

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - August 13, 2023

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter

Dear Kingsbury,

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

Kingsbury Country Store Moving

The Kingsbury Country Store will be **moving** into the old Post Office at the corner of Kingsbury Road and Railway Street.

The current store will be open but moving to the new store on August 14th and 15th and will have a Grand Opening at the new location on August 16th!

There will be a ribbon cutting at 9:00 am and prize drawings at 6:30 pm.

Stop in to check out the new space!



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 13th - National Spirit Of '45 Day, National Prosecco Day, International Left Handers Day, National Filet Mignon Day

August 14th - National Navajo Code Talkers Day, World Lizard Day, National Creamsicle Day

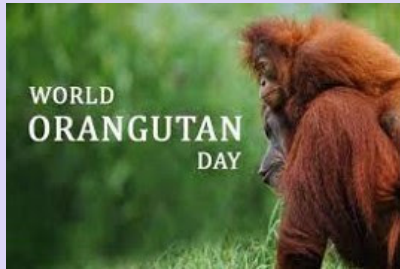
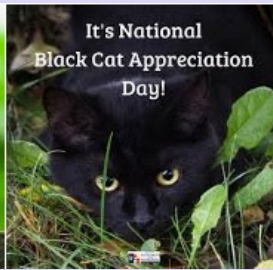
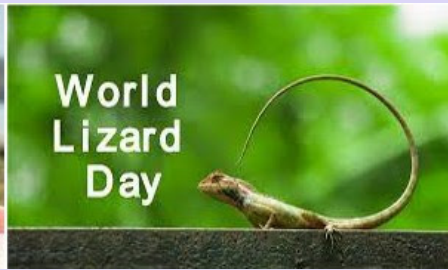
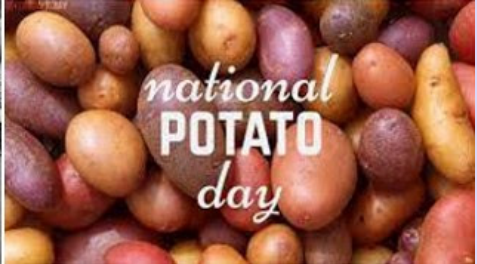
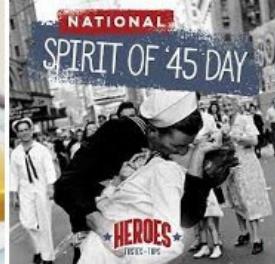
August 15th - V-j Day (Europe), National Leathercraft Day, National Lemon Meringue Pie Day, National Relaxation Day

August 16th - National Rum Day, National Airborne Day, National Roller Coaster Day, National Tell A Joke Day

August 17th - National Hazy Ipa Day, Congressional Startup Day, 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, International Orangutan Day, World Humanitarian Day, World Honey Bee Day, International Bow Day, World Photography Day, National Soft Ice Cream Day, National Aviation Day

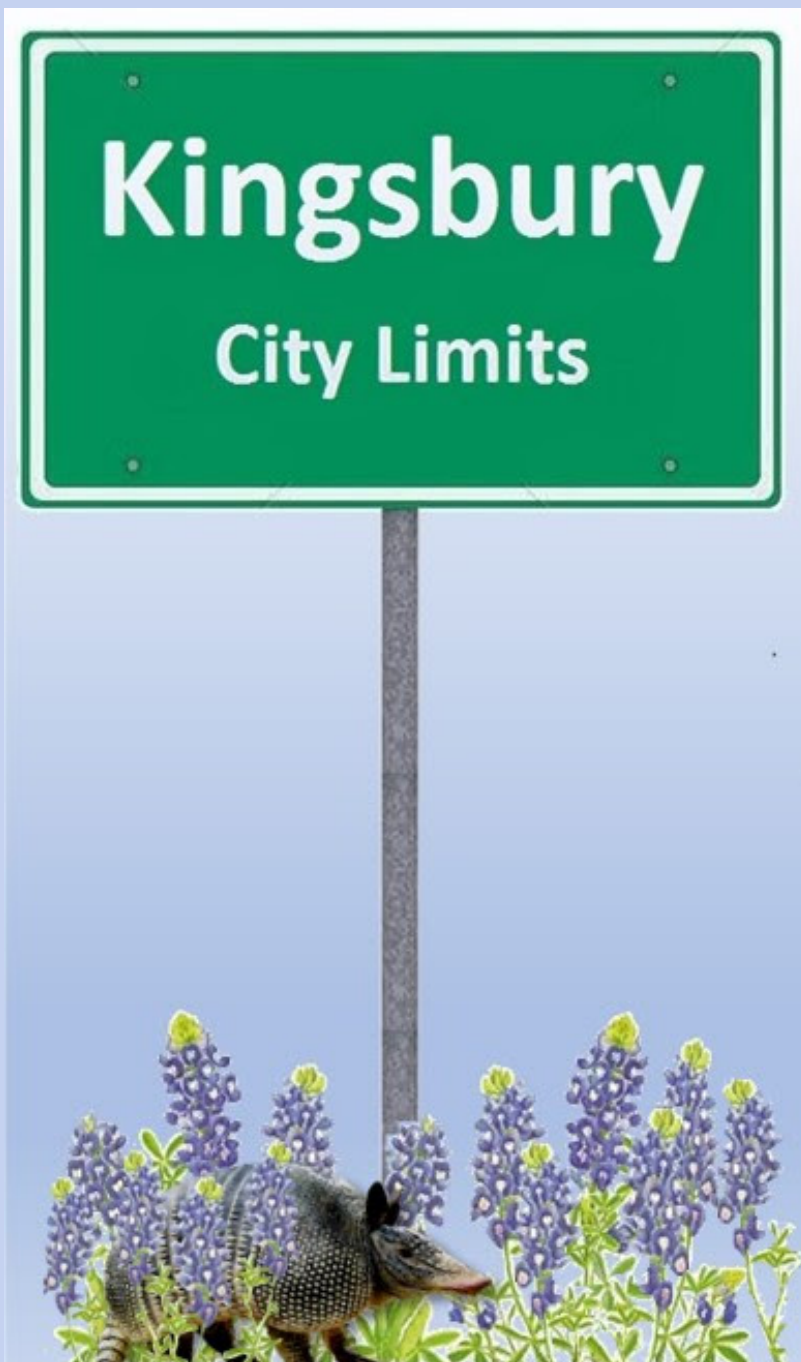


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



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.

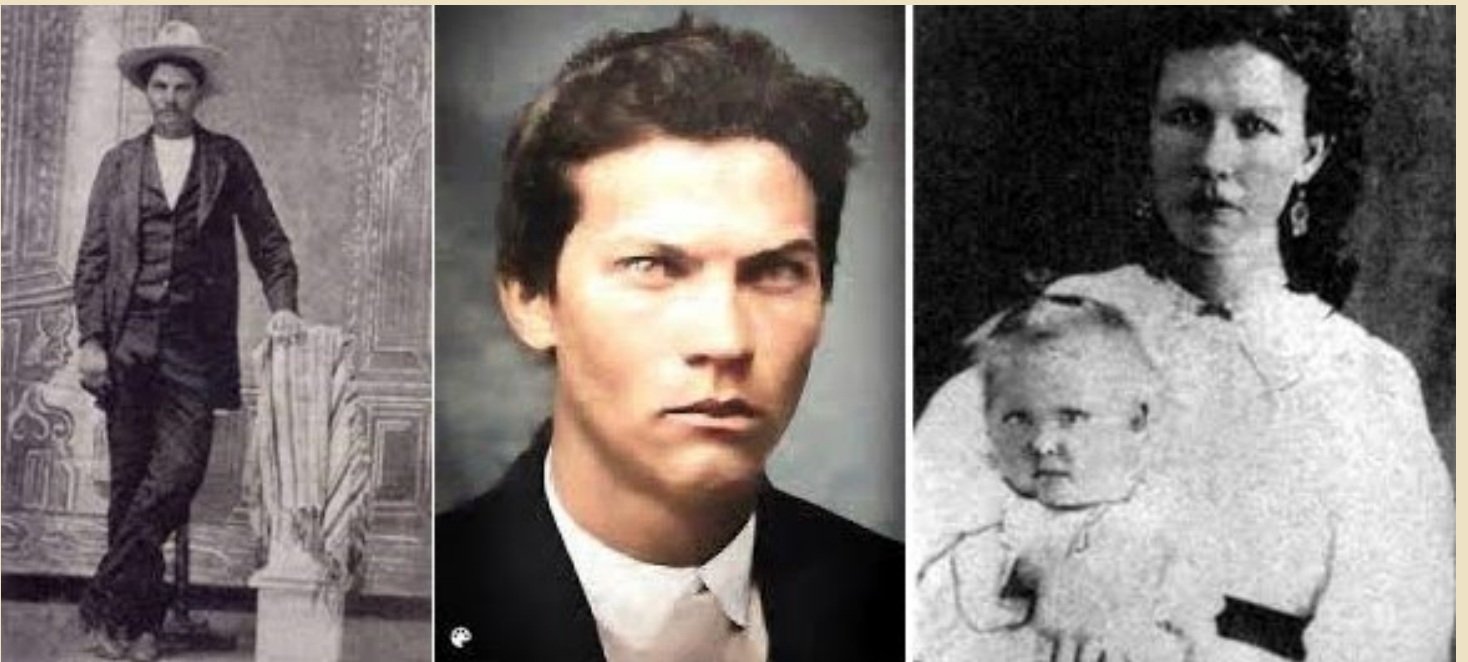
A month later, he killed three pursuing Union soldiers searching for him. Hardin's relatives hid the **bodies** so that no one would know that he had killed them. "...Thus it was by the fall of 1868 I had killed four men and was myself wounded in the arm."

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.





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.

Burn Ban Is On

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court has instituted an outdoor burn **ban** for Guadalupe County. 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.

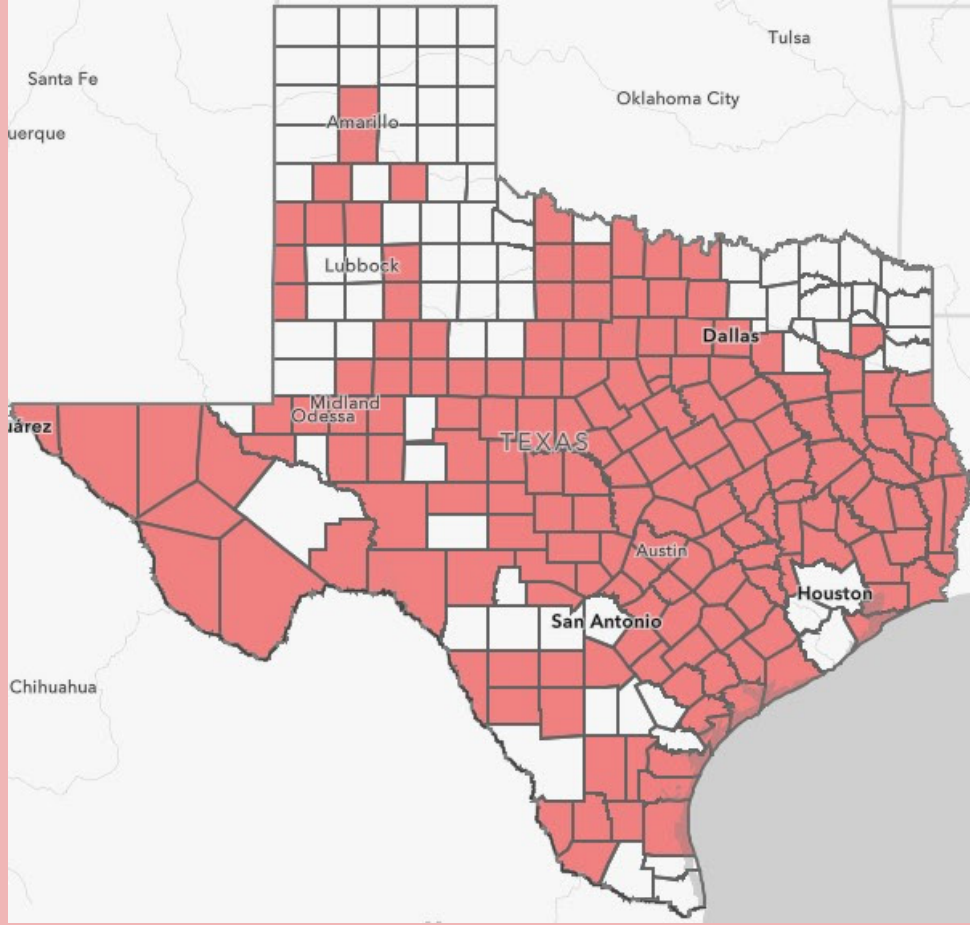


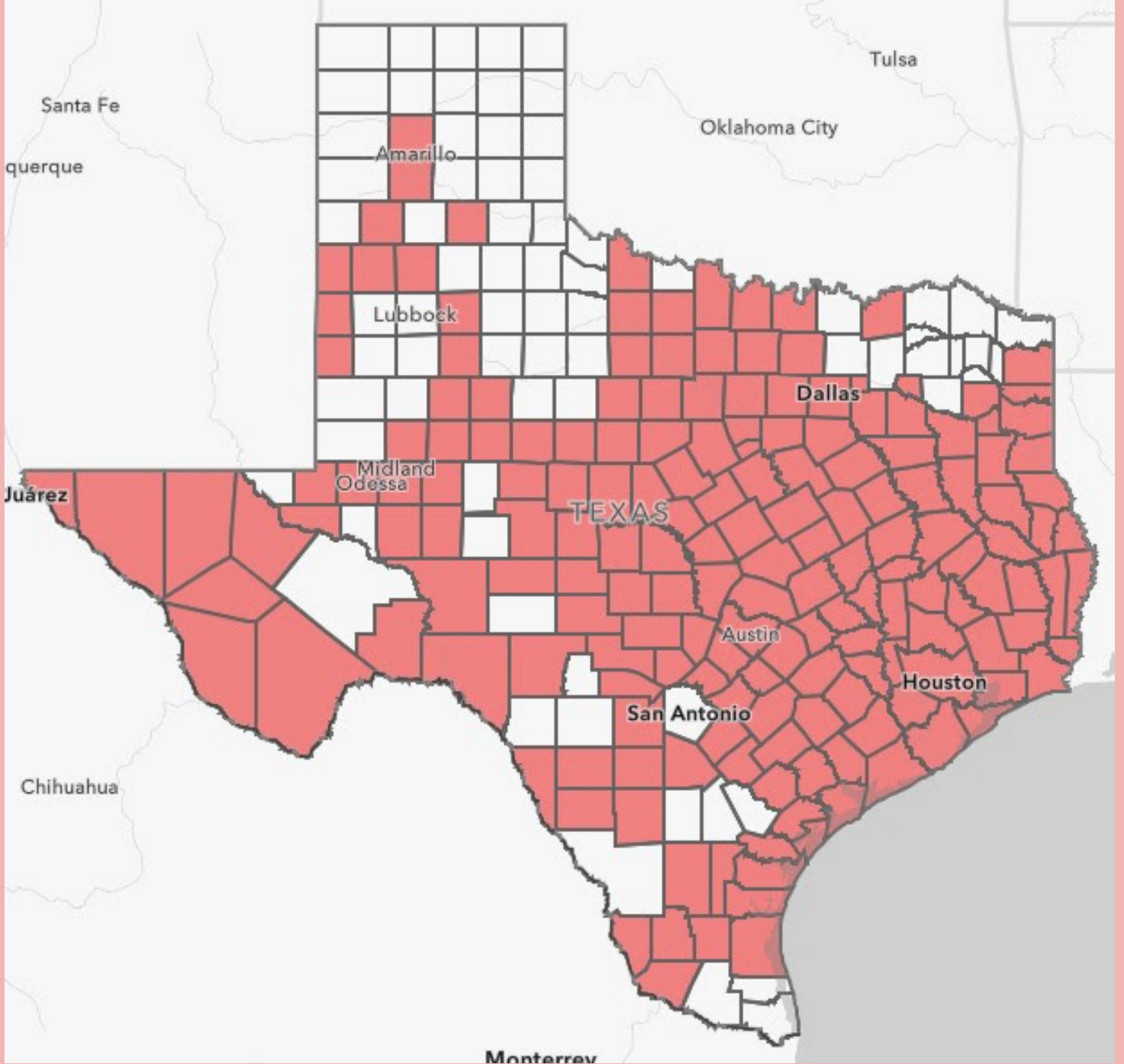
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently **181** that have a burn ban, up from 168 one week ago.

Current burn bans by county in Texas last week and this week:





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](#)

Volunteer Work Day

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

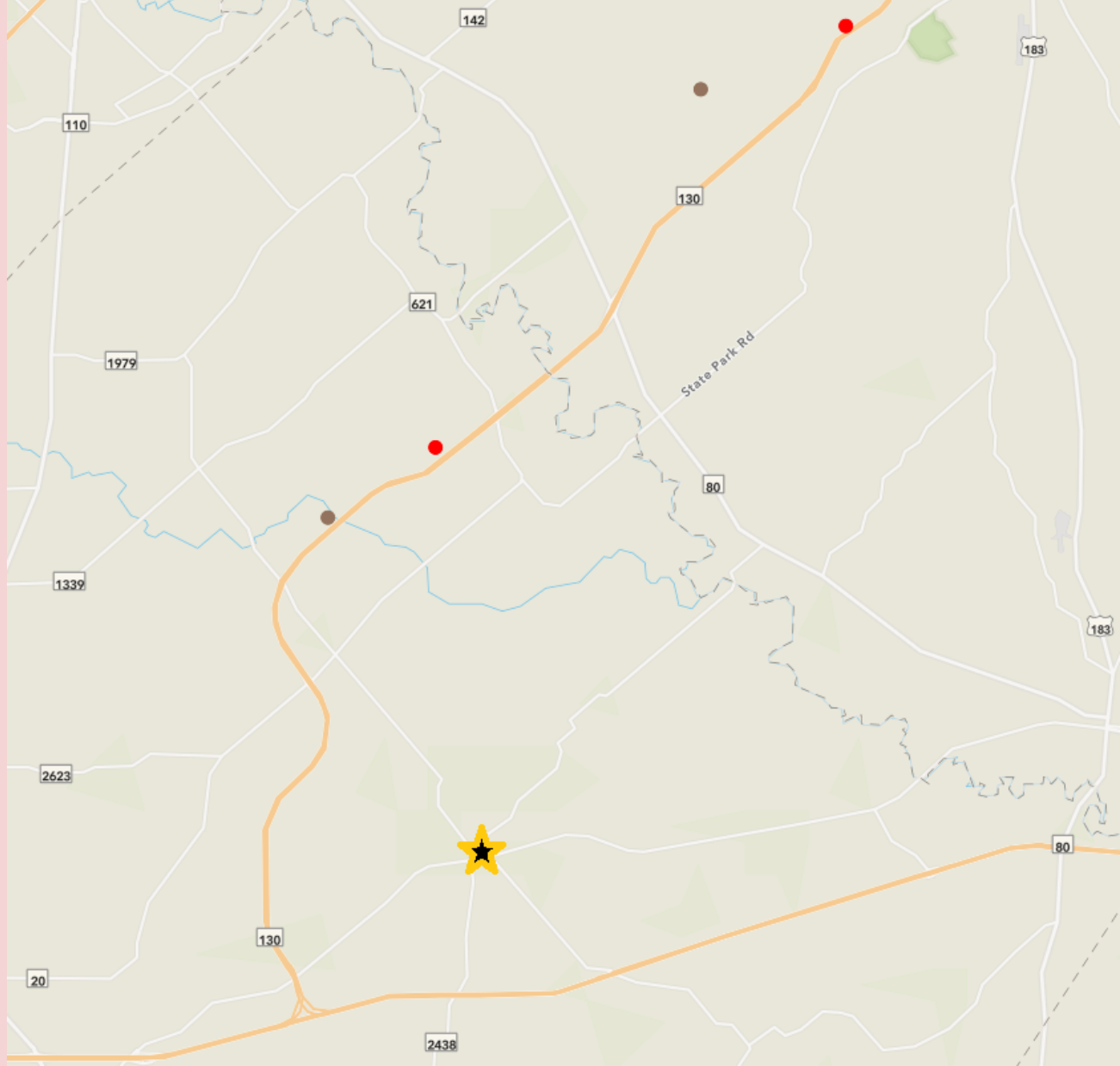
Saturday, August 19th

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



Wildfires

There have been wildfires in our **area** almost every day with the dry and windy conditions. This map show four of the most recent around Kingsbury:



From left to right:
Bylerpool fire - 13 acres, 100% contained
Staples fire - 332 acres, 90% contained
Plum Hopper fire - 206.6 acres, 100% contained
Boggy Creek fire - 228.6 acres, 85% contained

Information on all Texas wildfires can be found on the Texas A&M Forest Service website at <https://public.tfwildfires.com/>

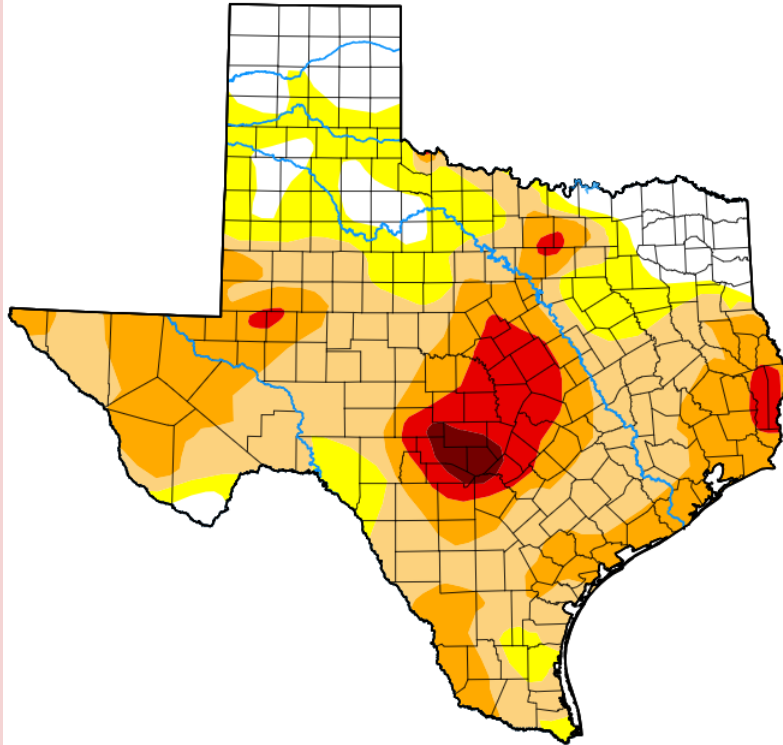
As the drought map below indicates, the dry conditions are spreading and the chance of wildfire is only growing. As the Bastrop fire in 2011 and the Maui fire this month show, a small fire can get out of control extremely fast. Please be diligent about reporting any smoke and any hazards that may be potential fire starters.

Map released: Thurs. August 10, 2023

Data valid: August 8, 2023 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



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) ▾

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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 12:00pm Ma...	7	8	9	10	11 Fish Fry Plates	12 10:00am Fa...
13 12:00pm M...	14	15 6:30pm P&Z...	16	17	18	19 Volunteer W...
20 12:00pm M...	21 6:30pm Kin...	22	23	24	25 Fish Fry Plates	26
27 12:00pm M...	28	29	30 Blue Moon	31	1	2

A Happy Group

A group of kids in the 1940s probably in front of the school which was the only white brick building in Kingsbury. The girls at the ends of the back row and one little girl in the front row have their dolls with them.

The little pig-tailed girl in the middle of the back row (Jackie Schmidt) has her arm in a cast and **slings**. It appears to be a bright, warm, sunny day and everybody seems to have a big smile on their face!



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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