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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Shirley & Laddy,

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

May 11 Texas Tornadoes

This Thursday, May 11, is a **bad** day for tornadoes in Texas history.

A deadly series of at least 33 tornadoes hit at least 10 different U.S. states on May 9–11, 1953. Tornadoes appeared daily from Minnesota in the north to Texas in the south. The strongest and deadliest tornado was a powerful F5 tornado that struck Waco on May 11, causing 114 of the 144 deaths in the outbreak. Alongside the 1902 Goliad tornado, it was the deadliest tornado in Texas history and is the 11th deadliest tornado in U.S. history.

The tornado's winds demolished more than 600 houses, 1,000 other structures, and over 2,000 vehicles. 597 injuries occurred, and many survivors had to wait more than 14 hours for rescue. The destruction dispelled a myth that the geography of the region spared Waco from tornadoes, and along with other deadly tornadoes in 1953, the Waco disaster was a catalyst for advances in understanding the link between tornadoes and radar-detected hook echoes. It also generated support for improved civil defense systems, the formation of weather radar networks, and improved communications between stakeholders such as meteorologists, local officials, and the public.

The Waco tornado was not the only deadly and damaging tornado in the outbreak sequence. On the same day as the Waco disaster, a high-end F4 tornado struck the Texas city of San Angelo, causing catastrophic damage, killing 13 people, and injuring more than 150. The tornado swept away numerous homes and damaged a school, but students inside escaped serious injuries.

In 1970, portions of Lubbock were struck by a powerful multiple-vortex tornado after nightfall on May 11 resulting

tornadoes to ever receive the rating. Later, it was downgraded to an F5 rating after Fujita declared F6 damage was “inconceivable”. The extremity of the damage and the force required to displace heavy objects as much as was observed indicated that winds produced by vortices within the tornado may have reached as high as 290 mph.

Top: May 11, 1953 Waco. Middle: May 11, 1953 San Angelo. Bottom: May 11, 1970 Lubbock



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:

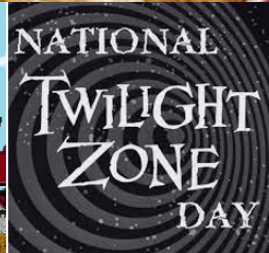
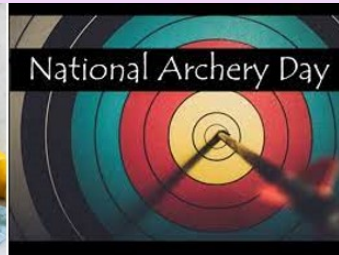
May 7th – National Tourism Day, National Lemonade Day, National Roast Leg Of Lamb Day, National Paste Up Day

May 8th – World Ovarian Cancer Day, World Red Cross Day, Time Of Remembrance And Reconciliation, National Student Nurse Day, National Women's Checkup Day, National Have A Coke Day, National Coconut Cream Pie Day

May 9th – National Home Front Heroes Day, National Alphabet Magnet Day, National Sleepover Day, National Ritterscotch Brownie Day, National Moscato Day, National Lost Sock Memorial Day

May 12th – International Nurses Day, National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, National Nutty Fudge Day, National Odometer Day, National Limerick Day, National Military Spouse Appreciation Day, National Provider Appreciation Day

May 13th – National Dog Mom's Day, National Crouton Day, National Archery Day, National Train Day, National Miniature Golf Day, National Babysitter's Day, National Birth Mother's Day, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day, National Fruit Cocktail Day, National Apple Pie Day, National Frog Jumping Day

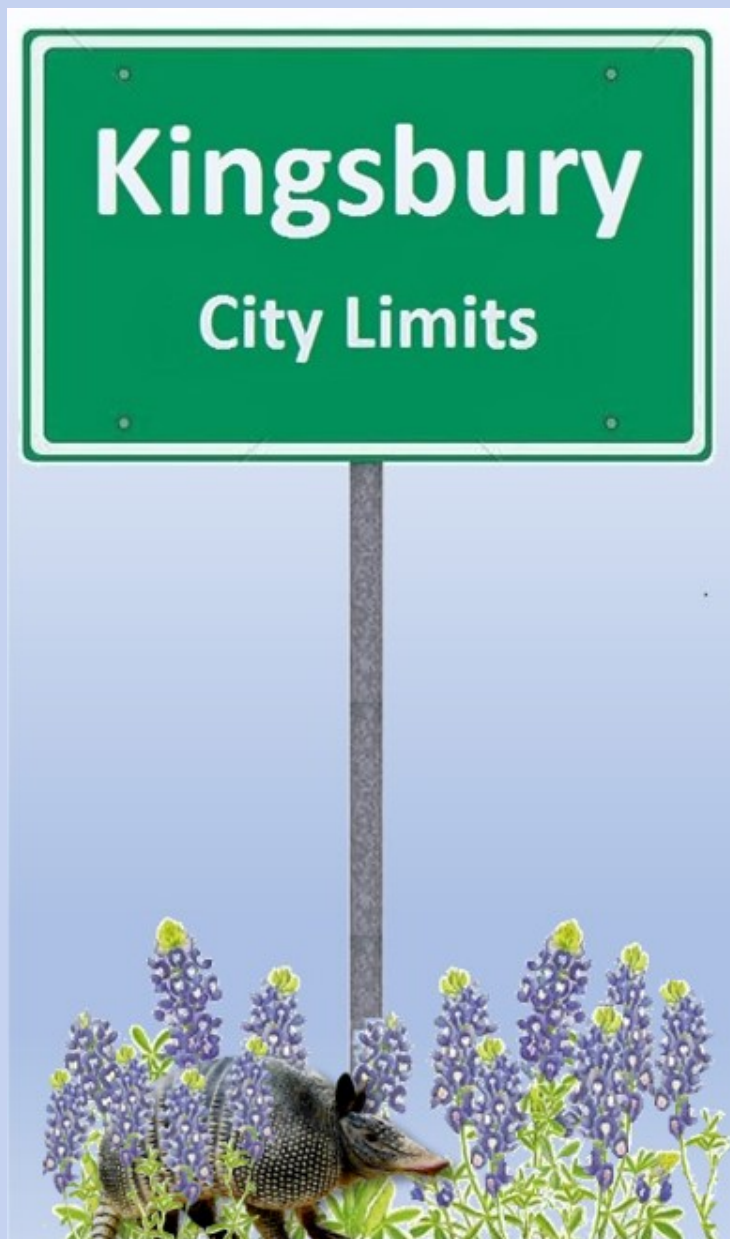


Kingsbury City Limits

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.

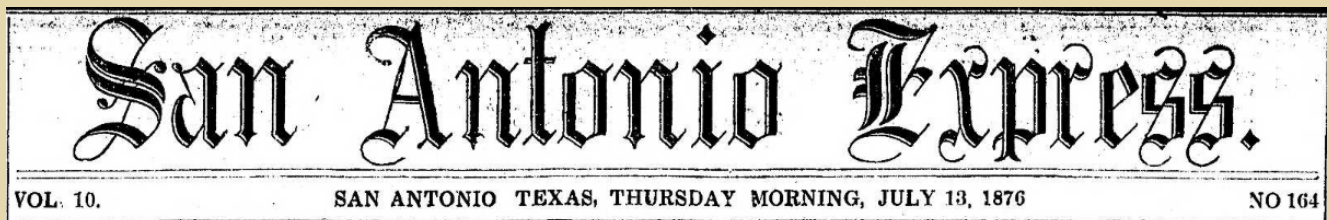
Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

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!



Kingsbury News Past

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



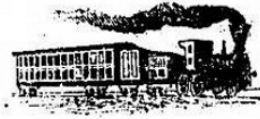
The July 13, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had an item about a new stagecoach line taking passengers between San Antonio and Kingsbury. At this time, Kingsbury was still the last stop on the railroad going west and a stagecoach ride was needed to go further. The Stage and Express Line would also deliver packages "brought from Kingsbury" free of charge. What a deal! The paper also had mentions of Kingsbury for the GH&SA Railroad and the Lumber Yard that were in

—The new Stage and Express Line between this city and Kingsbury, is now making regular trips. The office is at the Central Hotel, and coaches leave there every morning at six o'clock. The Express business will be made a specialty. All packages ordered by this line will be brought from Kingsbury and delivered anywhere in the city free of charge. Packages sent by express from this city will be called for. Mr. I. N. Kerr is the agent.

The Galveston, Harrisburg

—AND—

SAN ANTONIO RAILROAD.



The shortest line to all points in the
NORTH EAST AND WEST
This road, now in operation one hundred and
sixty-seven miles west of Harrisburg, and
within 44 miles of San Antonio, offers the

SHORTEST, QUICKEST & CHEAPEST

Baggage Checked to Destination.

Two daily trains from Kingsbury, making close and reliable connection at Harrisburg with trains of the G. H. & H. for Houston and Galveston—connecting at Galveston with Morgan steamers daily for New Orleans and all points in the Northern and Eastern States. For Through Tickets or any information regarding rates of freights, or passage, or routes apply at the Freight & Ticket Office, near the Menger Hotel.

H. O. Muench, Agent

Lumber Yard.

Sam Maverick, Lumber Dealer, north side Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, and at Kingsbury. Henry Terrell, agent at Kingsbury. All classes of Lumber, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Putty, Paints, &c., for sale at both places at the lowest prices.

In other 1876 news, the battle at Little Bighorn was really hitting the press (the battle occurred just a couple of weeks prior on June 25-26, but information in 1876 was a bit slow) and an item on Sitting Bull said he was "one of the most successful scalpers in the Indian country", J. Sheern can see to "Every department of the Undertaking Business", there's news out of Pleasanton that Captain McNelly (a famous Texas Ranger) and his men had a run-in with King Fisher (a famous Texas gunslinger) and his "brigade of desperadoes", and send your address to Inventors Union and you will "get something that will bring you in honorably over \$150 a month sure" (that's over \$4200 today). Sure it will.

Elsewhere in 1876, a sorrel mare that is "rather thin in order" was lost or stolen, Charles Graham, Esq. "the celebrated Bartender and Billiardist" is at the Crystal, a young boy was shot and killed by Mr. Gregg who was subsequently "arrested, but escaped", go see the "jolly face" Mr. McAllister if you are fond of sour mash bourbon, and an extended article on the details of the Battle of Little Bighorn.

Also in 1876 the royals of Greece are visiting the royals of England (Queen Victoria was the English monarch at that time), you can get tar that is "suitable for painting or sanitary purposes" (what the heck does tar have to do with either of those??). and Don Carlos of Spain is visiting in the US and may be thinking of conquering Cuba (which was still in the middle of the Ten Years War of independence from Spain) and setting up "business for himself as an amateur King".

SITTING BULL was the commander of the Indian forces in the fatal fight with Custer. His Indian name Tatonku Oshaha. He is described to be about five feet in height. He has a large head, eyes and nose, high cheek bones, one of his legs is shorter than the other, from a gun shot wound in his left knee. His countenance is of an extremely savage type, betraying that bloodthirstiness and brutality for which he has been so long notorious. He has the name of being one of the most successful scalpers in the Indian country. There has been a standing reward of \$1,000 offered for his head for the last eight years, by the Montana people, who have special cause to know his ferocious nature, some of the worst deeds having been perpetrated in that Territory.

J. Sheern,

UNDERTAKER,

Waterroom on Market St.,

Second door west of Engine House, opposite Braden's Hotel,

Is prepared at all times to furnish Wood-
en and Metallic

Burial Cases and Caskets!

Every department of the Undertaking
Business attended to on careful principles
and at moderate charges. Jul 18 & wtf

A RUMOR.—Mr. W. W. Lawhon, of Pleasanton, who was in our office yesterday, stated that parties had brought information to Pleasanton on the 11th to the effect that a squad of Captain McNelly's men had met a detachment of King Fisher's brigade of desperadoes on the Nueces, about ten miles above Fort Ewell, when a fight took place, resulting in the death of seven of the McNelly boys. Mr. Lawhon, gave the information as coming from a very reliable source, but was not positive of its being true. We shall probably learn more in regard to it shortly.

DO YOU WANT MONEY?

Male or female. Send your address and get something that will bring you in honorably over \$150 a month sure. Inventions Union, 173 Greenwich St., New York.

Strayed or Stolen

FROM the undersigned, on the 16th of June, a sorrel mare 6 or 7 years old, newly branded M with a J on top lying sideways, and has other brands also; blaze on face, and rather thin in order. A liberal reward will be paid for any information of her whereabouts left at this office. July 13 w4t A. J. MURRAY.

—Charles Graham, Esq., the celebrated Bar-tender and Billiardist, is again to be found at the Crystal, where he is ready to serve his many friends.

MURDER.—Harmon Gregg shot a boy, aged seven years, dead with a double-barrel gun, loaded with buckshot, in the lower part of Grimes county recently. The boy was in Gregg's melon patch, but, it is said, by consent of the owner. Gregg was arrested, but escaped.

If you are fond of good Sour Mash Bourbon and Rye Whiskies, call and see the jolly face of Mr. S. W. McAllister, South side, corner of Alamo and Villita streets.

MILITARY VIEWS OF THE CUSTER DISASTER.

The Globe-Democrat reports the views prevalent among military men at St. Louis in regard to the causes of the disaster to Gen. Custer and his command. They say that Gen. Custer had been displaced from command of the department early in the year, and superseded by Gen. Terry. A month or two since Gen. Crook met Sitting Bull and his braves twice, and prudently retired each time to await reinforcements. For this prudence he met with some severe criticism, but the result shows he was a pretty accurate judge of the character of the foe with whom he had to deal.

After the retirement of Gen. Crook's command, the Sioux, under the lead of their able chieftain, made a straight shoot in a nearly southwestwardly direction, and crossing the Big Horn river above its junction with the Little Big Horn, pitched his camp on the right bank of the latter stream, about twenty miles above its confluence with the former. It is supposed that at this time Sitting Bull had at least three thousand warriors under his command, all well armed, mounted and trained in the use of their weapons. His design evidently was either to attack the approaching columns in detail, or to allow himself to be attacked by them as they came up one after the other. How he succeeded in his plan the slaughter reported by telegraph will tell. Said Gen. Sturgis to the

"That fellow Sitting Bull is a man of brains; he is a strategist and seeks to whip his enemy in detail." At the time the Sioux took their station on the banks of the Little Big Horn, there were four columns of troops converging in the direction of their camp. The first consisted of the 7th Cavalry, under command of Gen. Custer and Col. Reno. This, however, might properly be considered as only the advanced guard of Gen. Terry's forces, which were marching from Fort Lincoln, opposite Bismarck, on the Missouri river, in a general by northwesterly direction. Gen. Terry's force is not accurately known, but it numbered, certainly, the full fighting force of the 17th and 20th Infantry, together with the reserves of the 7th Cavalry, making with all, probably, 1,500 men.

From the direction of Montana Gen. Gibben was advancing with another, though smaller, column, and from the line of the Pacific railroad, with Fort McPherson as a sort of guide point, Gen. Carr was moving up with another force gathered from scattered points.

In the meantime Gen. Crook had been industriously engaged gathering and rallying troops at Fort Fetterman, in the Sioux territory, and all these four columns were destined to attack Sitting Bull in his home. The first to appear before the red General was Gen. Custer, with his twelve companies of the 7th Cavalry. Of course, it is impossible now to say what motives impelled the dead hero, but the army officers seem to think that in a rash desire to re-establish a fame somewhat beclouded by the misfortunes of his last campaign, he purposely rushed into the fight in the hope of winning victory against overwhelming odds before any of the forces of Gen. Terry could come up and share the coveted honors.

GREEK ROYALTY.

London, July 12.—The King and Queen of Greece have arrived at Charing Cross, as stated to-day. They were met by the Prince of Wales and proceeded to Windsor Castle.

TAR.

SUITABLE for Painting or Manitory purposes, for sale at the
Wholesale and Retail by
J. A. G. W. W. W.

Don Carlos is now in this country, after having visited Mexico, and the opinion prevails that his visit has something to do with Cuban independence. He has any amount of unscrupulous ambition and considerable wealth, so that if he should take a notion to conquer the Queen of the Antilles and set up in business for himself as an amateur King, he might not have any serious difficulties to his way.

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:

Fish & Shrimp plate - \$15
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters plate - \$20

Just call or text John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for! Make sure you put in your order a day or two in advance.

The fryer gets lit around 5:30 pm so you can start picking up your orders of delicious food at 6:00 at 935 Mill Creek Road.

The next fish fry of 2023 is May 12th!



Kingsbury Planning and Zoning Committee

The City of Kingsbury is forming a Planning and Zoning Committee. The P&Z Committee will be comprised of the Kingsbury City Commission and other members of our **community** both inside and outside the official Kingsbury city limits.

The working Mission Statement of the P&Z Committee is:

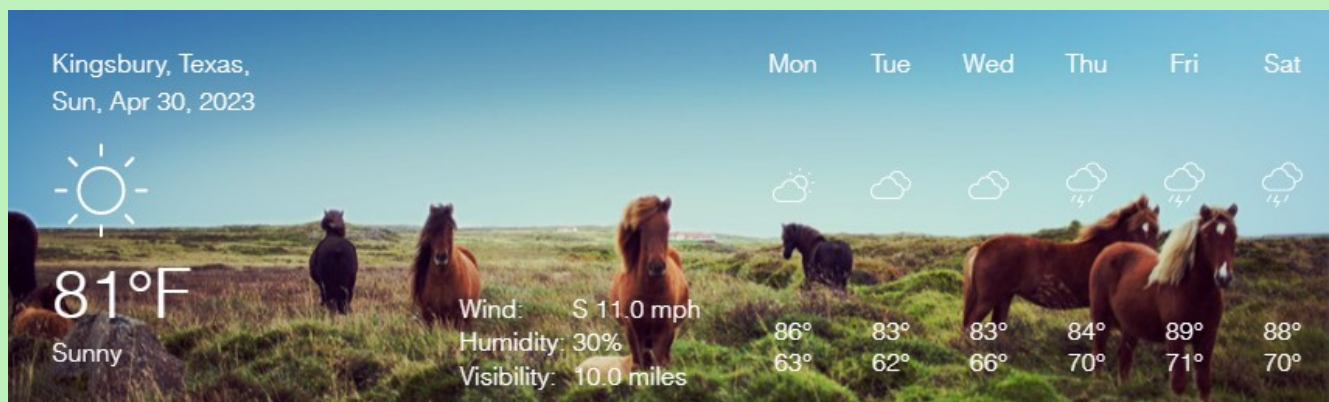
"The mission of our small city planning and zoning committee is to promote and facilitate responsible development, while preserving the character and charm of our community. We strive to create a balanced approach to growth that considers the needs of current and future residents, businesses, and visitors. We are committed to providing fair and efficient zoning regulations and land-use policies that promote sustainability, accessibility, and safety for all. Through collaboration with community members and local stakeholders, we aim to create a vibrant, livable, and resilient city that reflects the values and aspirations of our community."

The Kingsbury City Commission is forming this committee to protect our community and is looking for people that



Kingsbury Calendar

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](#)

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 News Bulletin. [Click here to find out more](#)

KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

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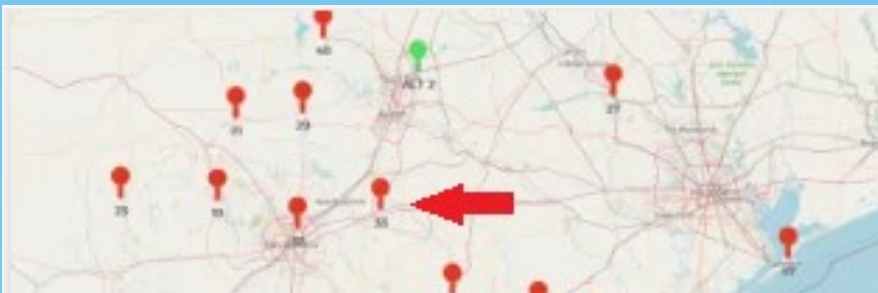
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7 12:00pm M...	8	9	10	11	12 Fish Fry Plates	13
14 12:00pm M...	15 6:30pm Kin...	16	17	18	19 Anniversary ...	20
21 12:00pm M...	22	23	24	25	26 Fish Fry Plates	27
28 12:00pm M...	29	30	31	1	2	3

Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas

The 2023 Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas has 50 stops where riders can collect points. And Kingsbury is the only stop in the area between Austin and Lewisville and between San Antonio and Galveston!

If you see riders taking **pictures** in front of the old post office, they're getting 5 points. There's been some great people stopping by and enjoying Kingsbury!





33. Former Post Office in Kingsbury, TX = 5 points

Kingsbury 4-H Float

The Kingsbury 4-H Club in the Fourth of July Parade around 1948.

The 4-H Clubs started in Guadalupe County in the mid-1920s, so it was still fairly new when this picture was taken. The old Reichman's building is in the background and some of the riders are John Charlie Littlejohn (with glasses), and Jackie Schmidt Ball (with hair braided around her head). I'm sure there are those out there that can pick out several more - or see themselves!

Extra points if you can name the **cute** little sheep in the back.



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.



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