

## Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - July 20, 2025

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# Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*



*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

## Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q

The KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser is coming up Saturday, July 26th!

This is the annual benefit Bar-B-Q which is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Department, and held each year on the last Saturday in July.

There will be great food and homemade desserts, Raffle for great prizes, games for the kids, Country Store, Live Auction, amusements, Silent Auction, and then a free Dance Under The Stars

Bar-B-Q plates are \$15 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world **famous** potato salad! Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxilary will be getting together a great group of volunteers to help pull off this event. They will need people to work the serving lines, and to donate items to the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, and the Country Store. Bring a dessert, slice up meat, cook potatoes, .... there's so much that you can do! Volunteer and be part of a great organization and a great group of people!



Pre-Sale Meal Tickets and Raffle tickets can be purchased now at the Kingsbury Country Store.

Contact [kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com](mailto:kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com) for more information.



## 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:

**July 20th** – National Moon Day, National Pennsylvania Day, National Lollipop Day, National Fortune Cookie Day, National Ice Cream Day

**July 21st** – National Get Out Of The Doghouse Day, National Be Someone Day, National Junk Food Day, National Lamington Day

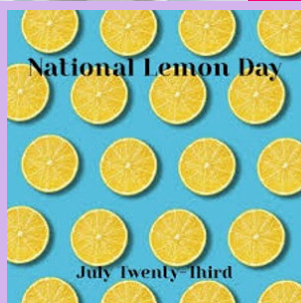
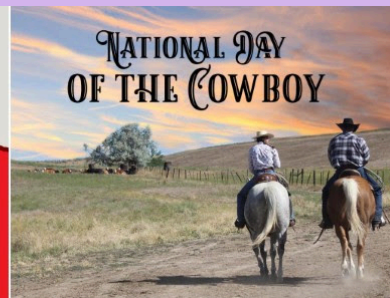
**July 22nd** – National Fragile X Awareness Day, National Penuche Fudge Day, National Mango Day, National Hammock Day

**July 23rd** – National Lemon Day, National Gorgeous Grandma Day, National Vanilla Ice Cream Day

**July 24th** – National Thermal Engineer Day, National Refreshment Day, National Drive-Thru Day, National Cousins Day, National Amelia Earhart Day, National Tequila Day, National Intern Day

**July 25th** – National Wine And Cheese Day, National Hire A Veteran Day, National Hot Fudge Sundae Day, National Merry Go Round Day, National Thread The Needle Day, National Get Gnarly Day, National Talk In An Elevator Day, National System Administrator Appreciation Day

**July 26th** – National Day Of The Cowboy, National Bagelfest Day, National Coffee Milkshake Day,



## Volunteers Needed!



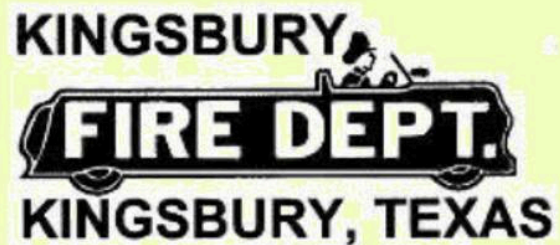
The 55th Annual Kingsbury VFD Benefit Bar-B-Q is coming up July 26th. We are always looking for:

- Volunteers to help for just an hour at a time (and get 2 free soda/water tickets!)
- Donations for the Silent Auction
- Donations for the Live Auction
- Homey or homemade items for the Auxiliary's Country Store
- Cakes and pies for Desserts

So many people step up each year to make the KVFD event happen! If you would like to help and volunteer just an hour of your time on July 26th, text or call Volunteer Coordinator Shirley Nolen at 830.491.8863.

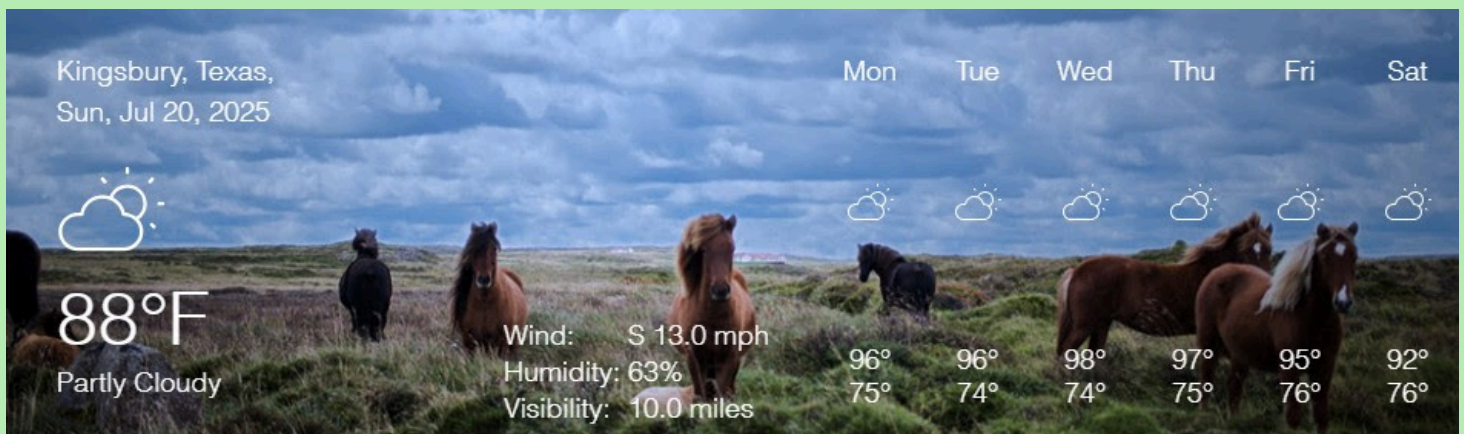
Donate your time and make a difference!

**July 26<sup>th</sup>!**



## 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](#)

## Pre-Sale Meal Tickets

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**Kingsbury Volunteer  
Fire Department  
BBQ Benefit**

**Plate Pre-Sale  
Tickets Available  
\$15 Per Ticket**

**BBQ Benefit Is July 26**

**Available At Kingsbury Country Store**

**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, July 21st**

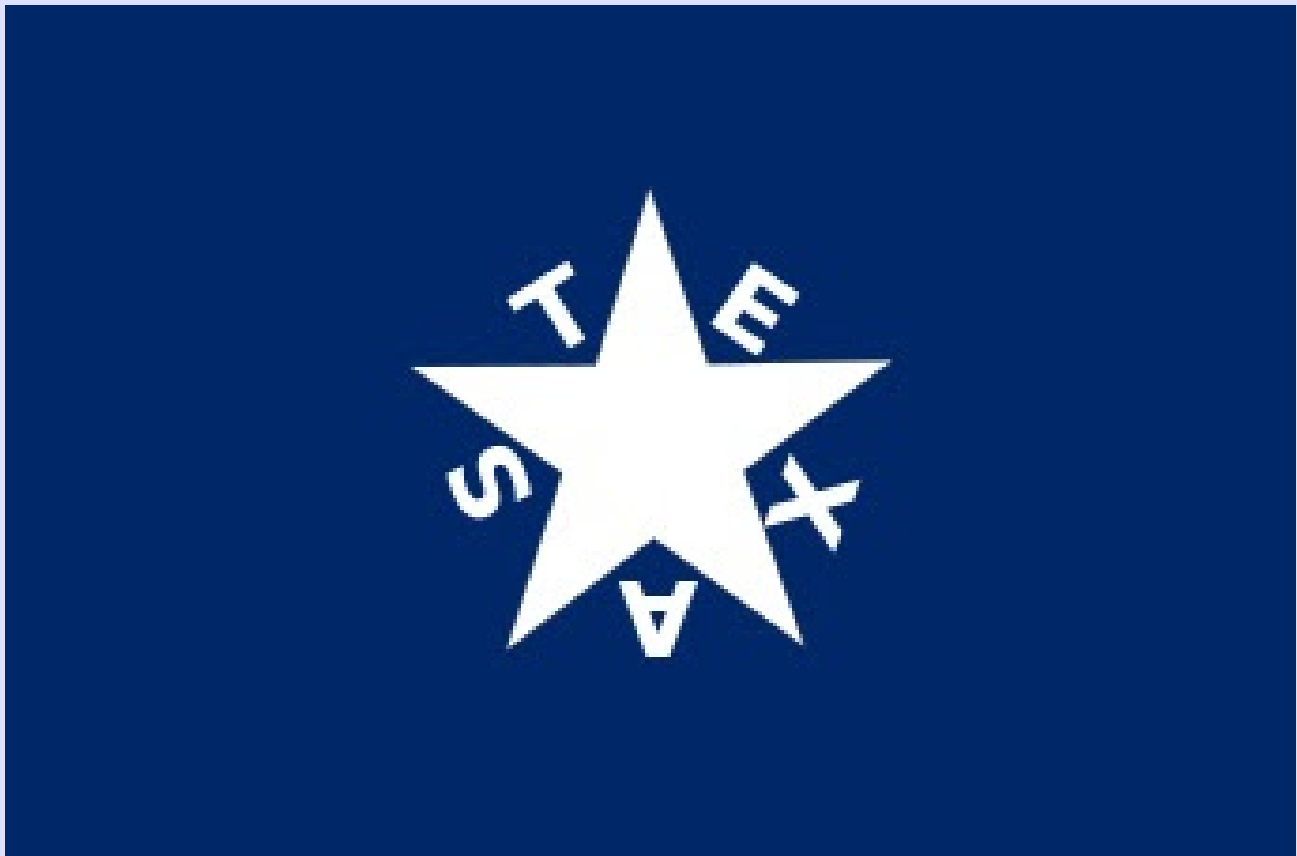
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q
- ★ Audit update
- ★ New Town Hall renovations update
- ★ Review of proposed 2025-2026 budget
- ★ Fall Harvest Fest website

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**

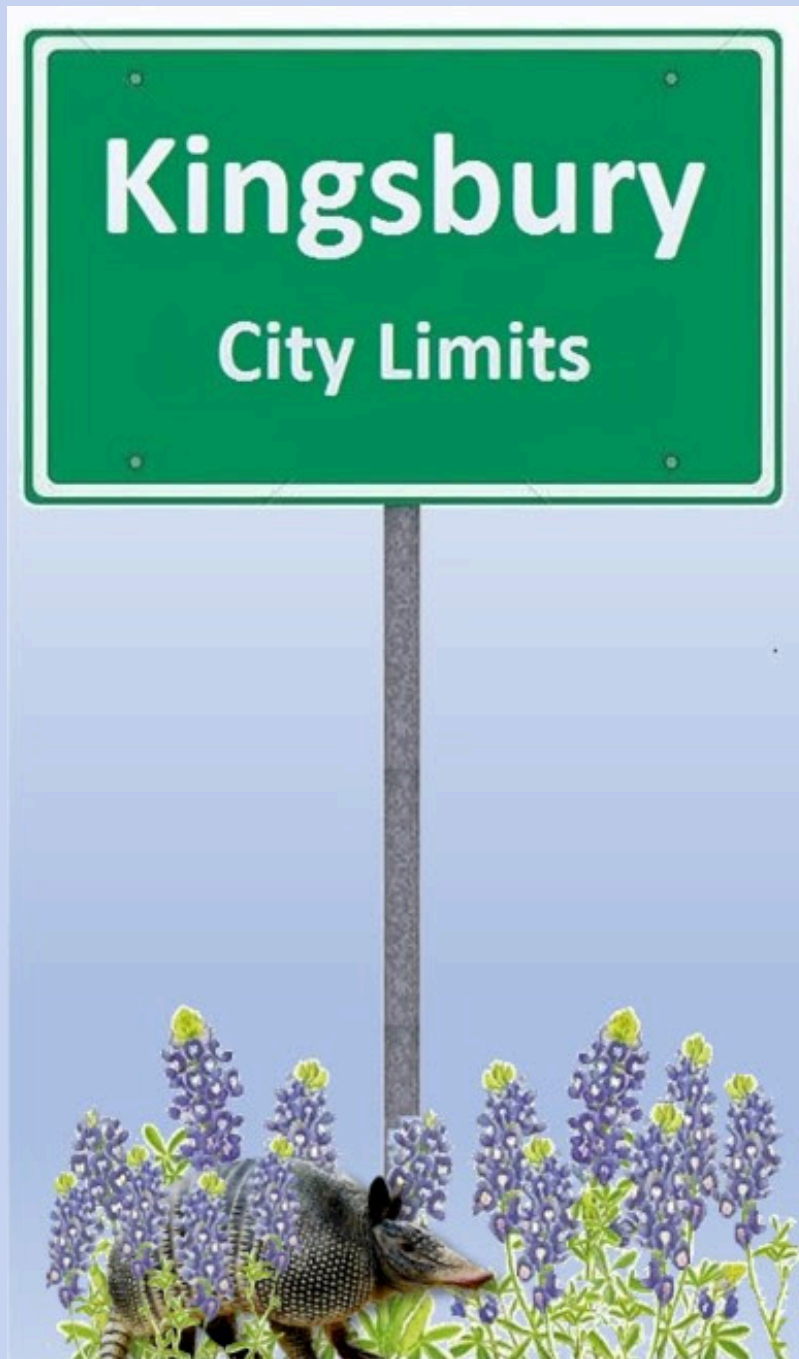
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Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can 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?





## US Flag Waves On Texas Soil

This week in Texas history, on July 26th, 1845, the United States flag is said to have been raised on St. Joseph Island by United States troops. This was the first time the U.S. flag was flown in Texas.

On July 23, 1845 Brigadier General Zachary Taylor, commander of the U.S. Army of Occupation, left New Orleans on the steamer Alabama with eight companies of the Third Infantry. His orders were to proceed to Texas and wait there until the Texas Convention had accepted the annexation resolution of the U.S. Congress. He was then to proceed immediately with his whole command to the western border of Texas, take up a position on or near the Rio Grande, and **expel** any Mexican force that attempted to cross into Texas.

On July 25, the Alabama dropped anchor off St. Joseph Island, a few miles north of the pass into Aransas Bay near the mouth of the Nueces River. By the following evening, three companies of troops had landed, and a small U.S. flag was flying from the top of a sandhill—the first ever raised by United States authority in Texas.



On July 29, Taylor attempted to take two companies of men with him to the mainland in the lighter Undine, but water in the Bay was low and the lighter ran aground after going but a few miles. There the General and his men stayed until sundown, August 1, when they were transferred to the Texas mainland in fishing boats that had gathered about the grounded lighter.

General Taylor and his men are believed to have camped beneath a massive live oak (at the site of present-day Rockport) until his return to St. Joseph Island and his subsequent successful trip to Corpus Christi in September.

The tree is now known as the Zachary Taylor Oak.

As with every other tree in the Rockport area, the Zachary Taylor tree was badly damaged by Hurricane Harvey, but the city of

Rockport has been working to save this historic tree.



The Zachary Taylor tree in 2011



The tree after Hurricane Harvey



The Zachary Taylor Oak in 2022

## Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets for the Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q are available in the Kingsbury Country Store and will be for sale until the Bar-B-Q on July 26th.

***Tickets are \$1 each  
or  
6 tickets for \$5***

There are hundreds of dollars worth of **prizes** in the raffle so go by the Country Store get your chance to win!

The raffle supports your KVFD so get your tickets and help our local firefighters and first responders and maybe you'll win a prize to boot!



# RAFFLE

## First Steps On The Moon

This week in American history, the mission was successful to launch and land the first humans on the surface of the moon.

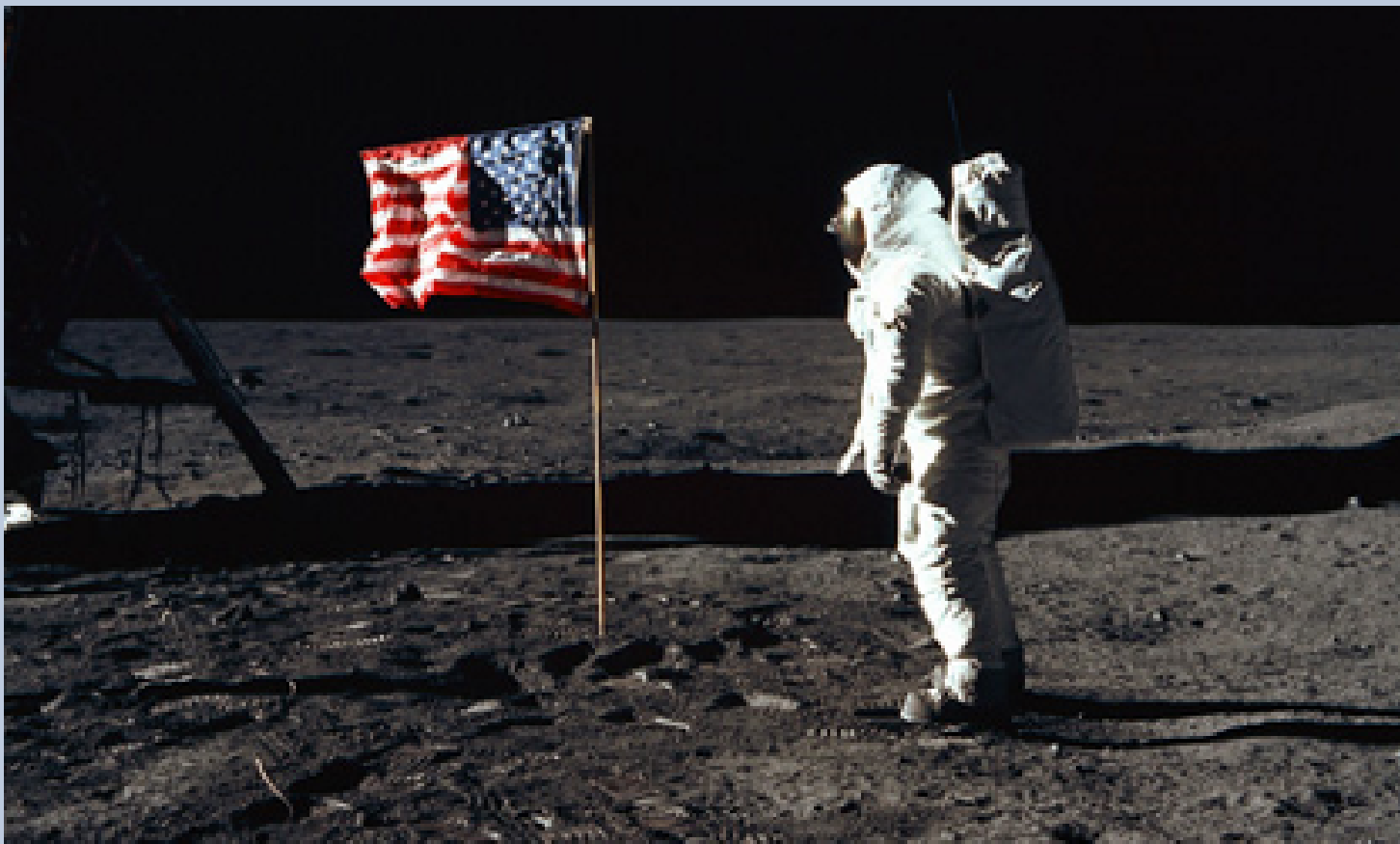
July 18, 1969, at 9:32 a.m. EDT, Apollo 11, the first U.S. lunar landing mission, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a historic journey to the surface of the moon. After traveling 240,000 miles in 76 hours, Apollo 11 entered into a lunar orbit on July 19.

The next day, at 1:46 p.m., the lunar module Eagle, manned by astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, separated from the command module, where a third astronaut, Michael Collins, remained. Two hours later, the Eagle began its descent to the **lunar** surface, and at 4:18 p.m. the craft touched down on the southwestern edge of the Sea of Tranquility. Armstrong immediately radioed to Mission Control in Houston a famous message, “The Eagle has landed.” At 10:39 p.m., five hours ahead of the original schedule, Armstrong opened the hatch of the lunar module. Seventeen minutes later, at 10:56 p.m., Armstrong spoke the following words to millions listening at home: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” A moment later, he stepped off the lunar module’s ladder, becoming the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

Aldrin joined him on the moon’s surface at 11:11 p.m., and together they took photographs of the terrain, planted a U.S. flag, ran a few simple scientific tests, and spoke with President Richard M. Nixon via Houston. By 1:11 a.m. on July 21, both astronauts were back in the lunar module, and the hatch was closed. The two men slept that night on the surface of the moon, and at 1:54 p.m. the Eagle began its ascent back to the command module. Among the items left on the surface of the moon was a plaque that read: “Here men from the planet Earth first set foot on the moon—July 1969 A.D.—We came in peace for all mankind.” At 5:35 p.m., Armstrong and Aldrin successfully docked and rejoined Collins, and at 12:56 a.m. on July 22 Apollo 11 began its journey home, safely splashing down in the Pacific Ocean at 12:51 p.m. on July 24.

There would be five more successful lunar landing missions, and one unplanned lunar swing-by, Apollo 13. The last men to walk on the moon, astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt of the Apollo 17 mission, left the lunar surface on December 14, 1972.





## Fellowship

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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!



## First Railroad Accident In U.S.

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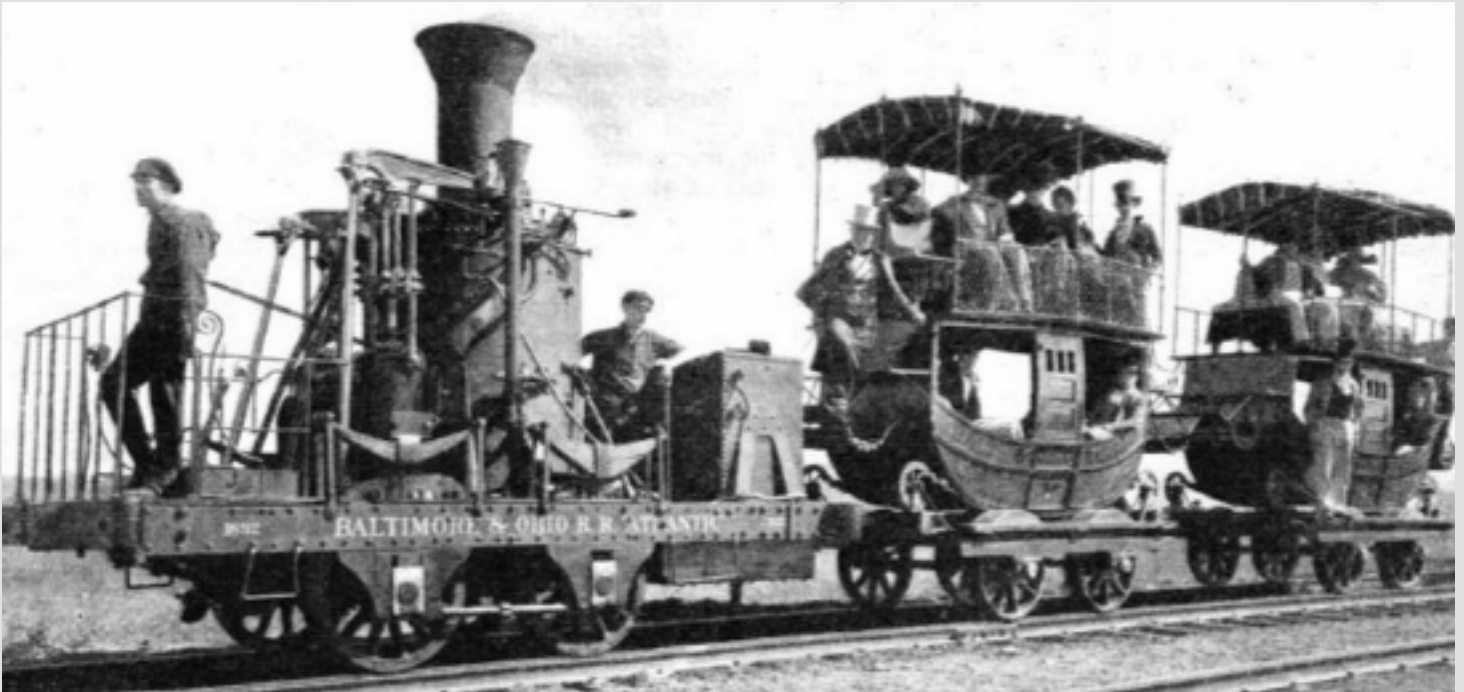
This week in history, the first recorded **railroad** accident in the U.S. occurs when four people are thrown off a vacant car on the Granite Railway near Quincy, Massachusetts, July 25, 1832. The victims had been invited to view the process of transporting large and weighty loads of stone when a cable on a vacant car snapped on the return trip, throwing them off the train and over a 34-foot cliff. One man was killed and the others were seriously



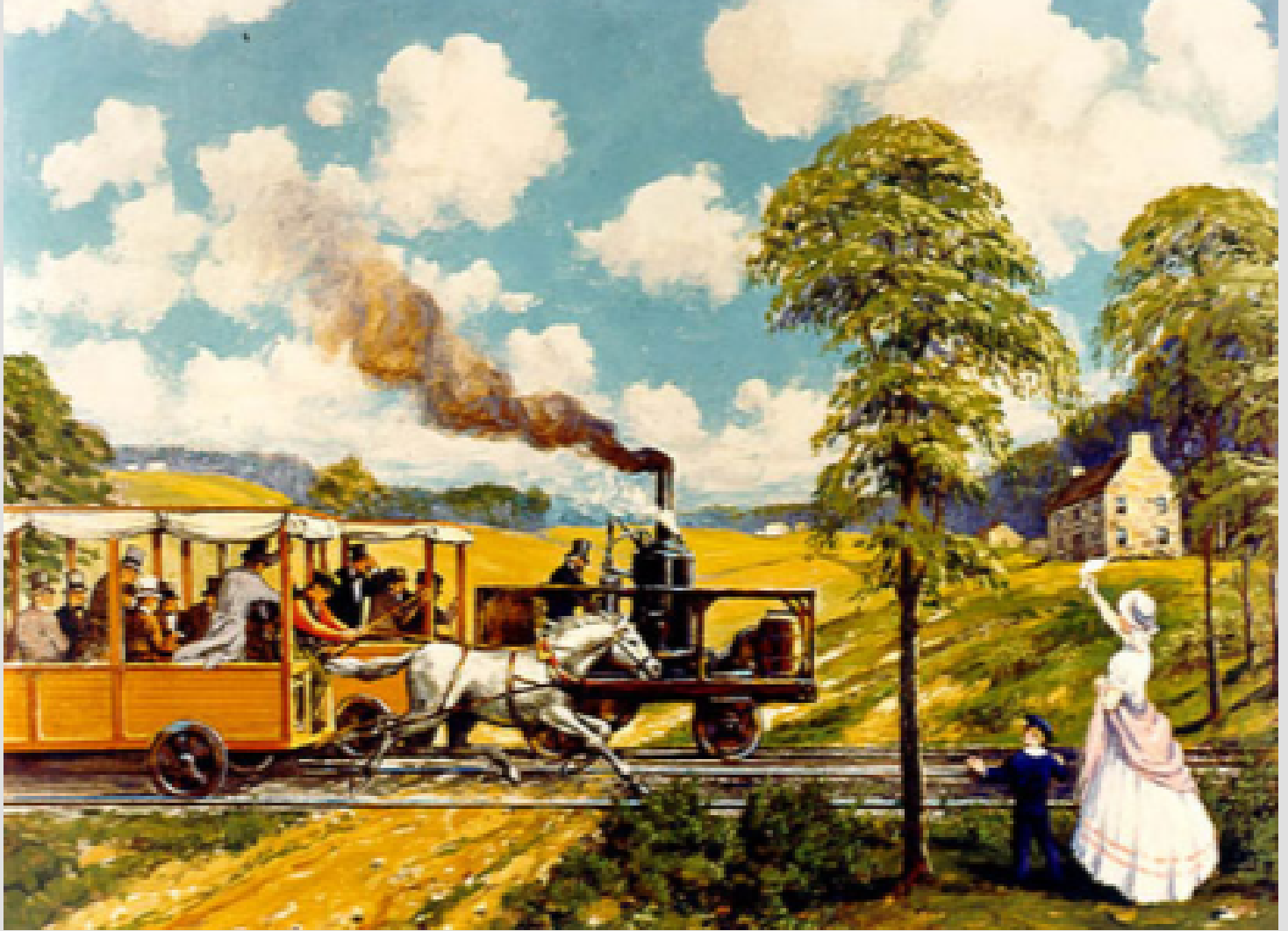
injured.

The steam locomotive was first pioneered in England at the beginning of the 19th century by Richard Trevithick and George Stephenson. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad began operation in 1828 with horse-drawn cars, but after the successful run of the Tom Thumb, a steam train that nearly outraced a horse in a public demonstration in 1830, steam power was added. By 1831, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad had completed a line from Baltimore to Frederick, Maryland.

The acceptance of railroads came quickly in the 1830s, and by 1840 the nation had almost 3,000 miles of railway, greater than the combined European total of only 1,800 miles. The railroad network expanded quickly in the years before the Civil War, and by 1860 the American railroad system had become a national network of some 30,000 miles. Nine years later, transcontinental railroad service became possible for the first time.



Steam engine pulling passengers in converted stagecoaches.








The *Tom Thumb* steam engine racing the horse drawn cart. The horse won.

## Application For Place On Ballot

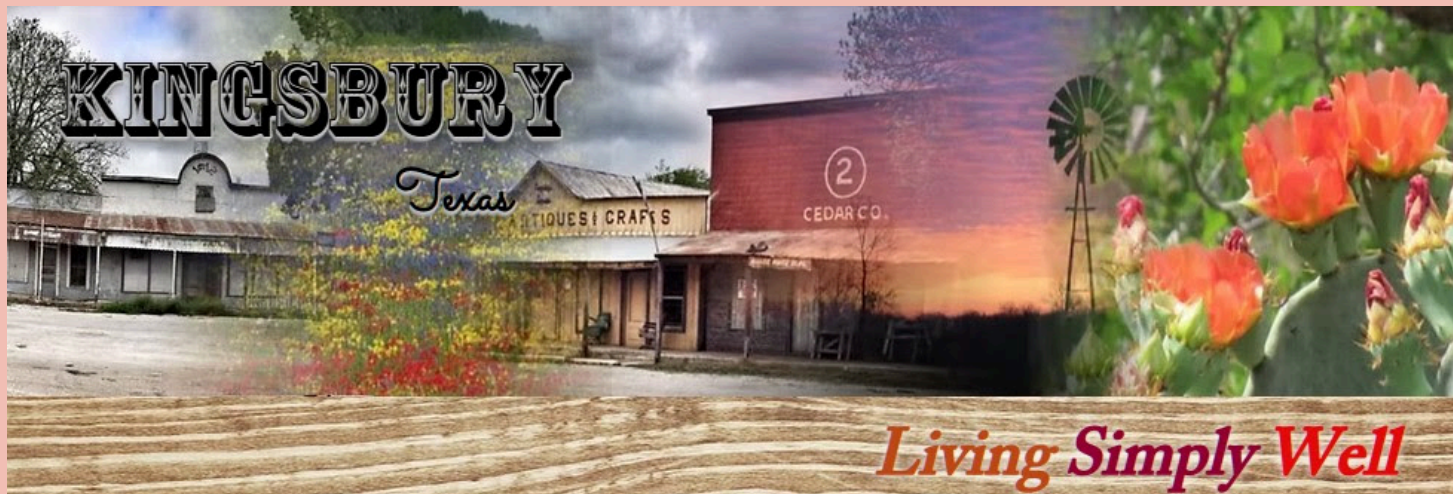
There are two seats on the Kingsbury City Commission that are up for **election** in November - mayor and one city commission member.

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 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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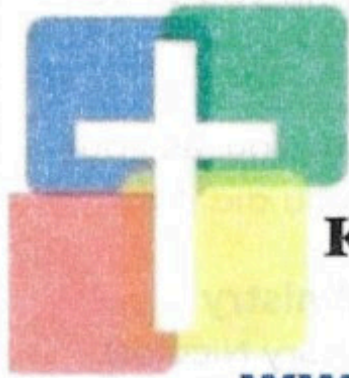
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## Food Pantry & Thrift Store



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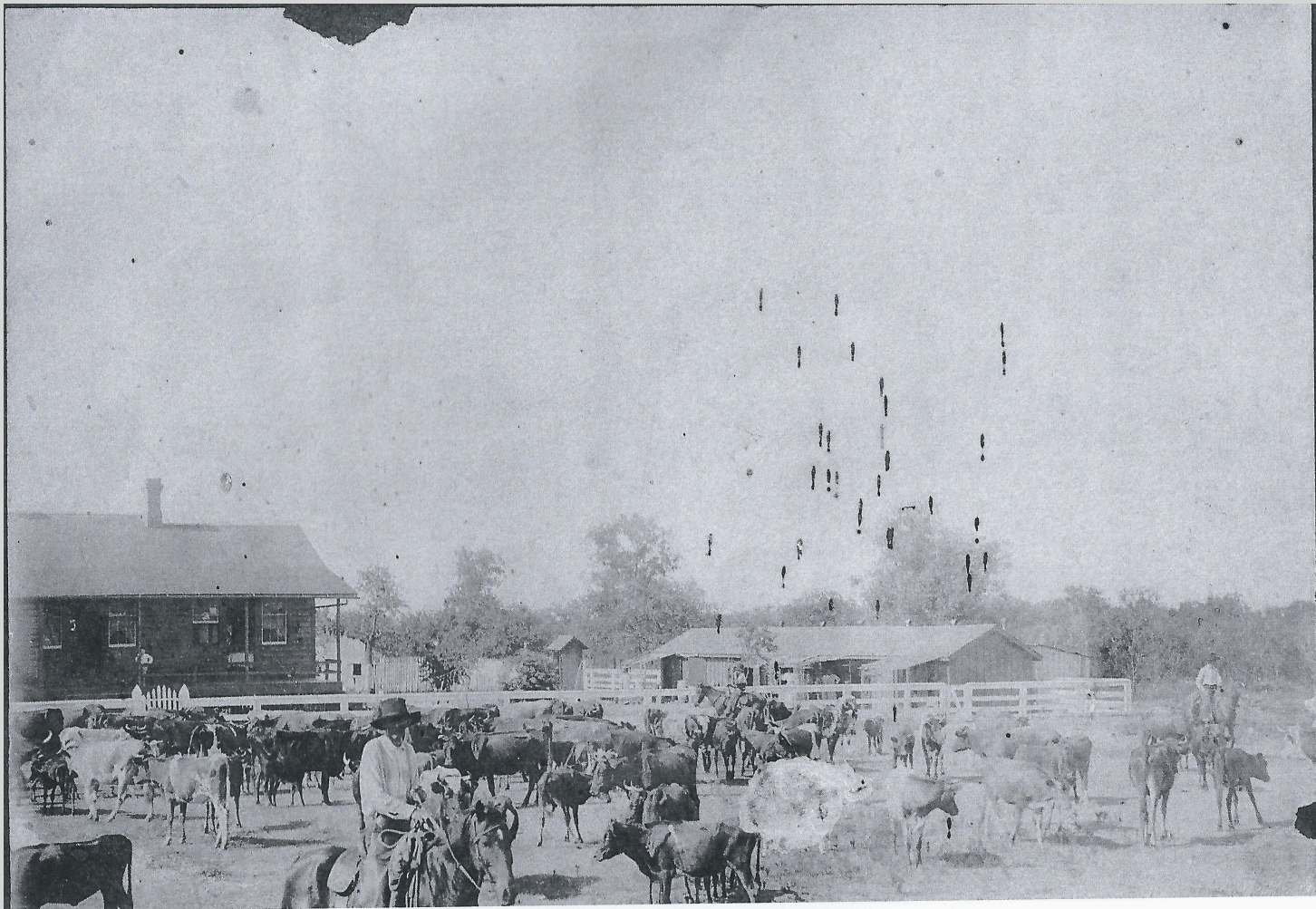
[www.kingsburybc.com](http://www.kingsburybc.com)

## Round Up!

This is a picture taken at the pens that were at the Kingsbury Depot. The pens were used to hold cattle and other livestock until being loaded into the railroad cars bound for parts along the line between New Orleans and San Francisco. The gentleman in **chaps** on the horse in the foreground is John H. Schmidt (1853-1932) and one of the riders behind the cattle is John H. Schmidt, Jr. (1887-1936).

John Schmidt was in his horse and buggy in 1932 when he was killed when his buggy was struck by an automobile. He was always very comfortable on a horse and came to Kingsbury from Germany when he was but 8 months old. It was said that the loading pens at the Kingsbury train depot might as well have belonged to him because he used them so frequently!





## 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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