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CITY OF KINGSBURY HAS SECOND ROUND OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS

By Shirley Nolen
Mayor—City of Kingsbury

The City of Kingsbury had another set of voluntary annexations recently. The areas that are now part of the Kingsbury city limits are between Prairie Lea Road and Highway 90, some properties along Highway 90 down from FM 1104, and properties on FM 1104 near Turner Lane.

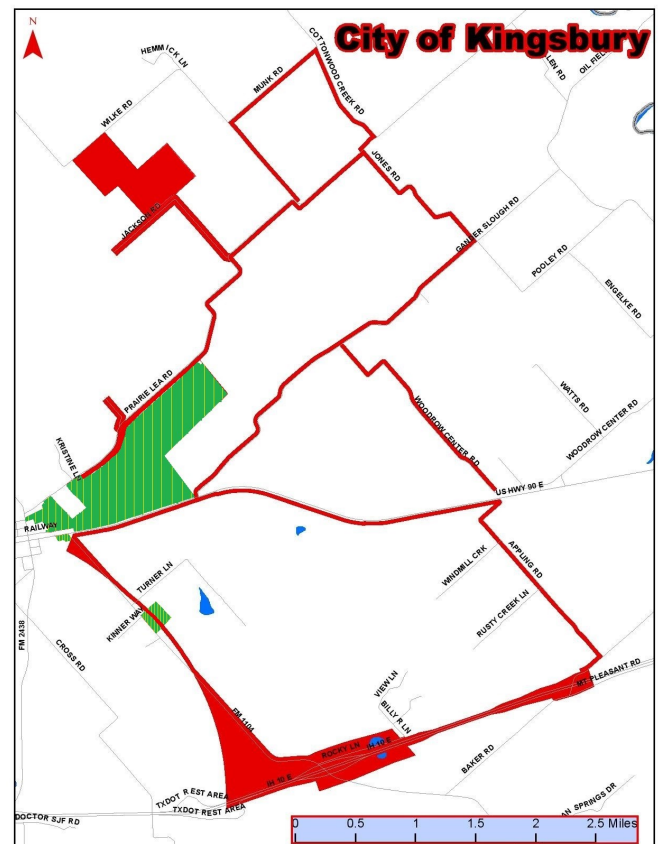
The process started when the land owners filed Voluntary Annexation Petitions with the City. The City Commission then published notices for Public Hearings at three different locations in the areas of



Mayor Nolen and Zach Larison trying out his gavel skills.

the properties being annexed. A second Public Hearing was then held to hear any further comments or questions regarding the annexations. After the second Public Hearing, the City Commission voted to pass an ordinance (O2016-14) on the annexations. Once the vote passed to accept the ordinance, the properties were immediately a part of the Kingsbury City Limits.

Several citizens joined in the Public Hearings to watch the proceedings and be a part of their government in action. Young Zach Larison even tried out his skills at reading from the agenda and banging the gavel on its sound block. That is an additional benefit of the Public Hearings besides answering any questions or hearing comments from the attendees—the people of Kingsbury get to be a part of the process. All City officers, elected and appointed, really enjoy having citizens take part in this process. It not only maintains the transpar-



Kingsbury city limits and latest annexations.

ency of government, it's actually a fun time getting together with others that have the same love for Kingsbury!

Properties included in this latest round of voluntary annexations were the Kings-

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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMISSIONER JANET IGNASIAK

Staff Writer—Kingsbury

This is the final "Spotlight" article on the elected members of the Kingsbury City Commission.

On November 21, 2015, Janet A. Ignasiak took the Oath of Office and became City Commissioner for the City of Kingsbury.

So who is this person Janet A. Ignasiak? Janet was the "middle" child of five children. In an Air Force family, transfers were a way of life.

"We lived in many countries, state, cities. We moved every three years. Just when we were getting used to

living in a place and making friends--it was time to move."

When she was 11 years old, Janet joined a volunteer organization called "Bluebells". Janet spent her weekends as a volunteer at a local nursing home visiting with the residents, helping with feeding, refreshing their ice water, reading to them or just stopping in to say hello. Her dedication and enthusiasm earned her the honor and award of "Outstanding Bluebelle". This was the beginning of the many ways that Janet would volunteer and express her passion to help others in her community.

Another military move brought her and her family to small farm life between Seguin and Kingsbury. She has remained in this area since.

As a dedicated and passionate person, another part, another place, Janet is serving her community as a member of Seguin Sunset Lions Club. For over 25 years she has worn the Lions vest with a smile and a Roar! The Lions Club helps her to help others in the community, collecting food for the food pantry, toys for children at Christmas, singing or playing Bingo with residents at local nursing homes, and the most recent Lions project, vision screening, checking the vision of children as young as six months old for various vision problems.

Another opportunity to be of service to her community saw her in a 6 year term on the School Board at St.



James Catholic School. "Listening to to the school community, gathering facts, making educated decisions

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FROM THE MAYOR

By Shirley Nolen

The residents of the City of Kingsbury will be able to vote in a Special Election this coming November 8th. We will be having a separate ballot for a sales and use tax for Kingsbury.

I know what you're thinking—Now that we are a city, the taxation starts, right? Taxation is certainly not something that the City of Kingsbury was ever wanting to do. But what we have found is that the vast majority (up to 80%) of grants available to municipalities are only awarded if the city has a sales tax. Without this tax, Kingsbury is completely ineligible for almost all the grants we are counting on to help us make improvements and enter into projects for our city.

As you probably know, if you live in Texas, you already pay a 6.25% state sales tax. Then, depending on where and what you are purchasing, you pay a local

sales tax of up to a 2% maximum. These local sales taxes can be charged by one or more of four types of entities: cities, counties, special purpose districts, and transit authorities. You may not know it, but Guadalupe County already has a local tax rate of .05% (out of that 2% maximum). There are currently no special purpose districts or transit authorities taxing in the Kingsbury, so we are able to implement a local tax of 1.5%.

The Kingsbury City Commission has already spoken with some great grant consultants that will work for Kingsbury and be paid out of the grants that they are able to win. Any costs for the work done by the City Engineer for projects funded from grants would also be paid for from the grant money.

Kingsbury was incorporated on the principles of a "Liberty City" - low to no taxes, small government, and minimal regulations. By

working to provide municipal projects by way of grant money, the City of Kingsbury can continue to operate without a property tax and stick to the important pillars of the Liberty City concept.

So this coming election period, the registered voters in the city limits of Kingsbury will be given a Special Election ballot in addition to the general election ballot. The only item on this ballot is "Proposition 1—The adoption of a local sales and use tax within the City of Kingsbury, Texas, at a rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%)."

This election (if the proposition passes) will mean that the City of Kingsbury will now be eligible for all applicable grants. We can begin to apply for the projects that will mean improvements for our City and do it without an ad valorem / property tax. The total local sales and use tax is capped at that 2% maximum so there is no fear that the city's rate will be increased



beyond the 1.5% proposed. A vote "For" this tax is a vote "For" Kingsbury's future.

I would like to thank Lisa Adam and Missy Doss at the Guadalupe County Elections Office for helping the City of Kingsbury figure out how to hold this Special Election at an absolute minimal cost to the city. They have been nothing but helpful and have supported us tremendously as we learn everything there is to know about holding our own election. It has been wonderful to work with them.

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bury Volunteer Fire Department stations #1 (at the corner of FM 1104 and Highway 90) and #2 (on Railway Street). The KVFD Trustees filed voluntary annexation petitions for the Fire Department as the legal agents for the station properties.



City Commission votes to approve annexation ordinance.

The attendees of the 44th Annual Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q this past July 30th may not have known it, but they were finally on Kingsbury VFD property that was actually in Kingsbury!

Area land owners can go to the Kingsbury website and get a petition for voluntary annexation. Just point to "About" on the menu and then select "Kingsbury city limits". The petition icon is below the map and can be viewed and printed.

The property must be contiguous to current city limits or another property also being annexed. But any land owner can file a petition before touching city limits, the petition will just be held pending further annexations and will be actually filed



Kingsbury City Commission and local citizens take part in a Public Hearing.

with the City Clerk, Nelda Hotchkiss, once the property is eligible for being annexed.

For more information or to contact the City of Kingsbury, go to www.kingsburytexas.org.



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NOTICE OF MEETINGS REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE KINGSBURY CITY COMMISSION

Regular Meetings of the Kingsbury City Commission are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Kingsbury Baptist Church located at 6901 FM 2438, Kingsbury, TX 78638

These meetings are open to the public. Come learn more about your government and the future of our community.

For more information, visit us at www.kingsburytexas.com

Kingsbury City Commission

- Shirley Nolen—Mayor
- Janet Ignasiak—City Commissioner
- Alison Heinemeier—Mayor Pro Tem
- Nelda Hotchkiss—City Clerk
- Sam Drugan—City Attorney
- Art Martinez de Vara—City Attorney

CITIZEN OF KINGSBURY

DEBRA HEINSOHN

What is your full name?

Debra Heinsohn

Where did you go to school?

I graduated high school in Schulenburg just down the road.

What is your current occupation?

I'm retired now, but I worked for 33 years at Texas State University. For the last 20 years of that, I was the Executive Assistant to the Provost.

Alaska or Hawaii?

Alaska. I would love to catch a big halibut. I would also like to take an Alaskan cruise.

Houseboat or ski boat?

Houseboat. That's an easy one because I don't know how to ski!

RV or tent?

RV. I've done the tent thing. Been there, done that!

Who would you want with you if you were stranded on a desert island?

Probably my brother. He can grow stuff and hunt stuff and provide all the food.

Where would you like to go that you have never been?

I think Italy and the Italian country side. That would be great with all the food and wine.

What is your favorite memory?

That would have to be giving birth to my son and the first time I saw him.

Do you have a favorite author or book?

I like reading Danielle Steel books. They are easy reading and I love romance novels.

What has been your biggest challenge?

I guess that was paying for college. When I was in school I had four other siblings in college at the same time.

What has been your biggest success?

That would be my career at Texas State University.

What one thing would you change if you had it to do over?

I probably would marry my present husband the first time!

If you could travel back in time, what year would you travel to?

I think I'd go back to 1974. I loved high school in Schulenburg. It was a small school with only 50 in my class. In a small town like that, everybody knew everybody, we stayed out at night without being afraid, and we walked everywhere!

How would your friends describe you?

Probably the "life of the party" and the one who planned the party. I'm very much a party planner. They would probably also describe me as "caring." *At this point, a friend of Debra's chimed in with "creative!"*

What do you do off the clock just for fun?

I cook every day. And I love to garden—both flower gardens and vegetable gardens. I can and preserve everything I grow also. Beets are my favorite vegetable to grow because you can't find enough of them in the store when you want to can some.



What is your favorite TV show and/or movie?

My favorite TV show is *The Big Bang Theory*.

I think my favorite movie would be *Dirty Dancing*. *Pretty Woman* would probably be in a tie with that.

What is something about yourself that others may not know?

I fish by kayak on saltwater, usually at the Texas coast. My husband and I each have a kayak and love fishing. In my last tournament, I won for the biggest flounder.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

That would probably be the advice from my mother when she said to always be honest.

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REMEMBERING KINGSBURIANS WE'VE LOST

Anna “Ann” Ruth Bertling—Faithful servant to the Lord through Kingsbury Baptist Church, Anna “Ann” Ruth Bertling, age 77 of Kingsbury, passed away on June 19, 2016. She was born August 6, 1938 in Lepanto, Arkansas to Kelly Curtis and Arzella (Fain) Boland. Ann is preceded in death by her husband, Roy Bertling; her parents; and her brother Jay Boland. Ann is survived by her children, Curtis Bertling and wife Sheryn, Craig Bertling, Brook Brown and husband Cary, Blake Bertling and wife Jennifer, Brent Bertling and wife Crystal; grandchildren CJ Bertling, Maycie Bertling, Tanner Bertling, Lexi Bertling, Luke Bertling, Cammi Bertling, Chris Brown, Addie Brown, Claire Brown, Wyatt Brown, Morgan Carnes, Keely Bertling, Emery Bertling; Christian Bertling, Landon Bertling and

Bethany Bertling who went with her GeeGee to be with the Lord; brother Gene Boland and wife Pat; sisters Betty Meyer and husband Jim, Kathleen Pitts and husband David; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Dolores Guillot. Bethany is survived by her parents, Blake and Jennifer Bertling; brothers, Christian and Landon Bertling; grandparents, Bob and Judy Guillot, great-grandfather, Herbert Kellner, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Bethany Korynne Bertling—Our precious daughter and sister, Bethany Korynne Bertling age 6, who recently expressed her faith in the Lord by being baptized went to be with the Lord with her loving GeeGee by her side. She was born November 16, 2009 in Seguin Texas to Blake and Jennifer (Guillot) Bertling. Bethany is preceded in death by her grandparents, Roy and Ann Bertling and her great-grandparents, Marjorie Kellner, and Lawrence and

Tristan Alexander Gonzales—Tristan Alexander Gonzalez, age 12, of Seguin, passed away on June 19, 2016. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 10 A.M. at First Baptist Church in Seguin with Rev. Larry Carson officiating. Interment will follow at the Kingsbury Cemetery. Tristan was born on January 20, 2004 in West Point, New York to Adrian and Jessica (Pafort) Gonzalez. Tristan is survived by his lov-

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for what was best of the entire school, challenged and tested my motivation.” Janet said.

And this “pulled on my heart strings” she said. She received training as a Hospice volunteer. With at least 15 years of experience, holding the hands of dear ones as they leave this life to go on, Janet says that this is “a truly spiritual experience”.

Experiencing another culture, and an extreme passion for Janet, is her heritage of Native American ancestry. As told, she is Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Cherokee. She became involved in a local group Eagle’s Nest, an Intertribal Native American Organization dedicated to preserve, respect, share and appreciate the Native American culture. As one of the driving forces of the organization, Janet designed their website and flyers. After much planning, Eagle’s Nest presented to the Guadalupe County community not one, but two powwows. The first, October 2009, was a small glimpse of what was to come. Then, October 2010, the sec-

ond powwow came to be. It was grand! Center Square in downtown Seguin overflowed with Native American dancers, vendors, pounding drum beats, the mayor, news media, people from here and as far away as Nebraska and Arizona. Enthusiasm prevailed that day. Janet wrote this poem that was published in the powwow program:

Spirits Dancing

Red Earth
Turquoise Sky
All Native People Standing
Side By Side.
Chanting
Drumming
Moving Our Feet,
Honoring Our Elders
Praying As The Heartbeats.
Unity
Peace
And Harmonizing Love
Mother Earth Sings
Simple and Pure
As a White Feathered Dove.
Today, a Celebration
For All To Take Place,
With Beads, Baskets, Blankets
And Some a Pained Face.
This Spiritual Tradition,
“We’ve Been Here Before”
Gathering, In the Circle of Life
We Open to You--
The Sacred Door.
Buffalo, Sage, Feathers, & Shawl,
We Want To Bless And Thank You All.

We hope You Felt The Passion Of The
NATIVE TRIBAL NATION,
Thank You For All The People To See
This Powwow.

Janet’s current occupation is that of Licensed Massage Therapist. She has been self employed in this profession for over 26 years. This is indeed one of her most true passions. She has been voted “Best of the Best” in the Seguin Gazette reader’s poll for many consecutive years. Janet’s passion for having “healing hands” featured Janet in a leading article in a professional trade magazine. With many clients and years of experience in the profession of massage, her dedication, passion and spiritual healing will lead to many more years of touching the lives of those she meets.

The mother of 2 children, Sarah and Frankie, a grandmother or “MeMe” to Orion and Rebecca, a wife to husband Frank (34 years in December), she is truly passionate with everything she does.

15 years ago Janet and Frank bought a beautiful piece of property in Kingsbury, Texas. 10 years ago they began building a house and are still building it! “Just us.” Janet says. “I mean bending and tying rebar, pouring concrete, framing, roofing, plumbing, sheet rock (yuck), tape and float, tile work, roofing, hanging doors..... we are learning a lot as we go along. We are living the City of Kingsbury’s brand, Living. Simply. Well. I love that Brand!”

“It is my honor and privilege to serve as City Commissioner for Kingsbury. We are always learning and listening to the people who live here. Kingsbury is a rural way of life, the Kingsburians

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RECIPE CORNER

With the promise of cooler weather, here are some great soup recipes and sides!

Hungarian Goulash Soup

- 3 medium onions, chopped
- 4 Tbsp bacon fat or olive oil
- 2 lbs lean, boneless chuck of beef, diced
- 4 Tbsp sweet paprika
- 1-1/2 quarts of water or beef stock
- 1 med. green pepper, cored, seeded & sliced
- 1 medium tomato, peeled & sliced
- 1 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp salt, or to taste

Sauté the onion in the fat/oil until golden brown. Add the meat and paprika, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.

Stir occasionally and add a little stock if needed. Add the green pepper, tomato, tomato paste, and 1 tsp of salt. Pour in 1 1/2 cups of stock and cook, covered, over low heat about 2 hours, or until the meat is tender.

During cooking, stir a few times, checking to see if more stock is needed. Ten minutes before end of cooking time, add the remaining stock. Taste and correct seasoning. Serve in heated bowls.

Pumpkin Soup

- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1/4 Cup chopped green pepper
- 2 Tbsp chopped onion
- 1 large sprig parsley
- 1/8 tsp thyme leaves
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 (8oz.) can tomatoes (1 Cup)

- 1 (1Lb) can pumpkin
- 2 cups chicken broth or stock
- 1 Tbsp flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

Melt butter in large saucepan. Add green pepper, onion, parsley, thyme and bay leaf. Cook 5 minutes.

Add tomatoes, pumpkin and chicken broth. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Press mixture through food mill or food processor. Blend together flour and milk and stir into soup. Add salt and pepper and cook, stirring frequently, until mixture comes to a boil. Serve!!

- 1-2 tsp minced fresh hot chili pepper
- 1 cup canned whole kernel corn, drained, or 2-3 fresh ears of corn, kernels stripped
- 1/2 cup crème fraiche or sour cream
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Beat the egg with the oil until blended. Add the chili pepper. Stir in the corn, sour cream, cornmeal, salt, baking powder, and all but 1/2 cup of the cheese.

Pour into an 8-9 inch square pan. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top. Bake in a preheated 350F oven for 40 minutes. Let cool slightly in the pan, then unmold and serve.

Note: Can be baked in a cast iron skillet instead of a pan.

Mexican Corn Bread

- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

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want that kicked back, no hustle or bustle way of life. That's why we live here.

What Inspires Me

by Janet A. Ignasiak

- God
- Sunrises & Sunsets
- Husband, Children, Grandchildren
- Hot Fudge Sundaes (extra extra hot fudge)
- Buffalo
- Dad, Sisters, Brothers
- Faith, Love, Joy
- Poetry
- Mexican food, Friends
- Good Rock & Roll
- Hard work
- Quietness, Hummingbirds
- Kind Heart
- My Mother
- Laughter, Tears
- Good Ideas, Great Plans, Excellent Finish
- Fresh Cut Grass
- Native American Powwows
- Harmony, Humor, Passion
- Life

Kingsbury Lodge Planning Open House!

The Kingsbury Lodge #887 located at 207 Prairie Lea road is having an Open House on Sunday, October 23rd, from 2 to 4 pm.

The Lodge would like to provide the opportunity for the community to meet the Masons from the Kingsbury and local area and give everyone the chance to tour the Lodge.

This is a "Meet and Greet" function and the Lodge is providing appetizers and drinks. All are welcome!!



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Kingsbury Celebrates Birthday

Staff Writer—Kingsbury

The City of Kingsbury celebrated its first birthday on Saturday, September 3rd with a lively party downtown on Railway Street. There were free kids games, slow-cooked brisket Hoagie meals, homemade desserts, and Chicken Poop Bingo. The Gidder-Dun Trail Ride made not just one, but two parades through the festivities with horses, mules, buggies, and wagons.

It's been a year since the City of Kingsbury was incorporated in May last year and city officials were sworn in during the first City Commission meeting last November. Happy Birthday Kingsbury!!



Kingsbury Café Wins Small Business Award

Staff Writer—Kingsbury

Congratulations to The Kingsbury Café for being the 2016 recipient of the Governor's Small Business Forum Award for Guadalupe County! Kingsbury's Mayor Nolen was in attendance at the awards event and accepted the honor on behalf of the owners of the Café, sisters Meghann Bohannon and Tori Waggoner.

The Awards ceremony was held September 1st at the Events Center in San Marcos and special guest speaker Texas Secretary of State Henry Cascos presented the awards to one small business for each of the six counties represented. Of all the nominees for Guadalupe County, our own Kingsbury Café was the winner. The other counties included in the forum in addition to Guadalupe were Bexar, Hays, Caldwell, Comal, and

Blanco and the audience of about 200 attendees was representative of the entire area. There will be another eight of these events around Texas this year to promote small businesses in the state. This year, the focus is on minority owned and veteran owned small businesses.

According to the Governor's office, small businesses account for around 80 percent of new job creation in the nation and they drive the economy in Texas. They excite with innovative ideas; they invigorate with new jobs; and they change the



market landscape. More than 2.2 million small businesses call Texas home - and that number includes over 725,000 women and minority owned small business.

The 2016 Governor's Small Business Forum in San Marcos was hosted in partnership between the Office of the Governor Greg Abbott (Governor's Small Business Team, Texas), the Texas Workforce Commission, the Workforce Solutions Alamo, Workforce Solutions Capital Area, Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area and the Greater San Marcos Partnership.

U.S. Presidential Election History and Facts

Staff Writer—Kingsbury

As our nation prepares for one of the most interesting presidential elections in recent memory, we should realize it's not without precedent. Our nation's history of electing its chief executive has a past that's as varied and chaotic as today's election seems.

Our founding fathers original plan for Article Two of the Constitution called for Congress to elect the president instead of the people. This was similar to how a prime minister was chosen by Parliament. However, the advocates in favor of election by the citizens won out and the compromise of the electoral college was implemented. The only president to receive all electoral votes cast was George Washington in the first presidential election. Washington's popularity rating was estimated by historians to be near 96%, something modern politicians can only dream of. It is interesting to note that Washington did not represent any political party, and is thus our only President elected without party affiliation.

Even today, the method for determining electors is left to each individual state.

Some states do not mandate that their electors even vote for the candidate who won the most votes in the state! This means that for electors sent from 21 states, Texas being one of them, there is no legal requirement for the electors to cast votes for the candidate who won the most votes---it's entirely up to the electors themselves to cast the vote! A recent notable case of this is the one elector that is allocated to the District of Columbia, who cast her vote in favor of no one in the 2000 election. This was in protest for the fact that 'the

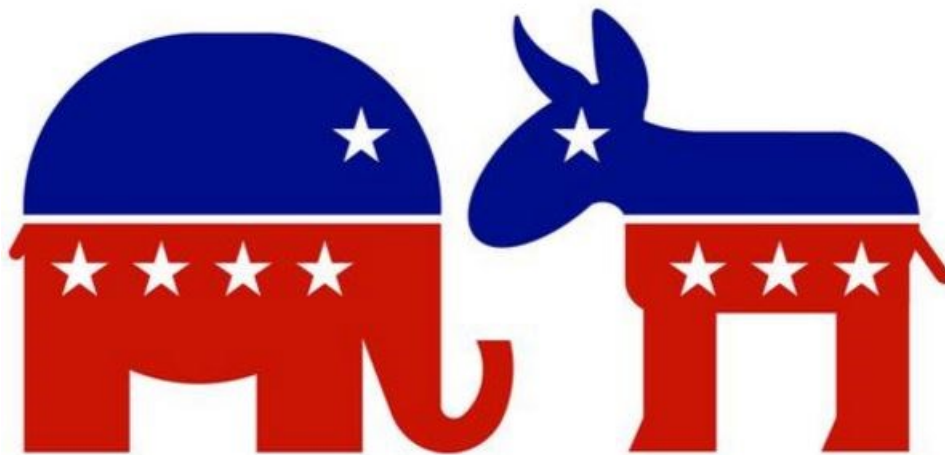
District' is taxed but has no representation in Congress. Sound familiar? It was the main cause of our Revolution against England as we were taxed but had no representation in Parliament at the time.

The original electoral system allowed each elector to cast two votes, one each for a differing candidate. Whoever had the most votes would be the President and the runner-up would be the Vice President. In the event of a tie, as it remains today, the House of Representatives would break the tie. However, in the election of 1800, Aaron Burr received the same number of electoral votes as Thomas Jefferson and challenged

passed. It required electors to cast two distinct votes: one for President and another for Vice President. While this solved the problem at hand, it ultimately had the effect of lowering the image of the Vice Presidency. Recently there has been a call for Vice President's to no longer just be chosen by the party they represent, in accordance with the 12th Amendment's requirement. It's been common practice since the late 19th century electors chosen are pledged to vote for a particular presidential and vice presidential candidate selected by their party, rather than by the population at large.

More bad blood between political leaders occurred in 1824, when Andrew Jackson won the majority of electoral votes, but not the required number, against his opponent, John Quincy Adams whose father had been our second President, John Adams. This meant that the election would be required to be decided in the House of Representatives again. The House Speaker, Henry Clay, insured the election went to Adams, creating a feud between Jackson and Adams. Jackson would later win the Presidency and take extreme steps to appoint his supporters to every government office he could.

Historically, there have been a few electors who do not adhere to their state's vote. Normally, the winner of the popular vote is also the winner of the electoral college vote. In close states, candidates will target campaigning more heavily to influence obtaining the electors needed to win, spending less on states that don't



Jefferson's election to the office. In the end, Jefferson was chosen as the president because of Alexander Hamilton's influence in the House of Representatives. Hamilton and Burr had a running dislike of each other and this event lead ultimately to the famous duel in which Burr killed Hamilton. One wonders if Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton would want to decide the election this way!

This crazy election led to the 12th Amendment being

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have that many electors. The two highest states, California with 55 electors and Texas with 38, receive more attention than the two lowest states, Wyoming and Alaska, each with only 3 electors. Still, we have had elections in 1876, 1888 and, more recently in 2000, where the candidate with the most electoral votes was not the candidate with the most popular votes. In 2000, we had a repeat of the Adams' when the president elected, George W. Bush, was famously the son of a previous president, George H.W. Bush.

Several proposals have been put forth to eliminate the electoral college as an amendment to the Constitution, but none have passed both houses of Congress. There is momentum for what is called the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. This would commit all the states to agree to legally bind and allocate their electors on the basis of the national popular vote instead of their statewide results. Even if this should come into being,

the Supreme Court could declare it illegal against the terms of the Constitution.

The dominant theme in elections has been between two parties. Third party or independent candidates have presented a challenge only two times, in 1860 and 1912. The 1912 election featured a former President, Theodore Roosevelt running in the "Bull Moose Party" and came in second...but not enough to prevent Woodrow Wilson from winning the election and defeating the incumbent, William Howard Taft. Roosevelt ran as his fellow party-mate and successor, Taft, was deviating from Roosevelt's political beliefs. It didn't result in a duel, but Taft was later appointed the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He is the only person to both have been President and Chief Justice. Taft is reported to have preferred being the Chief Justice.

In the first half of our nation's history, persons serving as Secretary of State were considered to be the likely next president. That began to change in the past 100

years, with more candidates being governors of states. In the recent past, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush were all governors of states. Reagan's win in 1984 was the largest electoral win since Washington. Reagan captured all the electoral votes except the 18 from his opponent Walter Mondale's home state of Minnesota. It was 'morning again in America' in 1984 as stated in Reagan's famous campaign commercial.

Despite criticism that it's inherently undemocratic, both major political parties support the current system. While efforts to change it have gained ground, most polls show the public unsure of abandoning something that the Founding Fathers thought was a good idea. Historical documents from the era show that our nation's founders didn't trust the population to elect the 'right' leader. In this election season, we may see that they were right to implement the electoral college after all.



Fall Harvest Festival Coming October 29

Staff Writer—Kingsbury

This year Kingsbury will have its 5th annual Fall Harvest celebration in downtown Kingsbury on Railway street. The celebration takes place on Saturday, October 29th, from 11am to 6pm.

It will have live music, food, a farmer and artisan's market, a variety of games for kids of all ages, and the Trading Post. The Fall Harvest Festival was started in 2012 by Habitable Spaces, an arts center and sustainable farm on 1104 in Kingsbury. The festival started as a party on the farm, to celebrate the coming of Fall. In the 5 years since its inception, it has grown from a party with live music and food, to a full-blown festival that takes place in downtown Kingsbury.

Local residents, farmers and artists from the surrounding areas are invited to set up a booth and sell their wares just in time for Christmas shoppers. Live bands play in front of Johnny Harborth's place, and there will be plenty of old timey Fall games such as apple bobbing, horseshoes, and Chicken Poop Bingo for the whole family to enjoy!


The Trading Post, which became a staple of the Fall harvest festival in 2014, will be located in one of the storefronts this year. The Trading Post will be stocked



with eggs, vegetables and goods made at Habitable Spaces. People can either buy these items, or bring their handmade art, crafts, pickles, jams and other things, and trade them for something in the store. This is an experiment in barter economy, so don't forget to bring something down that you have made and see what treasures you can find to trade it for. Find out more information at www.kingsburyfallfest.org. If you would like to set up a booth for the market, contact Alison Heinemeier at alison@habitablespaces.org.



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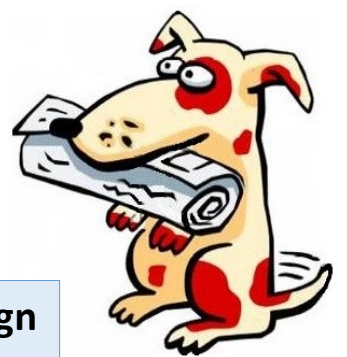
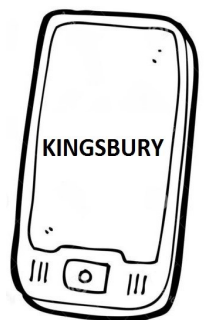
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ing parents Jessica Gonzalez and Adrian Gonzalez; sister Julia Christine Gonzalez; maternal grandparents Michael and Jacqueline Pafort; paternal grandparents Miguel and Gloria Gonzalez; aunts and uncles Cynthia Pafort, Michelle Pafort and husband Nicholas Bacling, Michael J. Babcock and wife Nancy, Miguel Gonzalez, Jr.; great-grandparents Robert Swift and wife Mary Reynolds; Barbara Van Treese and husband James; as well as numerous other loving family members and friends.

Lyle Keith Dack, Jr.—Lyle Keith Dack, Jr. age 60, of Kingsbury, passed away June 7, 2016. He was born on March 23, 1956 in Cambridgeshire, England. He is preceded in death by his father Lyle Keith Dack, Sr. He is survived by his mother Mary Ann Pearmon Thompson.



Bret Howell Johnson—Bret Howell Johnson was born on January 5, 1991. Bret went to be with his Lord on September 11, 2016. He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Lorraine Cheek; grandfather, Gerald Newberry and his beloved uncle, Jeffery Johnson; aunt, Tammy Johnson and cousin, Tyler Johnson. He was a great man with a huge heart that always tried to help others. He gave the gift of life to others by being an organ donor. Bret was a very hard working man who always tried his best at everything. Bret was full of joy. He always found time for his grandparents who he adored. He was a very sensitive, very smart and very loving person. Bret liked the outdoors. He loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed baseball, snowboarding, skiing and swimming. Bret is survived his daughter, Kyndra Alsacia Johnson; mother, Shari Trost

(Tom); his dad, Greg Johnson; brother, Brant and half-sister, Patricia Brewer (Michael); step siblings, Joel, Jennifer and Lauren; grandparents, Bob and Marylon Johnson and Patty Newberry; Presley Krueger and brother-in-law, Patrick W. Krueger; father-in-law, Mark Krueger and mother-in-law, Valerie Krueger; uncle, Robert Newberry and wife Tammy and family; aunt, Susan and husband Richard Sibley and family; uncles, Roger and Jo Bryan; and Krystyn Galvan and her daughter Kaylee and other family members and loved ones.

Stanley "Stan" Willmann—Stanley "Stan" Willmann was born on December 28, 1947 and passed away August 11, 2016. He is preceded in death by his parents Roland Willmann and Annabell Louise Barkley Willman.

