

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - August 3, 2025

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Full Sturgeon Moon

The full moon known as the Full Sturgeon Moon rises this week on Saturday, August 9th.

Some Native American tribes called the August Moon the "Sturgeon Moon" because they knew that the sturgeon of the **Great Lakes** and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this Full Moon. They also called August's Moon the "Full Green Corn Moon."

Different tribes and different cultures gave the full moon in August many names:

Dakotah Sioux - Moon When All Things Ripen
Ojibwe - Blueberry Moon
Tlingit (Pacific NW) - Berries Ripe On Mountain Moon
Algonquin - Moon When Indian Corn Is Edible
Arapaho - Moon When Geese Are Shedding Their Feathers
Cherokee - The Drying Up Moon
Abenaki (Northeast, Maine) - Cutter Moon
Comanche - Summer Moon
Potawatomi (Great Lakes) - Moon Of The Middle
Creek - Big Harvest Moon
Wishram - Blackberry Patches Moon

Shawnee - Plum Moon
Kalapuya (Pacific NW, Oregon) - End Of Summer Moon
Choctaw - Courting Time Moon
Assiniboine (Northern Plains) - Black Cherries
Cree - Moon When Young Ducks Begin To Fly
Hopi - Moon of Joyful
Ponca (Southern Plains) - Corn Is In The Silk Moon
Lakota - Moon of the Ripening
Haida (Alaska) - Cedar Bark For Hat & Baskets Moon
Mohawk - Time of Freshness Moon
Shawnee - Plum Moon
Passamaquoddy (Northeast US) - Feather Shedding Moon
Sioux - Moon When Cherries Turn Black
Shoshone - Hot Moon

Colonial American - Dog Days Moon
Chinese - Harvest Moon
Celtic - Dispute Moon
Neo Pagan - Lightning Moon
Medieval English - Corn Moon

MOON FOLKLORE



Clothes washed for the first time in the full Moon will not last long.



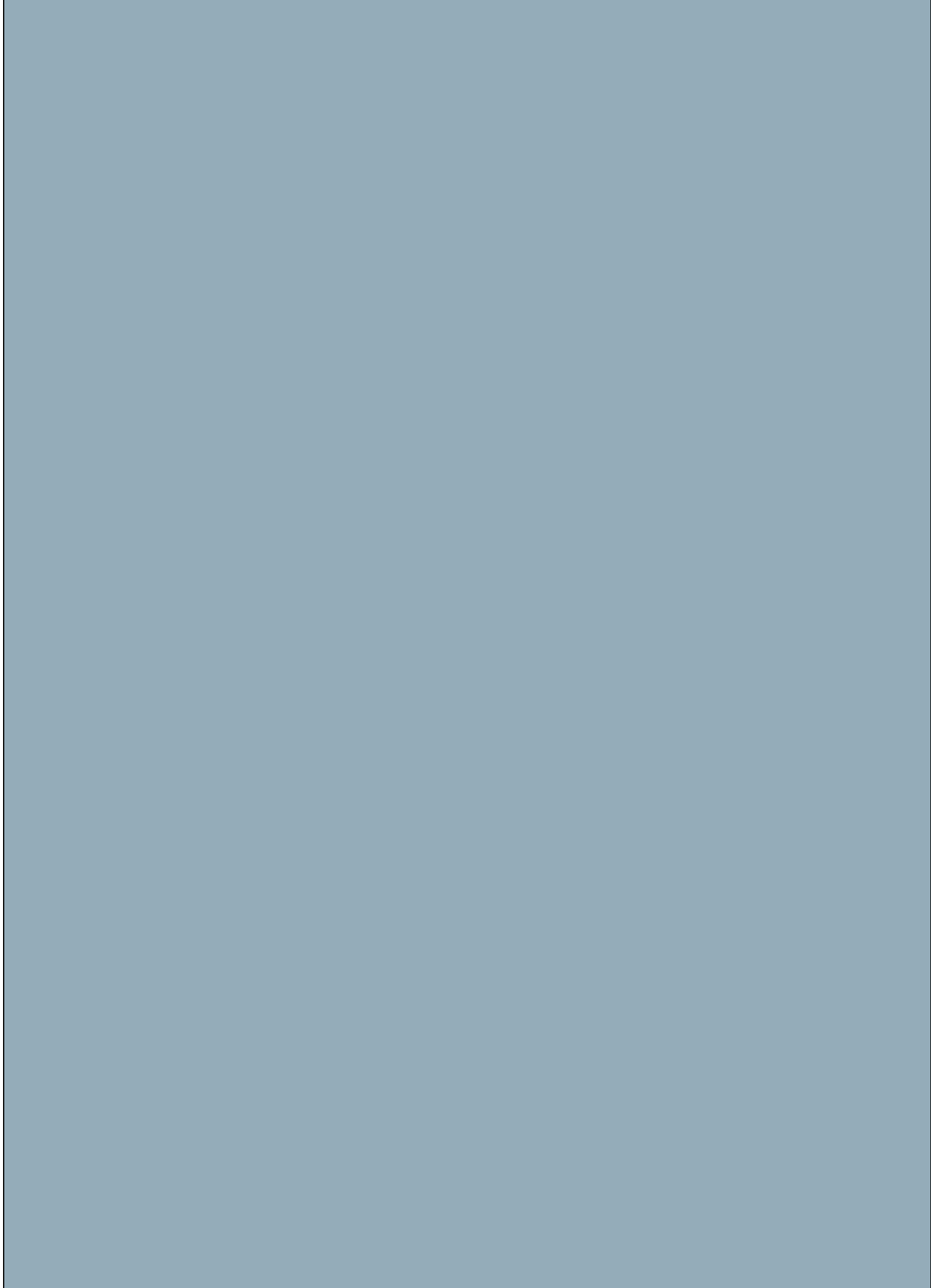
If you glimpse the new Moon over your right shoulder, you will have good luck.



To have a project prosper, start it during the new Moon.



Babies born a day after the full Moon enjoy success and endurance.





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:

August 3rd – National Hair Gloss Day, National Sisters Day, National Georgia Day, National Grab Some Nuts Day, American Family Day, National Friendship Day, National Watermelon Day

August 4th – National Coast Guard Day, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

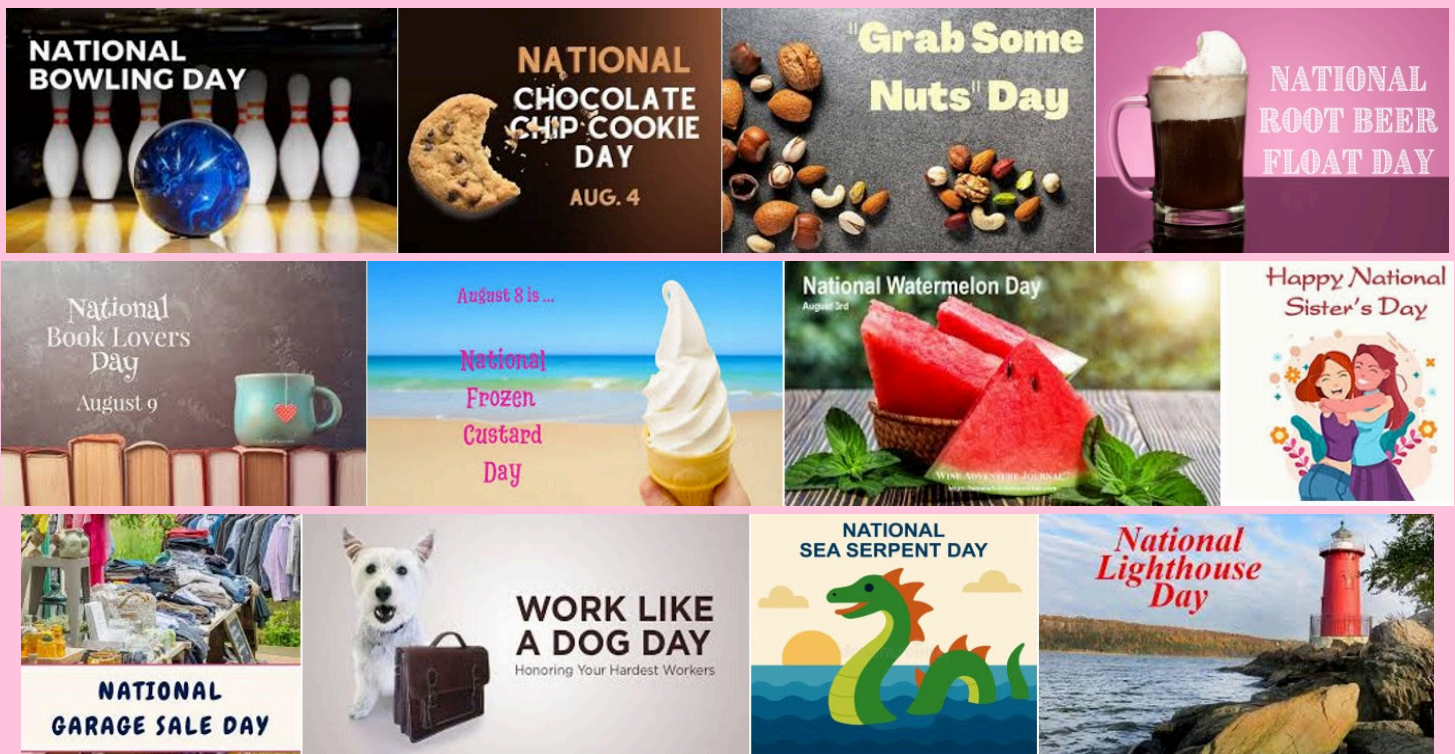
August 5th – National Night Out Day, National Oyster Day, National Work Like A Dog Day, National Underwear Day

August 6th – National Social Engineering Day, National Fresh Breath Day, National Root Beer Float Day, National Wiggle Your Toes Day

August 7th – National IPA Day, Purple Heart Day, National Raspberries N Cream Day, National Sea Serpent Day, National Lighthouse Day

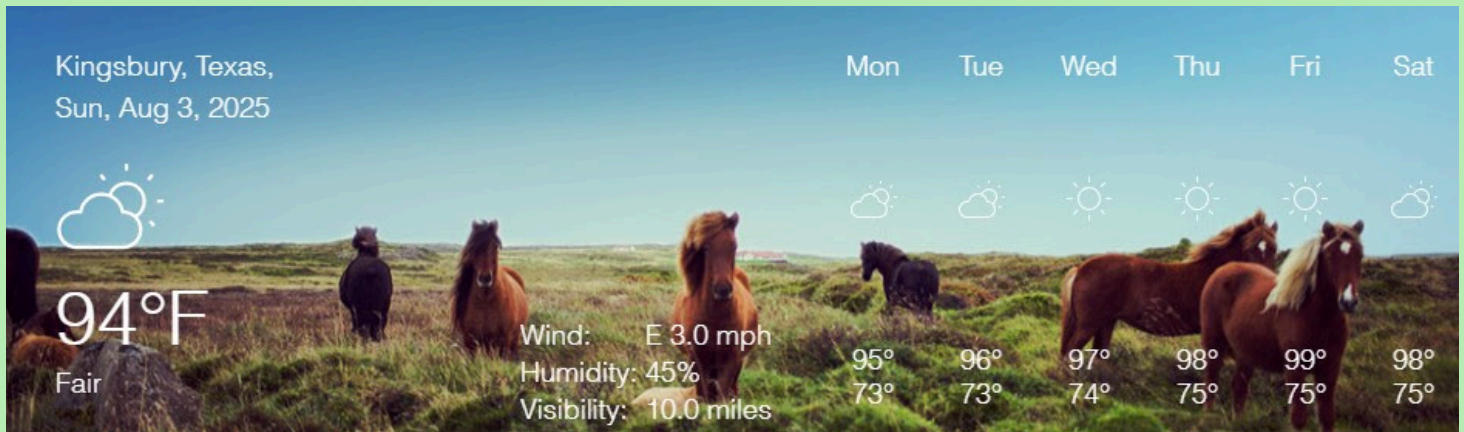
August 8th – National Pickleball Day, National Mochi Day, National Whataburger Day, Global Sleep Under The Stars Night, National CBD Day, National Dollar Day, National Frozen Custard Day, National Happiness Happens Day, National Sneak Some Zucchini Into Your Neighbors Porch Day

August 9th – National Passion Fruit Day, National Bowling Day, National Veep Day, National Garage Sale Day, National Rice Pudding Day, National Book Lovers 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.



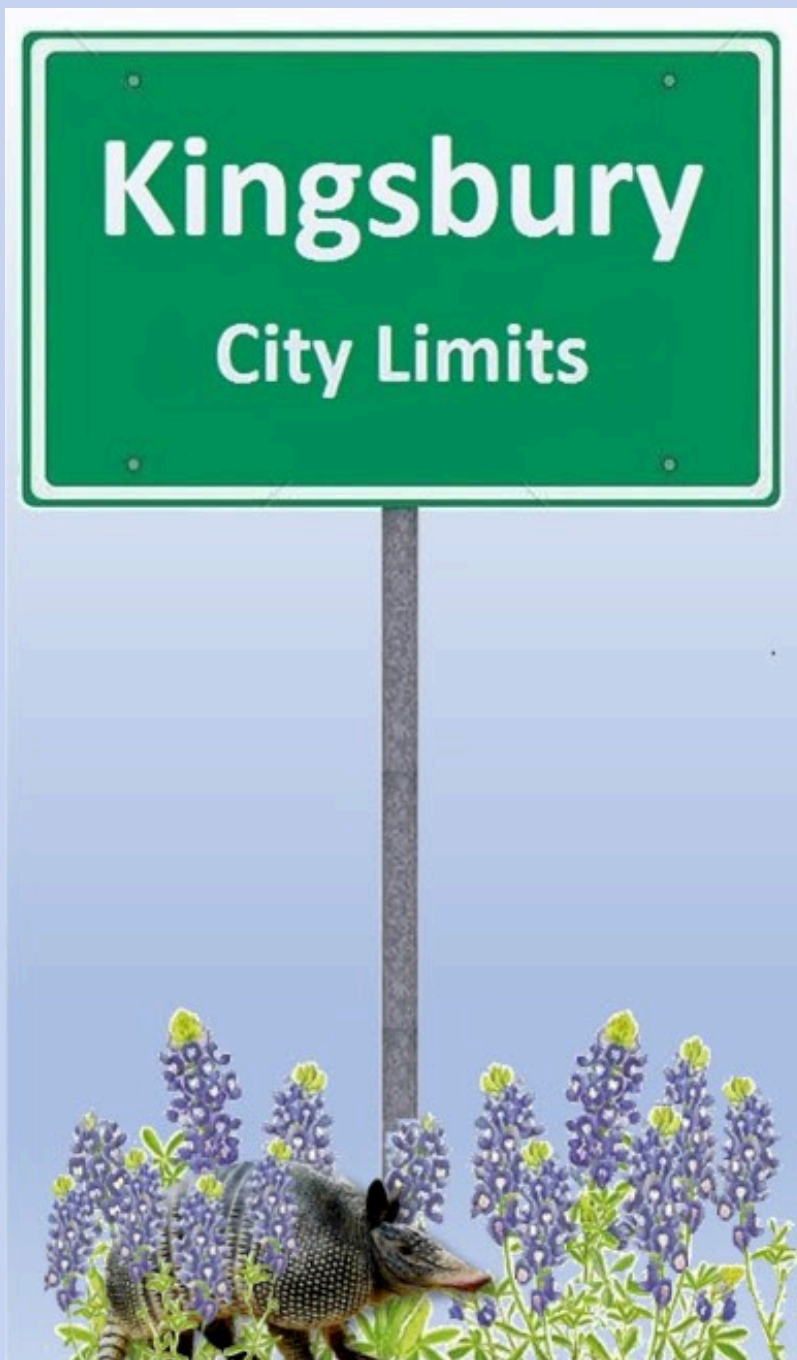
[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

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!



Jackass Mail Has First Run

This week in Texas history, the first overland mail coach left San Antonio for San Diego on August 9, 1857.

The San Antonio–San Diego Mail Line, also known as the Jackass Mail, was the earliest overland stagecoach and mail operation from the Eastern United States to California in operation between 1857 and 1861. It was created, organized and financed by James E. Birch the head of the California Stage Company. Birch was awarded the first contract for overland service on the "Southern Route", designated Route 8076. This contract required a semi-monthly service in four-horse coaches, scheduled to leave San Antonio and San Diego on the ninth and the 24th of each month, with 30 days allowed for each trip.

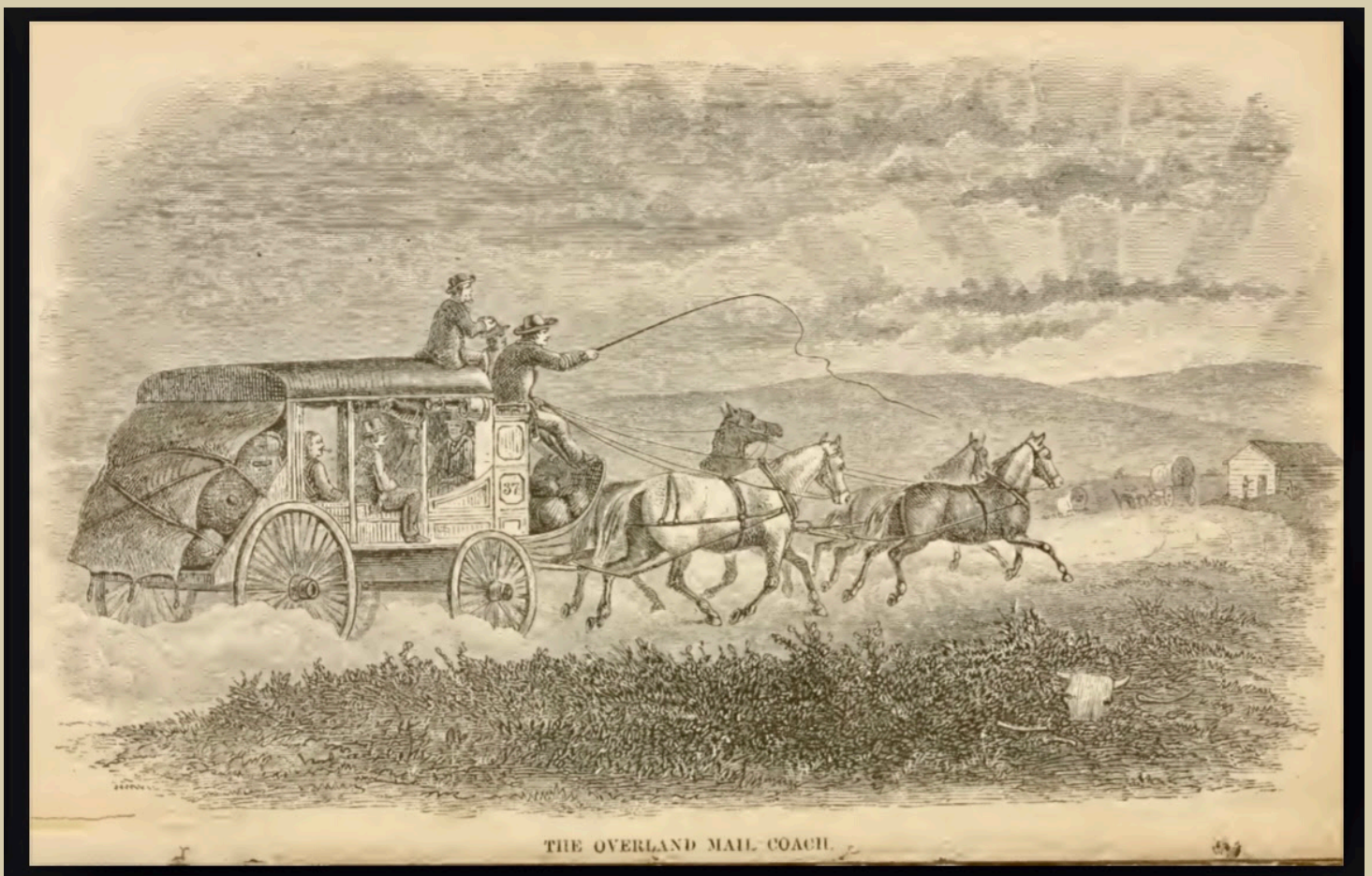
Birch envisioned that at New Orleans, one could take a five-times-a-week mail steamer to 540 miles to Indianola, Texas. There one transferred to a daily line of **four-horse** mail coaches traveling 140 miles to San Antonio. Then one would take the San Antonio and San Diego Line 1,476 miles from San Antonio via the San Antonio-El Paso Road and then continue north to Mesilla and take the Southern Emigrant Trail from there to San Diego. Once on the Pacific Coast the passenger could board a California Steam Navigation Company vessel to San Francisco.

To accomplish this Birch entered a partnership with George H. Giddings, of the San Antonio-El Paso Mail that already ran over half of the route to La Mesilla. 87 watering places and stage stations were organized by Superintendent Isaiah C. Woods, formerly of Adams & Company of California in San Francisco. On the first mail run, they were setting up the line as the mule trains and coaches journeyed west from San Antonio.

Superintendent Woods prepared a self-contained outfit for this journey across the unsettled country of Texas, New Mexico Territory and Southern California with almost no existing infrastructure. The vehicles used were celerity wagons or mud wagons, also called ambulances (which was the military use for the same type of vehicle at that time), rather than the better known Concord stagecoach.

Water holes were set up at 30 mile intervals but many were unmanned and actual stations sometimes were separated by as much as 100 miles. These first stations were at most a brush corral and a jacal to house the keeper, while most were merely camping places at springs or stream crossings; camps would be made where the coaches stopped for the night. Only the three at San Antonio, El Paso and San Diego had substantial buildings.

Jackass Mail Has First Run The largest and most important station between El Paso and San Diego was at Maricopa Wells, Arizona, the dividing point on the route, where the eastbound and westbound mails met and turned back. Here was erected an adobe house and corral. During the company's existence it employed 65 men in all capacities, and owned 50 coaches and 400 mules.



Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday.

These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship

Application For Place On Ballot

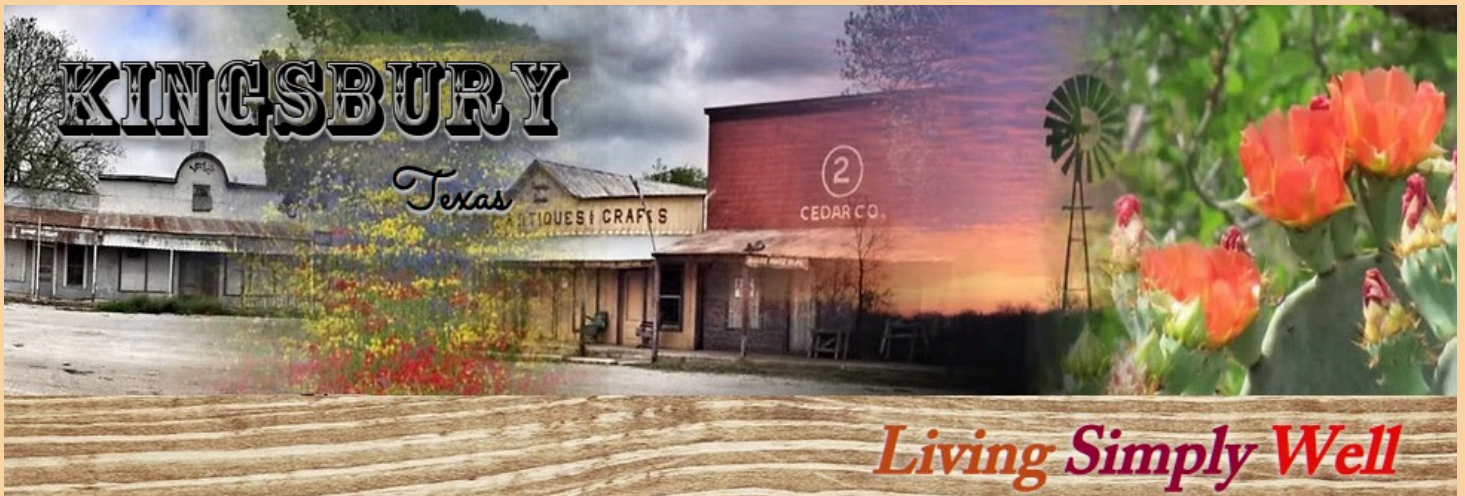
There are two seats on the Kingsbury City Commission that are up for **election** in November - mayor and one city commission member.

Anyone filing for a place on the ballot must:

- 👉 Be a U.S. citizen
- 👉 Be a Texas resident 12 months prior to the filing deadline
- 👉 Be a resident within the Kingsbury city limits for at least 6 months prior to the filing deadline
- 👉 Be registered to vote in Kingsbury by the filing deadline
- 👉 Be at least 18 years of age

The filing period runs from July 19th to August 18th at 5:00 pm.

Applications and a drop box are available 24/7 on the outside message board at the Fire Station #1 ([1060 FM 1104, Kingsbury](#)).



Kingsbury VFD & KVFD 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, August 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 the month. The next meeting of 2025 will be Thursday, August 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!



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

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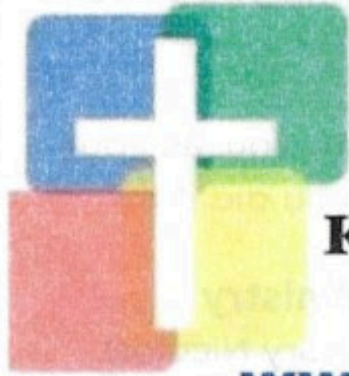
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WWI Servicemen From Kingsbury

While not large in numbers of population, Kingsbury's citizenry has always stepped up to help the local community, state needs, and for the **defense** of our country.

Pictured below are WWI Kingsbury service men in 1917 (L to R): Albert Coates, Earl Coates, Charlie Littlejohn, Otto Hagemen, Alex Jones, and John Coates. They are standing on Railway Street with "the tree in the street" to their right and the Kingsbury National Bank behind them across Kingsbury Street.

The buildings behind them are N. G. DeLany's Fancy Groceries and the "Headquarters For Echo Spring Whiskey". Fancy groceries and whiskey - what else could a military man from Kingsbury ask for?!



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](http://www.kingsburytexas.org), 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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