

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - August 17, 2025

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Road Work

You may have seen the sign on Kingsbury Road to expect traffic **delays**.

Guadalupe County Road & Bridge began work last Monday to "level up" the roadway beginning on the north end of Kingsbury Road near FM 20 and moving south. Work was completed on the eastern lane of Kingsbury Road and will probably now go from south to north working on the western lane.

Adding a center stripe will only be done once the complete roadway is re-topped.

The road will not be closed, but we can expect long delays where the crews are working. The work will take several more days to complete.



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:

August 17th - National Pineapple Juice Day, National Black Cat Appreciation Day, National Massachusetts Day, National Nonprofit Day, National I Love My Feet Day!, National Thrift Shop Day

August 18th - National Pinot Noir Day, National Fajita Day, National Ice Cream Pie Day, National Mail Order Catalog Day

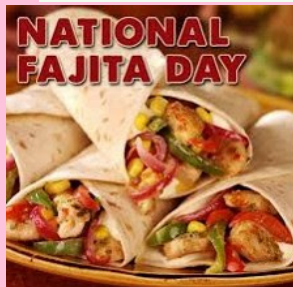
August 19th - National Potato Day, National Soft Ice Cream Day, National Aviation Day

August 20th - National Bacon Lovers Day, National Accessible Air Travel Day, National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day, National Radio Day

August 21st - National Hazy IPA Day, National Brazilian Blowout Day, National Senior Citizens Day, National Spumoni Day

August 22nd - National Surgical Oncologist Day, National Never Bean Better Day, National Bao Day, National Pecan Torte Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, National Be An Angel Day

August 23rd - National Find Your Inner Nerd Day, National Cuban Sandwich Day, National Sponge Cake Day, National Ride The Wind 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.



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, August 18th

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

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Public Hearing on proposed FY 2025-2026 municipal budget
 - ★ Adopt FY 2025-26 budget
 - ★ Town Hall renovations update
 - ★ Options on heavy industry
 - ★ Emergency/Disaster planning
 - ★ Subdivision regulations

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

All city commission meetings are open to the public.

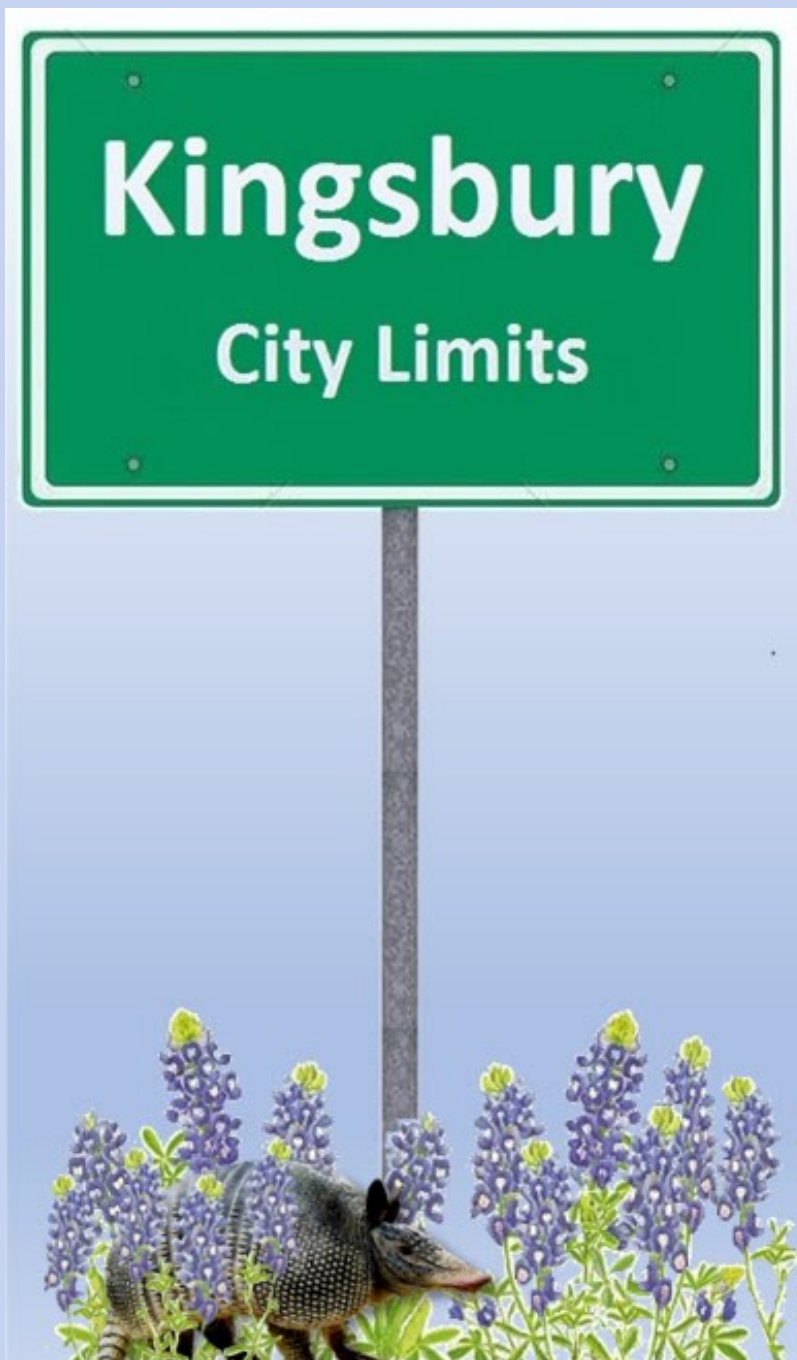


Kingsbury City Limits

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? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!



Texas Gunfighter John Wesley Hardin Killed

This week in Texas history, on August 19, 1895, John Wesley Hardin, one of the bloodiest killers of the Old West, is murdered by an off-duty policeman in a saloon in El Paso, Texas.

Born in Bonham, Texas (just south of the Red River) on May 26, 1853, Hardin killed his first man when he was only 15 during the **violent** period of post-Civil War reconstruction. During the next 10 years, he killed at least 20 more men, and may have killed as many as 44, all of them before he reached the age of 23.

Hardin's father was a Methodist Minister who named him for the founder of the Methodist Church. He soon displayed a quick and hot temper, which would get him into trouble time and again. When he was 14, a bigger boy teased him as the author of some graffiti on the schoolhouse wall, and Wesley knifed him, although the boy lived.

In 1868, at the age of 15, he got into a wrestling match with an ex-slave named Major "Maje" Holshousen, and Maje's nose was blooded. Maje then declared that "no white man could draw his blood and live," and the next day, when Maje approached him to challenge him to another fight, Hardin drew a pistol and shot Maje five times,

killing him. Post Civil War Texas was then under Union Army occupation, and Hardin believed he would not receive a fair trial for killing an ex-slave, so he decided to run from the law.

A month later, he killed three pursuing Union soldiers searching for him. Hardin's relatives hid the bodies so that no one would know that he had killed them. "...Thus it was by the fall of 1868 I had killed four men and was myself wounded in the arm."

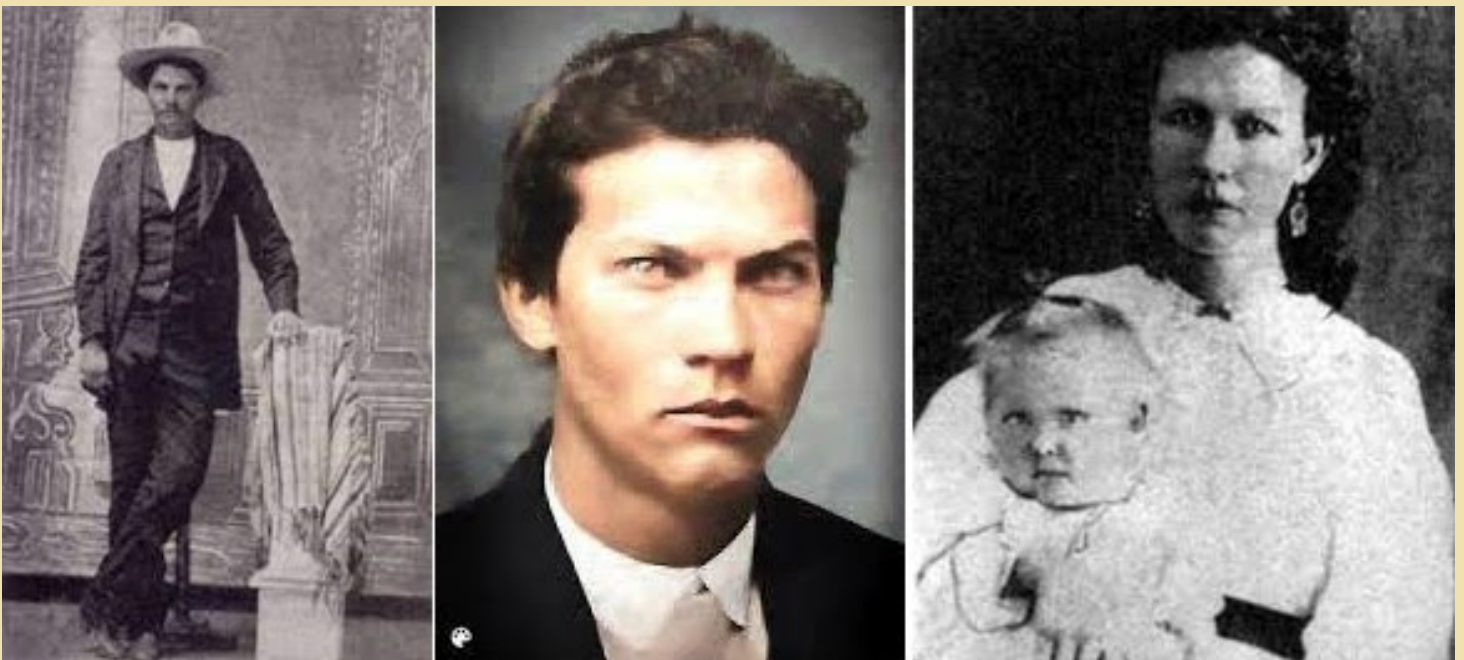
Later, at age 17, he worked as trail boss for a Texas cattle ranch, and once got into an argument with Mexican cowboys when they tried to cut their herd in front of his. The argument soon got out of hand, and within minutes, he had killed six of the Mexicans. While at Abilene, Kansas, he made friends with the local sheriff, "Wild Bill" Hickok. The friendship ended when Hardin randomly shot a hotel guest in the room next to him for snoring too loudly, thus waking him up. As Hickok came to arrest Hardin for murder, he stole a horse and escaped.

In 1871, he married his hometown sweetheart, Jane Bowen, a respectable girl whose father owned a general store in town. They would have three children. Jane remained true to her husband despite his past and his constant absences from home to avoid the law. After killing Deputy Sheriff Charles Webb (his 40th victim) in Comanche, Texas, Hardin decided to leave Texas with his wife. They hid out in Florida, under an alias of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swain, but after two years, Pinkerton Detectives found them, and they ran to Alabama, where in 1877, he was caught. Tried in Austin, Texas for the death of Deputy Sheriff Charles Webb, he was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

In 1894, after serving 15 years of his sentence, and shortly after his wife had died, Hardin was pardoned by Texas Governor Jim Hogg. Prison life seems to have calmed Hardin—during his 14 years behind bars, he studied law. He settled down in Gonzales where he worked as an attorney and tried, unsuccessfully, to win political office. Eventually, Hardin relocated to the violent town of El Paso and opened up a law practice, where, since the demands for his legal services were limited, he spent more time arguing in saloons than in court.

He began to court a Mrs. McRose, widow of another outlaw, and when she was arrested for illegally carrying a pistol, lawyer Hardin made threats against the arresting police officer, John Selman. Several days later, Selman observed Hardin playing dice in the Acme Saloon with another man. Selman walked up behind Hardin and shot him in the back of the head, killing him instantly. Hardin was 42 years old. Selman's fate is unclear; depending upon differing accounts, Selman was either acquitted of murder and disappeared from history, or was killed several months afterwards in a drunken duel with US Marshal George Scarborough.

Although Hardin is buried in El Paso, the Hardin family continued to live in and around Gonzales County. Hardin's wife, Jane Hardin is buried in the Asher Cemetery west of Yorktown, daughter Mollie is buried in Smiley, son John Wesley Jr. and daughter Jennie are buried in Runge.



*Hardin in a standing posse, Hardin in a colorized photo, Hardin's wife Jane Bowen Hardin and one of their three children.
Jane Hardin is buried south of Kingsbury near Yorktown.*

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!



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).



Burn Ban Status

The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court lifted the outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County earlier this year, but the rains have petered out to the extent that neighboring counties have already re-instated outdoor burn bans.

It may only be a matter of **time** before we are once again in a burn ban.

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. There is currently no burn ban in Kingsbury.



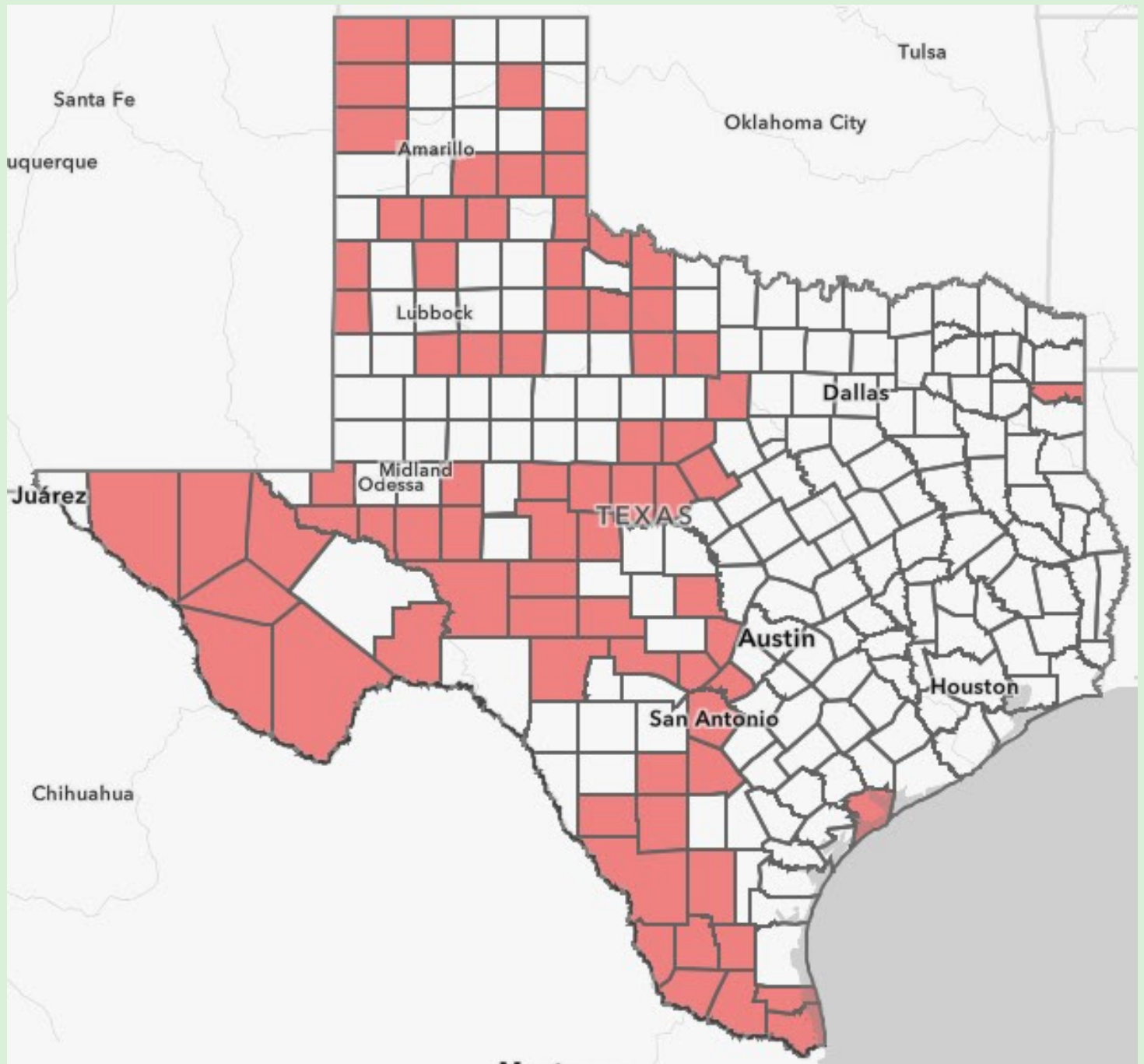
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 76 that are under a burn ban. This leaves 178 counties without a burn ban in the state



The current burn ban status can always be found on the Kingsbury website at <https://www.kingsburytexas.org/burn-ban-status>



Festival Sponsorships

The 13th Annual Kingsbury Fall Harvest Festival is coming up November 8th. This year, there are Festival Sponsorships available.

These sponsorships are \$300 and will help cover festival costs such as printing, live music, port-o-potties, advertisements, etc. Each **package** includes a 3' x 2' banner with your company logo, company acknowledgement every 2 hours during the Festival, and advertisement on social media, websites, and flyers.

Applications and information can be obtained at the Kingsbury Country Store.

HARVEST FEST

A graphic illustration of harvest-themed items including a large orange pumpkin, two ears of yellow corn, a green pear, and a red apple, all set against a background of horizontal wooden planks. The text 'HARVEST' is in a large, black, serif font, and 'FEST' is in a similar font below it.

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!

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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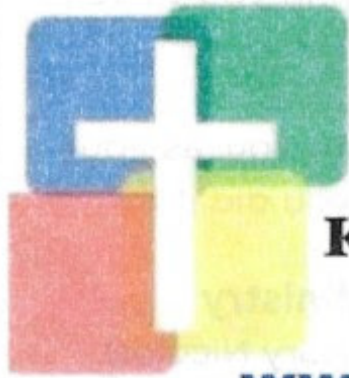
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24	25	26 City Hall ...	27	28 Fellowship	29	30
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	5	6

Food Pantry & Thrift Store

KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT OUTREACH MINISTRY



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Dowdy School Graduation Invitation

Many of the kids in the Kingsbury area that lived around the Darst Field oil fields went to the Dowdy School. The school was on Dowdy Road about a half mile off of FM 1150. The school is no longer there but a stone monument with a Texas Historical Commission plaque marks the place where the school once stood. The plaque reads:

"After the Wolters and Nixon School Districts merged in 1916, school trustees acquired 2 acres here from William Dowdy and erected the Wolters-Nixon School building. A **gymnasium** and classrooms were added in the early 1930s after an oil boom boosted the local economy. In 1932 the school was renamed Dowdy and offered high school classes for the first time. Despite a steady decline in student enrollment after 1938, the high school continued and students excelled in various team sports. Dowdy School was annexed to the Seguin School System in 1951."

The student body included Alvin Hagemann who graduated from Dowdy High School in May of 1949. His commencement invitation had "Commencement" and "1949" beautifully embossed and "Dowdy High School" was written in gold print.

Alvin W. Hagemann



*The Senior Class
Dowdy High School*

announces its

Commencement Exercises

Friday evening, May twentieth

Nineteen hundred forty-nine

at eight o'clock

School Auditorium

Commencement

*Dowdy
High School*

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](#), 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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