

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - December 1, 2024

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Hello December!

Today is the first day of December!

December is the twelfth and last month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars. It is the seventh and last month to have the length of 31 days.

December got its name from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the **monthless** period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.



The zodiac signs for the month of December are



Sagittarius (until December 21)



Capricorn (December 22 onward)



December's birth flower is the narcissus which symbolizes good wishes, faithfulness and respect.



Holly and the paperwhite



- a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms - are also flowers for those born in December.



December's traditional birthstone is the turquoise . It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success.



Zircon and



tanzanite are also considered to be December birthstones.



Month-long observances in December:

- International Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month
- Learn a Foreign Language Month
- National Car Donation Month
- National Pear Month
- Bingo's Birthday Month
- National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
- National Human Rights Month
- National Tie Month
- National Write A Business Plan Month
- Operation Santa Paws (1-24)
- Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- Spiritual Literacy Month
- Universal Human Rights Month
- Worldwide Food Service Safety Month



DECEMBER 2024 LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST FOR TEXAS & OKLAHOMA

Winter will be warmer than normal with the coldest periods in late January and early and late February. Precipitation will be below normal, with the best chances for snow in early and late February.

- Dec 1-4** ☀️ Sunny, warm
- Dec 5-8** 🌨️ Rainy periods, turning cold
- Dec 9-13** ☀️ Sunny, cold, then warm
- Dec 14-22** 🌧️ Rainy periods, mild
- Dec 23-26** ☀️ Sunny, then a few showers, chilly
- Dec 27-31** ☀️ Sunny, turning mild

December
Temperature: 54° (3° above average)
Precipitation: 3" (0.5" above average)



The Geminid meteor shower, typically the strongest meteor shower of the year, is officially active now in the night skies. The Geminids can deliver over a hundred meteors per hour during peak nights. It's also the rare shower that doesn't require you to wake up at atrocious hours before sunrise for the best viewing experience.

In 2024, the shower is active from Nov. 19 until Dec. 24, peaking on the evening of Dec. 13 into the following morning. An almost full moon will compete with the Geminids in 2024. Luckily, a lot of Geminid meteors are bright. Find a way to block out the bright moon when watching the sky. Under a dark sky with no moon, you might catch 120 meteors per hour!

The Geminids are the rare meteor shower that don't seem to be traced to an active comet that makes intermittent visits to the inner solar system spaced out by several years or longer. Instead, the source seems to be the asteroid 3200 Phaethon, which astronomers think may be an extinct comet or new kind of object called a "rock comet," according to NASA. Whatever it is, the pieces of debris and detritus that have broken away from Phaethon over the years form dusty clouds that are more dense than what most comets leave behind. This explains why the Geminids are consistently one of the stronger annual showers. Each December we drift through the most dense part of this cloud and hundreds or thousands of bits roughly the size of a pebble burn up as they collide with our upper atmosphere.

While it's best to mark the peak night on your calendar, it's possible to catch a few meteors an hour right now, especially as other showers like the Leonids and Taurids are still active. The early evening hours are the best times to see a bright "earth-grazer," which is nickname for a brilliant fireball that appears to flame out spectacularly just above the horizon.





Thunder in December presages fine weather.



A green Christmas, a white Easter.



As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.



If it rains much during the twelve days after Christmas, it will be a wet year.



Christmas Market



KINGSBURY CHRISTMAS MARKET

DECEMBER 7, 2024
FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM

668 Railway St,
Kingsbury, TX 78638

Handmade Western Items, Photographer,
Jams, Jellies, Pickled Items, Custom Tees,
Boutique Items, Bows, Scrunchies, , Freshies,
Homemade Soaps & Loofas, Beaded Pens,
AND MORE.....

TO BE A VENDOR TEXT
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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:

December 1st – National Pie Day, Secondhand Sunday, National Eat A Red Apple Day, Rosa Parks Day, Day Without Art

December 2nd – National Fritters Day, National Mutt Day, National Special Education Day, Cyber Monday

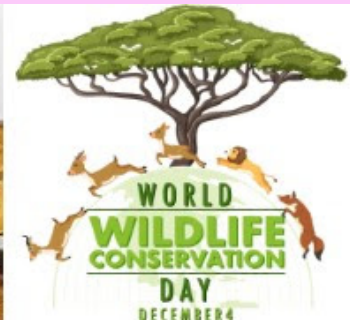
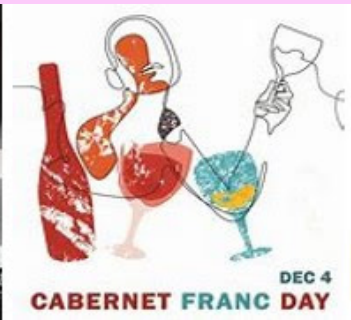
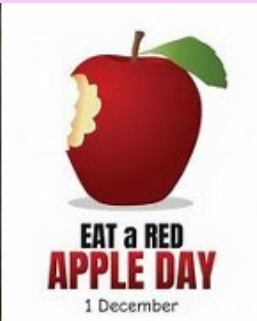
December 3rd – World Trick Shot Day, National Day of Giving, National Roof Over Your Head Day

December 4th – Santa's List Day, Cabernet Franc Day, Wildlife Conservation Day, National Sock Day, National Package Protection Day, National Dice Day, National Cookie Day

December 5th – National Repeal Day, Sacher Torte Day, Bathtub Party Day

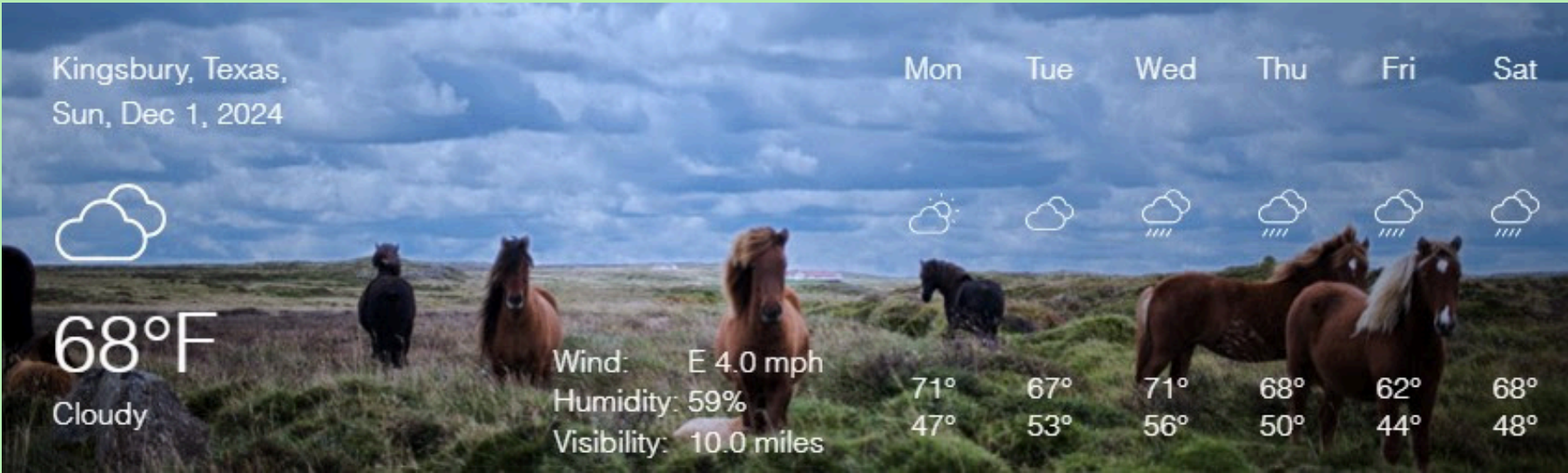
December 6th – National Microwave Oven Day, Mitten Tree Day, National Bartender Day, National Gazpacho Day, Saint Nicholas Day, National Miners Day, National Pawnbrokers Day, Faux Fur Day, National Play Outside Day, National Slime Day

December 7th – National Illinois Day, National Cotton Candy Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Skywarn Recognition 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](#)

Burn Ban In Effect

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.

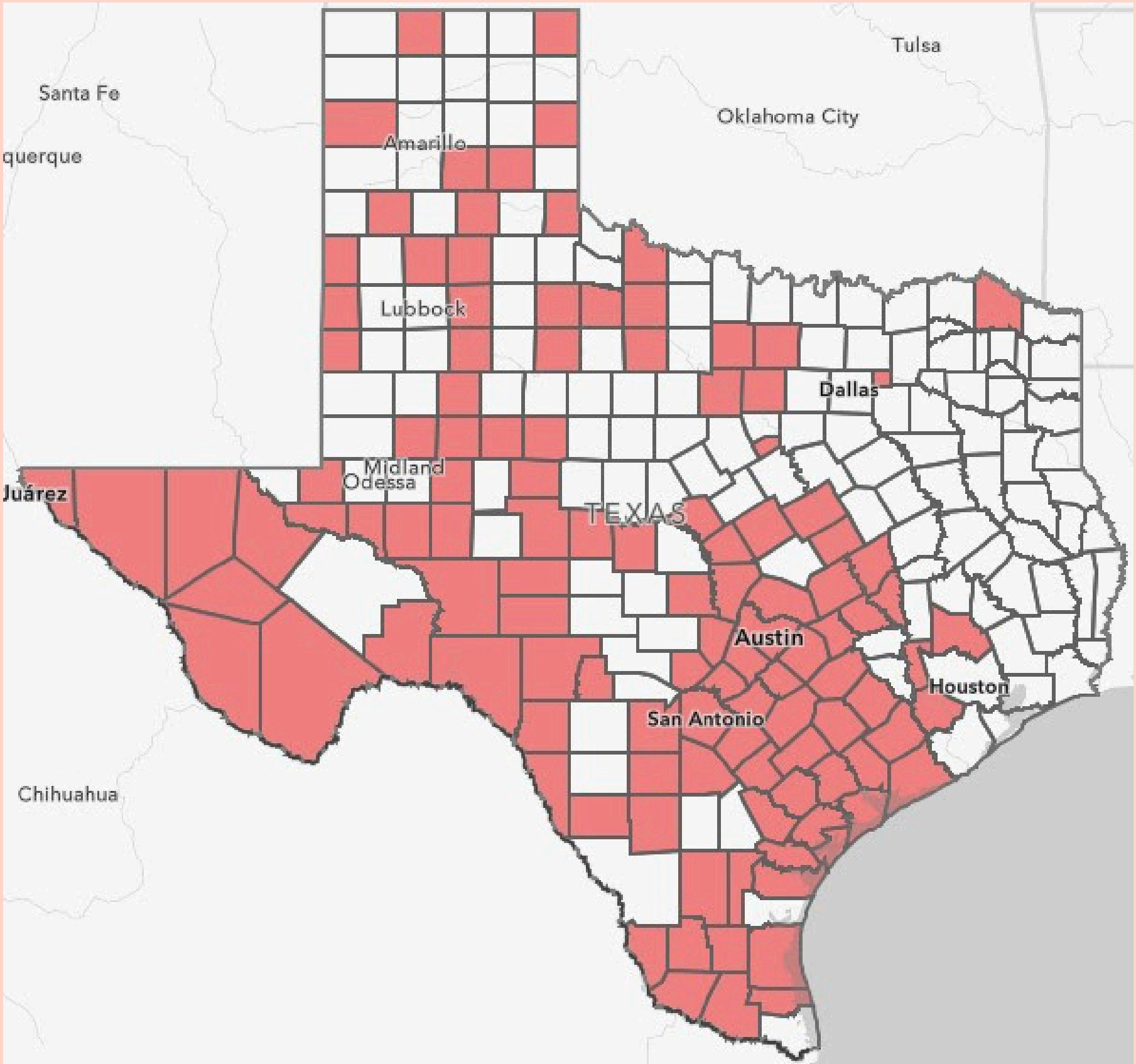


As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 117 that have a burn ban, the same as last week. This leaves 137 counties without a burn ban in the state.

Current burn bans by county in Texas this week:



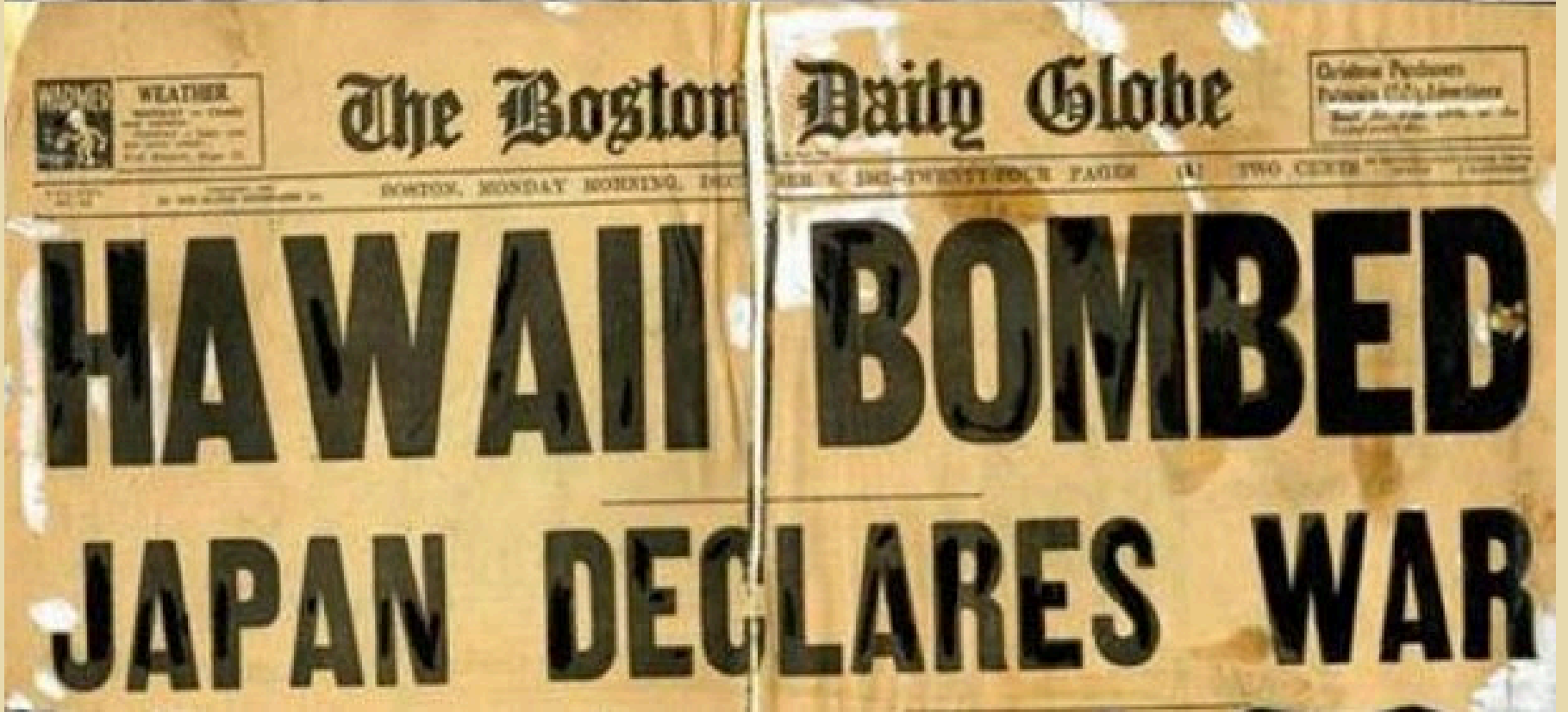
Pearl Harbor

This week in history, on December 7th, 1941 at 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese **warplanes** followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

With diplomatic negotiations with Japan breaking down, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his advisers knew that an imminent Japanese attack was probable, but nothing had been done to increase security at the important naval base at Pearl Harbor. It was Sunday morning, and many military personnel had been given passes to attend religious services off base. At 7:02 a.m., two radar operators spotted large groups of aircraft in flight toward the island from the north, but, with a flight of B-17s expected from the United States at the time, they were told to sound no alarm. Thus, the Japanese air assault came as a devastating surprise to the naval base. Much of the Pacific fleet was rendered useless: Five of eight battleships, three destroyers, and seven other ships were sunk or severely damaged, and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed. A total of 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 were wounded, many while valiantly attempting to repulse the attack. Japan's losses were some 30 planes, five midget submarines, and fewer than 100 men. Fortunately for the United States, all three Pacific fleet carriers were out at sea on training maneuvers. These giant aircraft carriers would have their revenge against Japan six months later at the Battle of Midway, reversing the tide against the previously invincible Japanese navy in a spectacular victory.

The day after Pearl Harbor was bombed, President Roosevelt appeared before a joint session of Congress and declared, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." After a brief and forceful speech, he asked Congress to approve a resolution recognizing the state of war between the United States and Japan. The Senate voted for war against Japan by 82 to 0, and the House of Representatives approved the resolution by a vote of 388 to 1. The sole dissenter was Representative Jeannette Rankin of Montana, a devout pacifist who had also cast a dissenting vote against the U.S. entrance into World War I. Three days later, Germany and Italy declared war against the United States, and the U.S. government responded in kind.

The American contribution to the successful Allied war effort spanned four long years and cost more than 400,000 American lives.

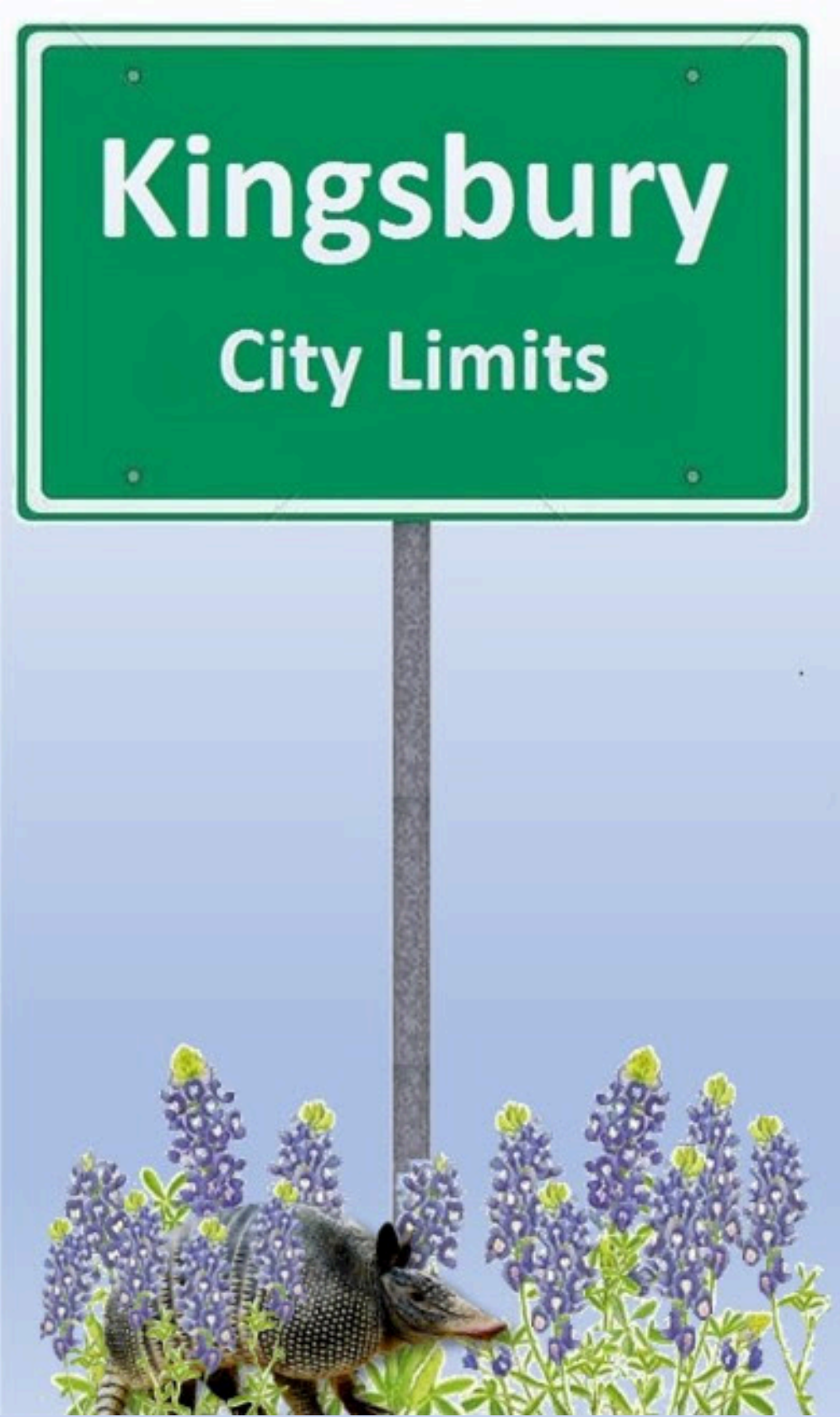


Kingsbury City Limits

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 "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 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, December 5th

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 2024 will be Thursday, December 5th 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!



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

Holiday Food

J&S Catering will be **smoking** hams, turkeys, and briskets for your holiday meals again this year!

Mesquite Smoked Turkey
15 pound average - \$75

Mesquite Smoked and Honey Basted Hams
6 to 10 pound average - \$70 to \$85

Whole Briskets
\$15 per cooked pound

Call John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and get your order in!



Food Pantry & Thrift Store



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

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) ▾

<December 2024>

Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	6	7 🌲 Christma...
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15 🟡 Full Cold ...	16 Kingsbury Ci...	17	18	19 Fellowship	20	21
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

Days Till Christmas



Hurt Brothers Garage

A wonderful picture of the Hurt Brothers Garage in the 1940s.

Pictured are: Frant Hurt, C.C. "Doc" Kimble (Mrs. Frank Hurt's brother), Charlie Littlejohn, Ben Chessher, and Lloyd Hurt.

The garage serviced Ford vehicles and sold Gulf **gasoline**. Good choice! Probably the tops of both products in the 1940s!

Don't you love the huge gravity feed gas pump? The slogan of Gulf at the time was "Gulf - That Good" and the sign above the walk-in door has that phrase.

HURT BROS GARAGE
GULF GASOLINE; GENUINE FORD PARTS



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Thanks!

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