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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

St. Patrick's Day

This Monday, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a **slave** at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick’s death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding

his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.



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 16th - National Curl Crush Day, National Panda Day, National Corn Dog Day, National Artichoke Hearts Day, National Everything You Do Is Right Day, National Freedom Of Information Day

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day, National Corned Beef And Cabbage Day, National Ag Day

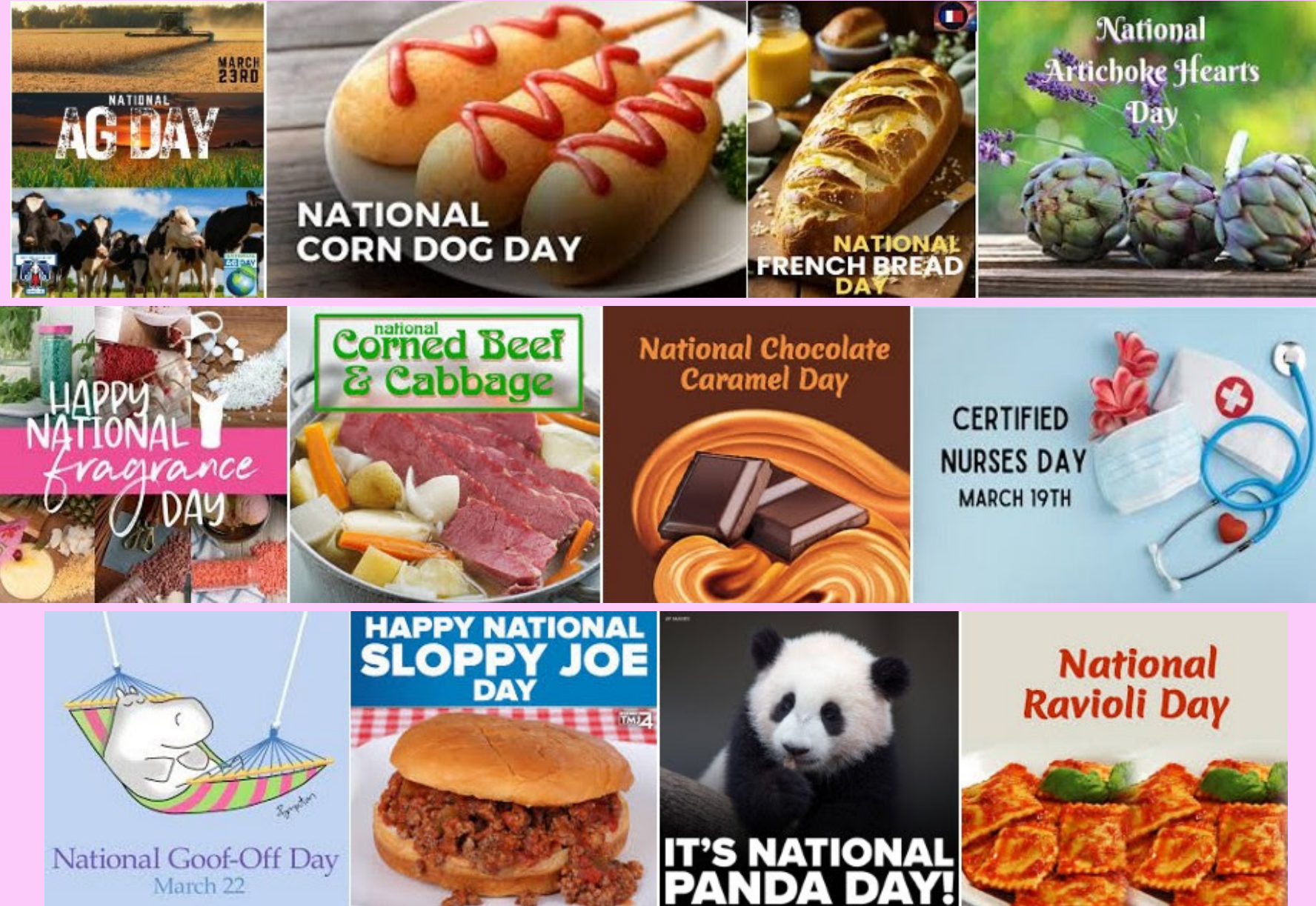
March 18th - National Biodiesel Day , National Sloppy Joe Day, National Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day, National Awkward Moments Day, National Supreme Sacrifice Day

March 19th - National Backyard Day, National 3-D Day (Third day of the third week of the third month), National SBDC Day, National Certified Nurses Day, National Let's Laugh Day, National Chocolate Caramel Day, National Poultry Day

March 20th - National Spray Tanning Day, National Absolutely Incredible Kids Day, National Farm Rescuer Day, National Proposal Day, Spring Begins, National Ravioli Day

March 21st - National Future Generations Day, National Memory Day, National Countdown Day, National French Bread Day, National California Strawberry Day, National Fragrance Day, National Single Parent Day, National

March 22nd - National Health Care Rights Day, National West Virginia, National Bavarian Crepes Day, National Goof Off Day



Texas Elects A Government

This week in Texas history in 1836, the new Republic of Texas elects a government.

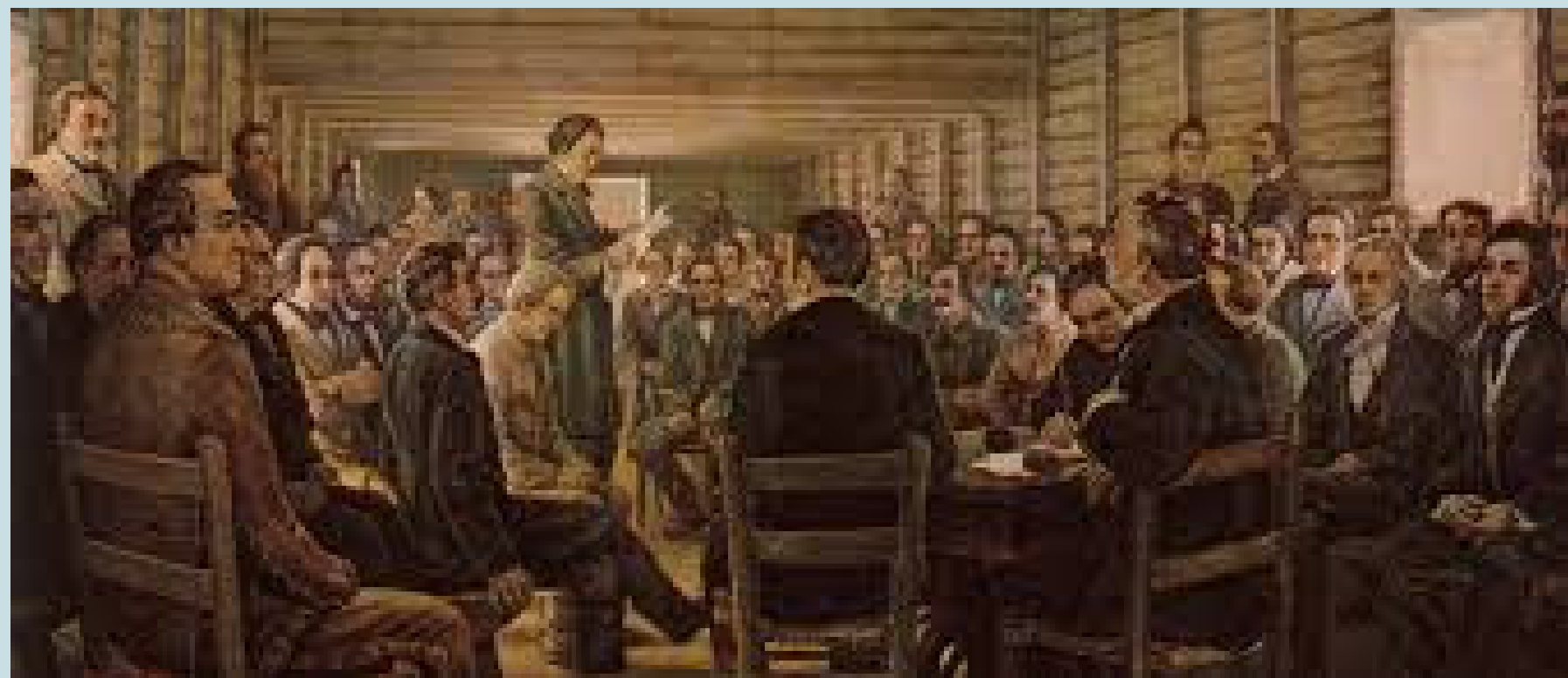
The Convention of 1836 was the meeting of elected delegates in Washington-on-the-Brazos, Texas in March 1836. The Texas Revolution had begun five months previously, and the interim government, known as the Consultation, had wavered over whether to declare independence from Mexico or pledge to uphold the repudiated Mexican Constitution of 1824. Unlike those of previous Texas councils, delegates to the Convention of 1836 were younger, more recent arrivals to Texas, and more **adamant** on the question of independence. As delegates prepared to convene, Mexican President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led a large army into Texas to quell the revolt; the vanguard of this army arrived at San Antonio de Bexar on February 23.

The Convention was called to order on March 1, and the following day adopted the Texas Declaration of Independence, written by George Childress. On the morning of March 6, the Convention received a letter, dated March 3, from Alamo commander William B. Travis. Travis begged for supplies and reinforcements and described the danger he and his men found themselves in. Unaware that the fort had already fallen, delegate Robert Potter called for the Convention to adjourn and march immediately to relieve the Alamo. Sam Houston persuaded the delegates to remain in Washington-on-the-Brazos to finish working on the constitution. Houston then left to take command of the volunteers that Colonel James C. Neill and Major R.M. "Three-Legged Willie" Williamson had been gathering in Gonzales. Shortly after Houston's arrival in Gonzales, Alamo survivors Susanna Dickinson and Joe, Travis's slave, arrived with news of a Mexican victory. On hearing their news, Houston advised all civilians in the area to evacuate and ordered the army to retreat. This sparked a mass exodus of Texans from the Anglo settlements.

After finishing their constitution, the delegates organized an ad-interim government which would serve until the following October. As president they chose David G. Burnet, who had not been elected to the Convention. Burnet had planned to join the fighting at the Alamo and had stopped at the Convention to recruit others. However, he became so "inspired by their deliberations" that he remained as a visitor. Speaking privately with many of the delegates, Burnet professed that he would be willing to serve as president of a new republic, even if that made him a target of Santa Anna. Among the names most commonly circulated for the presidency were empresario Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, and William H. Wharton. All were absent from the convention, however, so the nominees became Burnet and Samuel Price Carson. Burnet won, on a vote of 29–23, in the early hours of March 17. The delegates chose Lorenzo de Zavala as vice-president, Samuel P. Carson as Secretary of State, and Thomas J. Rusk as Secretary of War. Bailey Hardeman became Secretary of the Treasury, and David Thomas was elected Attorney General.

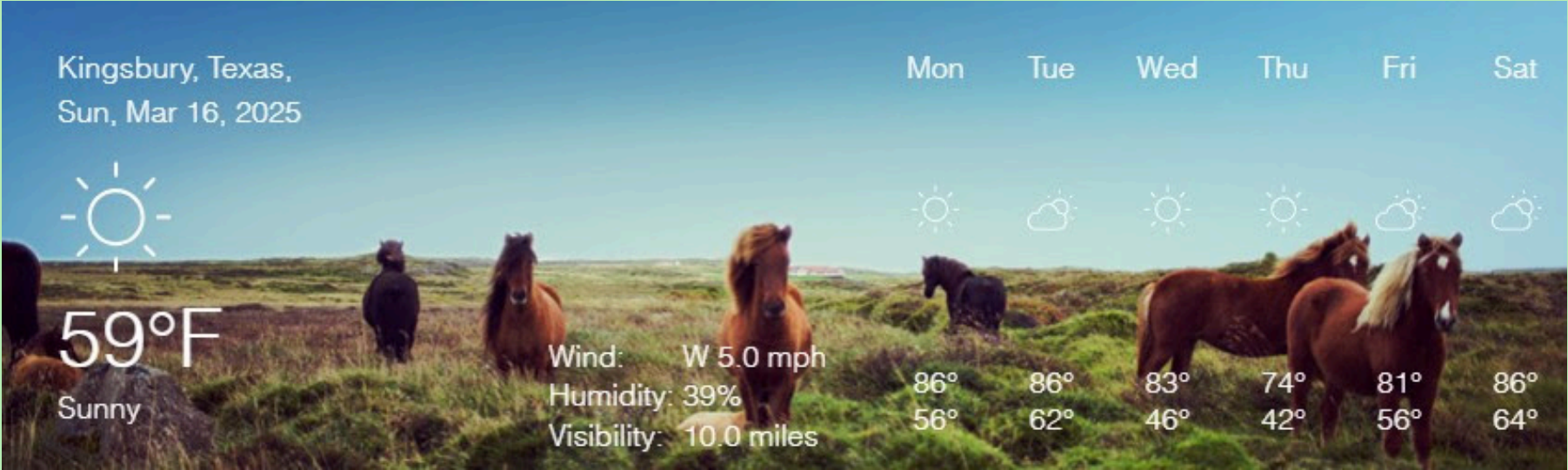
One of Burnet's first acts as president was to transfer the capital of the new state from Washington-on-the-Brazos to Harrisburg, which was located nearer the small Texas Navy at Galveston Island. Harrisburg was also closer to the border with the United States and would allow easier communication with U.S. officials. The move took on a sense of urgency when the convention received word that Santa Anna was within 60 miles of Washington-on-the-Brazos. Burnet quickly adjourned the proceedings and the government fled. Burnet personally carried the Texas Declaration of Independence in his saddlebags.

Meanwhile, Santa Anna continues to march towards Coleto Creek and Goliad . . .



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](#)

Vernal Equinox

Thursday, March 20th, is the Vernal Equinox which marks the first day of Spring.

Astronomically speaking, the equinox falls on March 19 or 20 every year, marking spring’s beginning in the Northern Hemisphere (whereas it announces fall’s arrival in the Southern Hemisphere). The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone.

At the Vernal Equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north along the ecliptic. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. The name equinox comes from Latin words which mean “equal night”—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier **dawns** and later sunsets.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth’s axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the Spring equinox, the Norther Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days



SIGNS OF THE EQUINOX IN NATURE

The vernal equinox signals the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere. Worms begin to emerge from the earth. Even the March Moon is called "The Full Worm Moon" for this reason. Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.

The increasing sunlight triggers bird song. Trees, shrubs and flowers are sensitive to temperature and daylength, too. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach. Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather. Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats.

March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.



EQUINOX FOLKLORE

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox.

In earlier times, the vernal equinox was considered the beginning of the new year. It has always been an important day to those who work the land because it signifies the beginning of the season of regeneration and growth.

There are many ancient sites that mark the equinoxes (and solstices). One of the most famous ancient Spring equinox celebrations was at Chichen Itza in Mexico. The Mayans built a huge pyramid around the year A.D. 1000. The play of the Sun's light on it signals the beginning of the seasons. On the spring equinox, it looks like a huge snake is slithering down the steps. Mayans called this day "the return of the Sun serpent."



SPRING VERSE

"One swallow does not make a spring."

"Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring."

"In spring, no one thinks of the snow that fell last year."

"Don't say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies."

*"Spring-time sweet!
The whole Earth smiles, thy coming to greet."*



Battle of Coleta Creek

This week in Texas history, the Battle of Coleta Creek, also known as the Battle of the Prairie, was fought on March 19 and 20, 1836, during the Goliad campaign of the Texas Revolution.

In February, General José de Urrea led a branch of the Mexican army up the Gulf Coast of Mexican Texas toward Goliad, where a large contingent of soldiers from the Texian Army were garrisoned under Colonel James W. Fannin. Simultaneously, Mexican president Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led a larger force into the Texian interior, where on March 6 his troops won the Battle of the Alamo. After learning of the Alamo's defeat, Texian general Sam Houston ordered Fannin to retreat from Goliad and join the rest of the army in Victoria.

On March 19, Fannin led his men on a leisurely retreat from Goliad. Mexican troops **surrounded** the Texians on the open prairie later in the day, before Fannin could reach the shelter of a grove of timber at Coleto Creek, some 400 yards away. Texians formed a square in the middle of the prairie and attempted to defend their position. Although Mexican troops launched three separate attacks against the square, they could not penetrate the Texian position. However, the Mexicans received overwhelming reinforcements and heavy artillery. As night fell, Mexican sharpshooters were able to wound and kill more Texians. In this critical predicament, with little water to give to the wounded or to cool their artillery, Fannin and the majority of the men voted to surrender the Texian forces on March 20. Led to believe that they would be released into the United States, they were returned to the fort at Goliad, now their prison.

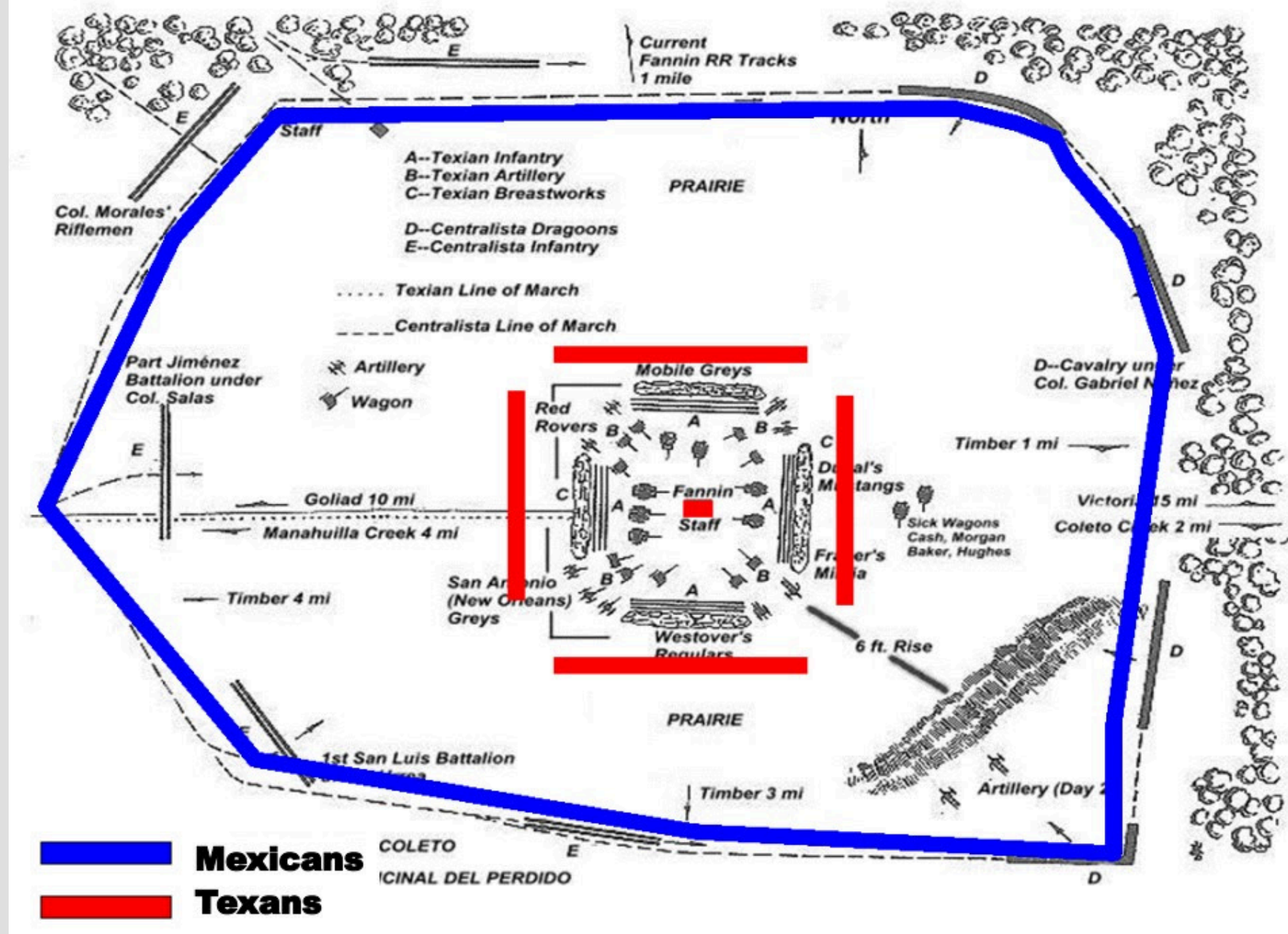
Also happening around Goliad, Albert Clinton Horton and his company had been acting as the advance and rear guards for Fannin's company. Surprised by the overwhelming Mexican force, they were chased off and escaped, however 18 of the group were captured and marched back to Goliad.

The 75 soldiers of William Parsons Miller and the Nashville Battalion were captured on March 20 and marched in on March 23. They were kept separate from the other prisoners, as they had been unarmed and surrendered without a fight.

On March 22, William Ward and the Georgia Battalion (80 men plus Ward) surrendered after escaping from the Battle of Refugio. About 26 men were retained at Victoria as laborers, but 55 of the prisoners were marched into Goliad, on March 25.

The stage is now set as the last of the prisoners arrives at La Bahia in Goliad. Urrea attempts to secure honorable terms for his Texian prisoners. However, Santa Anna had received authorization from the Mexican Congress to treat all captured Texian troops as pirates rather than prisoners-of-war.

The Mexican sentence for piracy is death . . .



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!



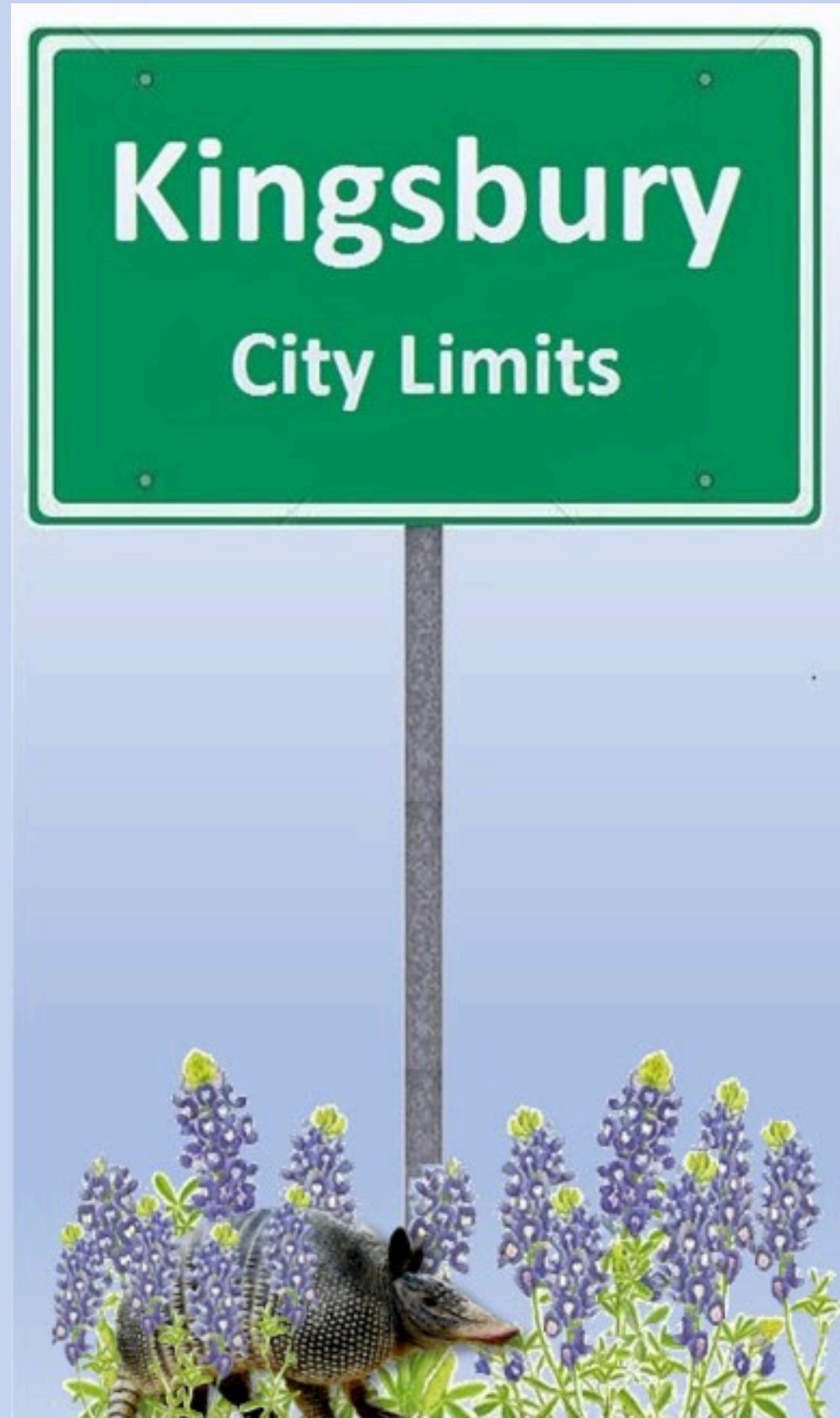
Kingsbury City Limits

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!











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.

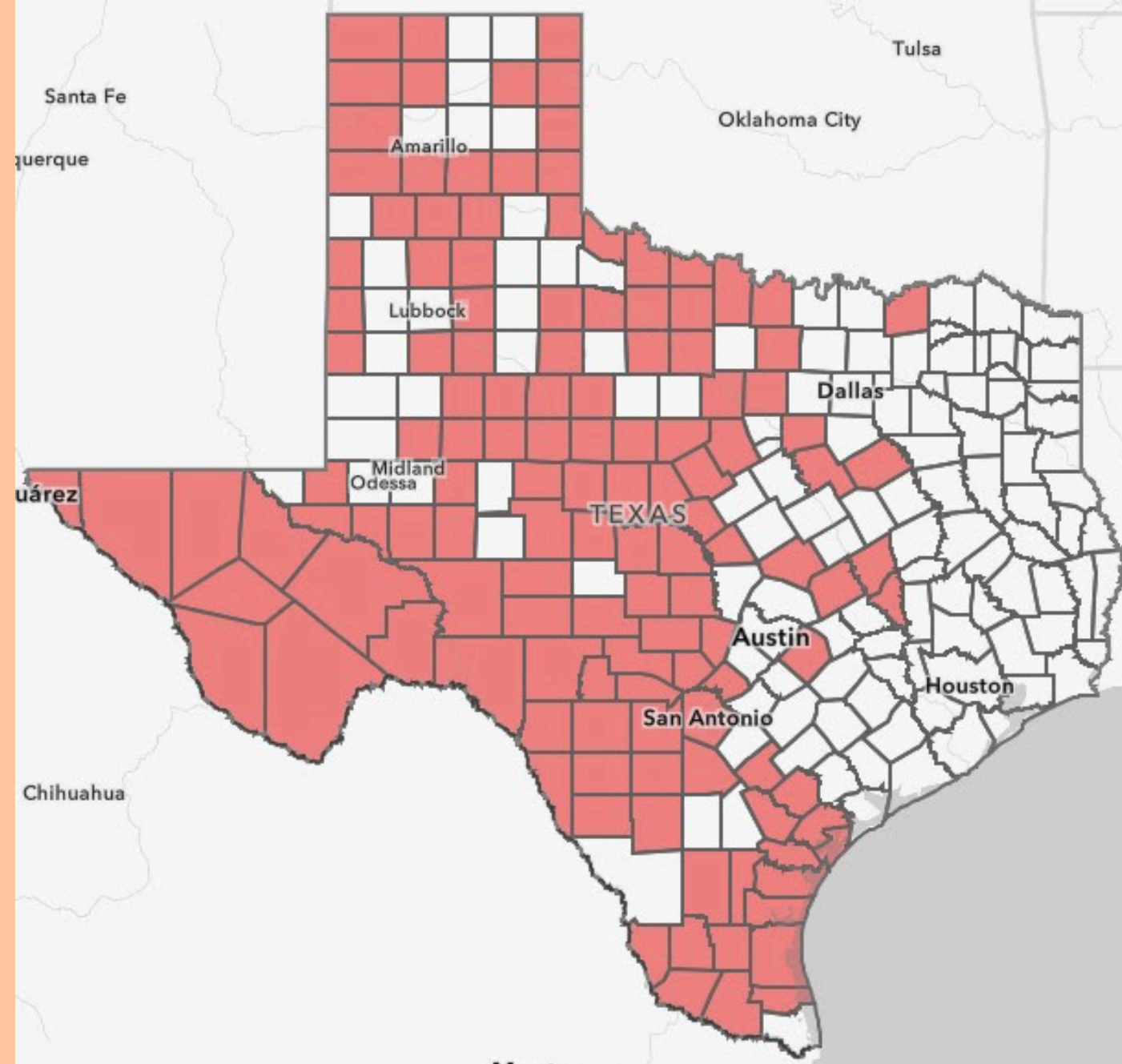
As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499 or to the Guadalupe Fire Dispatch at 379-1224. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Wildfire Danger

While Guadalupe County is not currently under an outdoor burn ban, most of the surrounding area is. There is always a danger of a wildfire starting and **spreading**, but with the high winds we've been experiencing, that danger only increases.

The Texas A&M Forest Service Incident Viewer shows 130 Texas counties currently under a burn ban. The viewer can be found on their website [here](#).



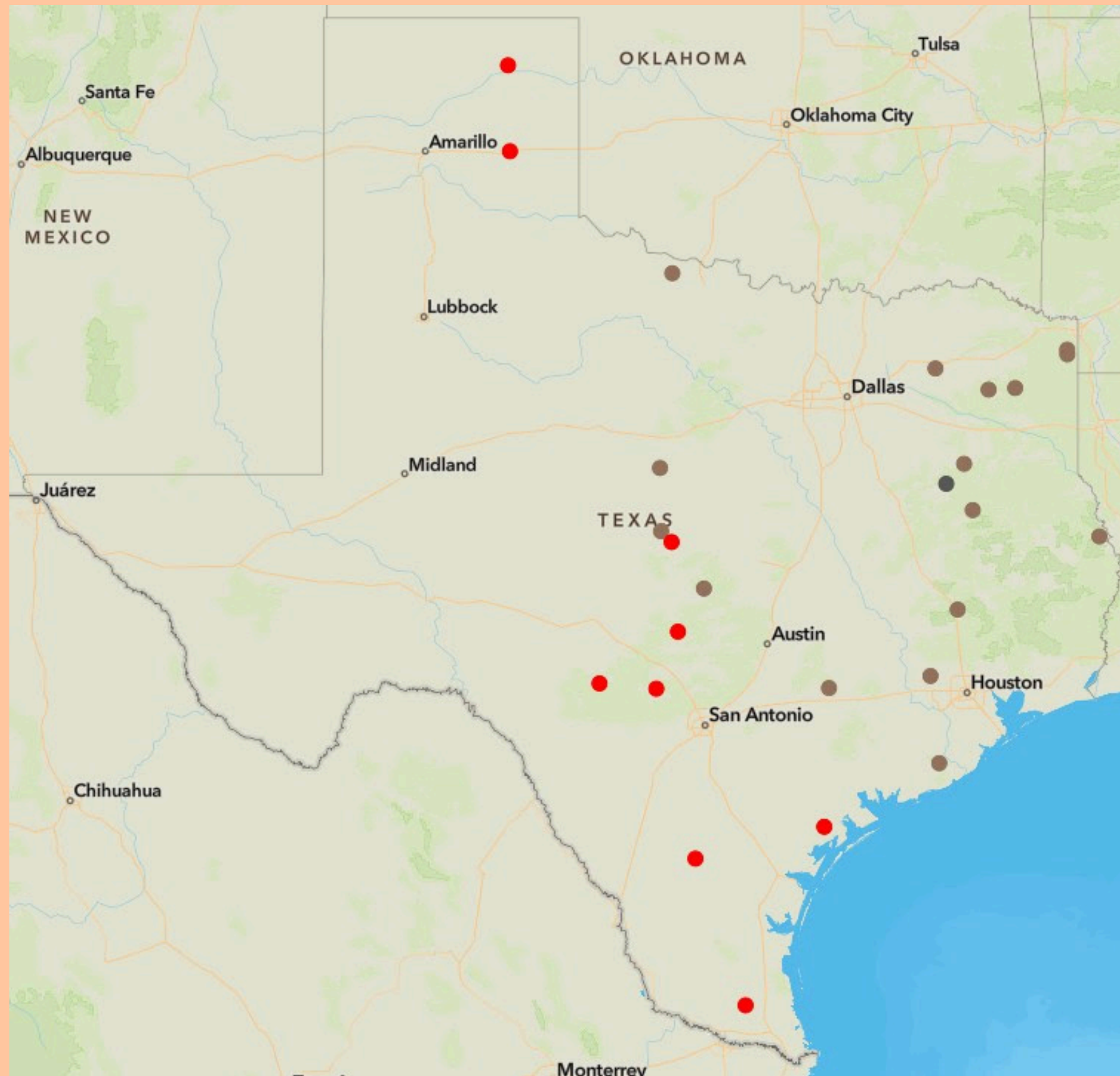
The Texas A&M Forest Service also maintains a map of wildfires and disasters at <https://tfswildfires.com/public/>.

Currently, the Crabapple fire near Fredericksburg is large and mostly uncontained ...



As always, be aware if you are burning, welding, or even mowing or shredding where a strike on a flint rock can ignite any dry grass.

Any wildfire started as a small flame.



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!



Kingsbury City Commission

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

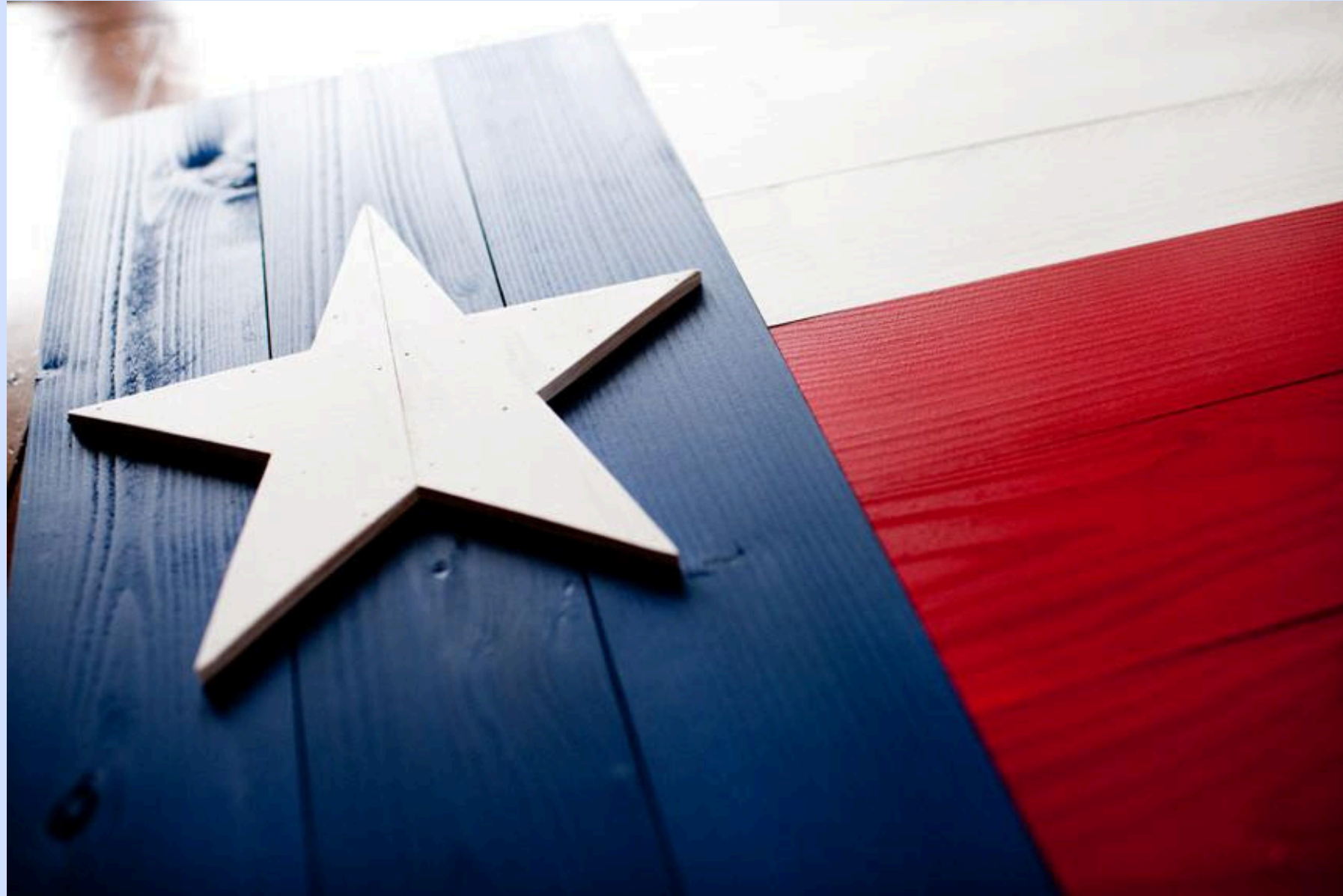
Monday, March 17th

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

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Real estate acquisition and next steps
- ★ Fall Harvest Festival
- ★ Kingsbury 10th Anniversary
- ★ Emergency planning
- ★ Texas Government Accountability checklist
- ★ Interlocal agreement on subdivision
- ★ Mission and Vision statements
- ★ City clerk sub for June meeting

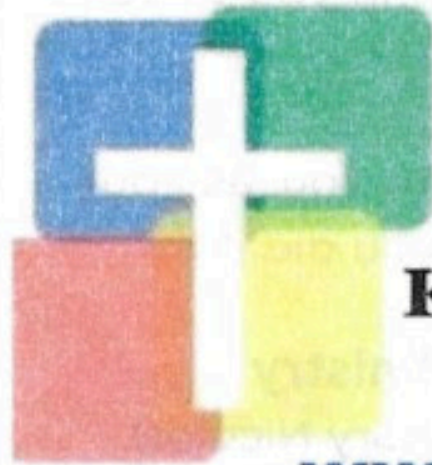
You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).



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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) < March 2025 > Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27 Fellowship	28	1
2	3	4	5	6 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	7	8
9 Daylight Savi...	10	11	12	13 Fellowship	14 ☀ Full Wor... St. Patrick's ...	15 🎉 Volunteer...
16	17 St. Patrick's ... Kingsbury Ci...	18	19	20 Fellowship	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Fellowship	28	29 Model T Oly...
30	31	1	2	3 KVFD Auxilia... + 2	4	5

Spring Fly-In

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!



Woodrow Center Class of 1929

A great picture of the kids and teachers at the Woodrow Center School in 1929. It seems the **Pixie** haircut was very popular at the time for girls and most of the kids are bundled up for cooler

weather. Even the boys in front are all wearing shoes.
There were a lot of Applings and Mercers in the school at the time!

Some of the events in 1929 include:

- 👉 The first car radio is made by Motorola
- 👉 The Broadway Melody becomes the first major musical film of the sound era.
- 👉 The soft Drink 7-Up is invented by Charles Leiper Grigg.
- 👉 Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn, and Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy were all born in 1929.
- 👉 Calvin Coolidge was President until Herbert Hoover took over in March.
- 👉 And the Dow reached a peak of 381.17 on September 3rd prior to the slide and eventual Wall Street crash in October.

The kids in this picture aren't really concerned with any of that, though.
They're just living life in Kingsbury!



Woodrow Center School 1929 back row left to right Alva Mercer, _____, Viola Engelke, Dorothy Mercer, Kate Wright, Irma Appling, Finch Wright, Sadie Appling, Nugent Wright, Harry Appling, Ruby Jones, Jessie Appling. 2nd row from back left to right Betty Jo Appling, Beety Jones, Donna Jones, Mildred Kirsch, Lurline Bridges, Mrs. Mae Cochran, Mrs. Clare Westbrook, Laurene Mercer, Agnes Appling, Laverne Hoke, Dorothy Hoke, Lillian Kirsch 3rd row from back left to right Maurice Appling, A. J. Appling, Kenneth Bridges, R. C. Hamm, Newby Fischer, Marlin Mercer, Raymond Appling, _____, Milton Engelke, David Appling. Bottom Row left to right Marshall Fischer, _____, _____, Ferdie Engelke, Adrian Mercer, Dorden Mercer, _____
Bruce Baker

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Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](http://www.kingsburytexas.org), 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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