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# Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter







Dear Kingsbury,

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

## Happy New Year!

We have successfully completed another orbit around the sun! The new year begins Wednesday and while celebrations vary all over the world, common traditions include:

-  Making resolutions or goals to improve one’s life. Common resolutions concern diet, exercise, bad habits, and other issues concerning personal wellness.  
A common view is to use the first day of the year as a clean slate to improve one’s life.
-  A gathering of loved ones: Here you’ll typically find **champagne**, feasting, confetti, noise makers, and other methods of merriment Fireworks, parades, concerts.
-  Famous parades include London’s New Year’s Day Parade and the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.
-  Superstitions concerning food or visitors to bring luck. This especially includes circle-shaped foods, which symbolize cycles.

The reasoning behind superstitions is that the first day of the year sets precedent for the following days.



A common superstition specific to New Year’s Day concerns a household’s first visitor of the year—tradition states that if a tall, dark-haired stranger is the first to walk through your door, called the First Footer or Lucky Bird, you’ll have good luck all year.



Also, if you want to subscribe to superstition, don’t let anything leave the house on New Year’s Day, except for people. Tradition say’s: don’t take out the trash and leave anything you want to take out of the house on New Year’s outside the night before. If you must remove something, make sure to replace it by bringing an item into the house. These policies of balance apply in other areas as well—avoiding paying bills, breaking anything, or shedding tears.





The first of January was a highly significant day in medieval superstitions regarding prosperity, or lack of it, in the year ahead. A flat cake was put on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard. The farmer and his workers would then sing a song and dance around the cow until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow, that signified good luck; to fall behind indicated the opposite.



I think it is much easier to eat some black-eyed peas and cabbage and just ensure a lucky and prosperous new year!

NEW YEAR’S WEATHER FOLKLORE

In particular, weather folklore often looks to the wind.

Try this. Step outside as the sun sets on New Year’s Eve. Feel the wind and recite:

*If New Year’s Eve the wind blows south  
It betokens warmth and growth.  
If west, much milk and fish in the sea.  
If north, cold and storms there will be.  
If east, the trees will bear much fruit.  
If north east, then flee it, man and brute.*



Others believed the time to check out the wind was at sunrise on New Year’s Day, but if you had any fun the night before, it will be hard to wake up at dawn.

If you forgot to check the wind, don’t worry.

Other lore says that the first 12 days of the year are just as useful. The weather on the first, good or bad, will reflect how January will feel. The second day forecasts February and so on.

Here's to having an even better year than 2024 was. Everyone needs to eat lots of black-eyed peas and cabbage!



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:



**December 29th** - National Pepper Pot Day, National Tick Tock Day

**December 30th** - National Bicarbonate Of Soda Day, National Falling Needles Family Fest Day, National Bacon Day

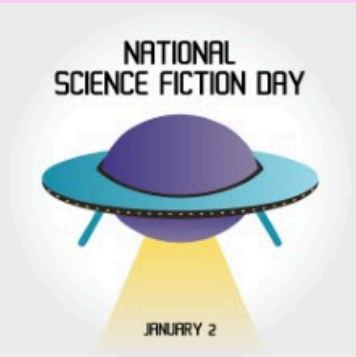
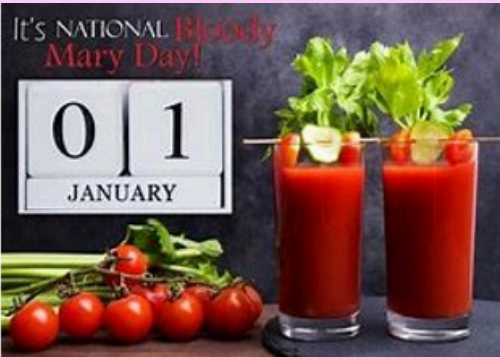
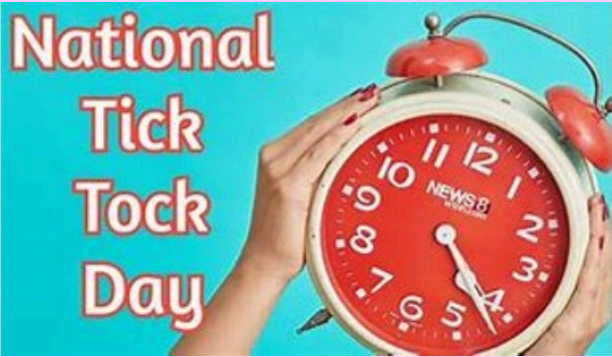
**December 31st** - National Champagne Day, National No Interruptions Day, New Years Eve, National Make up Your Mind Day

**January 1st** - National Bloody Mary Day, National Hangover Day, New Years Day

**January 2nd** - National Cream Puff Day, National Buffet Day, National Personal Trainer Awareness Day, National Science Fiction Day

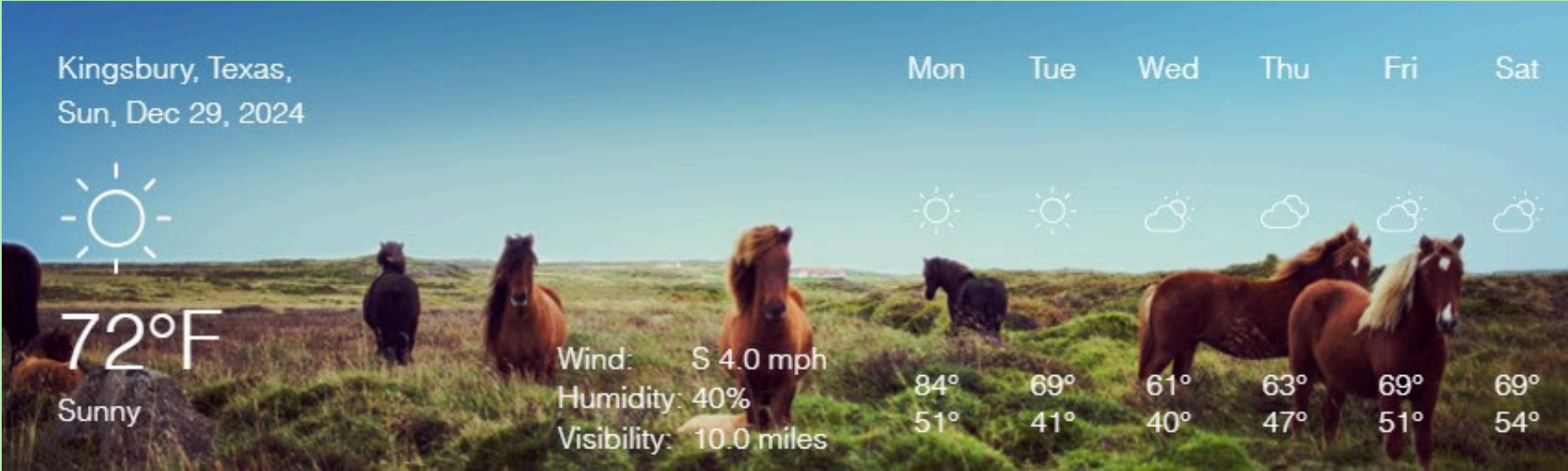
**January 3rd** - National Drinking Straw Day, National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

**January 4th** - National Missouri Day, National Trivia Day, National Spaghetti Day, National Fruitcake Toss 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](#)



# Hello January

In addition to the first of the new year, this is the first week of the new month of January.

January was originally the eleventh month, not the first, until at least 153 B.C.

January is named after the Roman god *Janus*, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the *Calends*, and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts.



*Janus am I; oldest of potentates;  
Forward I look, and backward, and below  
I count, as god of avenues and gates,  
The years that through my portals come and go.*

---- *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807–82)*



The January birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets were also thought to prevent **nightmares**. If you dream of losing a garnet necklace, unexpected good fortune is in your future.

The January birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means ‘I love you.’ White carnations mean pure love, striped carnations mean regret that a love is not shared, and yellow means rejection or disappointment.



The snowdrop used to be considered bad luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

*The new year opens—old is past,  
Stern winter comes with its rough blast:  
See the farmer shivering with cold,  
Driving his flocks and herds to fold.*

—*The 1793 Old Farmer’s Almanac*

# Burn Ban Still In Effect

There was no **change** to the burn ban map this week, with 100 counties (including Guadalupe County) still under a burn ban.

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court instituted an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County for 90 days starting October 2nd. 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 [here](#).



The City of Kingsbury has a "trigger" ordinance where a burn ban is in effect in the city limits whenever there is a burn ban issued by the county.

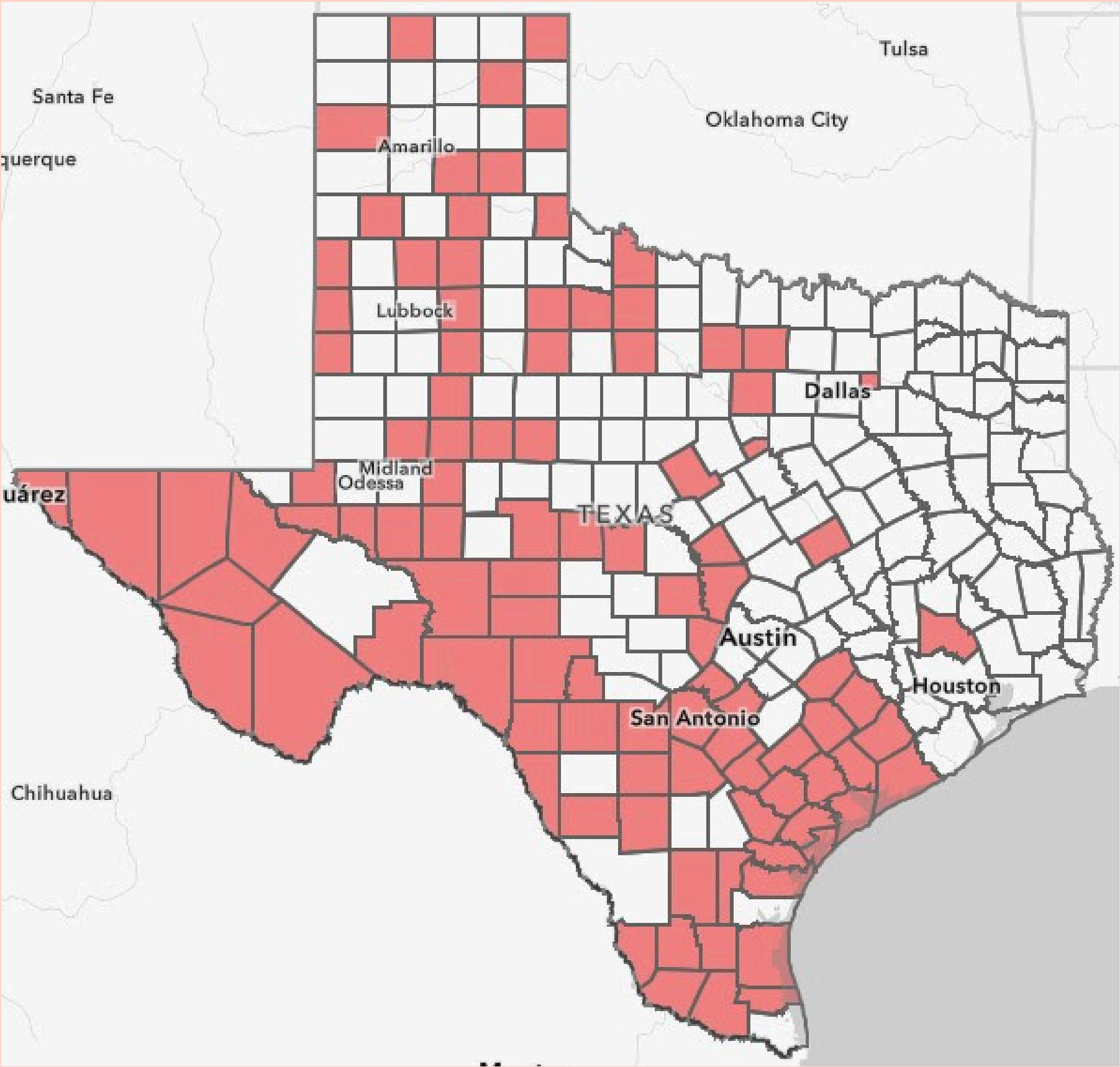


As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 100 that have a burn ban, the same as last week. This leaves 154 counties without a burn ban in the state.

*Current burn bans by county in Texas this week.*

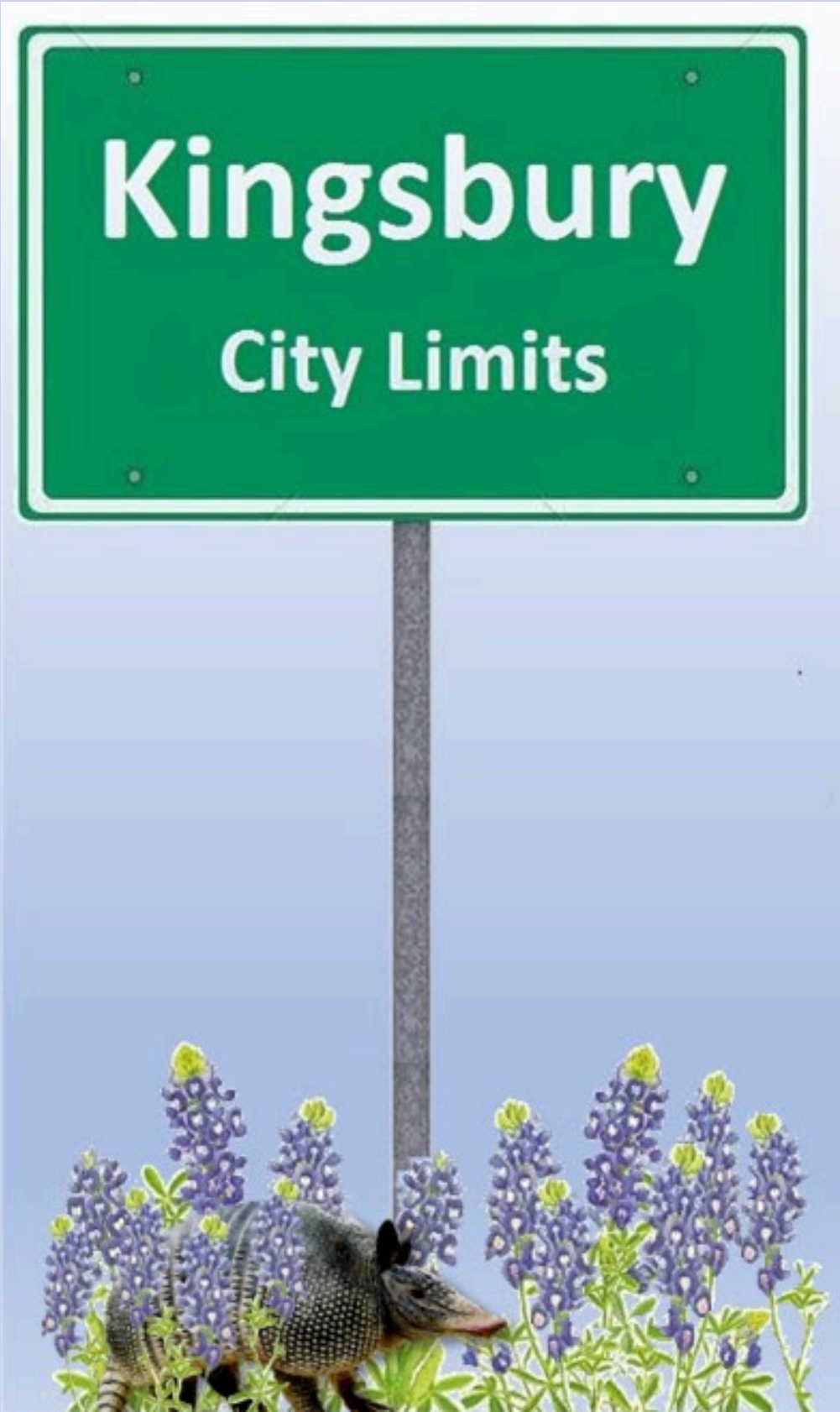


### Kingsbury City Limits

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 out Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbuy 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!



## Black Moon

This Monday night, the Black Moon will rise!

Like “Blood Moon” and “Blue Moon,” “Black Moon” is not an astronomical term. In fact, if you ask a sample of astronomers, both professional and amateur, very few will have even heard of it. It’s not even a particularly widely known folklore thing.

As for its definition, it’s a “Black Moon” if there is a new Moon twice in the same month. It’s similar to the Blue Moon, which has become a common term for the second full Moon in a month.

A Black Moon occurs usually every 32 to 33 months.



There is no astronomical significance to a Black Moon. Nothing happens, except the usual new Moon absence of any Moon in the sky, plus the stronger so-called “spring” tides we get for a few days around every full Moon and new Moon.

What will you see during a Black Moon? Uh, not much. During the new Moon phase, the Moon is not illuminated by the Sun and seems to disappear from the night sky. A new Moon is practically **invisible** to the naked eye, so there’s nothing to see during a so-called Black Moon.

Remember, there are four quarters of the Moon—the Moon phases. You all know the “full Moon,” when the entire disk of the Moon is illuminated by the Sun (because they are on opposite sides of the sky). In contrast, the

“new Moon” has its dark side facing us. It’s not reflecting any of the Sun’s light because the Moon is lined up between the Earth and Sun.

Although there’s not much to see when a Black Moon rises, the good news is that a moonless sky is excellent for stargazing since the Moon’s light won’t drown out the stars!



## New Year's Eve Bash

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# New Year's Eve

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## KINGSBURY HALL

\$15 Cover

Food & Setups

Complimentary  
Champagne

Beer & Wine

Live Music By  
The Kingsbury Playboys!  
Clark Grein, Ladd Nolen, Kim Haneq, Frank  
Balderas & Special Guests!

BYOB

Fun Starts At 8:30

(979) 248-4884 for  
Reservations or more info

### 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

## Kingsbury VFD & 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, January 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 each month. The next meeting of 2025 will be Thursday, January 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!



## Food Pantry & Thrift Store

Pastor Casso, Sr. was a guest speaker at the November Kingsbury Development Committee meeting to share information about Kingsbury Baptist Church’s community resources: food pantry and thrift clothing outreach initiatives.

Kingsbury Baptist Church Food Pantry & Thrift Outreach Ministry are here for the public. Food pantries serve as a lifeline for those struggling with food insecurity. They provide meals, canned foods, and other necessities to



individuals and families who might otherwise go hungry. In the month of November 2024, Kingsbury Baptist Church has served four families to receive grocery assistance and each family varied in size. Including a Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive for additional families in need this holiday. Often, you'll find that most donations include canned goods and non-perishable items. Those are safe bets as they last long and can be stored easily. But don't you sometimes wonder whether food pantries might need more variety?

You're correct in you're thinking that way. While non-perishables are a staple, food pantries also appreciate other less-common donations. For instance, fresh fruits and vegetables are a luxury for many families. They are rich in nutrients and can make meals more enjoyable. Another thing food pantries need are diapers, formula, and baby food. These items can be quite expensive for struggling families.

Pets are often overlooked when it comes to food pantries. Donations of pet food can help keep families and their **furry** friends together. Personal care items, such as soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, and hygiene products are also essential but often forgotten. Despite not being on the typical donation list, personal care items are a necessity that can't be overlooked. Items like tampons, feminine napkins, and feminine washes are often the least donated items, yet they're a significant need for many. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant. Next time you're considering a donation, don't forget these items.

Kingsbury Baptist Church's Thrift Clothing Closet works alongside the food pantry and provides immediate assistance to individuals and families. Is your closet starting to look like a scene from 'Hoarders'? Don't worry, you're not alone. We've all been guilty of holding onto clothes we haven't worn in years. But instead of letting them collect dust (and taking up valuable space), why not put them to good use? Clothing donation is not only a great way to declutter, but it can also make a big impact on those in need.

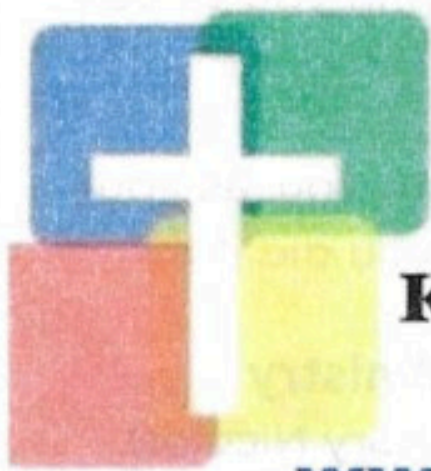
Choosing to donate clothes can have a positive impact on both individuals and the environment. A few essential reasons to donate include, decluttering your space, tax benefits, and promote sustainability. With the aid of Kingsbury Baptist Church donation drop off in town, you can help reduce waste and conserve resources. Textile waste is a significant contributor to landfills, and by donating clothes, you can help extend the life of these textiles and prevent them from ending up in the trash. Donating is a great way to declutter your closet and make new space for new items. Instead of letting unused clothes take up valuable space, donating them can help you simplify and organize your home.

Overall, donating your old clothes can make a difference in the lives of others, our neighbors, and promote a more sustainable future. So, the next time you clean out our closet, consider donating your old clothes to Kingsbury Baptist Church.



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**FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT OUTREACH MINISTRY**



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## 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

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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5   (canceled th...  + 2	6	7   🌲 Christma...
8	9	10   Developmen...	11	12   Fellowship	13 🦋 Friday Th...	14 🎨 Volunteer...
15 🌞 Full Cold ...	16   Kingsbury Ci...	17	18	19   Fellowship	20	21 ❄️ Winter S...
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26   Fellowship	27	28
29	30 🌑 Black Moon	31 🎉 New Year's ... New Year's Eve	1 New Year's D...	2   KVFD Auxilia...  + 2	3	4

## Grand Champion

With the San Antonio Fat Stock Show and Rodeo coming up in about a month, this picture from Patsy Ulbricht of her father, Albert Pape, with his Grand Champion hog seems perfect!

This picture was taken at the South-West Texas Boys Fat Stock Show in San Antonio on February 26, 1936. This would have probably been his senior year at the Kingsbury School.

As shown on the results list, he was the Grand Champion of the Hog Division that year! Nolan Schubert from Kingsbury was showing there also in the Hog Division. With the sales weight of 235 lb. and the price per pound of 0.34 (thank you Apache Pkg. Co.) that gave Albert a **whopping** \$79.90! The equivalent in purchasing power of that today would be \$1,813.52. Way to go Albert!





## LAMB DIVISION - CONT'D

Place	Tag No.	Boy's Name	<u>Non-Prize Winners</u>		Sales Weight	Sales Price Per Lb.
			<u>Address</u>	<u>Buyer</u>		
	606	Silas				
		Brandenberger	Mason	J.W.Kothmann & Sons	85	.10
	607	" "	"	Dan J. Quill	(	.12
	608	" "	"	" " "	(175	.12
Total Net Weight of all Lambs Sold					2325 Lbs.	
Average Sales Price per CWT.					\$ 14.48	
Total Sales Value					\$ 336.76	

HOG DIVISION

Place	Tag No.	Boy's Name	Address	Buyer	Sales Weight	Sales Price Per Lb.
Champion	218	Albert Pape, Jr.	Kingsbury	Apache Pkg. Co.	235	.34
Reserve						
Champion	239	Carry Childs	Medina City	J.W.Kothmann & Sons	275	.16
1st	(224	Victor Striegler-Johnson	City-Amos	Gates	{	.11
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	(226	" "	" "	" "		
Litter	(227	" "	" "	" "		
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	(230	" "	" "	" "		
1st	(210	Prentice Bristow-San Antonio-Swift & Co.			{	.12½
	(211	" "	" "	" "		
Litter	(212	" "	" "	" "		
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	(214	" "	" "	" "		
2nd	221	Joseph Warren Hinch	San Antonio	Plaza Hotel	205	.11
2nd	235	Edgar Saathoff	Hondo	Swift & Co.	350	.10½
2nd	(236	Edgar Saathoff	Hondo	Swift & Co.	{	.10-3/4
Litter	(237	" "	" "	" "		
	(238	" "	" "	" "		
3rd	220	James Leslie Hinch	San Antonio	Swift & Co.	225	.11
3rd	570	Aaron Nelson	Batesville	Dumble Com. Co.	235	.10-3/4
6th	200	Ray Barleman	Adkins	Swift & Co.	195	.10½
6th	209	Muriel Steubing	San Antonio	Union Pkg. Co.	265	.11
7th	208	Muriel Steubing	San Antonio	Saunders Com. Co.	235	.11½
7th	234	Wesley Moehrig	Hondo.	Alamo Dressed Beef Co.	285	.11

Non-Prize Winners

• 201	Arthur Barleman, Jr.	Adkins	Ed Auge Pkg.Co.	200	.11
216	Herbert Stuart	San Antonio	J.W.Kothmann & Sons	225	.11½
240	Robert Corby	San Antonio	Union Pkg. Co.	195	.10-3/4
223	Edward Sodrok	San Antonio	Apache Pkg. Co.	160	.10
222	Geo. Ernst, Jr.	San Antonio	Alamo Dr.Beef Co.	185	.10-3/4
205	Vernon Brown	San Antonio	Alamo Dr.Beef Co.	230	.10-3/4

HOG DIVISION - CONT'D

<u>Place</u>	<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Boy's Name</u>	<u>Non-Price Winners</u>		<u>Sales Weight</u>	<u>Sales Price Per Lb.</u>
			<u>Address</u>	<u>Buyer</u>		
	204	Richard Vogt	Atascosa	Dumble Com. Co.	300	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	206	Eugene Whitaker	San Antonio	Alamo Dr.Beef Co.	275	.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	202	Nic Stanley	San Antonio	Judge Jno. Shook	275	.10
	203	Nic Stanley	San Antonio	Apache Pkg. Co.	345	.10
	215	Leo Lux	San Antonio	Union Pkg. Co.	215	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	207	Virgil Steubing	San Antonio	Saunders Com. Co.	195	.10-3/4
	196	Walter Johnson, Jr.	Pearsall	R. Center & Jennings	240	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	197	" "	"	" " "	235	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	199	Morris Gallo-way	Pearsall	R. Center & Jennings	195	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	198	Geo. Thompson	Pearsall	R. Center & Jennings	205	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	219	Nolan Schubert	Kingsbury	J.W.Kothmann & Sons	215	.11

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Thanks!

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