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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Vernal Equinox

Today, Sunday, March 20th, is the Vernal Equinox which marks the first day of Spring.

Astronomically speaking, the equinox falls on March 19 or 20 every year, marking spring's beginning in the Northern Hemisphere (whereas it announces fall's arrival in the Southern Hemisphere). The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone.

At the Vernal Equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north along the ecliptic. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. The name equinox comes from Latin words which mean "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Enjoy the increasing **sunlight** hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the Spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days



SIGNS OF THE EQUINOX IN NATURE

The vernal equinox signals the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere. Worms begin to emerge from the earth. Even the March Moon is called "The Full Worm Moon" for this reason. Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.

The increasing sunlight triggers bird song. Trees, shrubs and flowers are sensitive to temperature and daylength, too. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach.

Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather. Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats.

March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.



EQUINOX FOLKLORE

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox.

In earlier times, the vernal equinox was considered the beginning of the new year. It has always been an important day to those who work the land because it signifies the beginning of the season of regeneration and growth.

There are many ancient sites that mark the equinoxes (and solstices). One of the most famous ancient Spring equinox celebrations was at Chichen Itza in Mexico. The Mayans built a huge pyramid around the year A.D. 1000. The play of the Sun's light on it signals the beginning of the seasons. On the spring equinox, it looks like a huge snake is slithering down the steps. Mayans called this day "the return of the Sun serpent."



SPRING VERSE

"One swallow does not make a spring."

"Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring."

"In spring, no one thinks of the snow that fell last year."

"Don't say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies."

*"Spring-time sweet!
The whole Earth smiles, thy coming to greet."*



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 20th – National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Proposal Day, National Ravioli Day, World Flour Day, Spring Begins

March 21st – National California Strawberry Day, National Common Courtesy Day, National Countdown Day, National Fragrance Day, National French Bread Day, National Single Parent Day, World Down Syndrome Day

March 22nd – National Bavarian Crepes Day, National Goof Off Day, National West Virginia Day, National American Diabetes Association Alert Day, National Ag Day, National 3-D Day (3rd day of 3rd week of 3rd month)

March 23rd – National Chia Day, National Chip and Dip Day, National Near Miss Day, National Melba Toast Day, National Puppy Day, National Tamale Day

March 24th – National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day, National Cheesesteak Day, National Cocktail Day

March 25th – National Lobster Newburg Day, National Medal of Honor Day, National Tolkien Reading Day



Battle of Coledo Creek

This week in Texas history, the Battle of Coledo Creek, also known as the Battle of the Prairie, was fought on March 19 and 20, 1836, during the Goliad campaign of the Texas Revolution.

In February, General José de Urrea led a branch of the Mexican army up the Gulf Coast of Mexican Texas toward Goliad, where a large contingent of soldiers from the Texian Army were garrisoned under Colonel James W. Fannin. Simultaneously, Mexican president Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led a larger force into the Texian interior, where on March 6 his troops won the Battle of the Alamo. After learning of the Alamo's defeat, Texian general Sam Houston ordered Fannin to retreat from Goliad and join the rest of the army in Victoria.

On March 19, Fannin led his men on a leisurely retreat from Goliad. Mexican troops **surrounded** the Texians on the open prairie later in the day, before Fannin could reach the shelter of a grove of timber at Coledo Creek, some 400 yards away. Texians formed a square in the middle of the prairie and attempted to defend their position. Although Mexican troops launched three separate attacks against the square, they could not penetrate the Texian position. However, the Mexicans received overwhelming reinforcements and heavy artillery. As night fell, Mexican sharpshooters were able to wound and kill more Texians. In this critical predicament, with little water to give to the wounded or to cool their artillery, Fannin and the majority of the men voted to surrender the Texian forces on March 20. Led to believe that they would be released into the United States, they were returned to the fort at Goliad, now their prison.

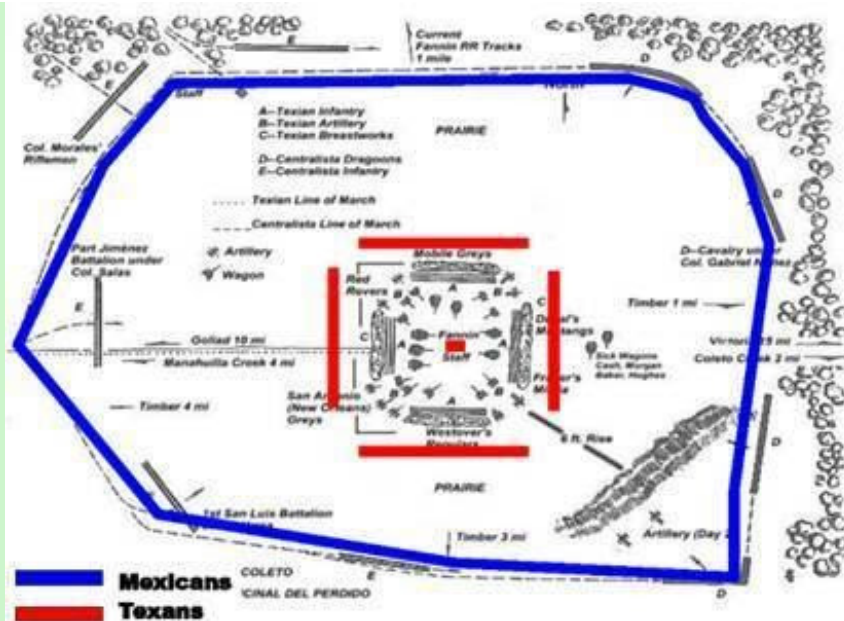
Also happening around Goliad, Albert Clinton Horton and his company had been acting as the advance and rear guards for Fannin's company. Surprised by the overwhelming Mexican force, they were chased off and escaped, however 18 of the group were captured and marched back to Goliad.

The 75 soldiers of William Parsons Miller and the Nashville Battalion were captured on March 20 and marched in on March 23. They were kept separate from the other prisoners, as they had been unarmed and surrendered without a fight.

On March 22, William Ward and the Georgia Battalion (80 men plus Ward) surrendered after escaping from the Battle of Refugio. About 26 men were retained at Victoria as laborers, but 55 of the prisoners were marched into Goliad, on March 25.

The stage is now set as the last of the prisoners arrives at La Bahia in Goliad. Urrea attempts to secure honorable terms for his Texian prisoners. However, Santa Anna had received authorization from the Mexican Congress to treat all captured Texian troops as pirates rather than prisoners-of-war.

The Mexican sentence for piracy is death ...



Kingsbury Market

There will be a **Market** in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



***Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday***

You'll be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Handcrafted items, homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are usually also available.





Burn Bans

There is currently an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County. The burn ban **imposed** by the Commissioners Court has specific guidelines for

- 🔥 Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark
- 🔥 Burning household trash
- 🔥 Burning of other items

The official notification with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website at <http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>

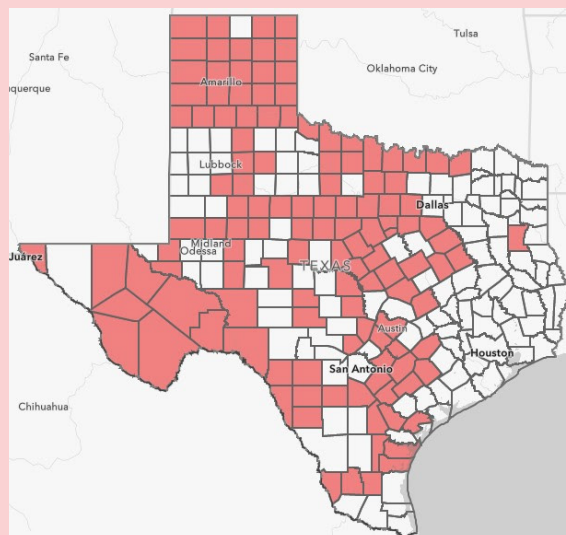


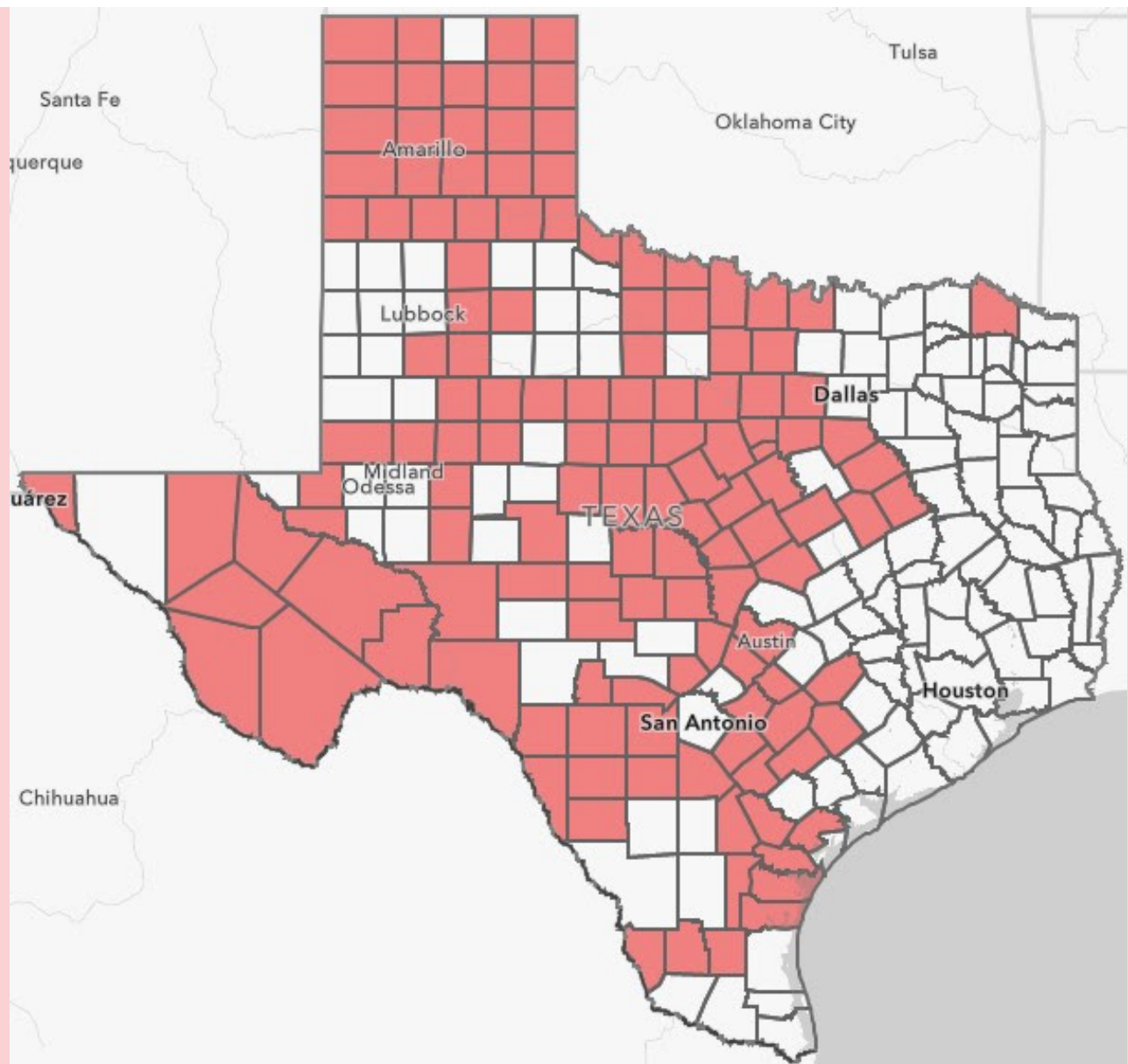
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 132 that have a burn ban - up from 125 on March 6. With the lack of rain, that number will certainly grow.

Current burn bans by county in Texas on March 6 and today:





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, March 21st

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

Items on the **agenda**:

★ Street lighting in downtown

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



All city commission meetings are open to the public.

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 26th

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!



From The Wolfshohl Diary

Kingsbury resident Albert Wolfshohl kept a diary of **important** events and Patsy Pape Ulbricht shared with the Newsletter the years from 1908 to 1922.

Here's what was happening in Kingsbury in 1916:

1916

- January: Lem Allen moved to Luling where he has bought out a part of the Luling Dry Goods Co. stock. Beaty's moved to the Allen house. Wiley's have moved to the little blue house Beaty's left.
- January: F. W. Maurer sold his place to Jim Jones for \$900.00.
- January 16: Frank Harris married Cora Smith.
- January 17: Mrs. Mary Heran died was buried on 18th. Mr. Heran died Feb 2nd same year.
- February 7: Finished building calaboose.
- February 18: Otto Steffins bought out Murphy's blacksmith shop.
- July: A derrick for oil well test at Potato Hill was finished on the 8th.
- August 29: The Kingsbury Oil Co. man is here selling stock. Drilling started October 6.

Winter Kingsbury Independent Is Here!

The **Winter** edition of the *Kingsbury Independent* is [now here!](#) You can find them at local businesses.

The edition contains an interview with County Judge Kutcher about the present and future in Guadalupe County, planning and zoning for Kingsbury, and reflections on last year's "Snowpocalypse." Other articles include a "Citizen of Kingsbury", yummy recipes, articles on local people and events, and much more!

Remember - they're just the right price - **free!**

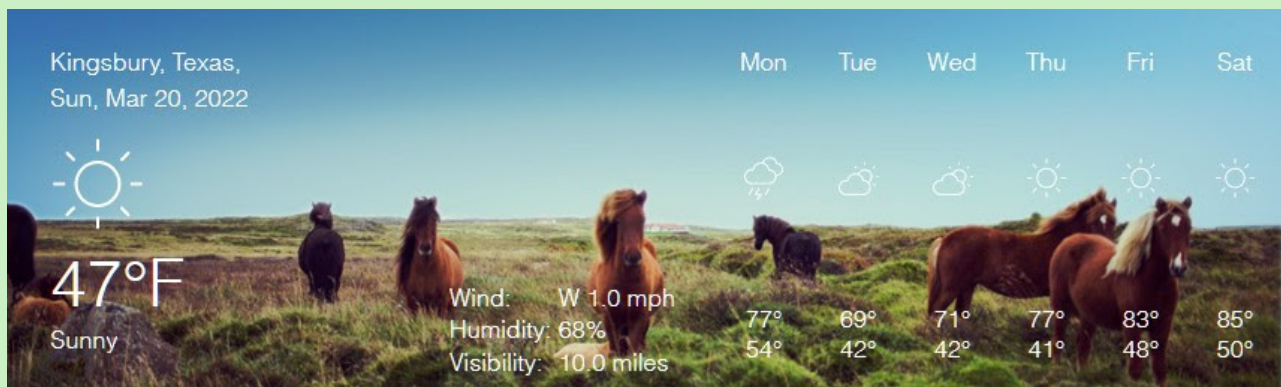
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### Kingsbury Weather

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](#)

## Fish Fry

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The Bohannons have long been in the catering business and are now serving up fried catfish at their place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

Each plate comes with all the **fixin's** - fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and homemade tartar sauce.

You can order up a  
Fish & Shrimp plate for \$15

The fryer gets lit around 5:30 pm so you can start picking up your orders at 6. Just call John Bohannon a day or two in advance at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for!

Pick up your delicious food at 935 Mill Creek Road.

*The next fish fry is this Friday, March 25th.*



## Kingsbury Post Office and Drug Store

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A picture taken in front of the Kingsbury Post Office and Drug Store in 1912.

In the picture are Jephtha White, Jephtha's sister, Edna White Beaty, Edna's husband Van Beaty, and George Smith.

Jephtha Conrad White (1888-1962) was the pharmacist at the drug store (the "J.C.WHITE" painted on the front window). Edna, Van, and George were all mail carriers in 1912. The door to the left of the Post Office says "DENTIST" above the door. Can you **imagine** what dentistry was like in 1912?!

When this picture was taken in 1912 (and prior to the fire of 1929), the Post Office and Drug Store were in the middle of downtown east of Kingsbury Road about where the KVFD Station #2 currently is.

There are nine people in the photo. Can you spot them all?



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Thanks!

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