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# Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

## Santa Anna Crosses Into Texas

This week in Texas history, on February 16th, 1836, Generalisimo Santa Anna crosses the Rio Grande River into Texas heading towards the Alamo.

The commander of the Alamo, J.C. Neill has to leave the Alamo on February 11th due to a family illness and appoints William Barret Travis as commander. Travis had only arrived at the Alamo the previous week along with 30 men and he and James Bowie agree upon joint command of the Alamo's forces. David Crockett has just arrived in Bexar near the Alamo with 12 men a few days prior. Travis sends out letters pleading for men and **supplies** this week just as Bowie had been doing since he arrived.

Col. James Fannin leaves Refugio on February 12th with his troops and assumes command at Presidio La Bahia in Goliad.

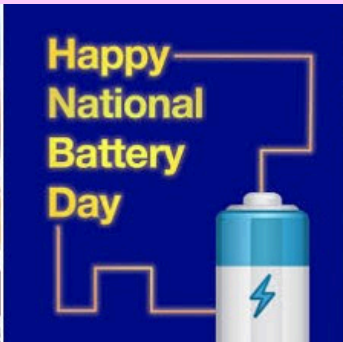
Now it is February 17th, the day after Santa Anna crossed the Rio Grande, and General Jose de Urrea also crosses that same river. In a few short days, Santa Anna will then arrive at the Medina River . . . .



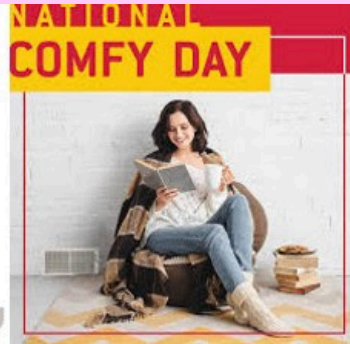
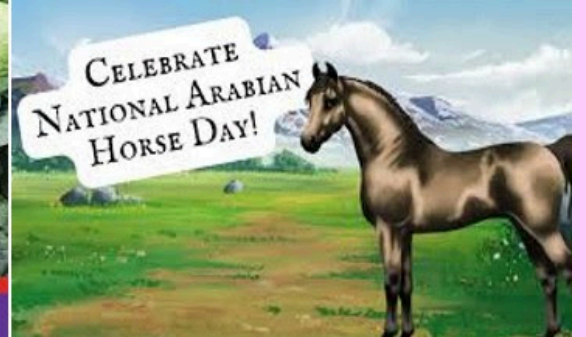
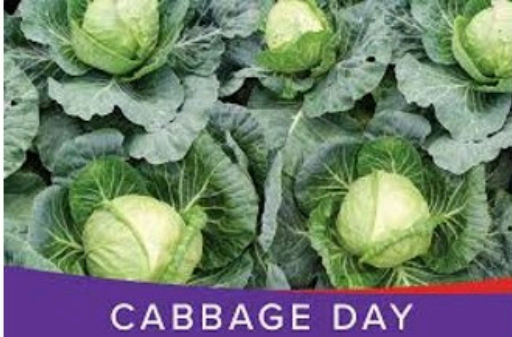
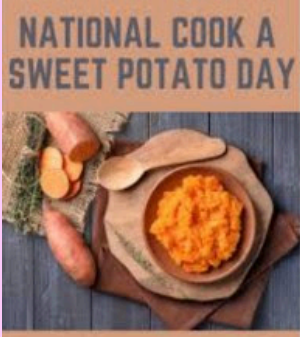
There's A Day For Everything

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:

- February 16th** - National No One Eats Alone Day, National Do A Grouch A Favor Day, National Almond Day
- February 17th** - National Cabbage Day, National Random Acts Of Kindness Day, Presidents Day
- February 18th** - National Battery Day, National Drink Wine Day, National Crab Stuffed Flounder Day
- February 19th** - National Arabian Horse Day, National Vet Girls Rise Day, National Lash Day, National Chocolate Mint Day
- February 20th** - National Leadership Day, National Comfy Day, National Muffin Day, National Love Your Pet Day, National Cherry Pie Day
- February 21st** - National Boiled Peanuts Day, National Grain-Free Day, National Caregivers Day, National Sticky Bun Day
- February 22nd** - National Supermarket Employee Day, National California Day, National Cook A Sweet Potato Day, National Margarita Day







## President's Day

This Monday, February 17th, is Presidents Day.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following President George Washington's death in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. At the time, Washington was venerated as the most **important** figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was the first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington's Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day and Thanksgiving—and was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.





The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, February 19th

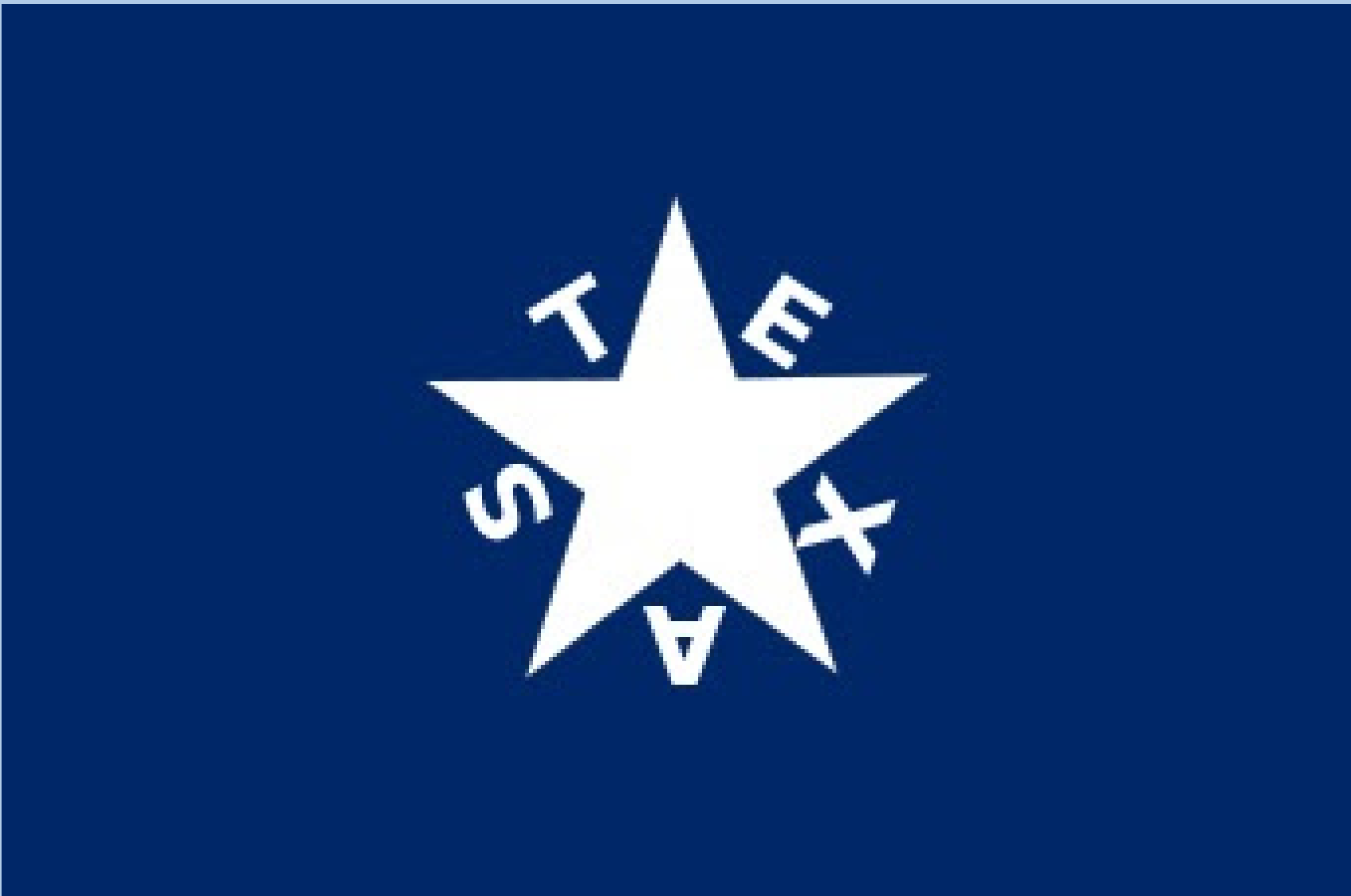
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Real estate acquisition
- ★ Emergency planning and resources
- ★ TGAA checklist
- ★ Updating City structure and elections on website
- ★ Clerical update
- ★ Interlocal agreement on subdivision regulation
- ★ Mission and Vision statements

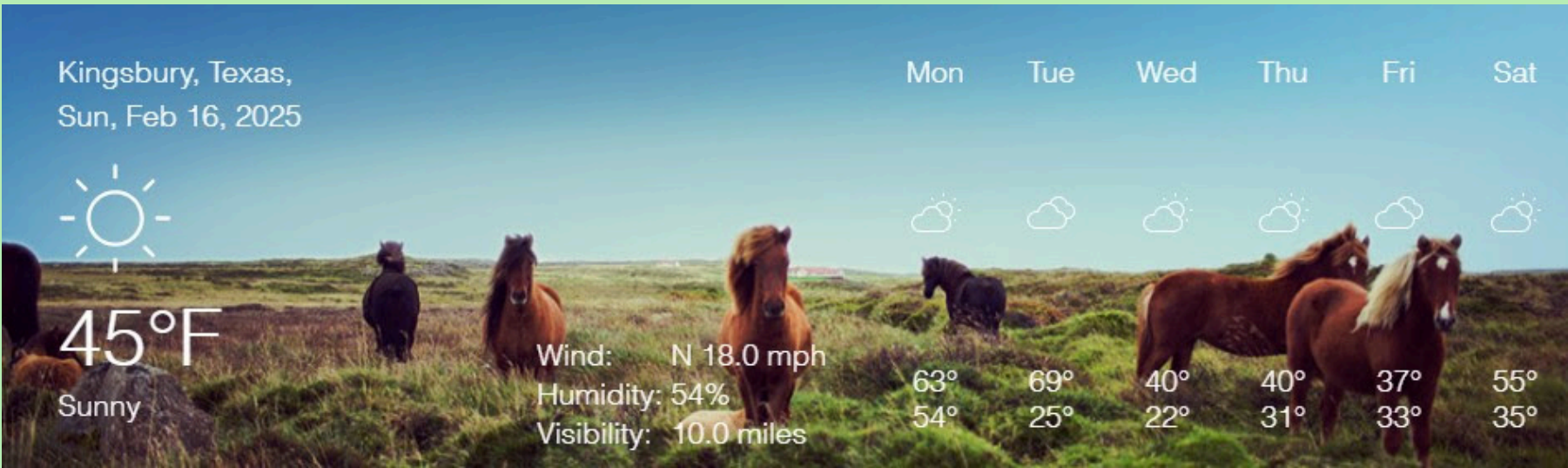
You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



### 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

### Kingsbury Weather

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



The Friday Morning, September 8, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* reported that local businessmen had received notice that "freights on the Peirce road would not be raised from Kingsbury to Marion." The Peirce road is one of the names for the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio railroad going through Kingsbury.

The businessmen are lucky because the September 2 edition of the *Galveston Daily News* reports that rates have gone up to and from Kingsbury (and everywhere else!) now that Mr. Morgan has "secured a controlling influence on the H. G. and S. A. Railroad". I think the unchanged rates from Kingsbury to Marion are going to be short lived, even if they "did not give that road \$300,000 for nothing."

—One of our business men yesterday showed us a letter announcing that freights on the Peirce road would not be raised from Kingsbury to Marion. This is but just. Freights have gone up so largely of late upon the Peirce road, that a feeling of opposition to the unqualified demands prevails with our merchants. The best thing that Peirce's agents can do, is to use their influence to keep down their freights, or they will soon meet with a stronger opposition than they think for. We did not give that road \$300,000 for nothing, as Col. Peirce will learn before he gets through with us.

The Galveston Daily News.  
Mr. Morgan, of the Morgan line of steamers, we are told, has secured a controlling influence in the G. H. and S. A. Railroad, and on and after the 25th inst., freights to Kingsbury on San Antonio goods will be \$200 per car. Of course, our prices for goods delivered in Kingsbury will have to be raised 75 cents; or as freight to Austin on San Antonio goods will be \$100, prices for that point will have to be raised 25 cents per barrel. The freight to New Orleans is 40 cents per barrel, and on to-morrow we will get the rate to Cuero, for San Antonio. \* \* We presume the cheapest route will now be via Cuero, although the rate to Austin is low.

In other 1876 news, the Paymaster was attacked by "about seven desperadoes" at Jackson's Crossing (once a small community on Table Rock Creek northwest of Killeen) and Indians stole fifty-five horses from herders on the Llano river but "no one is in pursuit of them", Jno. A. Ferris (Jno. was once an abbreviation for "John") says that James A. Murphy is "a liar and a swindler" (them's fightin' words!), and rain "visited" Wilson county with "general and abundant showers" (rain is always a news item).

Elsewhere in 1876, a man in Kansas shot his son-in-law and fled but was killed by the sheriff soon after, the Prince at Montenegro sounds like a dream, the beef and mutton prices in Servia (now Serbia) are cheap but the "native tobacco and wine are similarly cheap, but bad", someone has this gruesome idea to take "mortuary trains" to Mount Vesuvius and will "tilt their contents into the abyss" and use it as "a receptacle of dead bodies" (O...M...G!), and a wonderful little advertising poem for Sozodont (which is especially nice after reading about the corpse trains!).

Also in 1876 news, Terry (Gen. Alfred Terry - military commander of the Dakotas) has "lost the trail of the Indians" and is "left in the cold" (another article reported that he was somewhere north of "the Yellowstone"), Lieut. Garlington has joined Terry and is a good example to the "coffee coolers", Henry Terrell continues to be the agent for the "LUMBER DEALFR" (little typo there) in Kingsbury, every San Antonio "boy fifteen years old" carries his "tissue paper and his Purity tobacco" (I think this is an ad for Purity tobacco ... but dang!), get your "Soul Charming" kit for



From The West.

A Band of Desperadoes After  
An Army Paymaster

The Indians Again at Work.

Special to the Express.  
FT. MCKAYETT, Sept. 7, 1876.

The escort sent from this post on the 6th instant to meet the Paymaster at Jackson's Crossing, was attacked and fired upon at that place, while in camp for the night, by a party of about seven desperadoes.

The firing was returned by the soldiers, and after discharging between fifteen and twenty shots, the desperadoes were driven off.

It is believed it was their intention to get possession of the Crossing, and rob the Paymaster when he came along. He arrived here safe this morning, however.

Lieutenant Barrett, with a detachment, has gone to the scene to learn further particulars.

A party of Indians stole fifty-five horses from herders in the vicinity of old Fort Terrell, on the Llano, last night, and have gone towards the east fork of the Nueces river with their booty. No one is in pursuit of them. ROTANZO.

JAMES A. MURPHY,

FORMERLY employed as a journeyman in the Herald office, is a liar and a swindler. I publish to warn others to place no confidence in him.

sept 21 JNO. A. FARRIS.

—Wilson county, where the necessity of rain has been long felt, was visited a few days ago with general and abundant showers. The cotton crop of that county will receive much benefit from these recent rains.

A KANSAS HORROR

Fort Scott, Ka, September 7—A man by the name of Gregg, who had opposed his daughter's marriage, shot his son-in-law and fled. He fired on his pursuers when the sheriff, returning the fire, killed Gregg.

The Prince of Montenegro is thirty-five years of age, six feet four inches in height, and is acknowledged to be the strongest and most muscular man in his dominions. His face is open and frank, and wears a singular aspect of gentleness.

BEER and mutton cost about three cents a pound in Servia, a turkey fetches a shilling, a pair of fowls may be had for six cents, and a draught ox only costs from ten to twelve dollars. Native tobacco and wine are similarly cheap, but bad.

A plan to make Mount Vesuvius practically useful has been seriously broached in London by a cremationist. It is nothing else than to convert the crater into a receptacle of dead bodies. A company will undertake to run mortuary trains from different parts of Europe to Vesuvius and up its side to the summit, on reaching which they will tilt their contents into the abyss, leaving nature to do the work of canceling the remains of humanity, and then take the surviving mourners a short excursion to Naples and its environs, in order to cancel the last remains of grief.

In spite of your teeth,  
Both above and beneath,  
Being lightly enamel'd and thin,  
They will never break down,  
Nor turn yellow nor brown,  
If the Sozodont'r daily brushed in.

TERRY LEFT IN THE COLD

Chicago, September 7—The latest news from Terry's camp places him in a country with dry streams, and he has lost the trail of the Indians.

LIEUT. GARLINGTON, who graduated from West Point this year, has thrown up his leave of absence and joined the troops under Gen. Terry, setting a good example to the "coffee coolers," as the officers in front of Sioux call the stay-at-homes. He has already been promoted from second to first lieutenant.

SAM. MAVERICK,

LUMBER DEALER

North side Alamo Plaza,

San Antonio and Kingsbury.

HENRY TERRELL, Agent

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—Show us a San Antonio boy fifteen years old who doesn't carry his tissue paper and his Purty tobacco for cigarettes, and we will show you a fish that can live without water.

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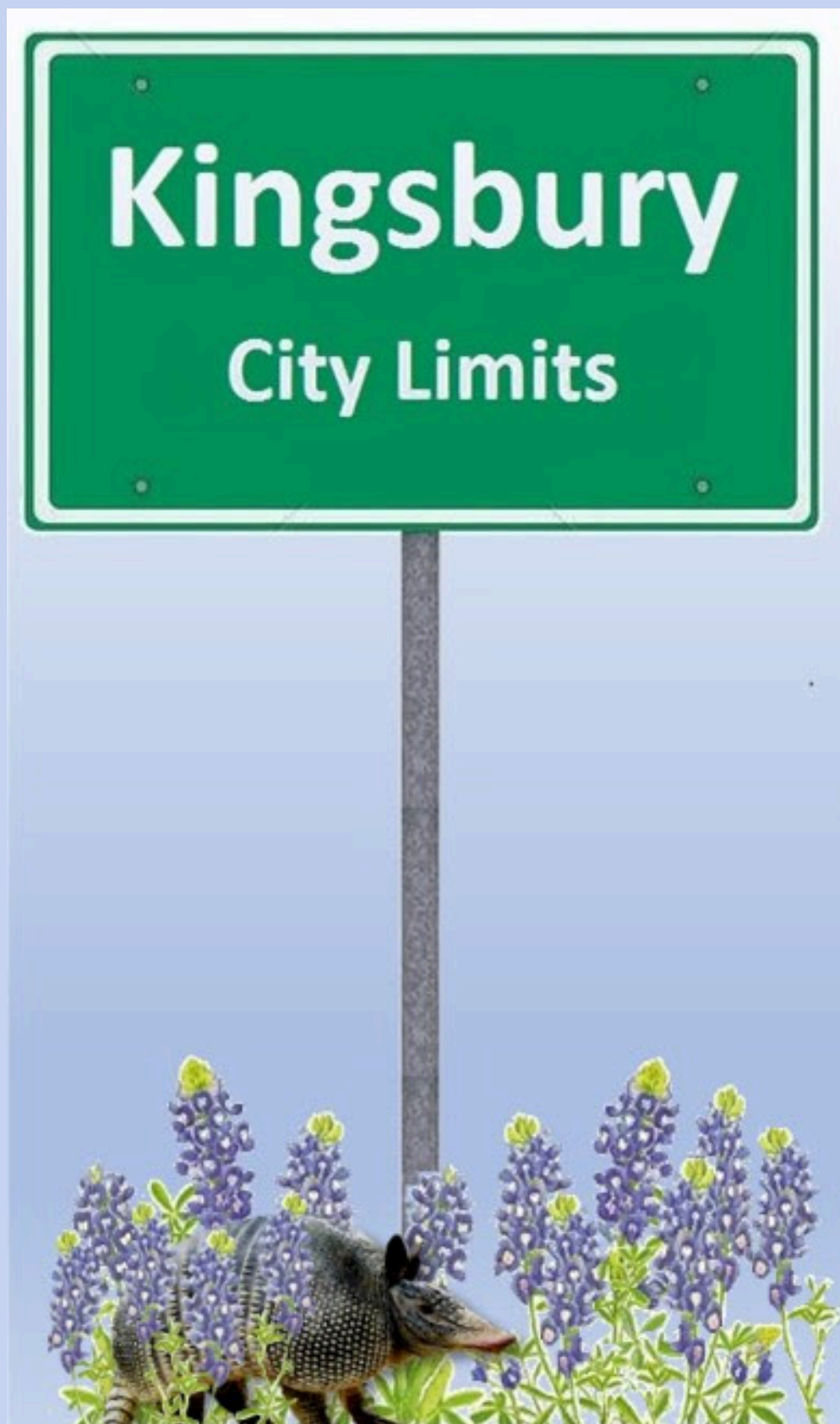
Kingsbury City Limits

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!





## Washington's Birthday

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, to Augustine and Mary Ball Washington. He grew up in a modest plantation family, with his father working as a planter and landowner. Washington's early childhood was shaped by the death of his father when he was just 11 years old, which limited his formal education. However, he learned practical skills in mathematics, geography, and surveying.

As a teenager, Washington worked as a land surveyor, mapping the Virginia wilderness and gaining a strong understanding of the land. His early experiences with **frontier** life and leadership set the stage for his military and political career. By his early twenties, he had joined the Virginia militia, marking the beginning of his path to national leadership.

During the French and Indian War, he gained valuable military experience, which later helped him lead the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolution. After the war, Washington became a key figure in the drafting of the U.S. Constitution and was unanimously elected as the nation's first president in 1789. He served two terms, establishing many government traditions and setting the precedent for a peaceful transfer of power by stepping down after his second term.

Washington retired to his Mount Vernon estate and passed away in 1799. His leadership, integrity, and vision for a united nation continue to define his legacy as one of America's greatest figures.

Washington's Birthday, often referred to as Presidents' Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. Originally established in 1879, it was celebrated annually on February 22, Washington's actual birthday.

In 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved the observance to the third Monday in February, creating a long weekend for workers. This shift also led to the holiday being popularly known as Presidents' Day, as it now recognizes not just Washington but also Abraham Lincoln (born February 12) and other U.S. presidents.

Despite the common name change, the federal government still officially designates it as Washington's Birthday.





## 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!

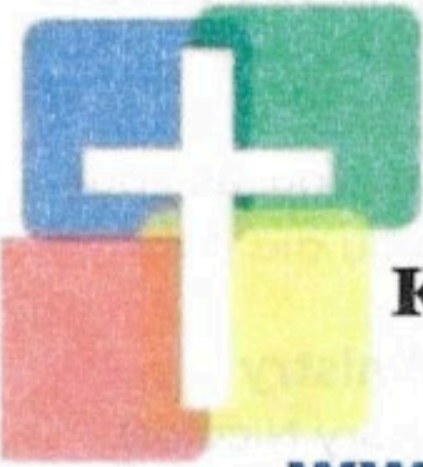


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## Kingsbury Calendar

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](http://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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Today

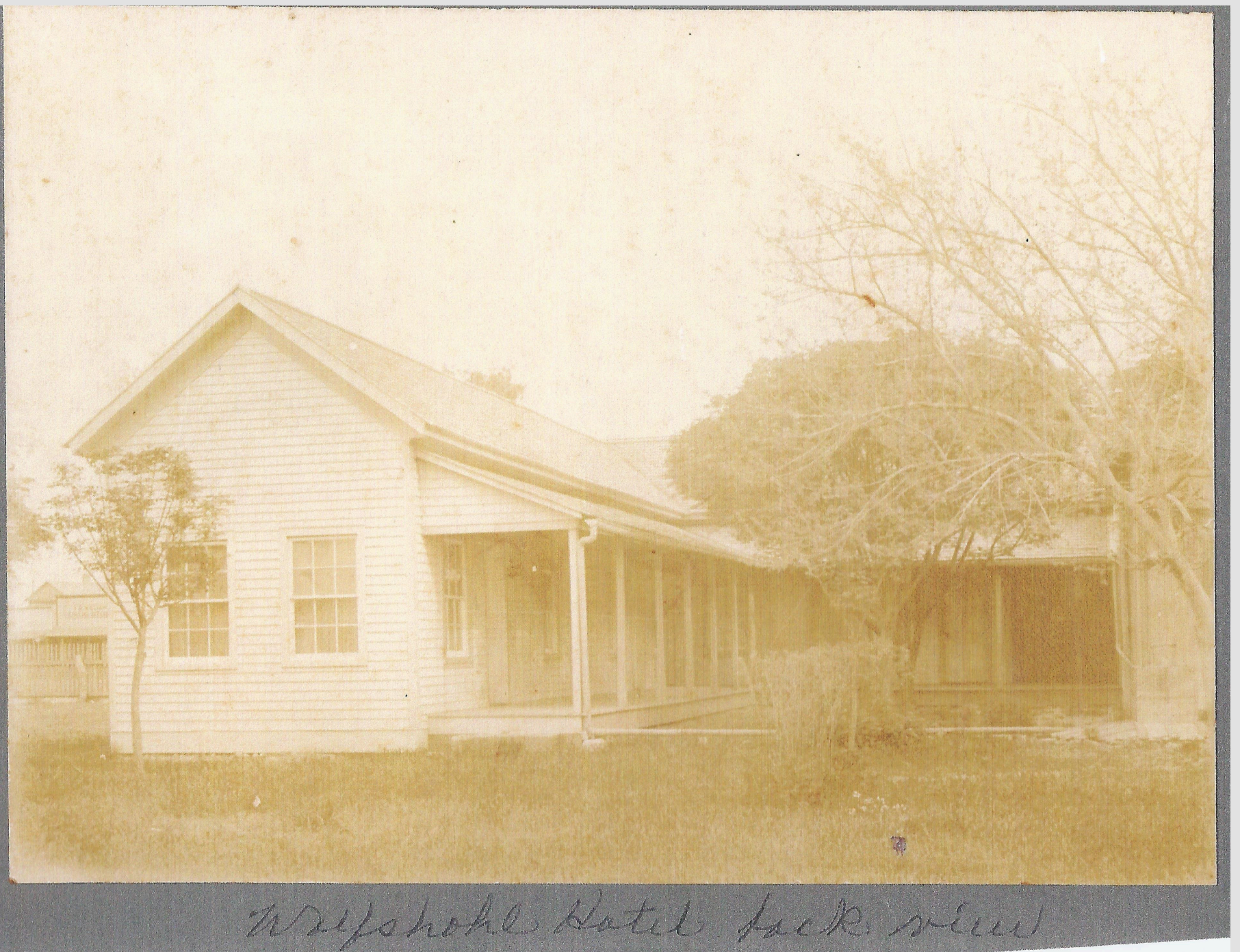
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| 9                 | 10   | 11  | 12<br>🌞 Full Snow ... | 13<br>  Fellowship                | 14<br>Valentine's Day | 15<br>🎗 Volunteer... |
| 16                | 17<br>Presidents' Day<br>  Kingsbury Ci... | 18  | 19                    | 20<br>  Fellowship                | 21                    | 22                   |
| 23                | 24   | 25  | 26                    | 27<br>  Fellowship                | 28                    | 1                    |

## The Wolfshohl Hotel

Kingsbury has had several hotels over the years, one being the Wolfshohl Hotel. This hotel was built south of the tracks and the depot by the Hampton family and was sold to Daniel Wolfshohl in 1889.

It was used until 1924 when a new **hotel** was built on the north side of the tracks and called the Lynch Hotel, run by Mrs. Carrie Jones. The pictures below are of the hotel from the front, the back, and the back from across a freshly sewn garden.





### 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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