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## Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - September 12, 2021

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# **Kingsbury Texas**

**News & Information Newsletter** 



#### Dear Kingsbury,

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

## **National Night Out**

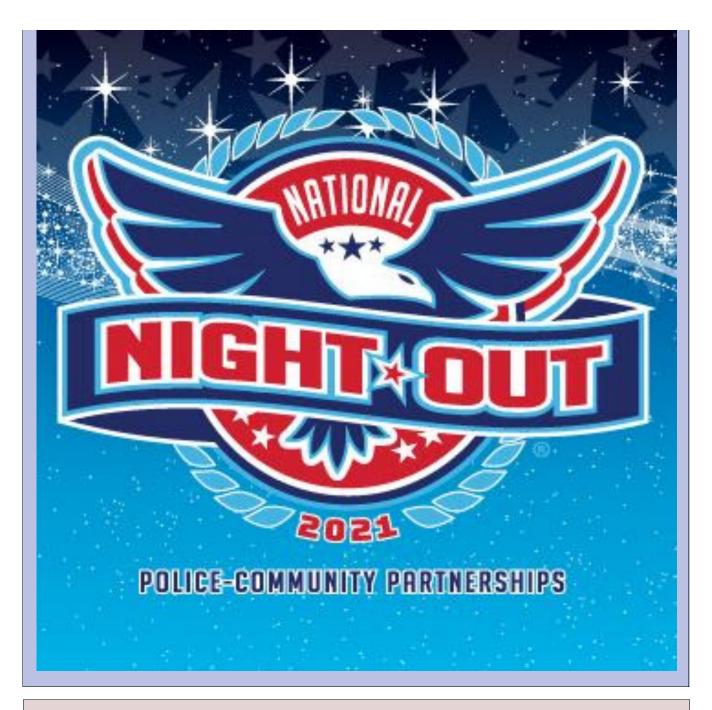
The National Night Out event in Kingsbury is coming up on Tuesday, October 5th from 6 pm - 9 pm in **downtown**.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. To escape some of the heat, here in Texas we celebrate on the first Tuesday in October.

We'll be having the event in the downtown with free food, K-9 service dogs, members of our local law enforcement, fun activities, and our Kingsbury first-responders.

Everyone in the Kingsbury area is welcome to attend. Come on down and meet your friends and neighbors!



#### **First Transcontinental Mail Service**

This week in American history, on September 15, 1858, the new Overland Mail Company sends out its first two stages, inaugurating government mail service between the eastern and western regions of the nation.

With California booming, thanks to the 1849 Gold Rush, Americans east and west had been clamoring for faster and surer transcontinental mail service for years. Finally, in March 1857, the U.S. Congress passed an act authorizing an overland mail delivery service and a \$600,000 yearly subsidy for whatever company could succeed in reliably transporting the mail twice a week from St. Louis to San Francisco in less than 25 days. The postmaster general awarded the first government contract and subsidy to the Overland Mail Company. Under the guidance of a board of directors that included John Butterfield and William Fargo, the Overland Mail Company spent \$1 million improving its winding 2,800-mile route and building way stations at 10-15 mile intervals. Teams of thundering horses soon raced across the wide open spaces of the West, pulling custom-built Concord coaches with seats for nine passengers and a rear boot for the mail.

For passengers, the overland route was anything but a pleasure trip. Packed into the narrow confines of the coaches, they alternately baked or froze as they bumped across the countryside, and dust was an inescapable companion. Since the coaches traveled night and day, travelers were reluctant to stop and sleep at one of the "home stations" along the route because they risked being stranded if later stages were full. Many opted to try and make it through the three-week trip by sleeping on the stage, but the constant bumping and noise made real sleep almost impossible. Travelers also found that toilets and baths were few and far between, the food was poor and pricey, and the stage drivers were often drunk, rude, profane, or all three. Robberies and Indian attacks were a genuine threat, though they occurred far less commonly than popularly believed. The company posted guards at stations in dangerous areas, and armed men occasionally rode with the coach driver to protect passengers.

Though other faster mail delivery services soon came to compete with the Overland Mail Company-most famously the Pony Express-the nation's first regular trans-western mail service continued to operate as a part of the larger Wells, Fargo and Company operation until May 10, 1869, the day the first transcontinental railroad was completed. On that day the U.S. government cancelled its last overland mail contract.

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### 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:

September 12 - National Just One Human Family, National Hug and High 5 Day, National Video Games Day, National Chocolate Milkshake Day, National Day of Encouragement, National Report Medicare Fraud Day, National Pet Memorial Day, National Hug Your Hound Day, National Grandparent's Day

**September 13** - National Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day, National Peanut Day, Uncle Sam Day, National Celiac Disease Awareness Day, National Bald is Beautiful Day, Day of the Programmer (256th Day of the Year), National Boss/Employee Exchange Day

**September 14** - National Parents Day Off, National Cream Filled Donut Day, National Eat a Hoagie Day, National Live Creative Day, National Sober Day, National Virginia Day, National Ants on a Log Day

**September 15** - National Cheese Toast Day, National Linguine Day, National Felt Hat Day, National Double Cheeseburger Day, National Creme de Menthe Day, National Tackle Kids Cancer Day, National Neonatal Nurses Day, National Online Learning Day, Greenpeace Day

**September 16** - National Play-Doh Day, National Cinnamon Raisin Bread Day, National Guacamole Day, National Step Family Day, National Working Parents Day, Mayflower Day, National Pawpaw Day

**September 17** - National Professional House Cleaners Day, National Apple Dumpling Day, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, National Monte Cristo Day, National Tradesmen Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, National Hug Your Boss Day

**September 18** - Air Force Birthday, National Cheeseburger Day, National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, National Dance Day, National Gymnastics Day, Boys' and Girls' Club Day for Kids, Puppy Mill Awareness Day, Responsible Dog Ownership Day, National CleanUp Day









#### Fish Fry!

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 \$10
or a
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters 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 at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for!

Pick up your delicious food at 935 Mill Creek Road.



### **Kingsbury Market**

There is 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.

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## **Fall Kingsbury Independent Newspaper**

The **Fall** edition of the *Kingsbury Independent* is coming soon! You will see them at local businesses and on your mailbox in the next few weeks.

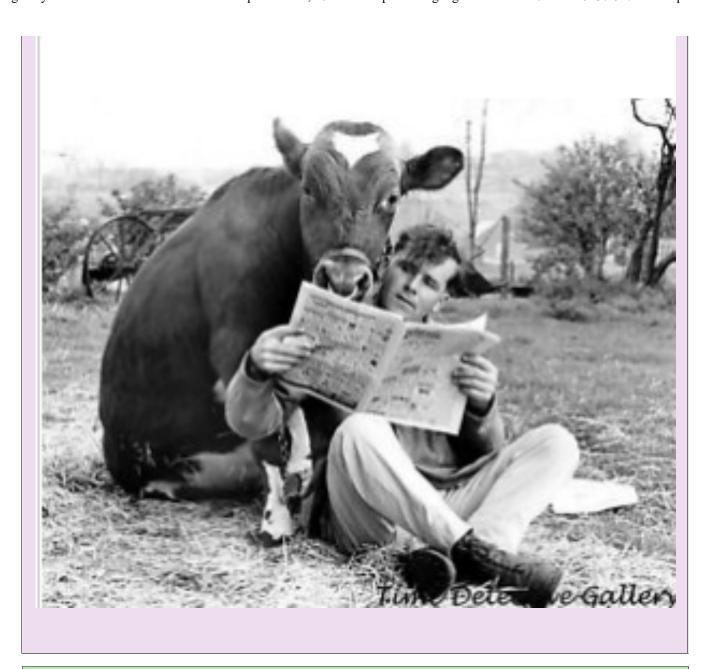
The edition will focus on the upcoming Kingsbury Fall Harvest Festival with info and maps. Other articles include a "Citizen of Kingsbury", yummy recipes, articles on local people and events, and much more!

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

Do you have an news item or information you would like in the paper? Would you would like to advertise in the Kingsbury Independent? A business card size ad is only \$40! Need more information?

Just call (323) 546-4728 or 323-KINGSBURY.

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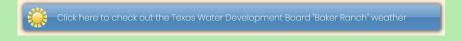


## **Kingsbury Weather**

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under <u>Calendar</u>.



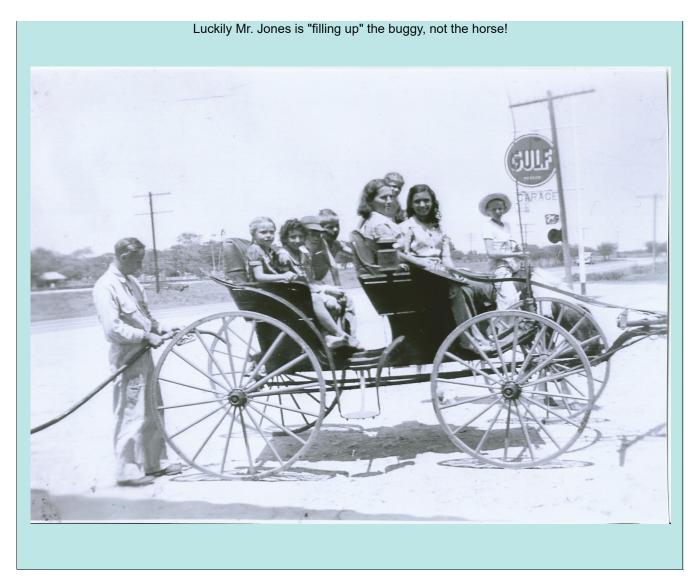
For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.



## Fill 'Er Up

This was the scene in Kingsbury a few years back. "Pumping gas" is Fred Jones. The **buggy** riders are (left to right) Minnie Lehman, Margaret Schmidt, Jake Imhoff, (unknown), Mrs. Jackie Schmidt (driving - always driving!), (unknown), and Leonora Schmidt. Frances Hurt is on the pony. This picture was taken at the Texaco station around 1945.

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