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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Spring Forward

Today, Sunday, March 9th, marks the start of Daylight Saving Time when, by the time you are reading this, you should have moved your clocks one hour.

Some **interesting** tidbits about Daylight Saving Time:



There is no "s": There is no "s" at the end of Saving though you will certainly hear people refer to it as "savings." It has been suggested that the misuse of the term may evolve from the common usage of the term "savings" in daily vernacular.



The day is not actually longer. You will often hear statements like "the day will be an hour longer tomorrow." The duration of a day is roughly 24 hours. The 24-hour solar day is how long it takes for a location on the earth to rotate under the sun from one point to the exact point. The length of the day is the same, however, the number of actual "daylight hours" is adjusted. No daylight is actually saved in a physical sense.



Less than 40% of the countries in the world use DST. Some countries use it to make better use of the natural daylight in the evenings. The difference in light is most noticeable in the areas at a certain distance from Earth's equator.



In the United States, Arizona and Hawaii do not use DST. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 originally mandated the use of DST but the Energy Policy Act of 2005 allows states and territories to decide on implementation. Arizona cites a consistently hot, arid climate as its rationale for opting out though the Navajo Nation in Arizona does adhere to DST. Hawaii argues that their proximity to the equator limits the variability in sunrises and sunsets.



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:

March 9th - National I Am Day, Daylight Saving Time, National Get Over It Day, National Meatball Day, National Crab Meat Day, National Barbie Day

March 10th - National Women And Girls HIV AIDS Awareness Day, National Pack Your Lunch Day, National Napping Day, National Blueberry Popover Day, National Mario Day

March 11th - National 311 Day, National Funeral Director And Mortician Recognition Day, National Promposal Day, National Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day, National Worship Of Tools Day, National Johnny Appleseed Day

March 12th - National Skin Barrier Day, National Working Moms Day, National Registered Dietitian
Nutritionist Day, National Baked Scallops Day, National Plant A Flower Day, National Girl Scout Day, National
Dermatologist Day

March 13th - National Jewel Day, National K9 Veterans Day, National Coconut Torte Day, National Good Samaritan Day, National Open An Umbrella Indoors Day, National Earmuff Day, National Write Down Your Own Story Day

March 14th - National Children's Craft Day, National Learn About Butterflies Day, National Pi Day, National Potato Chip Day

March 15th - National Kansas Day, National Quilting Day, National Everything You Think Is Wrong Day, National Pears Helene Day, National Shoe The World Day





Battle of Refugio

It's early March 1836 and the Alamo has fallen.

Now, Carlos de la Garza and about eighty rancheros, serving as scouts and advance cavalry for Mexican general José de Urrea's invading army, raided the village of Refugio. On March 10, during the Goliad campaign of 1836, James W. Fannin, Jr., sent Amon B. King and twenty-eight men to Refugio to help the families besieged there escape to Goliad, knowing that their destination lay in the path by which the main Mexican force under Urrea was expected daily.

On March 12, before leaving Refugio, King stubbornly sought to punish Garza and his rancheros. He underestimated Garza's strength and resolve, however, and was forced to retreat with the families back to the mission, where he took refuge and sent word to Fannin at Goliad for help. In what proved to be a disastrous move, Fannin dispatched Lt. Col. William Ward and the Georgia Battalion, together with some of Peyton S. Wyatt's men, to relieve King's command. Ward and some 120 men successfully allayed the siege in the afternoon of March 13. Nevertheless, as John J. Linn wrote, "A difference of opinion arose between the two commanders in relation to the command, which seemed to be **irreconcilable**, as they could not be coerced into a concert of action, even by the perils that threatened them both so imminently."

With both commanders quarreling over rank yet anxious for a fight, the Texian force divided. Some of Ward's men went with King on a punitive mission against the rancheros, and while they were out Urrea and the main force of 1,500 men surrounded Ward's party at the mission. When King attempted to return to the mission, he came upon the rear of Urrea's army and was forced to make a stand in the timber on the Mission River within site of Ward's command. The troops held their ground valiantly from late morning to dark, March 14, while Ward withstood several vigorous assaults.

Mexican losses were heavy; the Texans suffered few casualties but were short of food, water, and ammunition. Ward sent James Humphries to Goliad to advise Fannin, who finally got word to Ward through Edward Perry to

retreat to Victoria, where they were to rendezvous. Volunteers were left with the wounded and families, and Ward apparently left the mission with the remainder of his battalion on the night of March 14 and traveled in the direction of Copano through woods and swamps to avoid the Mexican cavalry. King's company also tried to escape during the night but was overtaken on March 15 and marched back as prisoners to the mission, now occupied by Urrea's forces. The next day those remaining from Ward's battalion, together with King and all of his company, were executed, except for two Germans and Lewis T. Ayers, who were spared with the local families by the German-born Lt. Col. Juan José Holzinger. Though he was not a German, Ayers was spared, and afterward set free, reportedly because he gave a Masonic sign that was recognized by the Mexican general.

Ward's men managed to reach Victoria, but finding the village occupied by Urrea's troops, continued their retreat to Dimitt's Landing, where they surrendered to Urrea. Except for those detailed as laborers to build boats at Victoria, they were marched back to Goliad where Fannin is commanding "Fort Defiance" ...



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.



Full Worm Moon

The Full Worm Moon rises this Friday evening.

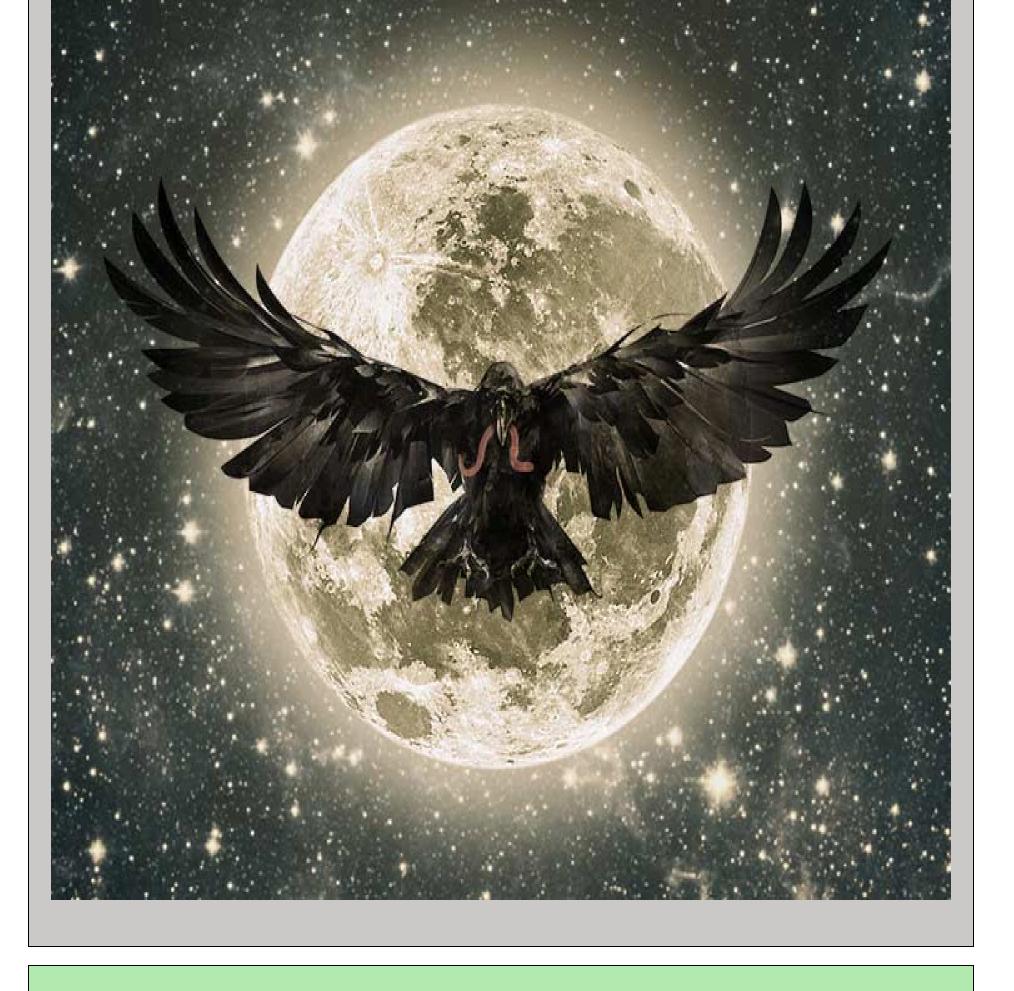
Traditionally, the Moon we see in March is called the Full Worm Moon. At this time of the year, the ground begins to soften enough for earthworm casts to reappear, inviting robins and birds to feed—a true sign of spring. Roots start to push their way up through the soil, and the Earth experiences a re-birth as it **awakens** from its winter slumber. There are many alternative names for the March Moon. One name was the Full Sap Moon, as this is the time of year when the sap of sugar maples starts to flow.

Other traditional names for the March full moon

Mohawk - Much Lateness Moon
Zuni - Little Sand Storm Moon
Assiniboine (Northern Plains) - Sore Eye Moon
Pueblo - Moon When the Leaves Break Forth
Omaha - Little Frog Moon
Abenaki (Maine) - Moose Hunter Moon
Hopi - Moon of the Whispering Wind
Tlingit (Pacific NW coast) - Underwater Plants Sprout Moon
Cree - Eagle Moon
Choctaw - Moon of Winds

Passamaquoddy (NE US) - Spring Moon Chippewa - Snow Crust Moon Shoshone - Warming Moon Dakotah Sioux - Moon When Eyes Are Sore From Bright Snow Arapaho - Buffalo Dropping Their Calves Moon Kalapuya (Pacific NW) - Women Dig Camas Moon Cherokee - Strawberry Moon or Windy Moon Wishram - Long Days Moon Comanche - Cotton Ball Moon Algonquin (Great Lakes) - Catching Fish Moon Creek - Little Spring Moon Lakota - Moon of the Sore Eyes Potawatomi (Great Lakes) - Moon Of The Crane Ponca - Water Stands in the Ponds Moon Shawnee - Sap Moon Haida (Alaska) - Noisy Goose Moon

> Colonial American - Fish Moon Chinese - Sleepy Moon Celtic - Moon of Winds Medieval English - Chaste Moon Neo Pagan - Death Moon





Model T Olympics

The Model T Olympics are a series of games and activities involving the Ford Model T car and all the fun is at the Pioneer Flight Museum here in Kingsbury on Saturday, March 29th

Activities

Model T-sized teeter-totter: Test your balance by trying to balance your car on the teeter-totter Driver's skills course: Test your skills at parking, turning, and driving in high gear Potato race and beanbag toss: Team-based games

Backseat driver course: A blindfolded driver navigated by a passenger through a course of cones

Tailgate swap meet: Bring your Model T or parts to sell or trade Driving lessons: Learn to drive a Model T or improve your skills

Who can attend?

Anyone with a Model T is welcome to participate Spectators are also welcome

If you don't have a Model T, you can still come for a ride!



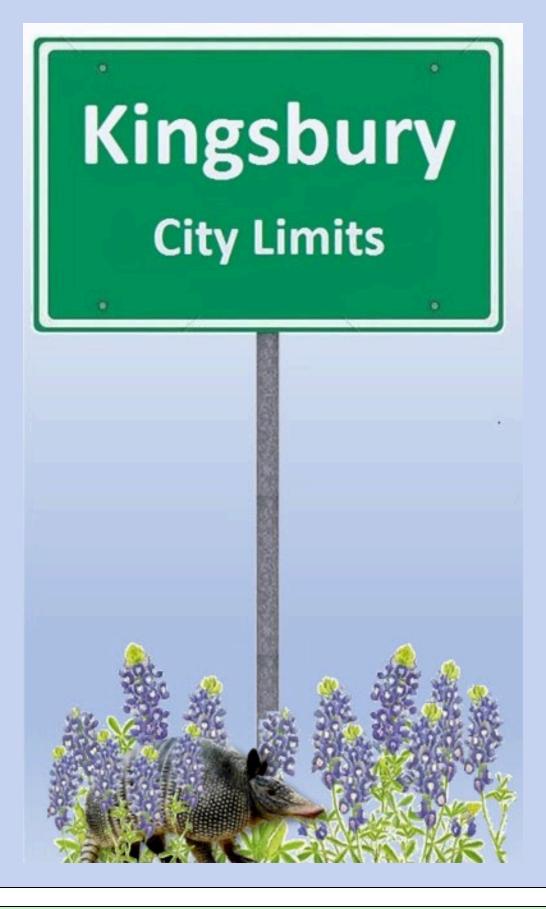
Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Outdoor Burning

Currently, outdoor burning is permitted in Kingsbury and Guadalupe County.

However ...

there are still a few regulations to follow:



Outdoor burning is only permitted when wind speeds are between 6 and 23 miles per hour. This is to help disperse smoke in the air but not so fast as to spread embers.



Burning is only allowed from one hour after sunrise until one hour before sunset.



Burning is only permitted after proper preparations have been made.



A competent person must be in attendance at all times until the fire is extinguished.



A water source must be available nearby.



Burning is not permitted in public roads, alleys, gutters, streets, or right-of-way.



Open fires must be at least 50 feet from any structure.



Certain materials, such as electrical insulation, treated lumber, and plastics, cannot be burned.

The official notification can be found on the Guadalupe County website at http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/

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.



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!



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, March 15th

They usually get started in the main office with coffee and goodies at 9:00 am. Just look for where the cars are parked, and follow where you see others going in.

Get out there and give them a hand!



Food Pantry & Thrift Store



Chili Cook-Off



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 <u>Calendar</u> page of <u>kingsburytexas.org!</u> 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.

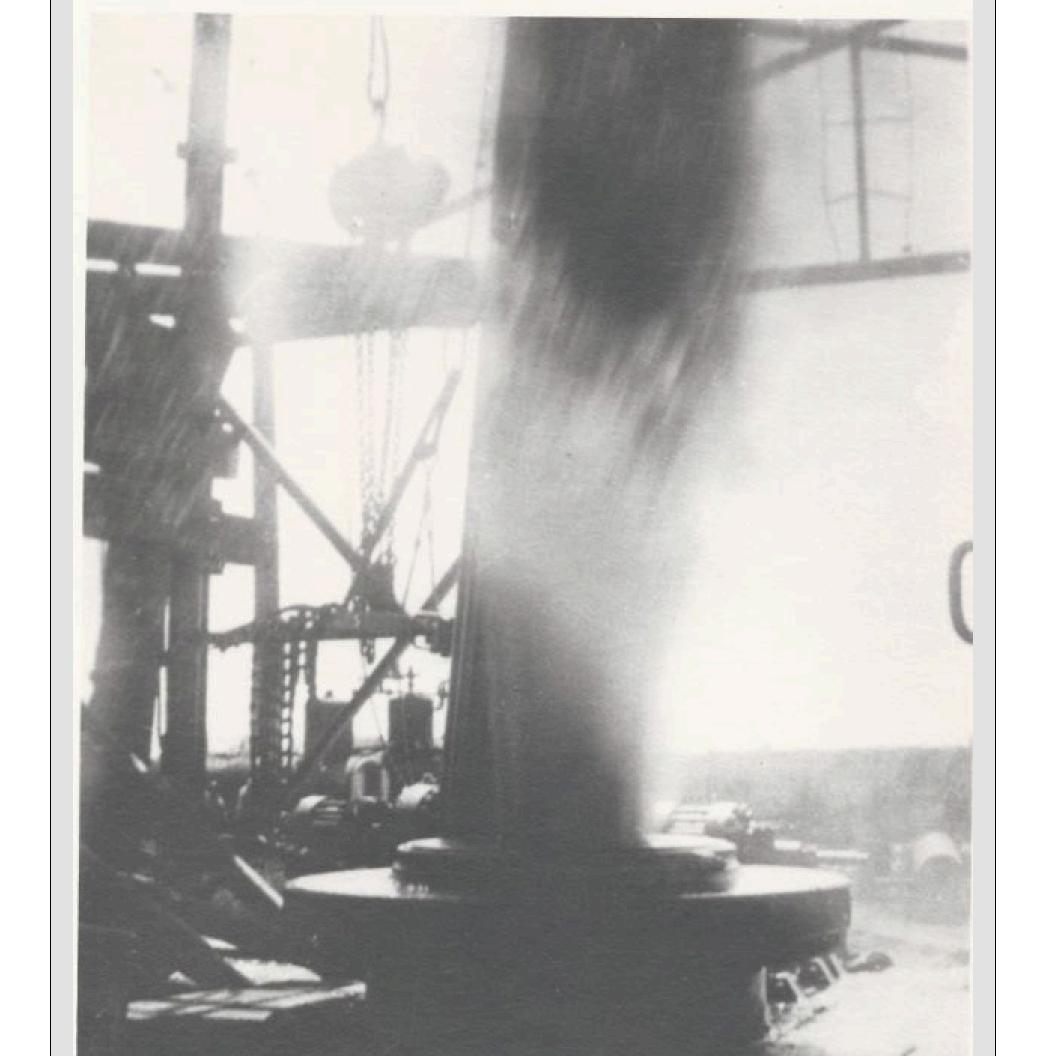
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It's A Gusher!

A picture of a gusher coming in on a Kingsbury area oil field in 1923.

Gushers like this started to become a thing of the past once the first **blowout** preventers went to market in 1924. At the time of this well, though, gushers were the icon of oil exploration. Uncapped wells like this that had hit a high pressure reservoir could shoot crude oil 200 feet in the air.

This one looks like it could have reached that height easy!





Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the <u>Kingsbury website</u>, 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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