

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - August 6, 2023

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News & Information Newsletter

Dear Kingsbury,

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

Hello August

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

August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the fifth month to have the length of 31 days.

In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers.



Certain meteor showers take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids take place August 3-25 this year with a peak around August 18, the Alpha Capricornids meteor shower takes place as early as July 10 and ends August 15th this year, and the Southern Delta Aquariids take place from mid-July to mid-August with no real peak, just rambling on until August 21st. 29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 - August 24, with the peak being August 13 this year. The moon will only be 10% full for a great viewing of the meteors.

The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.





This month was originally named Sextilis in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the

eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius **Caesar** added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 45 BC giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus (despite common belief, he did not take a day from February. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.

Summer declines and roses have grown rare,
But cottage crofts are gay with hollyhocks,
And in old garden walks you breathe an air
Fragrant of pinks and August-smelling stocks.
—John Todhunter (1839-1916)

August's zodiac signs are

 Leo (July 23–August 22)
and

 Virgo (August 23–September 22).

AUGUST FACTS & FOLKLORE

On August 17, the Cat Nights begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches and the belief that a witch could turn herself into a cat eight times, but on the ninth time (August 17), she couldn't regain her human form. This bit of folklore also gives us the saying, "A cat has nine lives." Because August is a yowly time for cats, this may have prompted the speculation about witches on the prowl in the first place!



As August, so February.



Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.



If the first week of August is unusually warm, The winter will be white and long.



So many August fogs, so many winter mists.



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*When it rains
in August,
It raises honey
and wine.*

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August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.



The gladiolus means strength and sincerity.



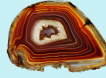
A red poppy symbolizes pleasure or consolation; scarlet, extravagance; white, sleep.

August's birthstone is peridot, which is said to symbolize strength.



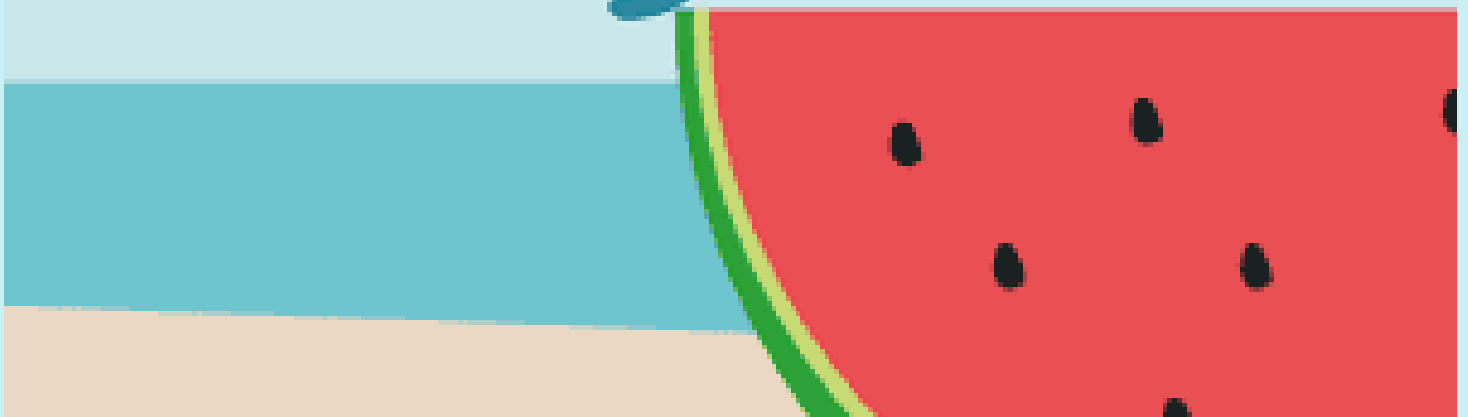
The peridot is a gem form of the mineral olivine that appears in various shades of green, sometimes with a brown or yellow tinge. Called “evening emerald,” the peridot was often mistaken for that other gem. It symbolizes strength and was said to protect the wearer from nightmares.

A previous birthstone for this month was sardonyx, which is characterized by alternating bands of sard and onyx, both forms of chalcedony. Although it can appear in several colors, it is usually reddish and white. It is thought to bring courage, happiness, and eloquence.



Legend says that Queen Elizabeth I once gave the Earl of Essex a ring made of sardonyx, pledging her aid if he was ever in need. Later on, when accused of treason and scheduled for execution, he tried to send the ring to her but an enemy intercepted it. The queen learned of his plea only years later, after he had been beheaded.

August



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:

August 6th - National Sisters Day, American Family Day, National Fresh Breath Day, National Root Beer Float Day, National Wiggle Your Toes Day, National Friendship Day

August 7th - Purple Heart Day, National Raspberries N' Cream Day, National Sea Serpent Day, National Lighthouse Day

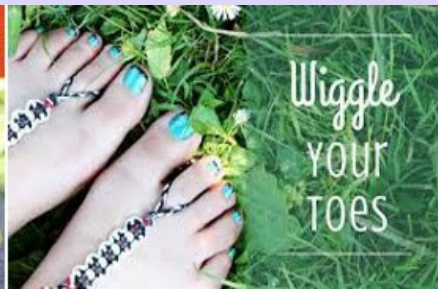
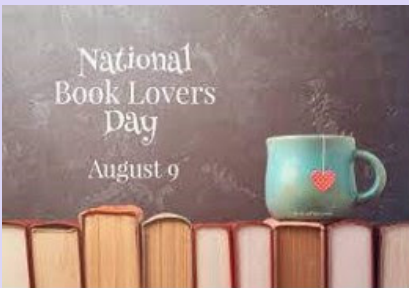
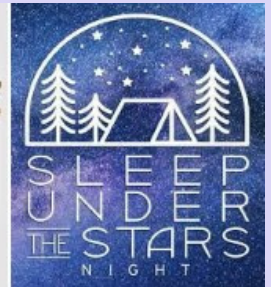
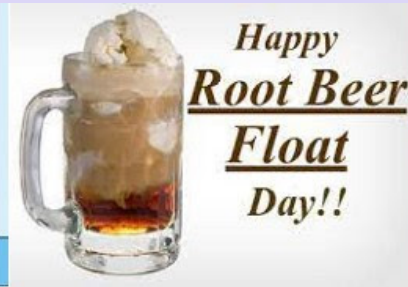
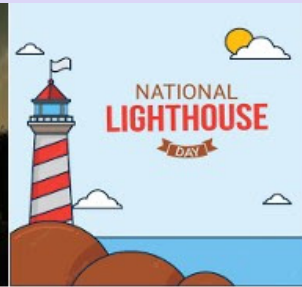
August 8th - National Pickleball Day, National Mochi Day, National Whataburger Day, Global Sleep Under The Stars Night, International Infinity Day, International Cat Day, National CBD Day, National Dollar Day, National Frozen Custard Day, National Happiness Happens Day, Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day

August 9th - National Passion Fruit Day, International Coworking Day, World Calligraphy Day, International Day Of The World's Indigenous People, National Veep Day, National Rice Pudding Day, National Book Lovers Day

August 10th - Agent Orange Awareness Day, World Lion Day, National Connecticut Day, National Shapewear Day, National S'mores Day, National Lazy Day

August 11th - Play In The Sand Day, Global Kinetic Sand Day, National Raspberry Bombe Day, National Son's And Daughter's Day, National Presidential Joke Day

August 12th - International Youth Day, World Elephant Day, National Julienne Fries Day, National Bowling Day, National Garage Sale Day, National Vinyl Record Day National Middle Child Day

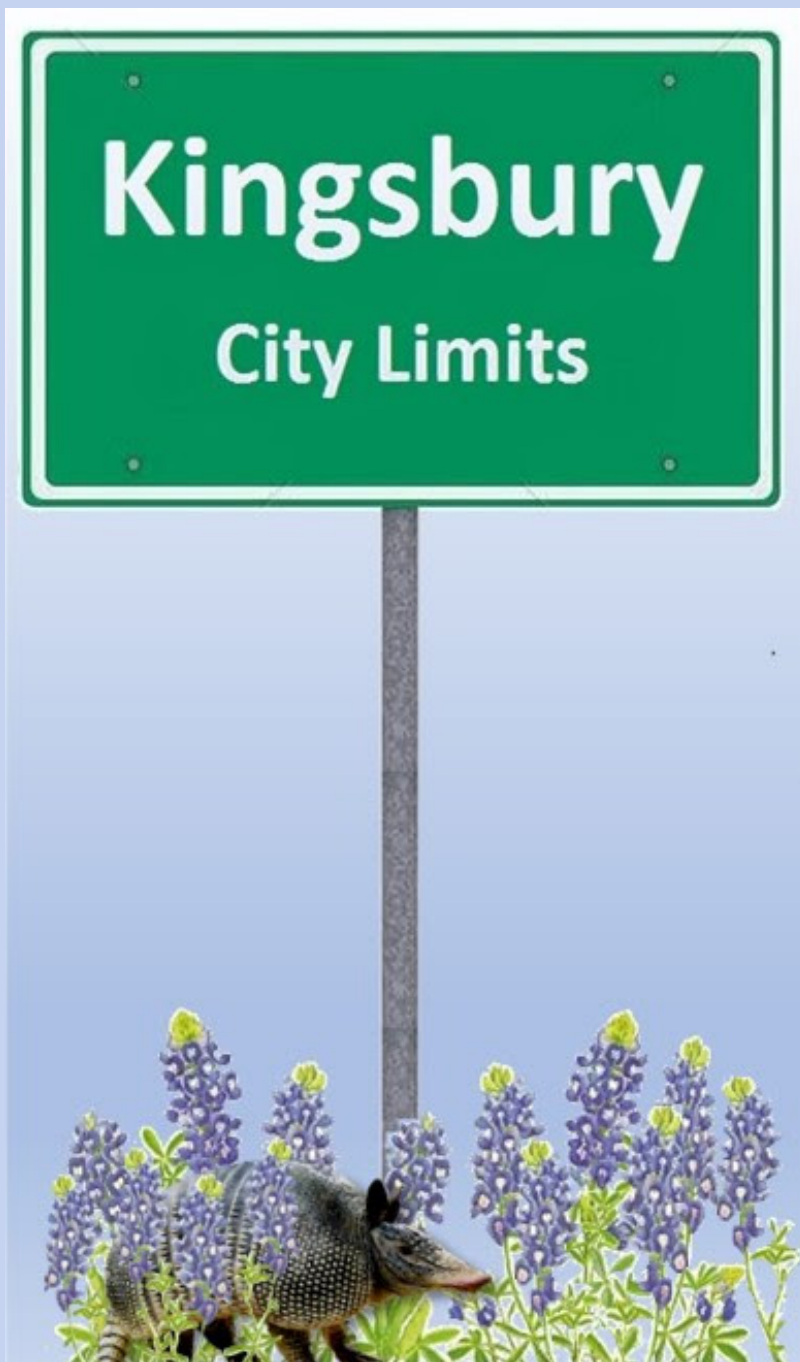


Kingsbury City Limits

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 our 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 Country Store Moving

The Kingsbury Country Store will be **moving** into the old Post Office at the corner of Kingsbury Road and Railway Street.

The current store will be closed August 14th and 15th and will have a Grand Opening at the new location on August 16th.

Stop in to check out the new space!



Jackass Mail Has First Run

This week in Texas history, the first overland mail coach left San Antonio for San Diego on August 9, 1857.

The San Antonio–San Diego Mail Line, also known as the Jackass Mail, was the earliest overland stagecoach and mail operation from the Eastern United States to California in operation between 1857 and 1861. It was created, organized and financed by James E. Birch the head of the California Stage Company. Birch was awarded the first contract for overland service on the "Southern Route", designated Route 8076. This contract required a semi-monthly service in four-horse **coaches**, scheduled to leave San Antonio and San Diego on the ninth and the 24th of each month, with 30 days allowed for each trip.

Foundation of the Line

Birch envisioned that at New Orleans, one could take a five-times-a-week mail steamer to 540 miles to Indianola, Texas. There one transferred to a daily line of four-horse mail coaches traveling 140 miles to San Antonio. Then one would take the San Antonio and San Diego Line 1,476 miles from San Antonio via the San Antonio-El Paso Road and then continue north to Mesilla and take the Southern Emigrant Trail from there to San Diego. Once on the Pacific Coast the passenger could board a California Steam Navigation Company vessel to San Francisco.

To accomplish this Birch entered a partnership with George H. Giddings, of the San Antonio-El Paso Mail that already ran over half of the route to La Mesilla. 87 watering places and stage stations were organized by Superintendent Isaiah C. Woods, formerly of Adams & Company of California in San Francisco. On the first mail run, they were setting up the line as the mule trains and coaches journeyed west from San Antonio.

Superintendent Woods prepared a self-contained outfit for this journey across the unsettled country of Texas, New Mexico Territory and Southern California with almost no existing infrastructure. The vehicles used were celerity wagons or mud wagons, also called ambulances (which was the military use for the same type of vehicle at that time), rather than the better known Concord stagecoach.

Stations, water stops and camping places

Water holes were set up at 30 mile intervals but many were unmanned and actual stations sometimes were separated by as much as 100 miles. These first stations were at most a brush corral and a jacal to house the keeper, while most were merely camping places at springs or stream crossings; camps would be made where the coaches stopped for the night. Only the three at San Antonio, El Paso and San Diego had substantial buildings.

The largest and most important station between El Paso and San Diego was at Maricopa Wells, Arizona, the dividing point on the route, where the eastbound and westbound mails met and turned back. Here was erected an adobe house and corral. During the company's existence it employed 65 men in all capacities, and owned 50 coaches and 400 mules.



Burn Ban Is On

The Guadalupe County Commissions Court has instituted an outdoor burn **ban** for Guadalupe County. The burn ban imposed by the Commissioners Court has specific guidelines for

- 🔥 Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark
- 🔥 Burning household trash
- 🔥 Burning of other items

The official notification with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website [here](#).



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.

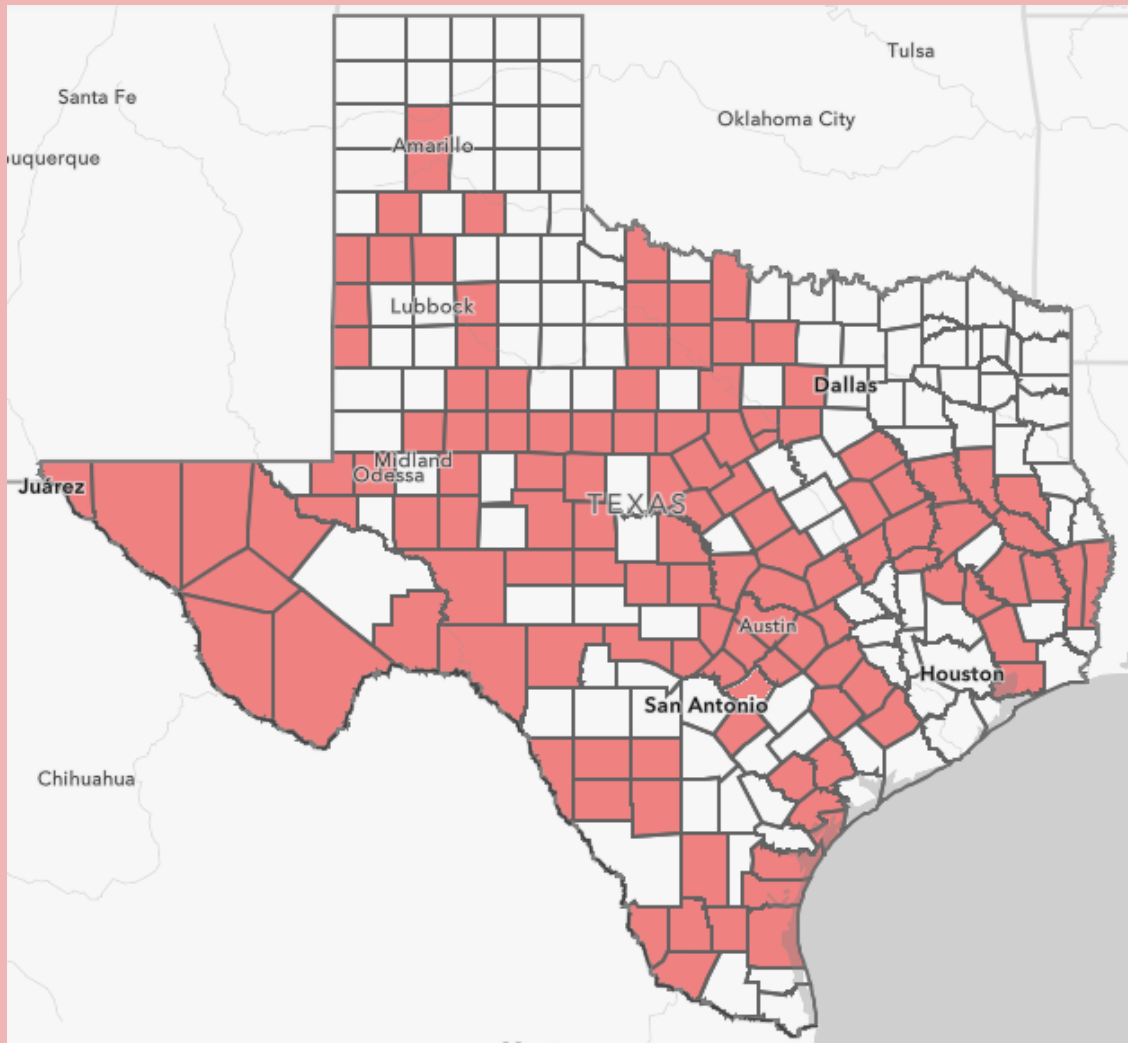


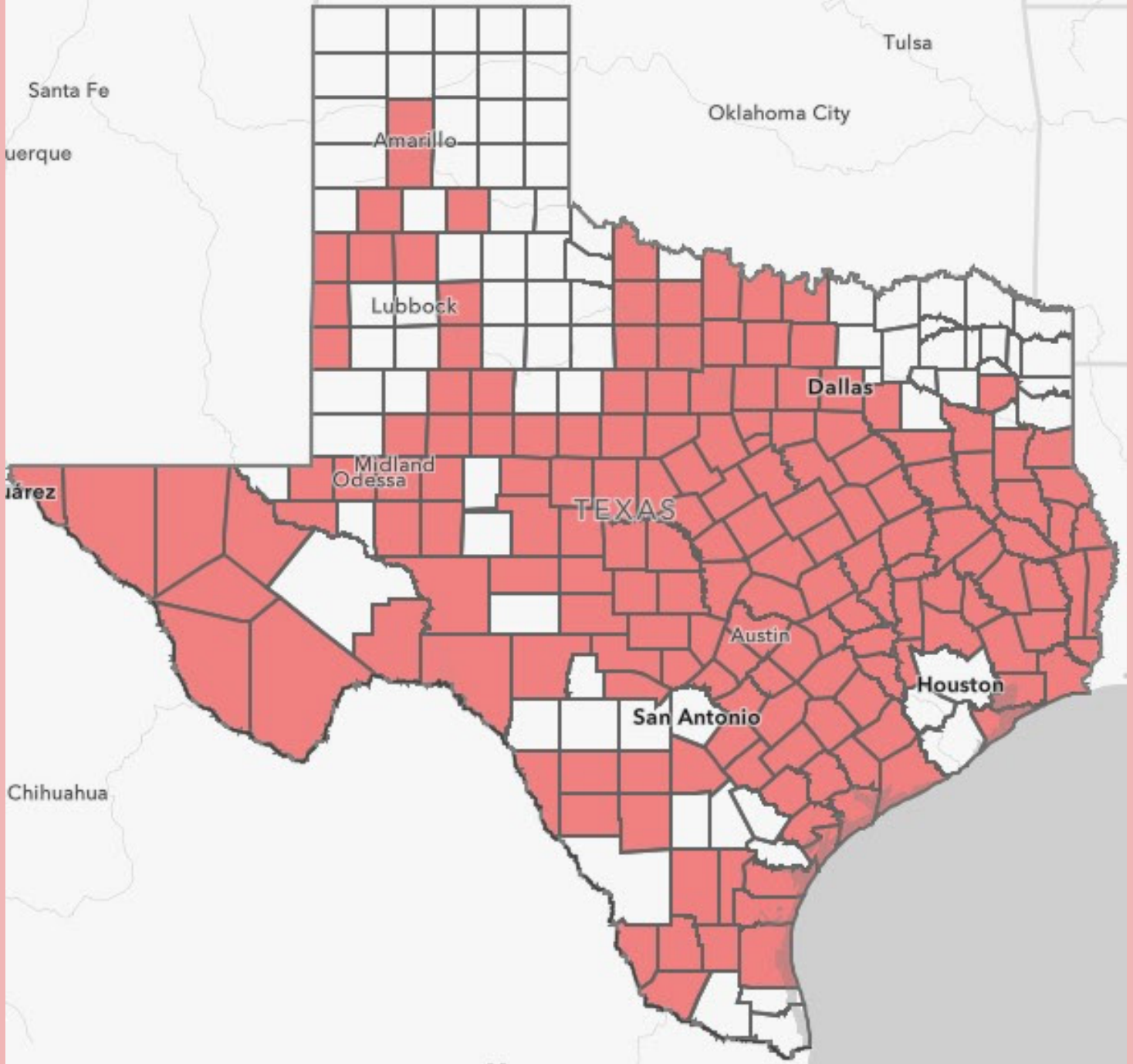
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Of the 254 counties in Texas, there are currently **168** that have a burn ban, up from 121 two weeks ago.

Current burn bans by county in Texas two weeks ago and this week:





Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,
Sun, Aug 6, 2023

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



95°F

Sunny

Wind: S 8.0 mph
Humidity: 46%
Visibility: 10.0 miles



107°
77°

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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](#)

Fish Fry Plates

The Bohannons have long been in the catering business and are now serving up fried catfish at their place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

Each plate comes with all the **fixin's** - fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and homemade tartar sauce.

You can order up:

Fish & Shrimp plate - \$15
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters plate - \$20

Just call or text John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for! Make sure you put in your order a day or two in advance.

The fryer gets lit around 5:30 pm so you can start picking up your orders of delicious food at 6:00 at 935 Mill Creek Road.

The next fish fry of 2023 is August 11th!



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!

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) ▾

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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 12:00pm Ma...	7	8	9	10	11 Fish Fry Plates	12 10:00am Fa...
13 12:00pm M...	14	15 6:30pm P&Z...	16	17	18	19 Volunteer W...
20 12:00pm M...	21 6:30pm Kin...	22	23	24	25 Fish Fry Plates	26
27 12:00pm M...	28	29	30 Blue Moon	31	1	2

Kingsbury High School Graduates - 1941

With school about to start up again, here is the Kingsbury High School class of 1941. The girls in the front row are all holding their hard-earned **diplomas** on their laps and there is a great row of flowers lined up on the stage in front of the graduates.

So what else was happening at that time in 1941?

Average Cost of new house - \$4,075.00

Average wages per year - \$1,750.00

The war in Europe continues to escalate with countries joining on one side or the other.

In the North Atlantic, the German battleship Bismarck sinks the HMS Hood on May 24th killing all but three crewman on what was the pride of the Royal Navy. Days later, Fairey Swordfish aircraft from the carrier HMS Ark Royal fatally cripple the Bismarck in a torpedo attack, and the attack that follows by Navy Warships sinks the Bismarck on May 27th.

Cost of a gallon of Gas - 12 cents

Average Price for a new car - \$850.00

The top movies of 1941 were Sergeant York, Suspicion, How Green Was My Valley, The Wolf Man, Dumbo, The Maltese Falcon, Sullivan's Travels, and Citizen Kane.

Of course later that year Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese. But at the time this picture was taken, America was not yet at war and things were looking great for these graduates!

Front row left to right: Connie Merz, Grace Imhoff, Viola Kluth, Leona Lorenz, Valdine Presswood, Uyvonne Queen, Angela Glenewinkel, Valeska Baumert, Mary Hellen Gillespie, Eunice Glenewinkel
Back row left to right: Wilbur Kluth, Clarence Raske, James Ferrell, Paul "Jack" Irwin, Herschel Harborth, Vernon Rabe, Roy Coers (Principal).



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