

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - April 14, 2024

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Texians Prepare For Action

The Alamo has fallen, Colonel Fannin and his troops have been massacred at Goliad, and civilians (now joined by the widows of the Alamo and Goliad) are fleeing towards the east in the Runaway Scrape as Generalissimo Santa Anna and his Mexican army march across Texas to Harrisburg. General Sam Houston and the Texian

Army continue to fall back . . .

It is April 19th, 1836, and from two prisoners captured by Erasmus "Deaf" Smith, the famous Texas spy, General Houston first learned that the Mexican army had burned Harrisburg and had gone down the west side of Buffalo Bayou and of the San Jacinto River, and that Santa Anna in person was in command. In his march downstream Santa Anna had been forced to cross the **bridge** over Vince's Bayou, a tributary of Buffalo Bayou, then out of its banks. He would have to cross the same bridge to return. Viewing this strategic situation on the morning of the 19th, Houston told his troops it looked as if they would soon get action. And he admonished them to remember the massacres at San Antonio and at Goliad.

It was discovered at about nine o'clock on April 20th that General Martin Perfecto de Cos (Santa Anna's brother-in-law) had crossed Vince's Bridge with some 540 troops, swelling the enemy forces to about 1265. General Houston ordered "Deaf" Smith and a detail to destroy the bridge and prevent further enemy reinforcements. This also would prevent the retreat of either the Texans or the Mexicans toward Harrisburg (this was so significant that Vince's Bridge is depicted on the reverse side of the Seal of Texas today). In dry weather Vince's Bayou was about fifty feet wide and ten feet deep, but the excessive April rains had made it several times wider and deeper.

The stage is now set for the two armies to meet . . .



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 14th - National Gardening Day, National Dolphin Day , Look Up at the Sky Day, National Pecan Day, National Ex-Spouse Day, National Pan American Day, National Reach as High as You Can Day

April 15th - National Laundry Day, Purple Up! Day, National Glazed Spiral Ham Day, National Titanic Remembrance Day, National Rubber Eraser Day, National Take a Wild Guess Day, National Tax Day

April 16th - National Bean Counter Day, National Orchid Day, National Healthcare Decisions Day, National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day, National Eggs Benedict Day

April 17th - National Banana Day, National Crawfish Day, National Cheeseball Day, National Haiku Poetry Day, National Ellis Island Family History Day

April 18th - National Exercise Day , Get To Know Your Customers Day, National Education and Sharing Day, National Animal Crackers Day, National High Five Day, National Poem In Your Pocket Day, National Columnists' Day, National Lineman Appreciation Day

April 19th - National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day, National North Dakota Day, National Amaretto Day, National Garlic Day, National Oklahoma City Bombing Commemoration Day, National Hanging Out Day

April 20th - 420 Day, Volunteer Recognition Day, National Record Store Day, National Cheddar Fries Day, National Auctioneers Day , National Pineapple Upside-down Cake Day, National Lima Bean Respect Day, National Look Alike Day





Tax Day

This Monday, April 15th, is Tax Day.

Tax Day is a colloquial term for the day on which individual income tax returns are due to the federal government. Income tax was first introduced in the United States of America in 1861. A rate of three percent was levied on incomes above \$800 per year and the resulting revenue was used to help fund the American Civil War effort. However, income tax was seen as **unconstitutional** and the law was repealed in 1872. The idea of a tax on personal income, at a rate of two percent, was reintroduced in the Revenue Act of 1894, but the legal status of this kind of tax was still unclear. In 1913, the "Sixteenth Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States was ratified. This cleared the way for the modern income tax system in the USA.

Originally, the deadline for filing federal taxes, or Tax Day, was on March 1st. However, it changed to different dates over the years. After WWI, it was moved to March 15th and eventually was changed to April 15th during the 1950s. However, if that date falls on the weekend or on a holiday, then it is extended to the next business 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!)

pancake
breakfast!

May 4
7-11



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 City Commission

The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, April 15th

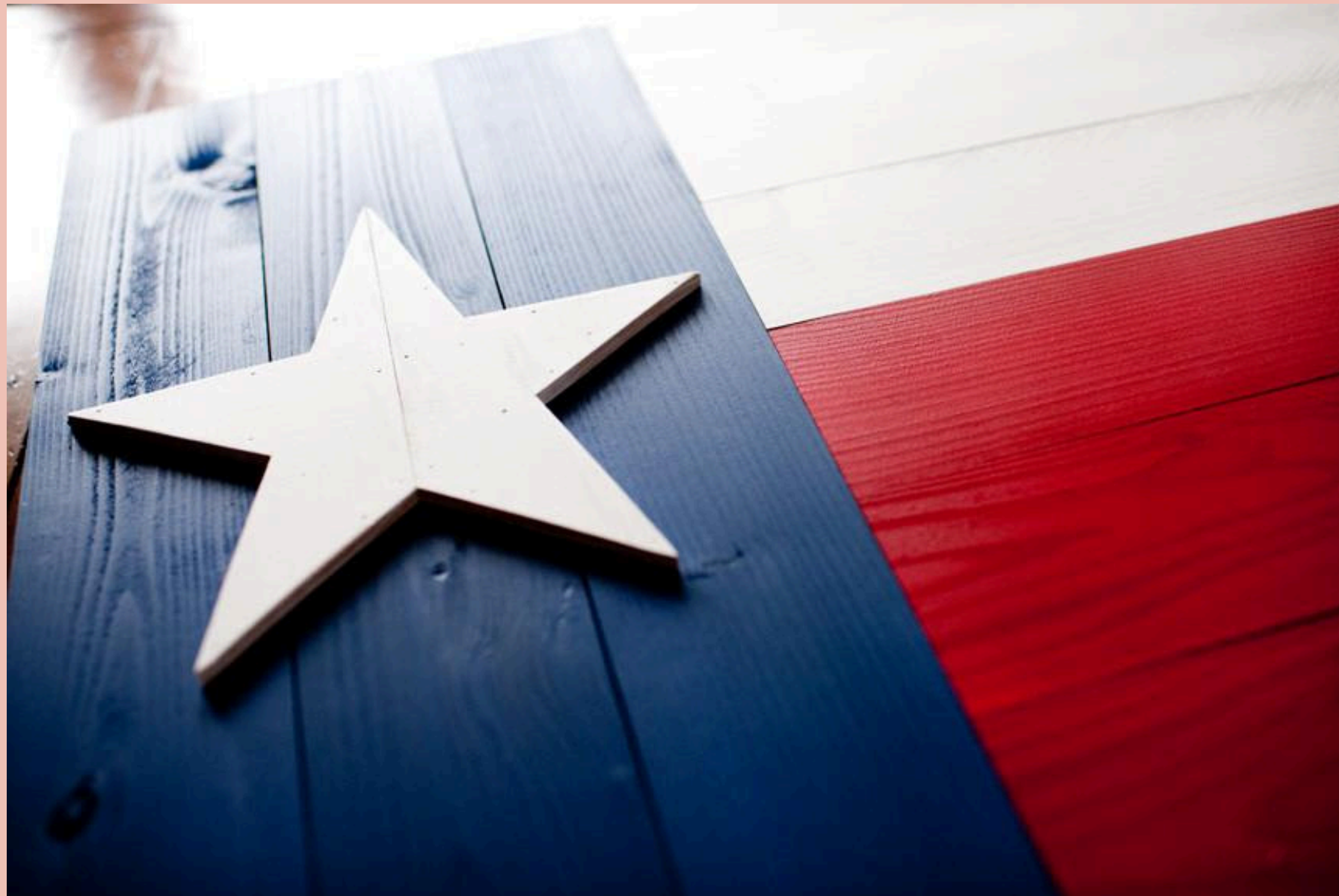
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

-  Committee reports
-  Plans for waste transfer station
-  Interlocal agreement on subdivision regulation
-  Kingsbury tourism video

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.

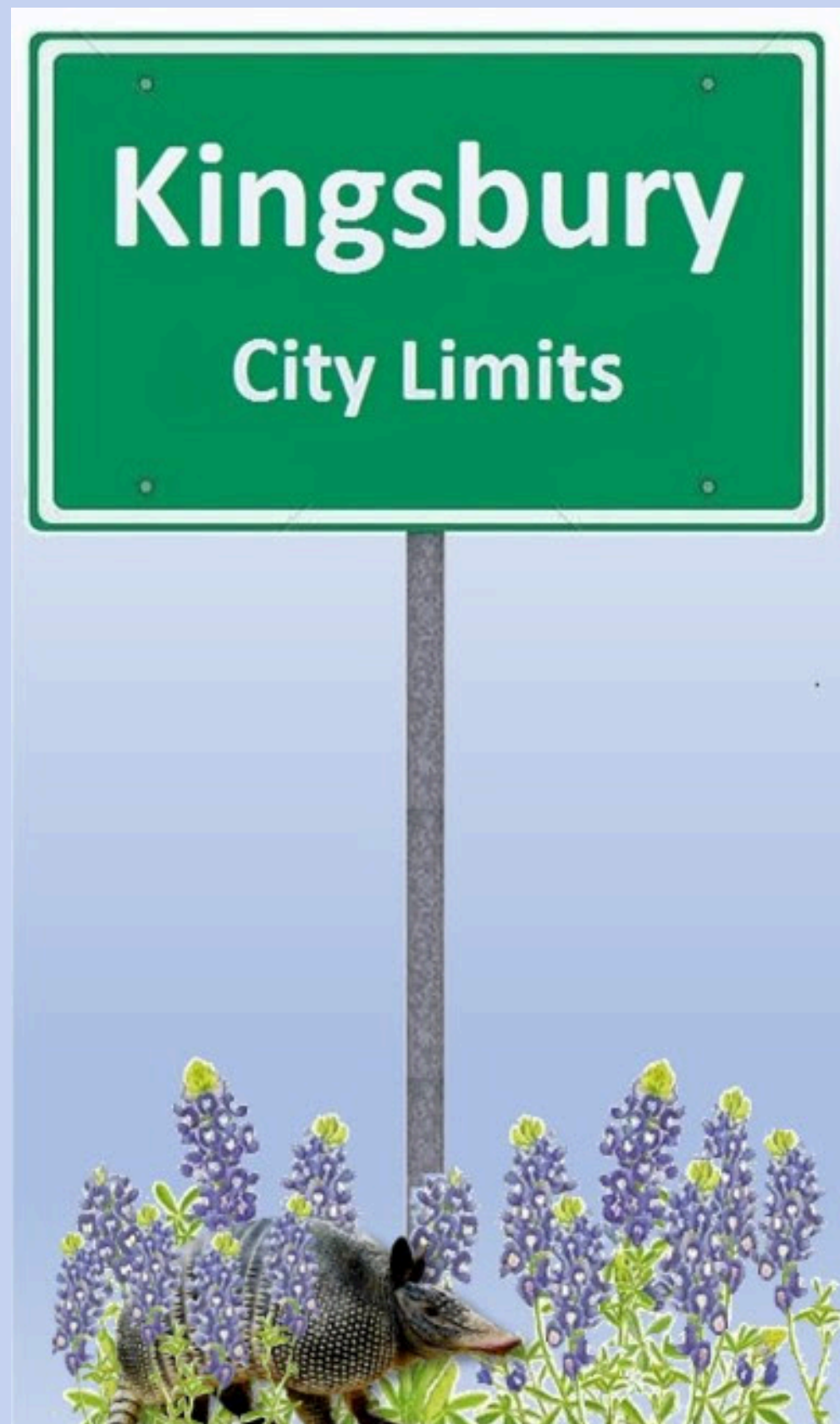


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Rummage Sale

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




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

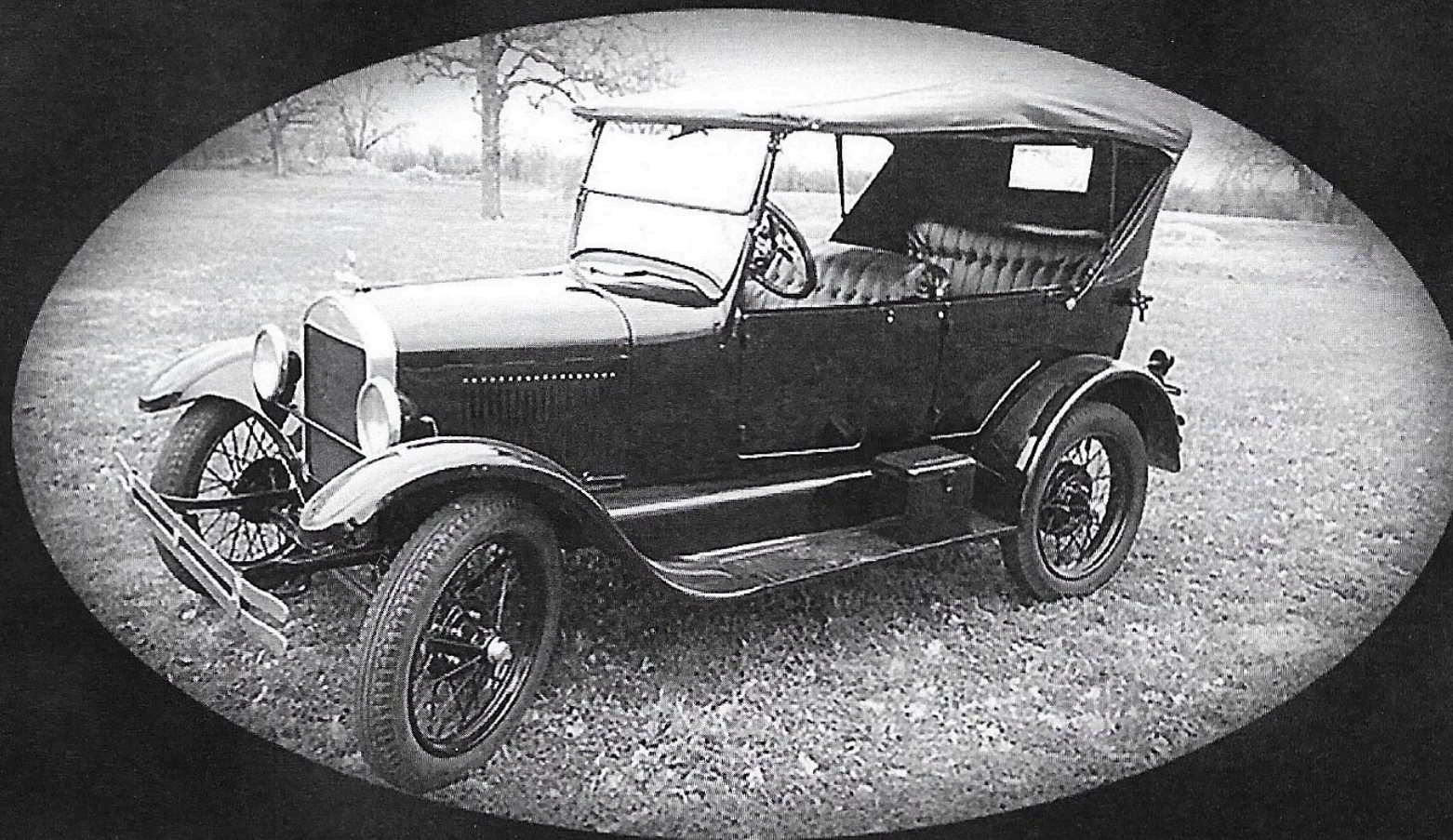
The Pioneer Flight Museum here in Kingsbury is raffling off a **real** model T !

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

American Revolution Begins

This week in American history, on April 19, 1775 at about 5 a.m., 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington, Massachusetts to find 77 armed minutemen under Captain John Parker waiting for them on the town's common green. British Major John Pitcairn ordered the outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation the Americans began to drift off the green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the green. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded. Only one British soldier was injured, but the American Revolution had begun.

By 1775, tensions between the American colonies and the British government approached the breaking point, especially in Massachusetts, where Patriot leaders formed a shadow revolutionary government and trained militias to prepare for armed conflict with the British troops occupying Boston. In the spring of 1775, General Thomas Gage, the British governor of Massachusetts, received instructions from England to seize all stores of weapons and gunpowder accessible to the American **insurgents**. On April 18, he ordered British troops to march against the Patriot arsenal at Concord and capture Patriot leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock, known to be hiding at Lexington.

The Boston Patriots had been preparing for such a military action by the British for some time, and upon learning of the British plan, Patriots Paul Revere and William Dawes were ordered to set out to rouse the militiamen and warn Adams and Hancock. When the British troops arrived at Lexington, Adams, Hancock, and Revere had already fled to Philadelphia, and a group of militiamen were waiting. The Patriots were routed within minutes, but warfare had begun, leading to calls to arms across the Massachusetts countryside.

When the British troops reached Concord at about 7 a.m., they found themselves encircled by hundreds of armed Patriots. They managed to destroy the military supplies the Americans had collected but were soon advanced against by a gang of minutemen, who inflicted numerous casualties. Lieutenant Colonel Frances Smith, the overall commander of the British force, ordered his men to return to Boston without directly engaging the Americans. As the British retraced their 16-mile journey, their lines were constantly beset by Patriot marksmen firing at them Indian-style from behind trees, rocks, and stone walls. At Lexington, Captain Parker's militia had its revenge, killing several British soldiers as the Red Coats hastily marched through his town. By the time the British finally reached the safety of Boston, nearly 300 British soldiers had been killed, wounded, or were missing in action. The Patriots suffered fewer than 100 casualties.

The battles of Lexington and Concord were the first battles of the American Revolution, a conflict that would escalate from a colonial uprising into a world war that, seven years later, would give birth to the independent United States of America.



Kingsbury Owls Basketball Team

Pictures of the "Owls" - the Kingsbury School Girls Basketball Team and their **owl** mascot.

These pictures are from about 1948.

The girls in the first picture are: Back row - Laura Ewald, Elaine Hartwick, Jackie Schmidt; Front row - Dorothy Miller, Jody Green, Mary Jo Simpson, Sandra Jones.

The second picture has Laura Ewald and Elaine Hartwick barely visible in the back row and Mr Coers (?). The front row is Dorothy Miller, Jody Green, Mary Jo Simpson, Sandra Jones, and Jackie Schmidt.





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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