

**Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - January 29, 2023**

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*

*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### **Monday, February 6th! Trail Riders and Trail Drive Breakfast**

The Mesquite Trail Riders will be coming to town! They'll be making their annual stopover in Kingsbury on their way to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

The Mesquite Trail Riders are one of 11 trail rides on their way to the rodeo this year and will log 87 miles during the trip. These riders promote fellowship and **horseback** riding as they make their way to the Rodeo with the ride concluding in grand fashion inside the AT&T center Rodeo arena.

The riders will stay overnight at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome on FM1104 and head back out on the trail on

### **Monday, February 6th**

This year we are planning a Trail Drivers Breakfast in downtown Kingsbury to get the riders back on the trail! There will be breakfast food and hot coffee available to the trail riders and everyone that wants to stop by and say "Howdy!" while they're here!



## Here Comes February!

The month of February starts on Wednesday this week.

The Roman month *Februarius* was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means purification, via the purification ritual *Februa* held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a **monthless** period.

### February Symbols

Its birth flower is the violet (*Viola*)  and the common primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) .

 Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

Its zodiac signs are Aquarius  (until February 19) and Pisces  (February 20 onwards).

The February skies are one of the few that are not blessed with meteor showers, but any cloudless night this month is a good time to bundle up and check out the diamonds in the sky. Maybe there will be the odd shooting

star to make it special.

## FEBRUARY LORE



*There is always one fine week in February.*



*If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.*



*Fogs in February mean frosts in May.*



*Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.*

## MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

National Fasting February	National Self Check Month
National Enrolled Agents Month	Free and Open Source Software Month
American Heart Month	Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
An Affair to Remember Month	Black History Month
Canned Food Month	Creative Romance Month
Great American Pies Month	National Bake for Family Fun Month
National Bird Feeding Month	National Cherry Month
National Children's Dental Health Month	National Grapefruit Month
National Heart Month	National Hot Breakfast Month
National Library Lover's Month	National Snack Food Month
National Weddings Month	National Embroidery Month



## 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:

January 29th - National Corn Chip Day, National Puzzle Day

January 30th - National Croissant Day, National Bubble Wrap Day

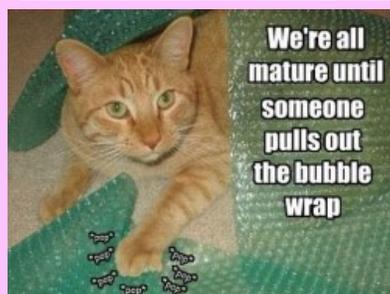
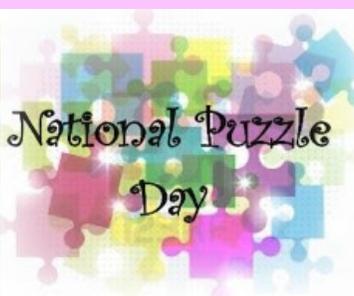
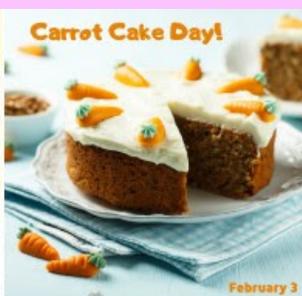
January 31st - National Backward Day, National Hot Chocolate Day, National Inspire Your Heart With Art Day, Plan for Vacation Day

February 1st - National Baked Alaska Day, National Dark Chocolate Day, National Freedom Day, National Get Up Day, National Serpent Day, National Texas Day, National Girls and Women In Sports Day

February 2nd - National Groundhog Day, National Heavenly Hash Day, National Tater Tot Day, Optimist Day

February 3rd - National Carrot Cake Day, National Missing Persons Day, National The Day The Music Died Day, National Women Physicians Day, Four Chaplains Day, National Wear Red Day, Bubble Gum Day

February 4th - National Create A Vacuum Day, National Hemp Day, National Homemade Soup Day, National Thank A Mail Carrier Day, National Play Outside Day, Ice Cream for Breakfast Day



## 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, February 2nd**

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 2023 will be Thursday, March 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!



## Groundhog Day

This Thursday, February 2nd, is Groundhog Day!

According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

On February 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent **meteorologist**, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper Punxsutawney Spirit at the time, and he began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist".

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

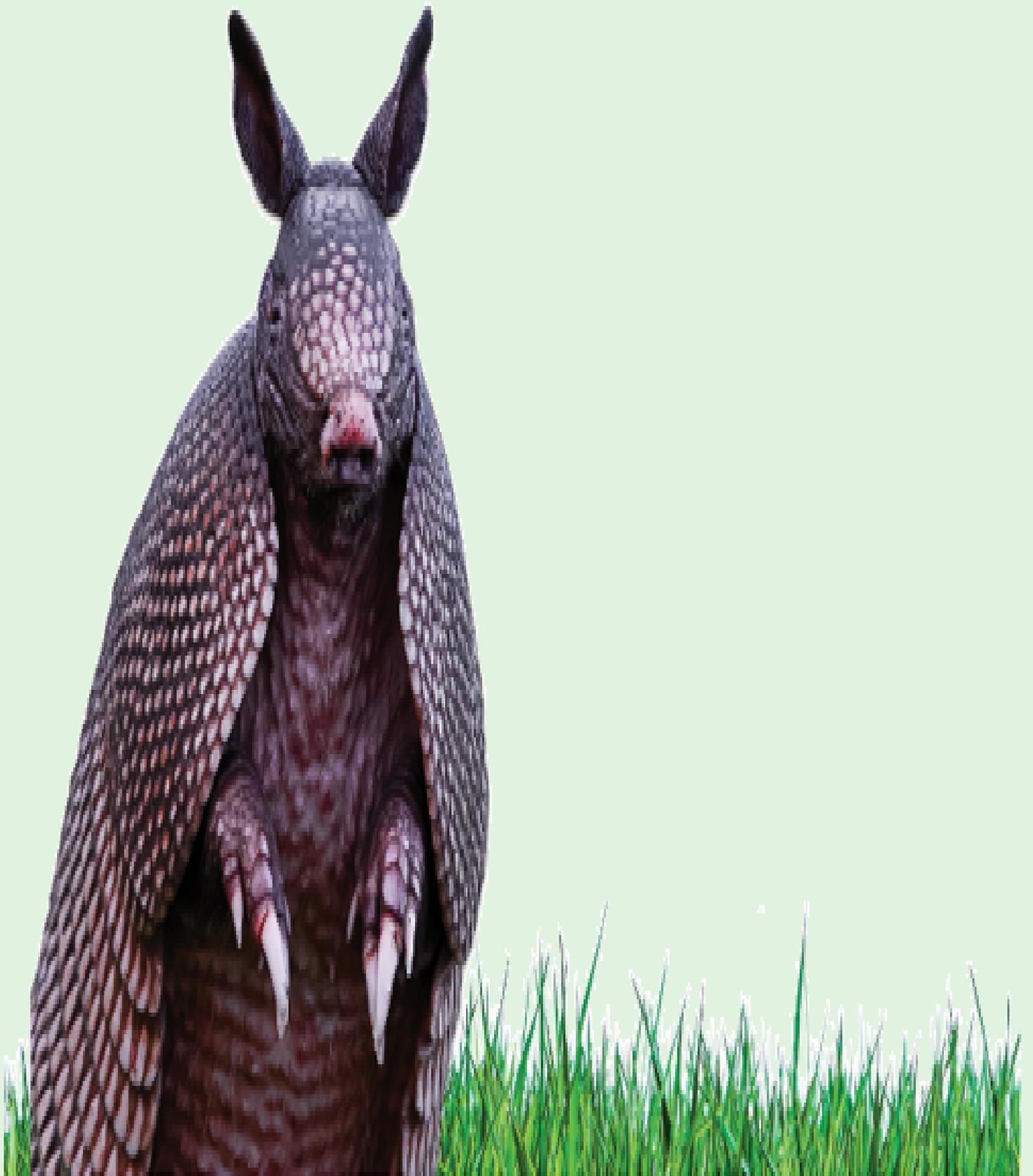
Just what the heck is a groundhog anyway? According to Wikipedia: "The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as a woodchuck, or whistlepig, is a rodent of the family *Sciuridae*, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The groundhog is also referred to as a chuck, wood-shock, groundpig, whistler,

thickwood badger, Canada marmot, monax, moonack, weenusk, and red monk. The name "thickwood badger" was given in the Northwest to distinguish the animal from the prairie badger. Monax was an Indian name of the woodchuck, which meant "the digger". Young groundhogs may be called chucklings. Other marmots, such as the yellow-bellied and hoary marmots, live in rocky and mountainous areas, but the groundhog is a lowland creature. It is widely distributed in North America and common in the northeastern and central United States and Canada. Groundhogs are found as far north as Alaska, with their habitat extending southeast to Georgia."

There you have it! Do you want 6 more weeks of winter? We haven't had much of one so far so I'm not sure it would make any difference. I'm sure that some of the people up north that are dealing with polar vortexes are looking forward to the groundhog popping up with no shadow in sight.



And just to make sure, maybe we should see if Kingsbury Kliff the Weather-Predicting Armadillo can give us some spring-like weather with a few more cold nights thrown in just to keep the bugs from taking over this summer! Check the Kingsbury [website](#) anytime for the local weather forecast - it's probably more reliable than a large rodent or a ... what is an armadillo anyway?



## Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,  
Sun, Jan 29, 2023

66°F  
Cloudy

Wind: S 2.0 mph  
Humidity: 98%  
Visibility: 4.0 miles

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High	44°	42°	47°	57°	59°	63°
Low	36°	36°	40°	37°	35°	43°

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](#)

## Chicken Alfredo Plate Fundraiser

The Kingsbury Baptist Church will be having a Chicken Alfredo Plate fundraiser on February 11th. **Yum!**

## Chicken Alfredo Plate

- Broccoli
- Garlic Bread
- Salad
- Dessert



Dine-In or Take-Out



**YOUTH / ADULT MISSION TRIP**

**FUNDRAISER**

Location: **Kingsbury Baptist Church**

**6901 FM 2438**

**Kingsbury, Texas 78638**

When: **February 11, 2023**

Time: **6:00 PM**

Cost: **Donations are welcomed**

All the **news** that's fit to print about what *was* happening in Kingsbury . . .

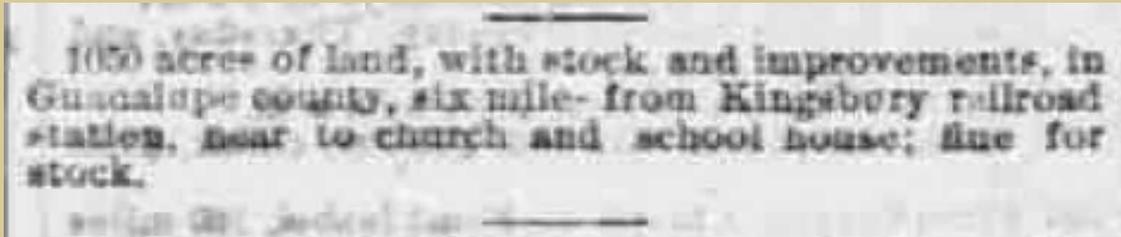
## WEEKLY DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN.

VOL. V.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1876.

NO. 46

The Thursday, June 29, 1876 edition of the *Weekly Democratic Statesman* had a small item about 1050 acres of land "six mile-" from the Kingsbury depot. I'm not sure which direction the land was from Kingsbury and there were many churches and school houses in the countryside in 1876. It sounds like a nice place with "stock and improvements" as part of the deal!



In other 1876 news, Walter Tips & Co. has a fine-looking cane mill for making your own syrup, fifteen horses were stampeded by Indians (or maybe not!), the King Ranch is "all seeded in the mesquit grass" (mesquite grass is actually good grazing, especially for deer and pronghorn), and poor Mrs. Faught was overcome with the "sulphurous vapor" in the bath house and was found dead.

Elsewhere in 1876, you can get your threshers in the "six horse, eight horse and, ten horse" models, the people of Will's Point voted to outlaw murder and will "hang the first fellow that does it", the paper takes a dig at San Antonio saying they're listless, indolent, and lazy because they don't have any "great mills" on the river (the Austin vs. S.A. thing goes way back apparently!), Mr. Wright runs such a great stage line that no one is taking the train, and you can get all your horse nail needs met at Northwestern.

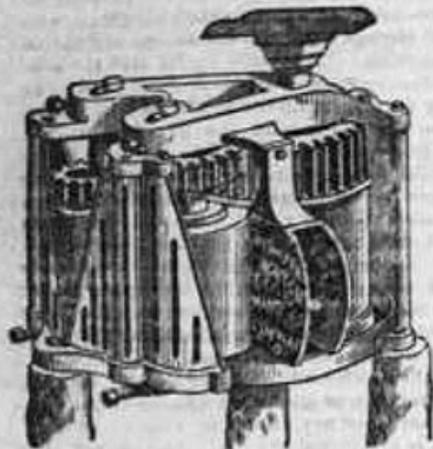
Also in 1876, someone writing for the paper wants prisoners to be thrashed soundly and face the "terrors of the lash", St. Johns, Canada needs a better water supply, "bootblacks" (shoe shiners) and newsboys are moving from Galveston to Dallas and Austin (what fer?), Kansas corn does great in Texas, "billiards and base ball" are hard on the married woman, Wells & Clay has a great looking ad, and Lampasas will have a "brass band and balloon" (hot-air balloon) to celebrate the Centennial but the "orator of the day" may make too much wind.

Miscellaneous.

# WALTER TIPS & CO.

AUSTIN, TEXAS,

Are Sole Agents for Travis and surrounding counties for the



**Victor Cano Mill**  
AND



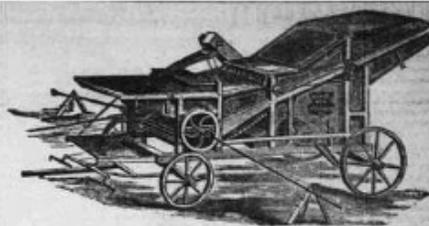
**Cook's Evaporators.**

The best Case and Sorgho machinery made, which is sold lower than it can be bought from factory. Circulars and price list sent on application. Also on hand the GENUINE LIBYAN SORGHO SEED, machine made.

Two men from Slaughter creek, in this county, lost fifteen horses last week in Kerr county. Indians, or whites disguised as Indians, stampeded them.

King's ranche and stock farm, of Santa Gertrudes, is the largest in Texas, containing in one grand enclosure over 75,000 acres. It is forty-three miles around it, all seeded in the mesquit grass with many large pools of water, and many springs at the head of the Santa Gertrudes.

Mrs. Martha C. Faught went into a bathroom at Lampasas, and remaining longer than usual, her husband sought and found her dead—suffocated by the sulphurous vapor, it is thought. The water in the tub was less than a foot deep.



## THE ATTENTION

OF

Thresher Purchasers is called to

**GAAR, SCOTT & CO.'S**

**GOLD MEDAL THRESHERS,**

**THREE HITCH,**

**WITH MOUNTED POWERS;**

Six Horse, Eight Horse and Ten Horse.

The people at Will's Point, in public assembly, have put a veto on killing men in those parts. They are going to hang the first fellow that does it, and pocket pistols are for sale cheap.

The fall in the San Antonio river, within three miles of its source, is 130 feet, and that no great mills line its banks smacks of the listless indolence of populations of these lazy latitudes. The most latitudinarian fellow of the old town is constructionist of the decrees of the recorder's court down there, and that's what's the matter with San Antonio.

Cal Wright runs the best stage line in Texas, from Austin to Lampasas, and that's the reason people won't subscribe to the narrow gauge.

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**A. W. KINGSLAND, Secretary.**

It costs Texas \$1000 each to evade the duty to God and man of thrashing soundly every petty thief that goes to the penitentiary. Sentimentalists weep when prating about the terrors of the lash, never reflecting that these tears are mint drops representing \$1,000,000 extorted annually from taxpayers on account of each 1000 convicts.

FIRES always occur at the very moment when water-works are out of order and thus it happened that St. Johns, Canada, was obliterated a few days ago. A city should be supplied with water from an inexhaustible reservoir.

Bootblacks and newsboys are deserting Galveston, and seek homes in Dallas and Austin.

Kansas or Illinois corn planted in Texas matures two or three weeks earlier than native corn.

The wife of the married man who devotes himself to billiards and base ball is commonly seen sawing wood in the back yard.

## J. H. WELLS & CLAY,

Opposite Bremond's Bank, Pecan St.,

### Practical Gunsmiths,



Dealers in all kinds of fire-arms and ammunition, fishing tackle, etc., etc. All kinds of repairing done at short notice. All work warranted or no charge.

Lampasas is going to have a brass band and balloon on the glorious Fourth. It will thus be a windy day for Lampasas. Perhaps the balloon business is a joke of the News, having reference to the windiness of the "orator of the day."

## Kingsbury Items For Sale

Looking for a neat little Kingsbury gift or want to support your location Kingsbury VFD? The KVFD Auxiliary has tea towels, stemless wine glasses, and coasters available for sale in the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street.

Tea towels wine glasses are \$10 and coasters are \$5 and all **proceeds** go to the KVFD Auxiliary for support of our firefighters and first responders.

Come check it all out!



## 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](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
29   12:00pm M...	30	31	1	2 Groundhog ...   7:30pm KfV...	3	4
5   12:00pm M...	6   9:00am Trail...	7	8	9	10	11   1:00pm City...   6:00pm Chi...
12   12:00pm M...	13	14	15	16	17	18 Volunteer W...
19   12:00pm M...	20   6:30pm Kin...	21	22	23	24	25
26   12:00pm M...	27	28	1	2   6:00pm KfV...   7:30pm KfV...	3	4

## Chili Cook-Off

Marshall's will be having their 2nd Annual **Chili** Cook Off on March 18th in Downtown Kingsbury!



2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
**CHILI**  
**COOK OFF** 

**MARCH 18TH, 2023**  
**KINGSBURY, TX**

**12PM-8PM**

**Featuring DJ BUSTINLOOSE**  
**Outside 12pm-6pm**

**MEYER ANDERSON BAND**  
**on stage inside 8pm-12am**  
**Craft and Artisan Booths**

**Chili, Bean and Bloody Mary Tastings**  
**1st, 2nd and 3rd place Prizes**

FOR ENTRY OR BOOTH INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT TRENT AT  
[mt8manager@marshallstavern.com](mailto:mt8manager@marshallstavern.com)  
or on Facebook at Marshall's General Store



## At The S.A. Queen

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The S.A. Queen in Kingsbury was in what is now the vacant lot next to the old post office on Railway Street. It was owned by Sterling Anderson "S.A." Queen and his wife Annie Pearl Walker Queen, and locals referred to it simply as "Queen's" or "Queen's Cafe". The Queens (S.A., Annie, and daughter Uyvonne) lived in the building, sold burgers in the cafe, and had a bar with bar **stools** and a **juke box**.

The girls here are Mary Jane Appling, Glenda Ferrell, Joyce Hurt, and Dorothy Chessher. They may be going to the theater which was west of Queens and apparently was showing the movie "Algiers" with Charles Boyer and Hedy Lamarr.

That movie was about a thief hiding in the native quarter of Algiers called the Casbah, and was the inspiration for the movie Casablanca. Boyer's character, Pepe le Moko, is said to be the inspiration for Looney Toons' skunk Pepe le Pew who was known for telling a reluctant cat (that always had a mishap with some white paint) "Come wis me to ze Casbah!"

It's a long way from Kingsbury to "ze Casbah", but that's what movies are for!





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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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