

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - February 2, 2025

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Trail Riders And Trail Drive Breakfast

The Mesquite Trail Riders will be coming to town! They'll be making their annual **stopover** in Kingsbury on their way to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

The Mesquite Trail Riders are one of 11 trail rides on their way to the rodeo this year and will log 87 miles during the trip. These riders promote fellowship and horseback riding as they make their way to the Rodeo with the ride concluding in grand fashion inside the AT&T center Rodeo arena.

The riders will stay overnight at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome on FM1104 and head back out on the trail on

**Monday, February 3rd.**

This year we are planning a Trail Drivers Breakfast in downtown Kingsbury to get the riders back on the trail! There will be breakfast food and hot coffee available to the trail riders and everyone that wants to stop by and say "Howdy!" while they're here! The lead horses should pull in to Kingsbury Hall around 9:00.








## Hello February



This is the first full week of the month of February.

The Roman month *Februarius* was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means purification, via the purification ritual *Februa* held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a **monthless** period.

### February Symbols


Its birth flower is the violet (*Viola*)  and the common primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) .

 Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

Its zodiac signs are Aquarius  (until February 19) and Pisces  (February 20 onwards).


The February skies are one of the few that are not blessed with meteor showers, but any cloudless night this month is a good time to bundle up and check out the diamonds in the sky. Maybe there will be the odd shooting star to make it special.

### FEBRUARY LORE

*There is always one fine week in February.* 



*If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.*

*Fogs in February mean frosts in May.* 





Winter’s back breaks about the middle of February.

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

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| National Fasting February               | National Self Check Month            |
| National Enrolled Agents Month          | Free and Open Source Software Month  |
| American Heart Month                    | Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month |
| An Affair to Remember Month             | Black History Month                  |
| Canned Food Month                       | Creative Romance Month               |
| Great American Pies Month               | National Bake for Family Fun Month   |
| National Bird Feeding Month             | National Cherry Month                |
| National Children’s Dental Health Month | National Grapefruit Month            |
| National Heart Month                    | National Hot Breakfast Month         |
| National Library Lover’s Month          | National Snack Food Month            |
| National Weddings Month                 | National Embroidery Month            |



Groundhog Day

Today, Sunday, February 2nd, is Groundhog Day!

According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

On February 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper Punxsutawney Spirit at the time, and he began promoting the town’s groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist".

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

Just what the heck is a groundhog anyway? According to Wikipedia: "The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as a woodchuck, or whistlepig, is a rodent of the family *Sciuridae*, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The groundhog is also referred to as a chuck, wood-shock, groundpig, whistler, thickwood badger, Canada marmot, monax, moonack, weenusk, and red monk. The name "thickwood badger" was given in the Northwest to distinguish the animal from the prairie badger. Monax was an Indian name of the

woodchuck, which meant "the digger". Young groundhogs may be called **chucklings**. Other marmots, such as the yellow-bellied and hoary marmots, live in rocky and mountainous areas, but the groundhog is a lowland creature. It is widely distributed in North America and common in the northeastern and central United States and Canada. Groundhogs are found as far north as Alaska, with their habitat extending southeast to Georgia."

There you have it! Do you want 6 more weeks of winter? It's been a pretty light winter except for that hard, hard freeze a couple of weeks ago. We certainly don't want six more weeks of that!! I'm sure that some of the people up north that are dealing with polar vortexes are looking forward to the groundhog popping up with no shadow in sight.



As we do every year, we'll see if Kingsbury Kliff the Weather-Predicting Armadillo can give us some spring-like weather with a few more cold nights thrown in just to keep the bugs from taking over this summer! Check the Kingsbury [website](#) anytime for the local weather forecast - it's probably more reliable than a large rodent or a ... we *still* haven't exactly figured out what an armadillo is!





# 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 2nd** - National Tater Tot Day, National Heavenly Hash Day, National Groundhog Day

**February 3rd** - National Four Chaplains Day, National Missing Persons Day, National Women Physicians Day, National Carrot Cake Day, National The Day The Music Died Day

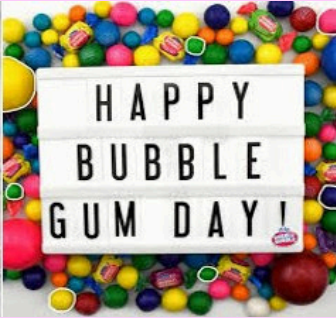
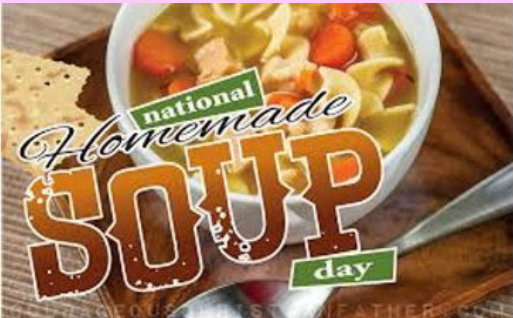
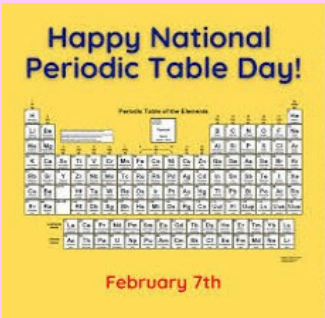
**February 4th** - National Hemp Day, National Homemade Soup Day, National Create A Vacuum Day, National Thank A Mail Carrier Day

**February 5th** - National Shower With A Friend Day, National Weatherperson’s Day

**February 6th** - National Optimist Day, National Chopsticks Day, National Frozen Yogurt Day, National Lame Duck Day

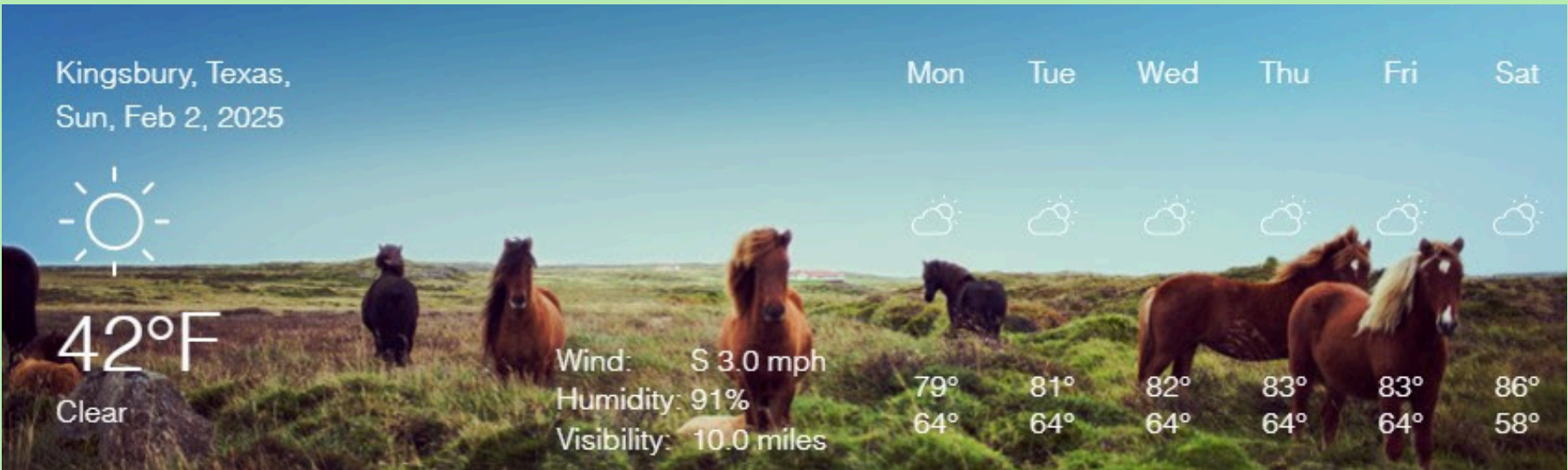
**February 7th** - National Girls And Women In Sports Day, National Bubble Gum Day, National Periodic Table Day, National Wear Red Day, National Fettuccine Alfredo Day, National Send A Card To A Friend Day

**February 8th** - National Iowa Day, National Kite Flying Day, National Boy Scouts 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 Reinstated

On December 17th, 2024 the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court voted to extend the burn ban effective December 31, 2024 through March 2, 2025.

.After a **temporary** burn ban lift, which ended on January 20th, the ban on outdoor burning is back in effect until March 2, 2025



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.



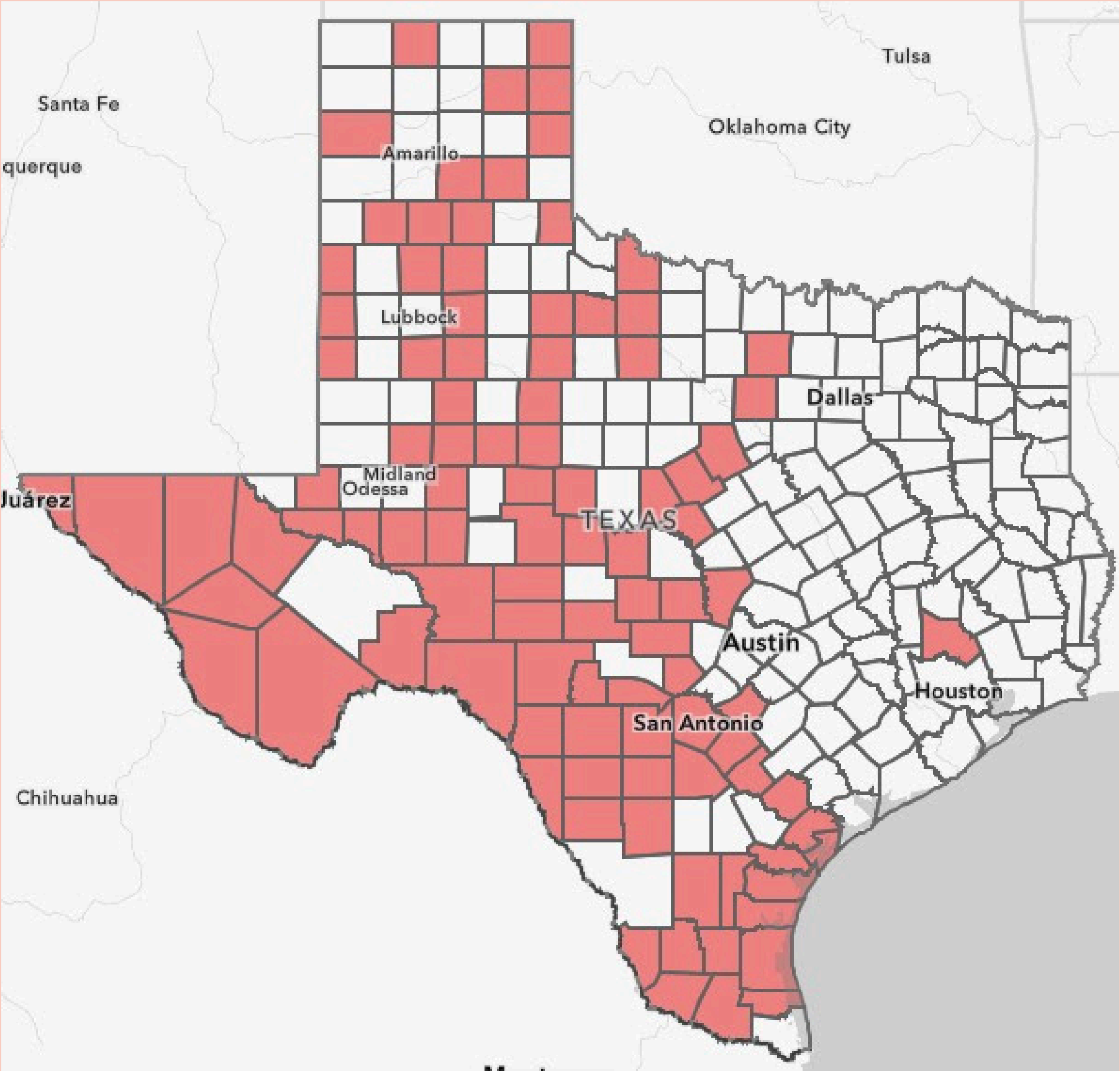
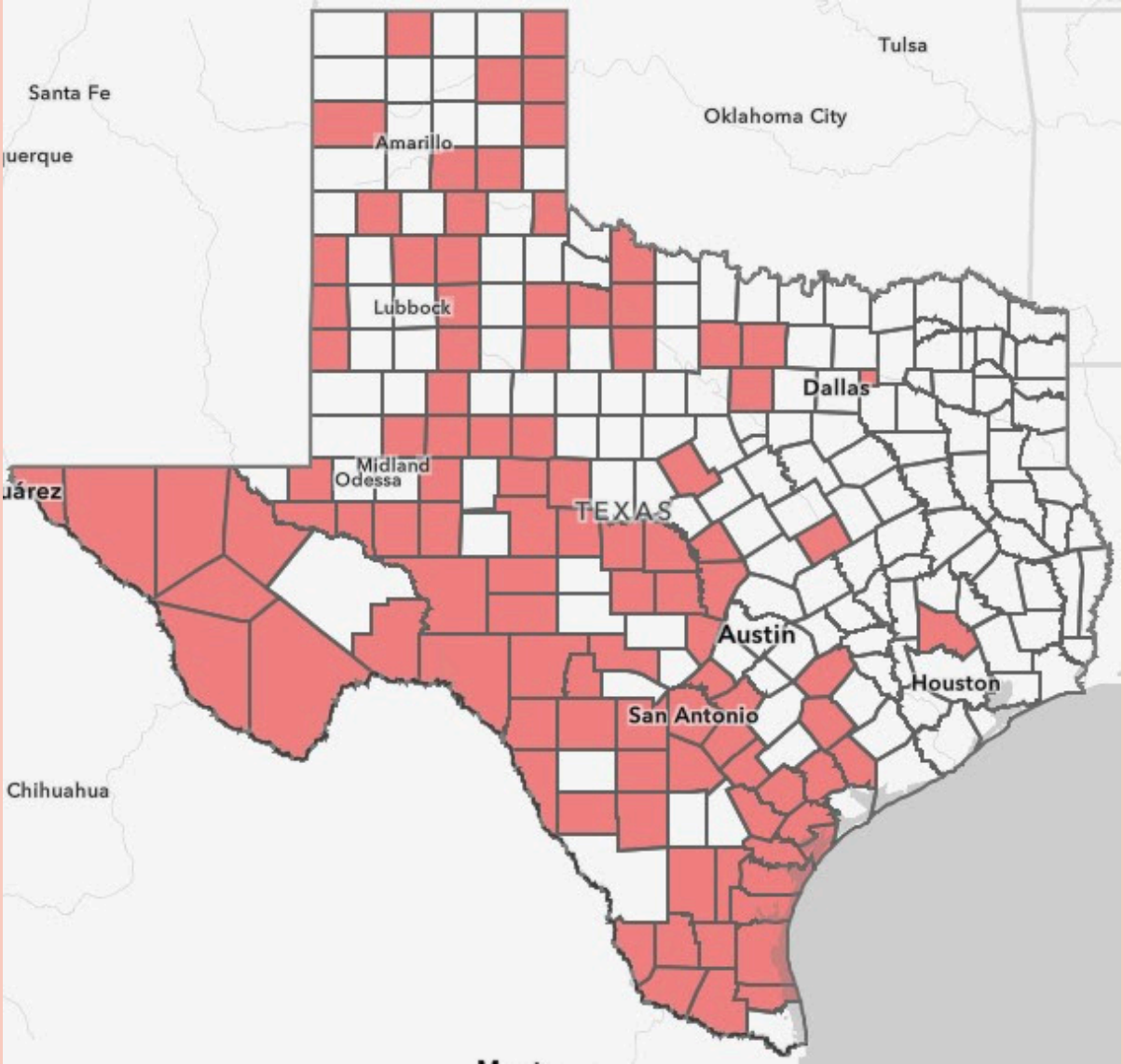
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently 99 that have a burn ban, down from 100 last month. This leaves 155 counties without a burn ban in the state.

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





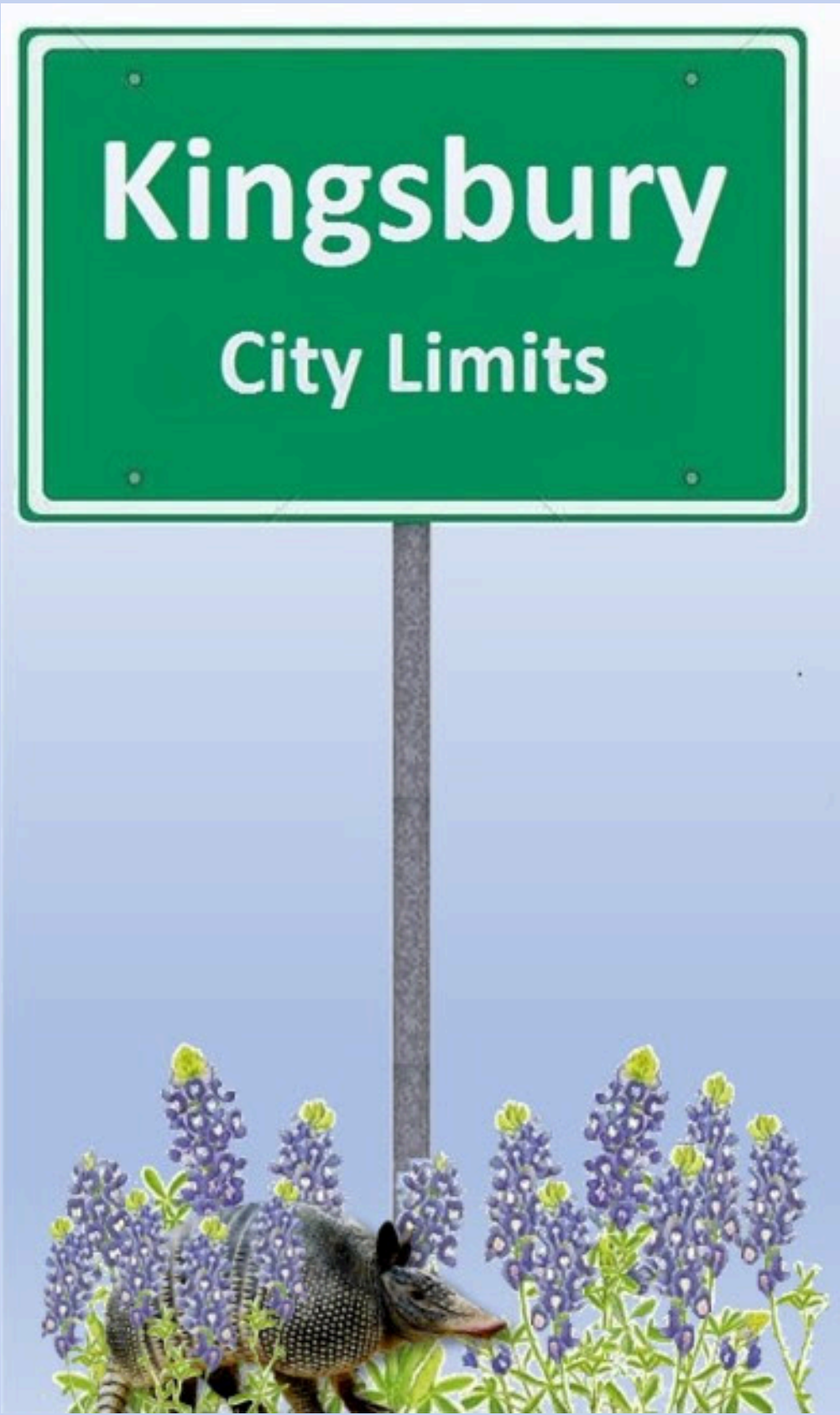
Kingsbury City Limits

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 And Auxiliary

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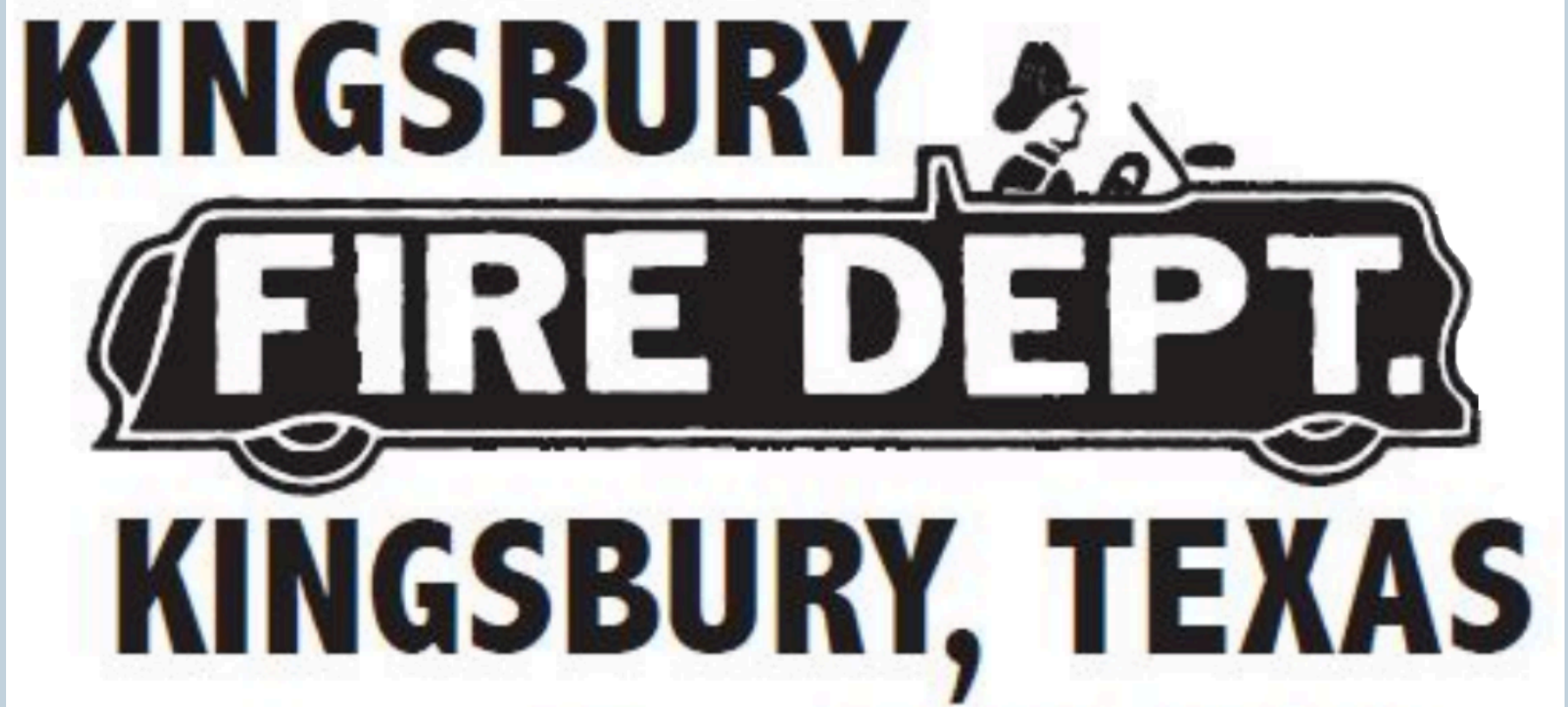
Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

**Thursday, February 6th**

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 2025 will be Thursday, February 6th 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

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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!



## Model T Olympics

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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





**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](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) 

< February 2025 >

Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27   Kingsbury Ci...	28	29	30   Fellowship	31	1
2 🔥 Groundh...	3   🐾 Trail Driv...	4	5	6   KVFD Auxilia...  + 2	7	8
9	10	11	12	13   Fellowship	14 Valentine's Day	15 🎉 Volunteer...
16	17 Presidents' Day   Kingsbury Ci...	18	19	20   Fellowship	21	22
23	24	25	26	27   Fellowship	28	1

## Valentine's Day Dance

# Valentines Dance

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## KINGSBURY HALL

\$7 Cover

Food & Setups

LIVE MUSIC BY  
RIO!

Beer & Wine

FEB. 14

7:30 - 11:00



[www.kingsbury-hall.com](http://www.kingsbury-hall.com)

(979) 248-4884 for  
Reservations or more info

### View of Kingsbury

A great picture of Kingsbury probably in the 1920s or 30s. It looks like it was a postcard and the sender wrote "How do you like the image of Kingsbury?" It looks like someone else wrote "KINGSBURy TEX." (with a backwards "S" ! ) based on the penmanship.

The streets are still unpaved but there are electric poles. The big lumber yard building is still on the tracks in the background and it looks like that's a **hitching** post at the far left of the picture. There are a couple of people on horseback near the windmill, probably getting some water from the trough and resting in the shade of the tree.

The one building has a balcony porch with a chair on it. You could sit there all day and keep tabs on the train, and street activity, and talk to passers-by from your deck!





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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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