December 28, 1842 and was buried with honors as a military hero. In 1848, Caldwell County was named in his honor.

John P. Byron

Frank Pierce

J. Antonio Navarro

John B. Badgett

Mr. J. Lacy

William Monahan

Mr. Fisher

Mathew Alden

William Motley

Thomas de Laval

Sept. H. Everett

Geo. W. Smith

Elijah L. Stapp

Chaiborne West

John P. St.

Geo. C. Childers

Walter Harshman

Rob. Potter

Thomas Jefferson Rusk

Chas. Taylor

John J. Roberts

Robert W. Russell

Collier W. Roney

Albert G. Satterman

James T. Tamm

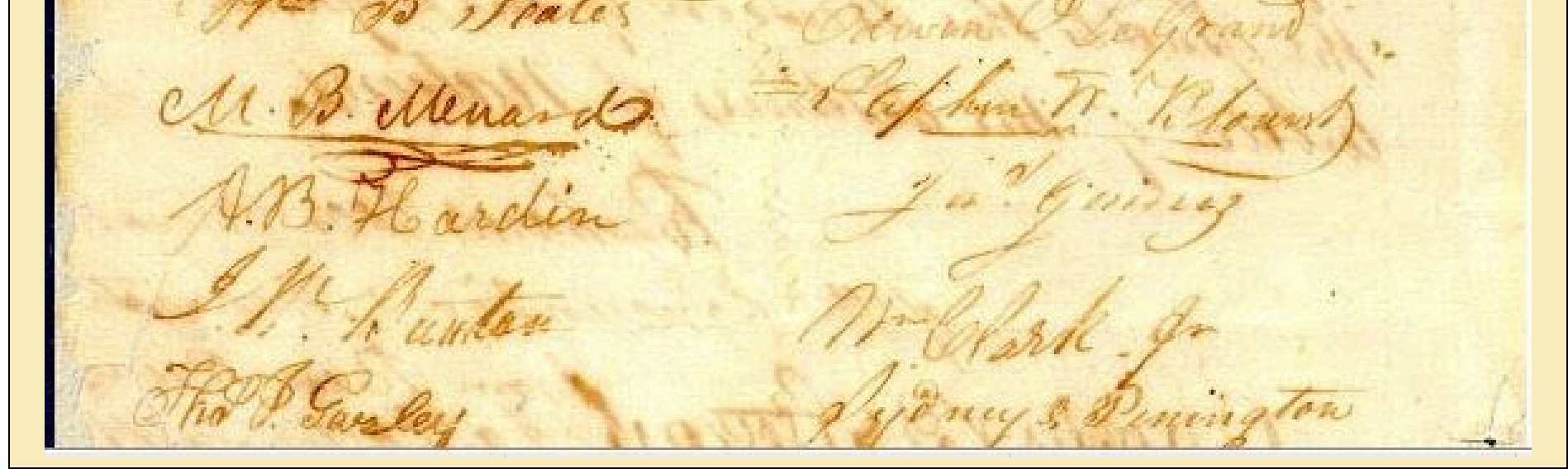
Wm. H. Weston

David Thomas

Edw. Conrad

Wm. H. Tappan

John P. St.



Kingsbury VFD And Auxiliary

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

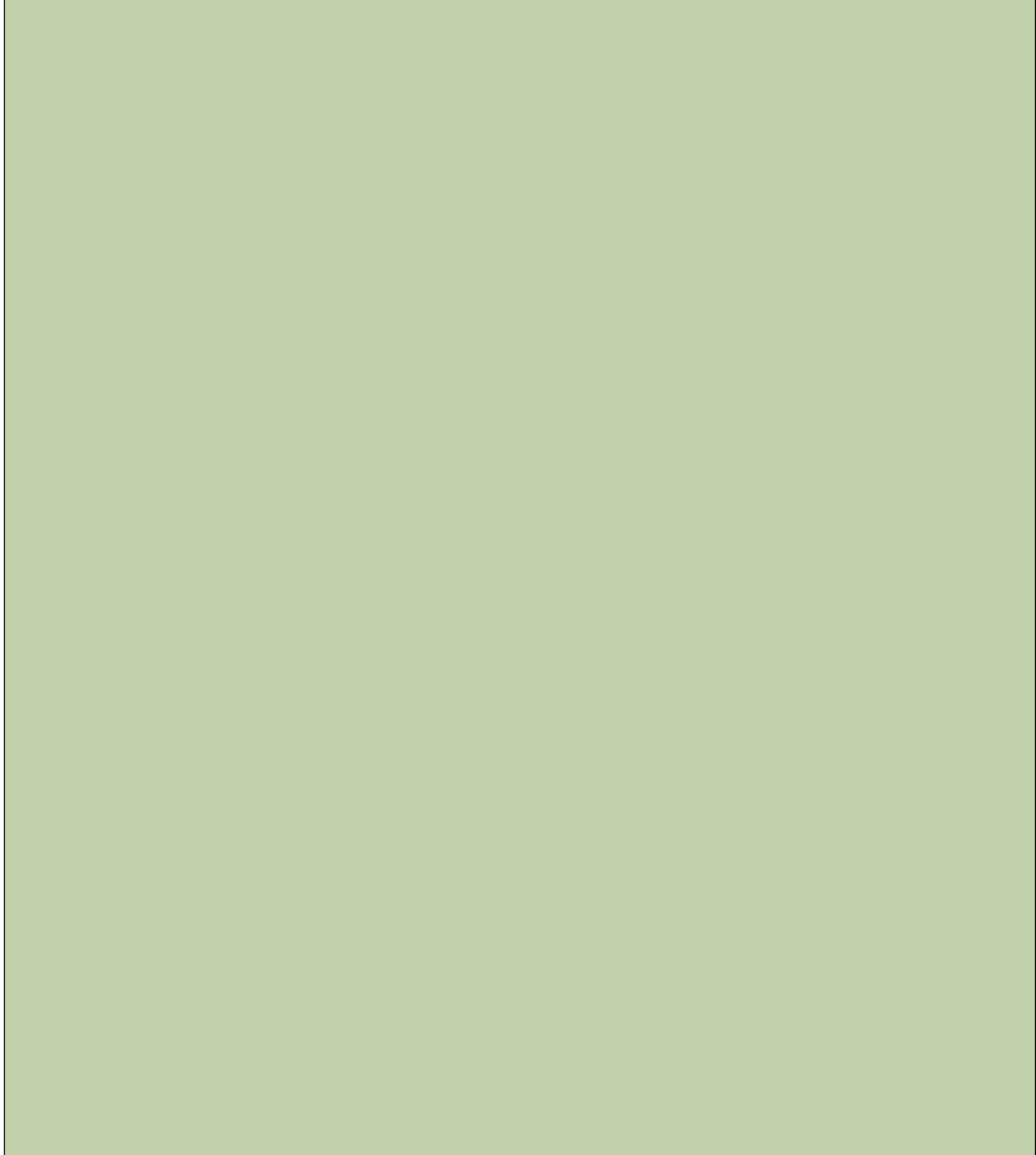
Thursday, March 7th

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, March 7th 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!



Chili Cookoff



Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury

Chili

COOK-OFF



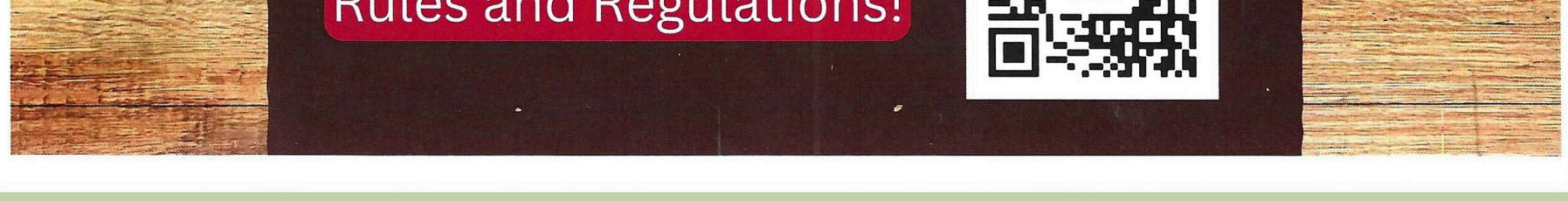
Join us for our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff!
Chili, Bean, and Bloody Mary Tastings

Saturday March 30

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

Scan the QR Code for
Rules and Regulations!





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) ▾



March 2024



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

Fish Fry Time!

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 first fish fry of 2024 is March 8th!

They will be having another fish fry on March 29th and then it will be the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.



Winter Clearance Sale

KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT OUTREACH MINISTRY

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE



50% OFF

Clothing, CD's, Movies, and lots of bargains

MARCH 7, 8, 9
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Primary Election Day

The elections for the Primary races will be held March 5, 2024.

Here is some important **information** for those elections:



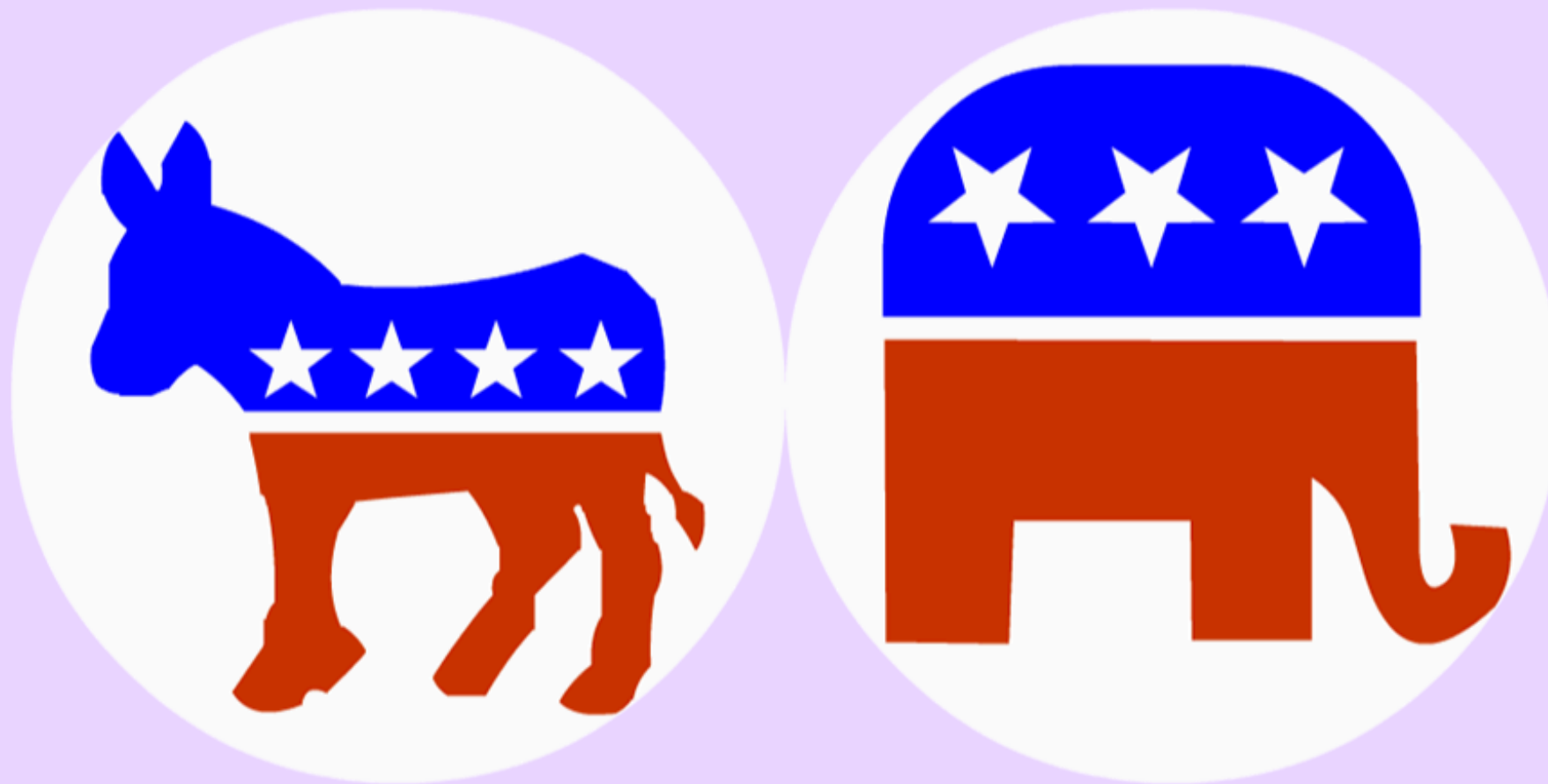
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Election Day

Election Day polling locations in or near Kingsbury:

- Kingsbury United Methodist Church - 7035 MF 2438*
- Staples Baptist Church - 10020 FM 621, Staples*
- Maranatha Fellowship Hall - 2356 S. Hwy 80, Luling*



The latest information can be found on the Guadalupe County Elections [website](#).



Volunteer Work Day

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

Saturday, March 9th

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!

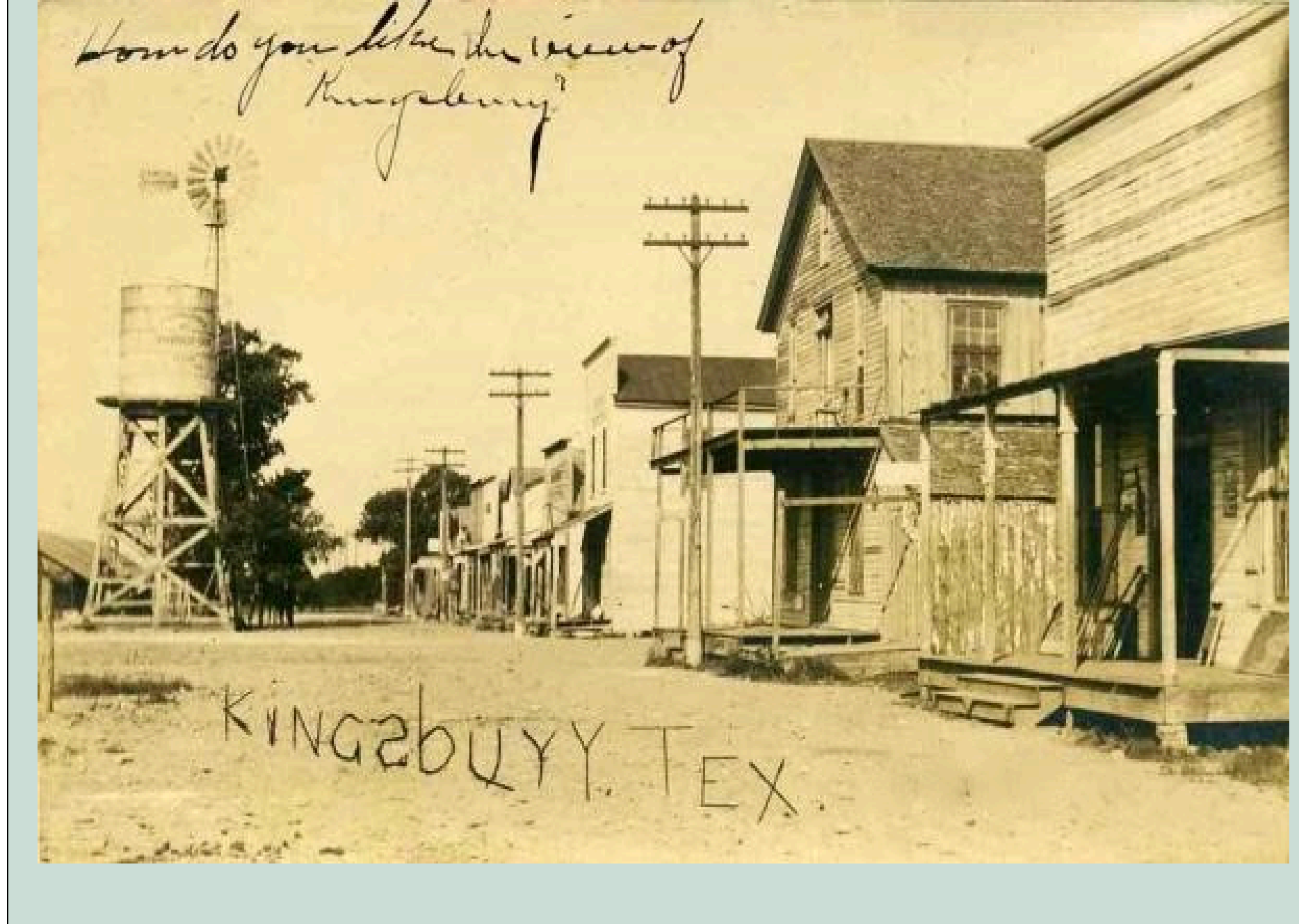


Street Scene

A great picture of Kingsbury probably in the 1930s. It looks like it was a postcard and the sender wrote "How do you like the image of Kingsbury?" It looks like someone else wrote "KINGSBUrY TEX." (with a backwards "S" !) based on the penmanship.

The streets are still **unpaved** but there are electric poles. The big lumber yard building is still on the tracks in the background and it looks like that's a hitching post at the far left of the picture. There are a couple of people on horseback near the windmill, probably getting some water from the trough and resting in the shade of the tree.

The one building has a balcony porch with a chair on it. You could sit there all day and keep tabs on the train, and street activity, and talk to passers-by from your deck!



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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