

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - March 23, 2025

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# Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

## Massacre At Goliad

This week in Texas history, on March 27, 1836, hundreds of captured Texian soldiers were executed by Mexican forces at Goliad.

At the Battle of Coleto Creek (see last week's Newsletter) on March 19 and 20, the Texians had put up a gallant fight after being surrounded by Mexican troops commanded by General Jose de Urrea. But after being **outnumbered**, out-gunned, and without water, Colonel Fannin and the majority of his troops voted to surrender. The Mexicans took the Texians back to Goliad, where they were held as prisoners at Fort Defiance

(Presidio La Bahia). The Texians thought they would likely be set free in a few weeks. Urrea departed Goliad, leaving Colonel José Nicolás de la Portilla in command. Urrea wrote to Santa Anna to ask for clemency for the Texians. Under a decree passed by the Mexican Congress on December 30 of the previous year, armed foreigners taken in combat were to be treated as pirates and executed. Urrea wrote in his diary that he "...wished to elude these orders as far as possible without compromising my personal responsibility." Santa Anna responded to this entreaty by repeatedly ordering Urrea to comply with the law and execute the prisoners. He also had a similar order sent directly to the "Officer Commanding the Post of Goliad". This order was received by Portilla on March 26, who decided it was his duty to comply despite receiving a countermanding order from Urrea later that same day.

The next day, Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, Portilla had between 425 and 445 Texians marched out of Fort Defiance in three columns on the Bexar Road, San Patricio Road, and the Victoria Road, between two rows of Mexican soldiers; they were shot point blank, survivors were clubbed and knifed to death.

Held at Fort Defiance, Colonel Fannin was the last to be executed, after seeing his men killed. Aged 32, he was taken by Mexican soldiers to the courtyard in front of the chapel, blindfolded, and seated in a chair (due to his leg wound from the battle). He made three requests: that his personal possessions be sent to his family, to be shot in the heart and not the face, and to be given a Christian burial. The soldiers took his belongings, shot him in the face, and burned his body along with those of the other Texians who died that day.

The entire Texian force was killed, except for 28 men who feigned death and escaped. Due to the intervention of Francita Alavez (the "Angel of Goliad") and the courageous effort of Colonel Garay, 20 more men were spared to act as doctors, interpreters, or workers.

Also spared were the 75 soldiers of Miller and the Nashville Battalion who had been unarmed when they were captured. They were later marched to Matamoros. Spared men were given white arm bands, and while wearing them could walk about freely. They were advised not to take off the arm band, since Mexican troops were hunting for those few who had escaped from Coeto, Victoria, and the massacre itself.

The massive number of Texian prisoner-of-war casualties throughout the Goliad Campaign led to Goliad being called a "massacre" by Texas-American forces and fueled the frenzy of the Runaway Scrape, the massive movement of humanity fleeing eastward ahead of the Mexican Army. The Runaway Scrape had been joined by the widows of the Alamo and now by the widows of Goliad.

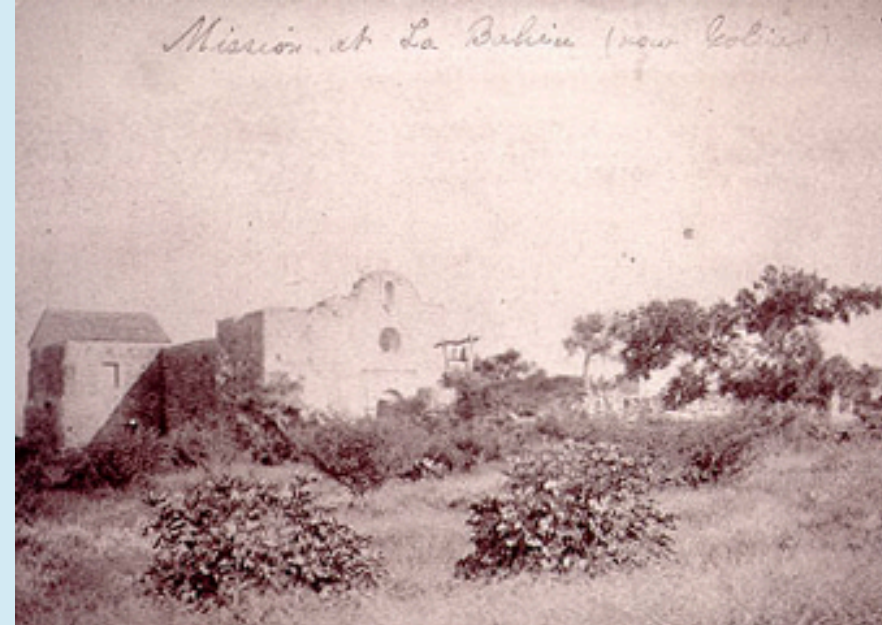
After the executions, the Texians' bodies were piled and burned. Their charred remains were left in the open, unburied, and exposed to vultures and coyotes.

General Thomas J. Rusk found the remains of the massacre victims in June, 1836 and gave orders for a formal military funeral. The remains were interred at the location southeast of the Presidio la Bahia where the Fannin Monument now stands. The whereabouts of the gravesite was forgotten until years later when human bone fragments were discovered by a group of boys.

In 1938 the monument to Fannin and his men was erected at the gravesite.

Back in 1836, after the fall of the Alamo and now Goliad, the Mexican forces continue to move eastward where General Sam Houston has fallen back and has been training his Texian army near San Jacinto ...





## 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 23rd** - National Tamale Day, National Chia Day, National Melba Toast Day, National Near Miss Day, National Chip And Dip Day, National Puppy Day

**March 24th** - National Cocktails Day, National Cheesesteak Day, National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day

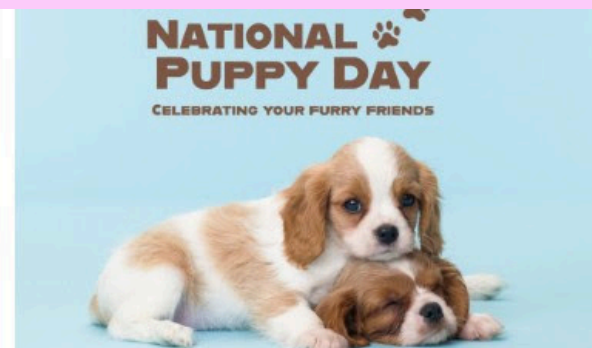
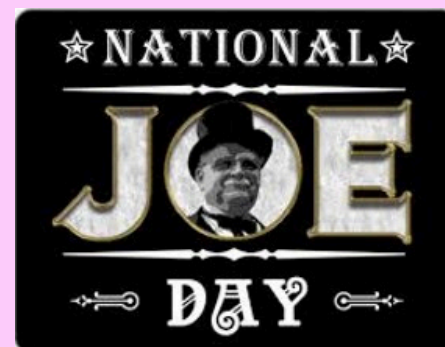
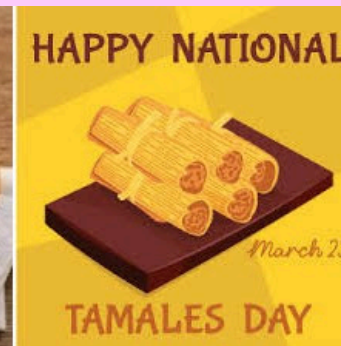
**March 25th** - National Equal Pay Day, National Medal Of Honor Day, National Tolkien Reading Day, National Lobster Newburg Day, American Diabetes Association Alert Day

**March 26th** - National Little Red Wagon Day, National Epilepsy Awareness Day, National Nougat Day, National Spinach Day, National Manatee Appreciation Day

**March 27th** - National Scribble Day, National Spanish Paella Day, National Joe Day

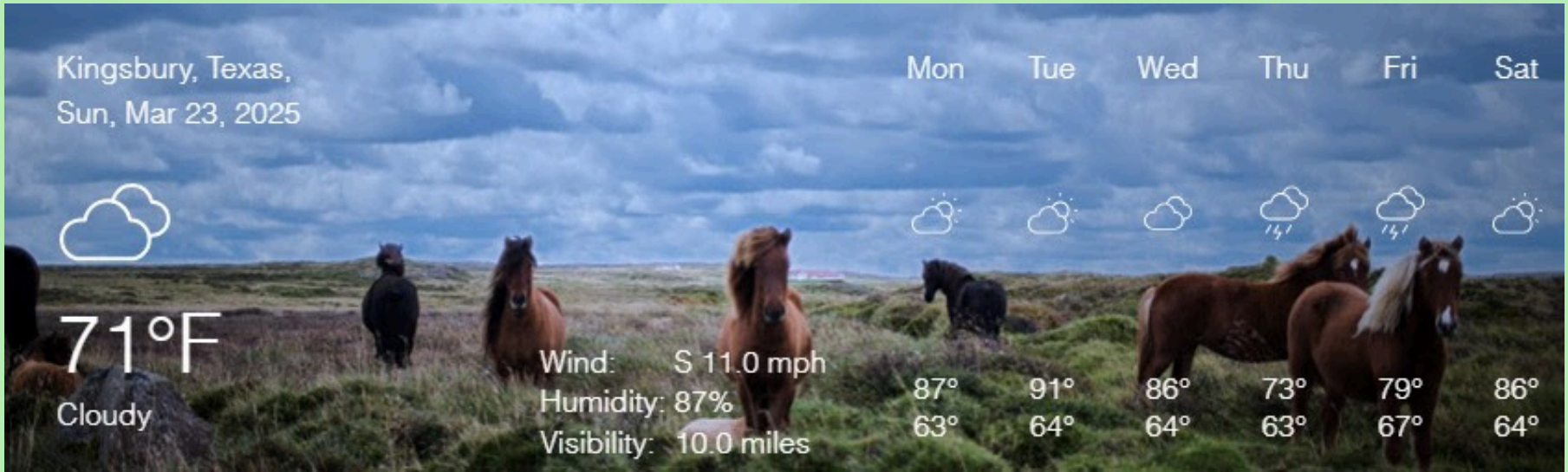
**March 28th** - National Triglyceride Day, National Black Forest Cake Day, National Something On A Stick Day, National Weed Appreciation Day

**March 29th** - National Pita Day National Nevada Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, National Lemon Chiffon Cake Day, National Mom And Pop Business Owners Day





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.



## 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

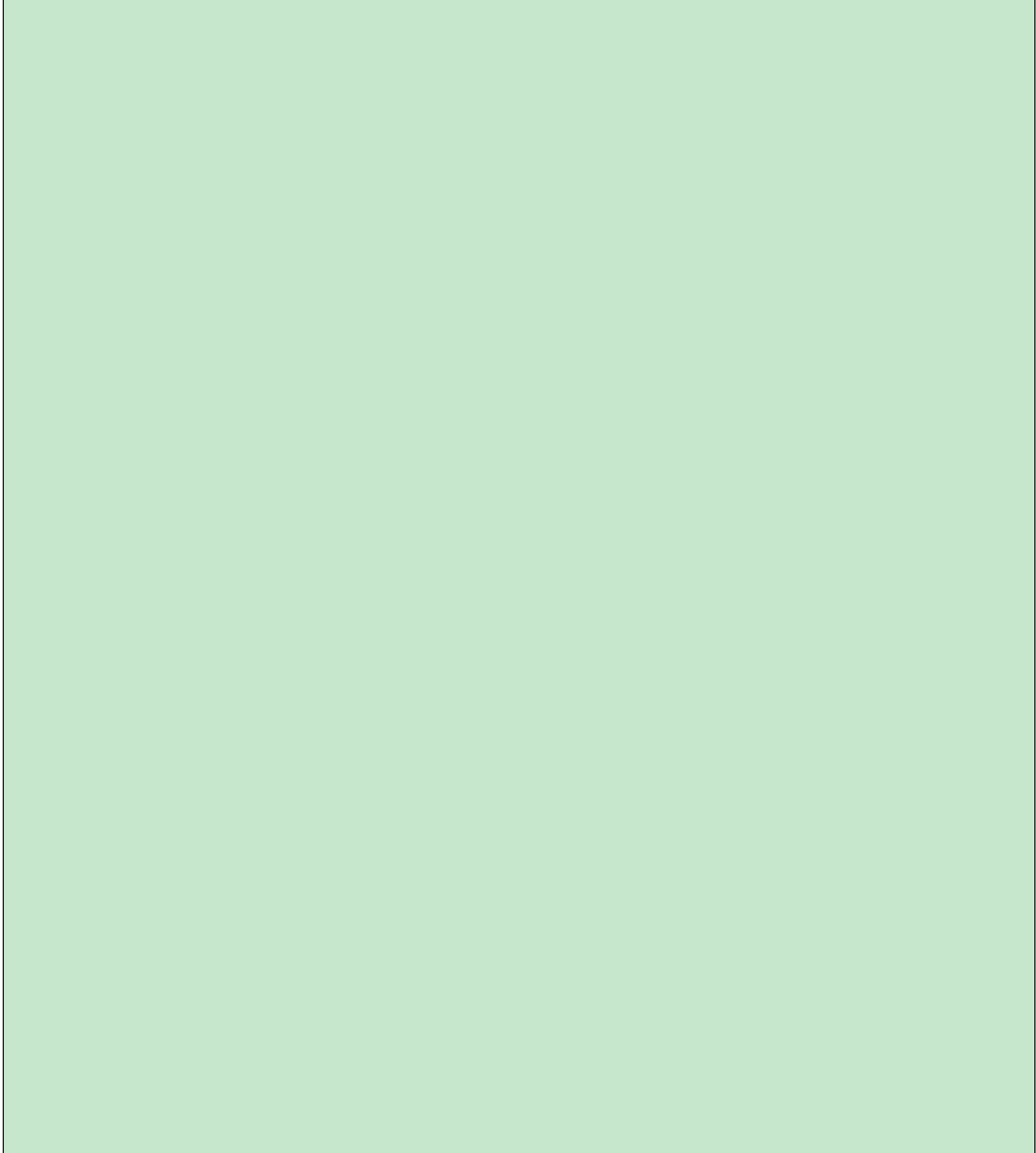
If you don't have a Model T, you can still come for a ride!





## Kingsbury Easter Market

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Easter Bunny, Handmade Items,  
Photographer, Food, Accessories,  
custom items, AND MORE

# Kingsbury Easter Market

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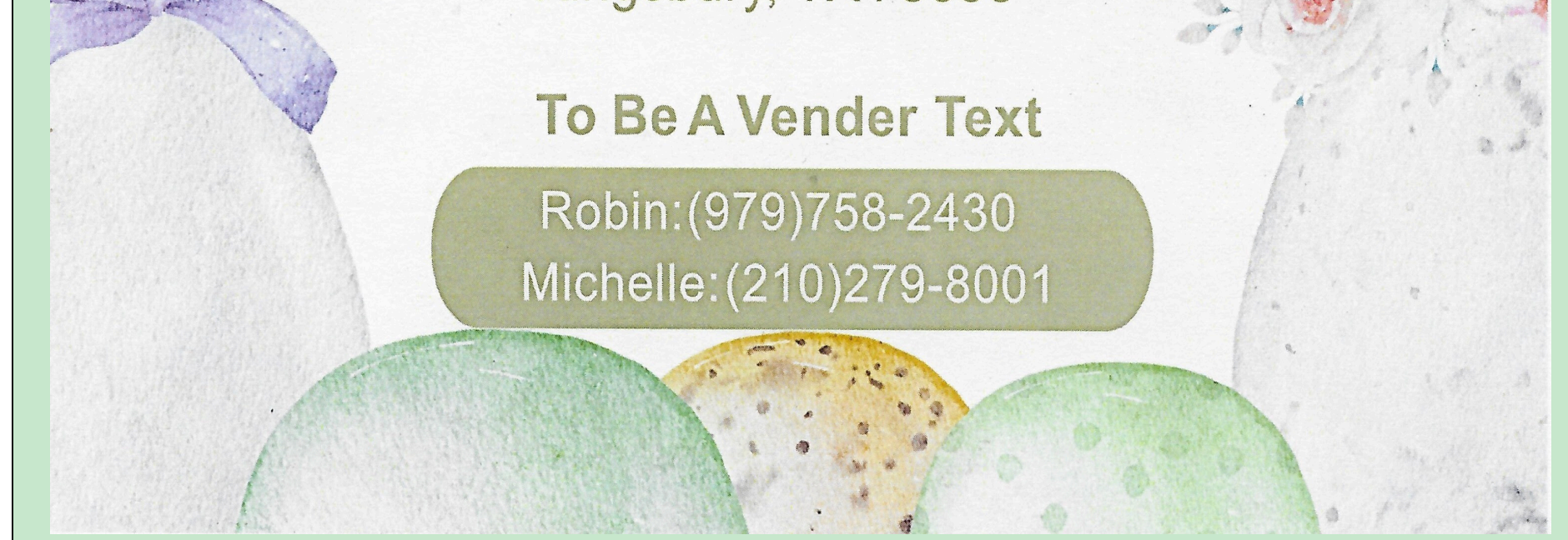
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from 10 AM to 4 PM



668 Railway St,  
Kingsbury, TX 78638



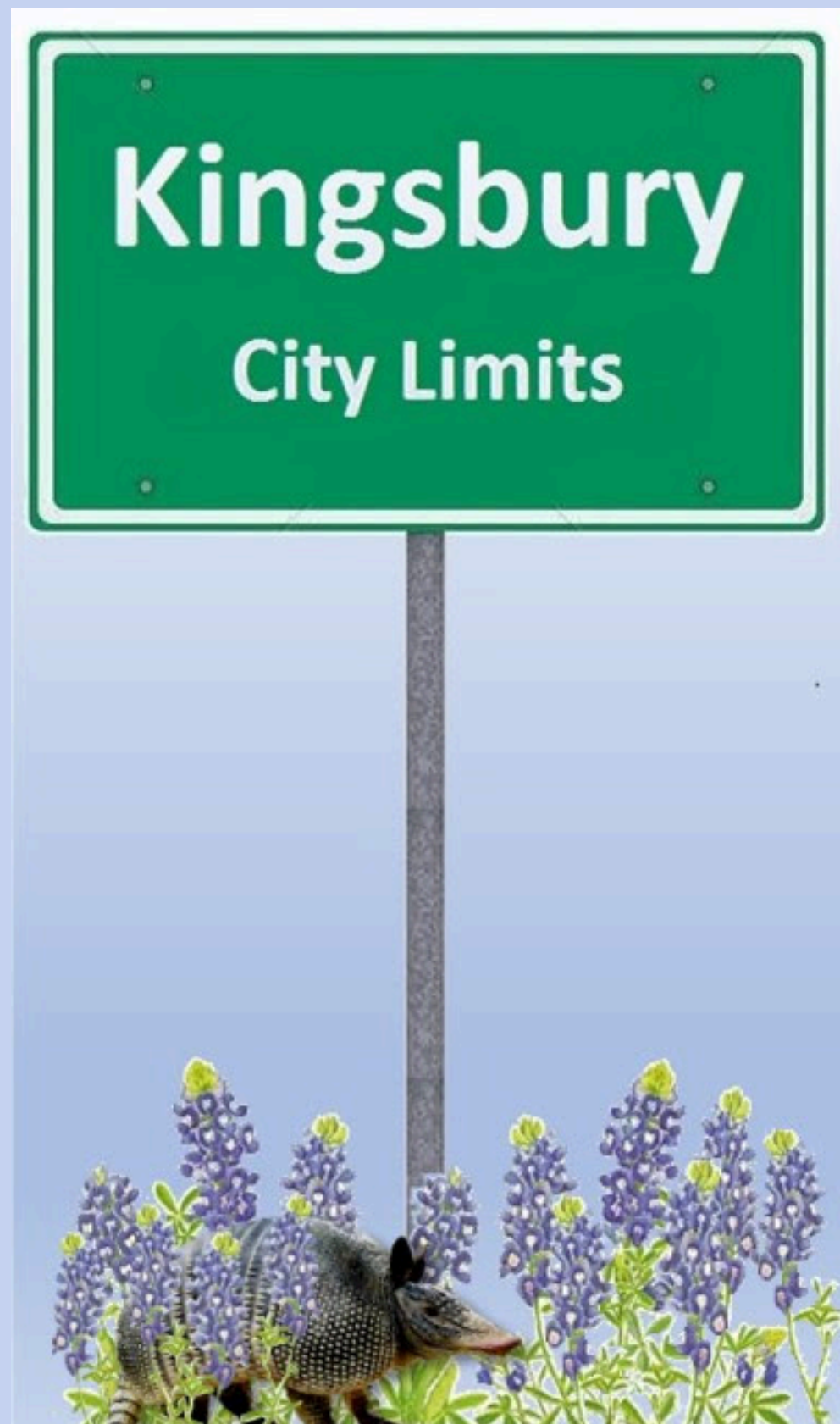


## Kingsbury City Limits

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.

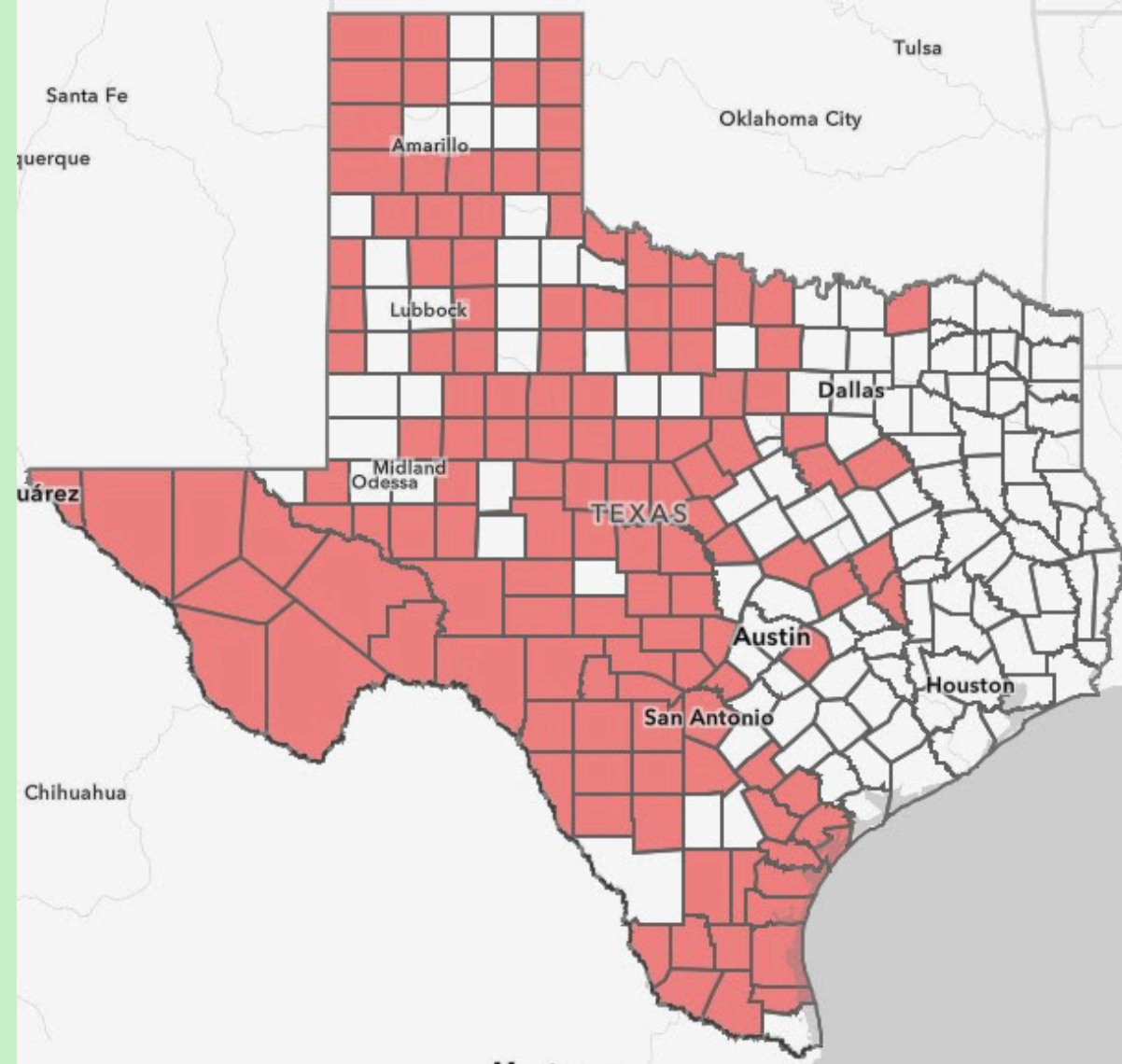
The official notification can be found on the Guadalupe County website at <http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>

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.

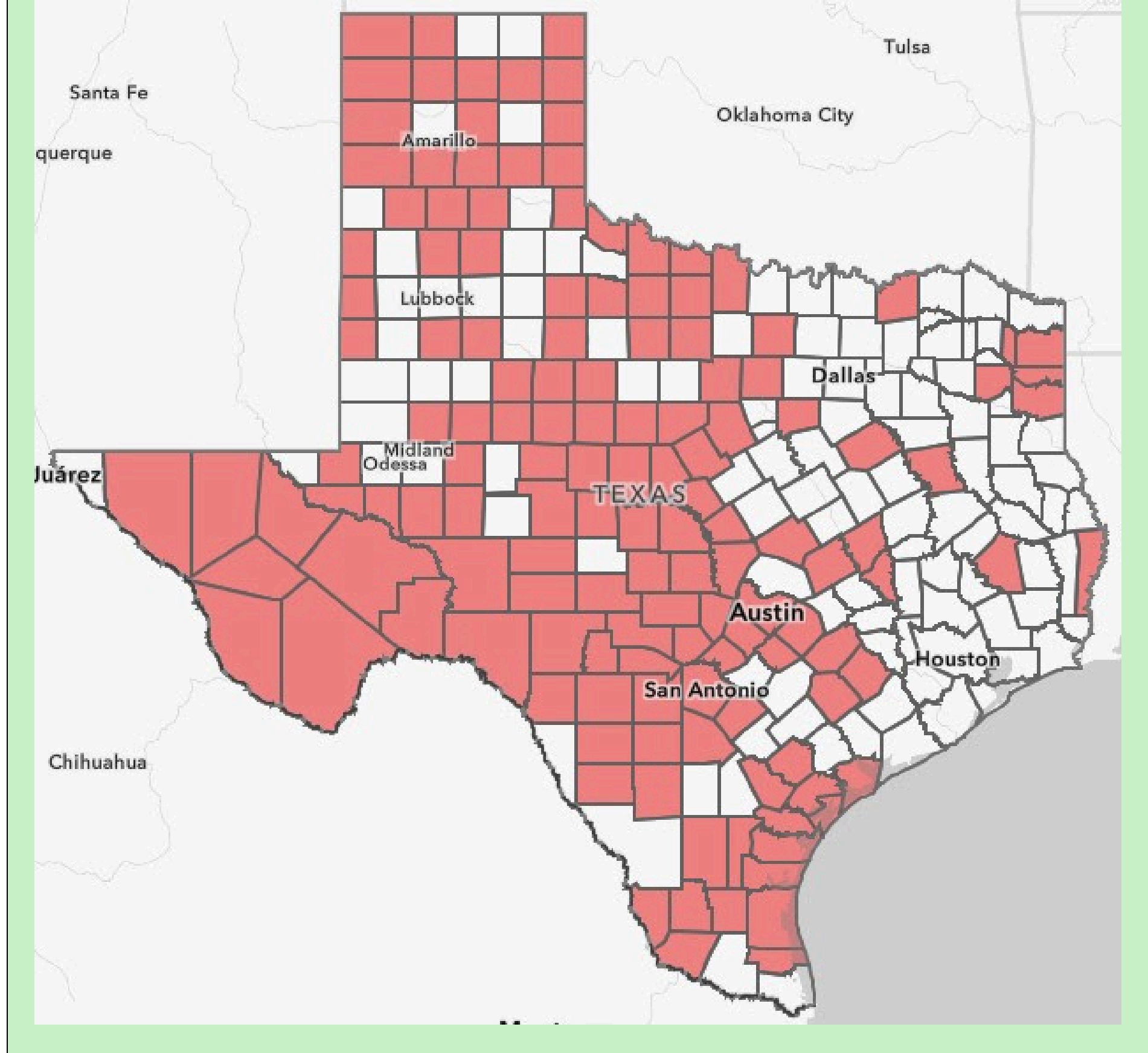
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.

Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 141 that have a burn ban, up from 130 last week. This leaves 113 counties without a burn ban in the state.

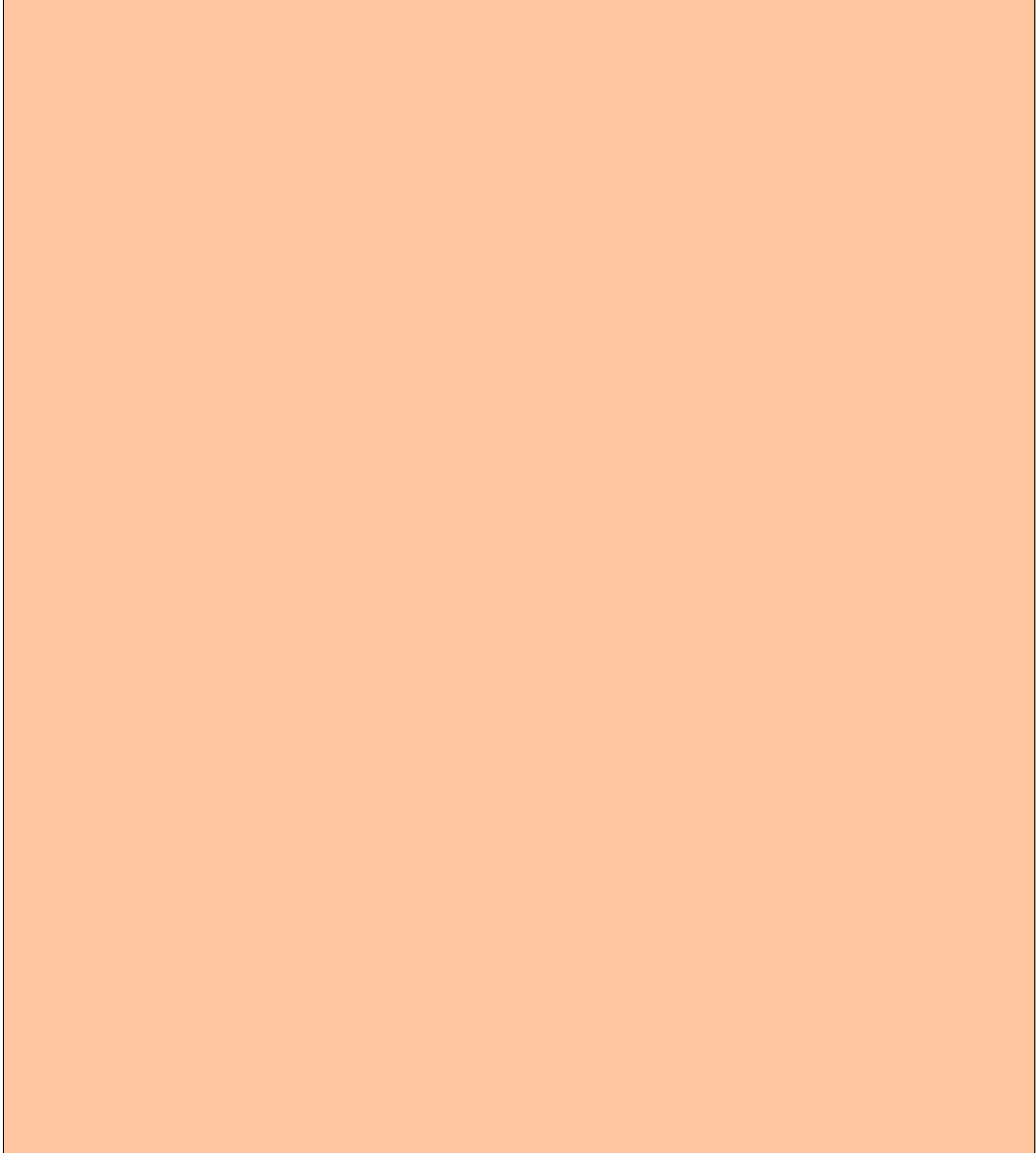
*Current burn bans by county in Texas last week and this week:*







Shooting Event







HERMANN SONS LIFE SEGUIN LODGE

# ★ SHOOT FOR SCHOLARSHIP



**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**

**MOYESWAY SHOOTING SPORTS**

**12601 FM 20, KINGSBURY, TX 78638**

**REGISTRATION 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.**

## MAIN EVENT

**\$100 PER YOUTH**

**\$135 PER ADULT**

## SIDE EVENT

**\$50 PER YOUTH**

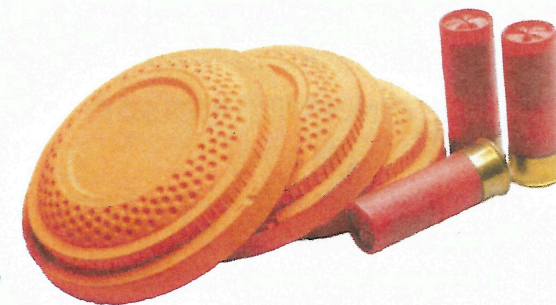
**\$65 PER ADULT**

## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**1ST PLACE YOUTH MALE**

**1ST PLACE YOUTH FEMALE**

**1 RANDOM DRAW YOUTH PARTICIPANT**



**HERMANN SONS LIFE**

**SEGUIN**



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## Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday.

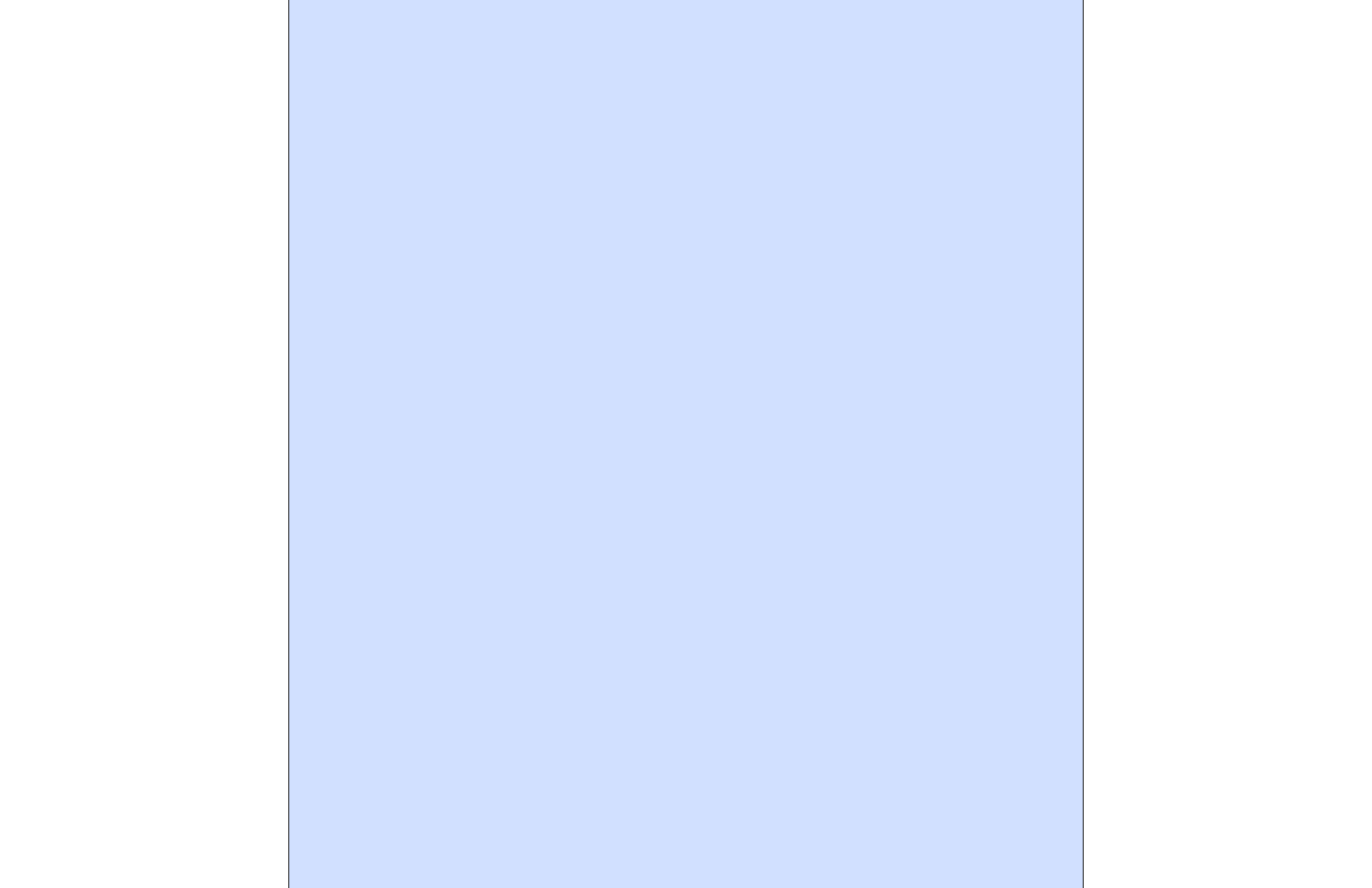
These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!



## Habitat For Humanity







Habitat For Humanity  
"Love Thy Neighbor"  
Event

Landscaping



**March 29, 2025**

**8:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**1600 Sunset St. Seguin, Texas 78155**

We need 15 Volunteers to join the efforts of assisting with Landscaping on the New Home property for a Family of Six.

**Contact:**

**Missions Committee Chairperson**

• Jackie Bafort or Pastor Casso










14 OPEN SPOTS

**Kingsbury Baptist - Love Thy Neighbor**

 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
(2 Hours)

 Saturday, March 29, 2025

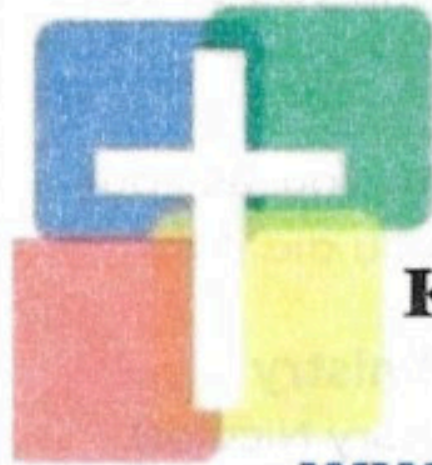
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**Kingsbury Baptist**

Food Pantry & Thrift Store

# KINGSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT OUTREACH MINISTRY



6845 FM 2438

Kingsbury, TX 78638



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Chili Cook-Off



*BIG EASY SALOON*

# CHILI COOK-OFF

*Judges & Vendors needed!*

*Join us for our 4th Annual Chili Cookoff!*  
*Chili, Bean, & Bloody Mary Tastings!*

Scan me for rules & sign up!



***Saturday April 12***  
*Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury | 620 Railway St, Kingsbury, TX 78638*

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

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) < March 2025 > Today

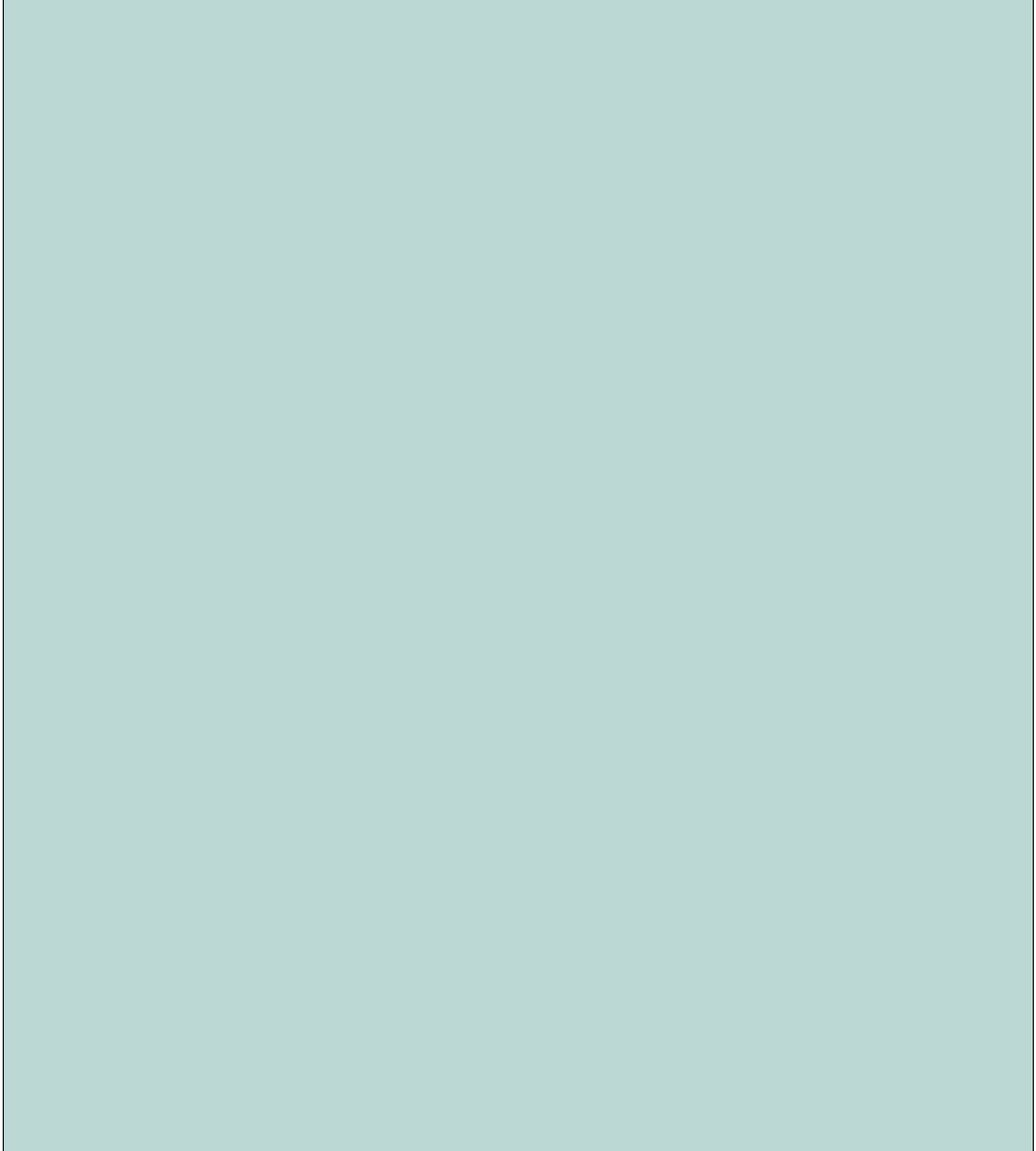
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The Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In is scheduled for May 3rd at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome.

There's always great music, delicious food, tons of sets and displays, **re-enactors**, and awesome antique and vintage vehicles, motorcycles, planes, and more!

Mark your calendars!



# WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN

9AM-4PM

MAY 3, 2025

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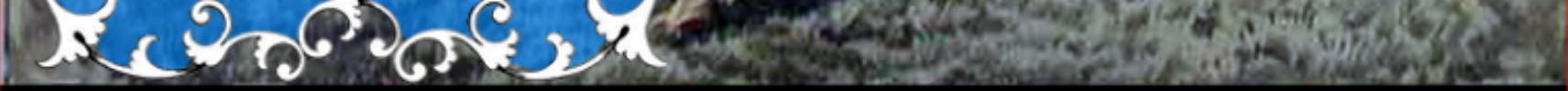


ANTIQUE, VINTAGE & CLASSIC  
AIRCRAFT & AUTOMOBILES

FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS,  
LIVING HISTORY DISPLAYS

MORE INFORMATION ON WEBSITE:  
[PIONEERFLIGHTMUSEUM.ORG](http://PIONEERFLIGHTMUSEUM.ORG)





FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT: DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AT THE GATE

## Truck Raffle

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The Pioneer Flight Museum is having a **raffle** for a 1965 Chevy C20 truck

The drawing will be held during the Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In scheduled for May 3rd at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at <https://pioneerflightmuseum.org/raffle/>

Online ticket sales will be available until May 2nd, 2025 at 10 PM CST. Tickets will be available for sale at the Spring Fly-In until the winner is announced at 1 PM.





## Hieronymus and Maria Donsbach

A great picture of Hieronymus and Maria Donsbach from Kingsbury sometime in the 1910s or 1920s. Maria was born Maria Schmidt in Germany in 1846 and came to the U.S. and Kingsbury at a young age. Hieronymus was born in 1844, also in Germany, the son Johann Jost Donsbach and Anna Maria Hermann who passed away in Germany before Hieronymus also came to Kingsbury as a child. Can you imagine what an **ocean** crossing would have been like for them as children in the mid-nineteenth century?









Both are buried in the Kingsbury Cemetery with a headstone in German saying "Hier Ruht Vater und Mutter" (Here lies Father and Mother) and they passed a year apart, both in the month of "Marz".



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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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