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Howdy Hoggies! Welcome to the pack!

Whether you're returning for another semester or just joining the pack, we wish you a warm welcome back to Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK).

We hope as you hear the bells chime, see a flying tortilla, and walk up the three flights of stairs at Rhode Hall, you'll remember all the obstacles you overcame to be here as a student. Be proud

of yourself and take a moment to acknowledge that you are writing a new chapter in your life, it's up to you to create the best version of your-

College can be a new and fun experience; however, many students often feel overwhelmed, this is why *The South Tex*an created our Welcome Guide. The South Texan staff wants to make the

transition as smooth as possible for all students, so sit back and enjoy.

Page two of the Welcome Guide includes some of the student organizations TAMUK has to offer. Joining an organization is the easiest way to get involved on campus and create friendships that will last a lifetime.

As you turn to page four, you'll see just a few

of the campus resources that exist to help support students.

TAMUK provides students with many opportunities to connect with their peers and take advantage of a wide variety of campus resources designed to let them succeed in every way possible.

We know there's a lot of new information to take in, so we included Deals, cool down with a

a page of all the details our readers may need to know. This can be found on page eight. If you need more assistance, you can always look on Blue and Gold Connection or JNet.

Kingsville is a small town, but surprisingly has a lot to offer. As you decide to explore Kingsville make sure to grab a bite at El Tapatio, get a game day outfit at Real drink from Sippin Sunshine and visit the rest of our sponsors throughout town.

Here at the South Texan and Javelina Media Experience we are so excited for your first week back and urge you to check out the events on campus and in the community. Don't forget to check out the Javelina Crossword puzzle on page 10! Go Hogs!

Important Dates

First Class Day: August 21

Mid Semester Point: October 13

Last Day to Drop a Course: October 26, 5 p.m.

Enrollment opens for all students: November 13

Last Class Day: November 29

Study Day(No Classes): November 30

Final Exams: December 1-7

Commencement: December 8

Welcome to the Fall 2023 Semester at Javelina Nation

Dear Javelinas,

Welcome to the fall 2023 semester at Javelina Nation! We are excited to welcome what may be one of the largest classes of new firstyear students in our University's history, and we are pleased to welcome back so many of our returning students, too!

There has never been a better time to be a Javelina. Texas A&M-Kingsville is building on incredible momentum from the last academic year. Among last year's highlights are:

- · the largest grant our University has ever received in our nearly 100-year history,
- · a new partnership with Community Action Corporation of South Texas that makes healthcare services easy and convenient for students, faculty, and staff
- · launching a campus master plan and revising our strategic plan to ensure we are prepared for the future,
- · the addition of a new Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and a new Vice President of Enrollment Management.

I am confident that this new academic year will be just as successful. To our students-this semester promises to be jam-packed with challenging coursework, fun events, and, of course, Javelina football.

I encourage you to build new friendships, seek out mentors, and always know that the Javelina Family has your back. While college brings wonderful opportunities to learn, grow and excel, it is a time of transition. We offer many services to help you succeed—such as our Pathways Academic Assistance Center for tutoring, the Care Closet for food and hygiene needs, or the Student Health and Wellness Counseling Center.

The faculty, staff and administration are here to bolster your success! You have already made an excellent decision by continuing your education at Texas A&M-Kingsville. Just last year, U.S. News and World Report ranked our University among the top 10 in Texas for social mobility in recognition of our role in preparing students to improve their socioeconomic status.

It will be a great year, and I wish you all a wonderful semester!

¡Jalisco!

Dr. Robert Vela Jr. '94, '98, '03 Texas A&M University-Kingsville

A big welcome back from SGA

Hello Javelina Nation, my name is Jacqueline McClendon and I hope you are as excited and ready for the new school

year at Tex-A&M as University - Kingsville as I am!

As the Student Body President, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning students and

an enthusiastic greeting to our incoming freshmen

and transfer students. As we start this new school year together, I want to assure you that the Student Government is here to support you in every way possible. Our mission is to enhance your college experience, advocate for your needs, and foster a vibrant campus environment where everyone feels heard and valued. I want to encourage you all to become active participants in our college community, whether that means joining clubs, attending

more events, voicing your opinions or taking

advantage of the resources available to you. Remember, college is not just about academics; it's also about personal growth, building lasting friendships, and creating memories that will last a

lifetime. This year, we have an exciting lineup of events, activities and initiatives planned to make your time here at Texas A&M Jacqueline University - Kingsville McClendon memorable and fulfilling. TAMUK From fun social gather-Student ings, community service Body opportunities, education-President al workshops, informative guest speakers, and so much more... I am confident that there will be something for everyone to get involved in and en-

Once again, welcome back to Javelina Nation! Let's make this school year one that will be filled with achievement, growth, and joy. Together, we can make a difference and create a college experience we can all be proud of.

Go Hogs!

Best wishes for an incredible year ahead.



Below are a few of the many organizations Texas A&M University- Kingsville has to offer. *The South Texan* posted the oppurtunity for organizations to be featured in the Welcome Guide on social media. These are the organizations that reached out.



Vet Tech Club

The TAMUK Vet Tech Club is a Student Chapter of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (SCNAVTA) that supports students at TAMUK who love animals and those who wish to become veterinary technologists. The Vet Tech Club also provides support and basic animal care education throughout the community.



Delta Sigma Pi

As the world's leading professional fraternity for men and women, Delta Sigma Pi Zeta Nu Chapter develops principled business leaders of the future. Members gain experiences in professionalism, leadership, ethics and philanthropy. Delta Sigma Pi provides members with relationships, skills and ideals necessary for them to make a significant impact wherever life leads.



Association of Indian Students

AIS is a student body organization that brings together Indian students to create a sense of community and provide support to Indian students during their academic journey abroad.

We organize cultural events, social gatherings, and workshops that celebrate Indian culture, traditions and festivals.



Catholic Student Organization

CSO is a Catholic Student Organization but whether you are Catholic or not, everyone is welcome! It is meant for those to foster new friendships and to grow together. If you'd like to grow your faith, that is completely up to you and we'd be there every step of the way! We have free lunches every Thursday, Sunday and daily masses and tons of daily fun!





Unity

Hello! We are Unity! We provide a safe space for our LGBTQIA2S+ and Straight Alliance community (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and/or gender expansive, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and 2 Spirit). We ensure that members can feel comfortable being themselves and be heard with no judgment. We further educate our campus about our community!



Mariachi Javelina

Mariachi Javelina is dedicated to the development of young musicians whose interest is mariachi music, through the means of communal service such as education and performance. Our ensemble is open to all majors who wish to participate in performing mariachi.



Chi Alpha

We are Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship- a Christian campus ministry.

We have our large group services every Thursday night which consists of worship and a message. We also have weekly Bible studies called small groups. We have men and women small groups! In our small groups we learn more about Jesus and His heart for



Chi Beta Delta

Chi Beta Delta is a community service organization at Texas A&M- Kingsville since 2012. Our mission is to promote leadership, guidance and to strengthen the ties of friendship. We strive to promote an environment where our sisters feel comfortable and can increase individual growth academically and socially.

Javelina Press Club

Javelina Press Club is a student organization that teaches students skills such as photography, editing, on camera presence, radio, design and writing. Our members are given the opportunity to learn new skills that they can use in their field of study while having fun! Students can write about their favorite fashion trends, start a sports podcast, film a short comedy, and practice with a teleprompter. Our club provides unique networking opportunities that will help all students. Through Press Club, students have the freedom to choose an outlet such as *The South Texan*, KTAI or JBN to show off their skills and be a part of a close-knit group of peers, regardless of major or experience. If you are interested email abigayle.hayden@students.

tamuk.edu or stop by Room 165 in Manning Hall.



Pre-Pharmacy Association

Pre-Pharmacy Association helps pave the way for students who share an interest in a pharmacy pathway. Together we learn more about the application process, leadership skills, top drugs, networking, serving in our community, and many different careers in pharmacy. This organization helps prepare you for your next big steps into Pharmacy School. To get involved follow us on Instagram @tamukppa, for details about meetings or when our next event is.



Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, & the Related Sciences

MANRRS promotes academic/professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources & the related sciences. We strive to provide understanding for all programs and careers in these fields, and help members reach their professional/academic goals. MANRRS meets every other Wadnesday at 6:30 p.m. in Kloberg Hall, Room 122



Campus Activities Board

The primary goal of the TAMUK Campus Activities Board (CAB) is to enrich the vibrant campus life by offering a diverse array of FREE cultural, social, recreational and entertaining programs and activities. Stay connected with us @TAMUKCAB to stay updated on upcoming events, and if you're interested in becoming



Criminal Justice Club

Our organization strives to connect students with local law enforcement agencies by providing speakers as well as opportunities with internships! We are involved with volunteering with organizations as well as hands-on presentations during club meetings. This year we are looking forward to welcoming new members in hopes of expanding their horizons!



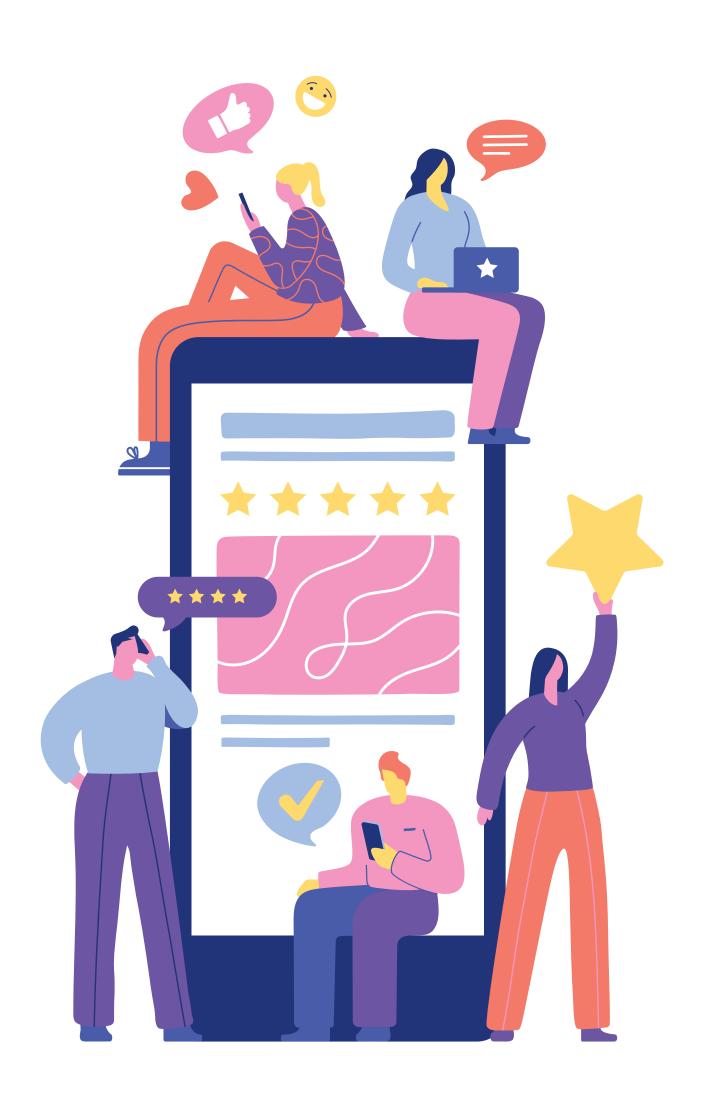


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Peer Assisted Learning

If a student prefers out-of-class study sessions, The Center for Student Success has just the thing. Sessions are welcome to all students enrolled in the course and focus on learning different strategies through collaborating with peers. The courses included are analytic geometry, biology, calculus, college algebra, inorganic chemistry, mechanics, microbiology, physics and trigonometry.



Handshake

While Handshake is not created by Texas A&M University Kingsville, it is designed to help higher education students and alumni find job opportunities. The Handshake app is available to download through Google Play and the App Store. The app allows users to upload their résumé and interests, which instantly applies filters to help connect you with the best match.



Javelina Gaming Lounge

Studying, doing homework, and preparing yourself for a test or exam may get very stressful. One way of alleviating the stress is to stop by our Javelina Gaming Lounge located in the Jernigan Library. Students can relax in one of 10 gaming chairs with massage capabilities. The Javelina Gaming Lounge offers many consoles such as 10 PCs, two Xbox Series X, two PlayStation 5s and a pair of Nintendo Switches. Students can also host multiple parties throughout the year for major sporting events such as the Super Bowl, World Series, and the NBA finals on six flat screen televisions. In this upcoming semester be sure relieve some stress and check out The Javelina Gaming Lounge in room 123 in the Jernigan Library from 3 p.m. to 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.



Writing Center

Students can visit the writing center in Room 217 of the Jernigan Library to strengthen their writing skills. Hours are as follows,

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.





Tutoring Services

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the free tutoring services on campus. The subjects available are animal science, computer science, kinesiology, vet tech, biology, engineering, math, chemistry, history and physics. Students can request one subject per appointment. To schedule an appointment head to https://www.tamuk.edu/studentsuccess/PAAC/index.html fill out the instructions, students will need their Student Identification Number (K00000000) as well as their student



Would you like to join a community of people who are passionate about learning and exploring Mexican American Culture? Feel free to stop by the Mexican American Studies Institute (MASI). The Institute provides a place to connect with fellow Javelinas. MASI strives to have an inclusive environment that welcomes students from different backgrounds. The Mexican American Studies Institute aspires to inspire you in the beauties of the Mexican culture as well as teach you of its origin and experiences in the past. MASI is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn, grow and connect with others in a safe environment. What are you waiting for? ¡Vamos!



Veterans Services

There are many campus resources available to military and veteran students such as the Book Loan Program through which the VA lounge offers free books and supplies. VA Work-Study provides eligible veterans the opportunity to receive a monetary allowance to equal the prevailing federal minimum wage. To apply visit the Veterans Affairs Office in Eckhardt Hall.



Javelina Care Closet

The Javelina Care Closet is a student pantry located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Union Building in Room 220.

The Care Closet provides a variety of items to students requiring assistance with food, school supplies, hygiene products and professional clothing for students to wear to interviews or important meetings. The hours for the Care Closet are listed below.

Monday: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 2:10 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you plan to visit the Care Closet outside of the published operating hours, please make an appointment by calling 361-593-3606 or stop by the Memorial Student Union Building, Room



SafeZone

Be on the look out for Texs A&M University Kingsville's new safety app. Users can download the app and use the non-emergency assistance line, first aid medical assistance line and recieve mass notifications. The app is available on Google Play and the App store, so both Android and iPhone users can easily download the app to stay safe and updated.



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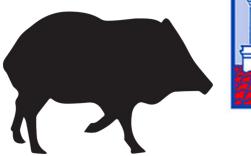
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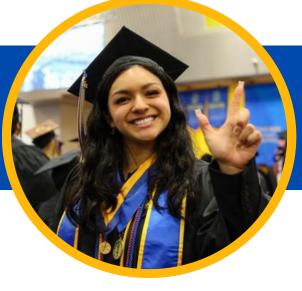
- Making a successful and enjoyable transition to the TAMUK Campus
- Sharing skills and positive habits
- Guiding students to resources and opportunities on campus
- Promoting positive decision making



The Writing Center

Jernigan Library 217 (361)593-2744

- Free writing support to students
- Accomplished graduate and undergraduate staff members
- Assistance through the brainstorming to polishing stages
- Documents can be reviewed in person or online



Pathway Academic Assistance Center Jernigan Library 220 (361)593-5223

- Help Javelinas excel in historically challenging courses
- Collaborative learning methods
- Student Center Sessions
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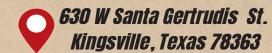






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Payment options available:

Option 1: Online in MoneyConnect through JNET using credit/debit cards, electronic checks, and International wire transfer. Authorized users (granted access by students) and Community members needing to pay Nursery charges may use the direct MoneyConnect login. Former/unadmitted students/Nursery: User Name is your KOO# and PIN is your DOB (mmddyy). If unsuccessful on this method only, you may call the Business Office at 361-593-2616 to ask for a password reset. Current/admitted students must go through JNET.

Option 2: In-person using money orders, cashier's checks and third party scholarship checks only; no cash or cards. Make checks payable to TAMUK and include a Banner ID number (KOOXXXXXX).

Option 3: Payment Plans

Returned Payments

Any payment that is rejected for payment by the paying bank, credit card company, or other financial institution is subject to returned item charges of \$30 or more. Rejected payments may also result in cancellation of the student's registration or immediate removal of payment plan enrollment if the student does not pay within one week of the returned payment. If registration is canceled, students may also be required to reregister on or after the first class day and additional late registration penalties may be assessed.

For further inquiries, contact the Business Office at 361-593-2616

FLYWIRE

Flywire is a program designed to help students make a payment anytime and anywhere. Students who are new to Flywire can create an account following these steps:

Step 1: Log into JNET.

<u>Step 2:</u> In the My Account channel, click the icon next to your student account balance. If you do not have an account balance, you will not be able to use FlyWire.

<u>Step 3:</u> Initiate a payment, enter an amount to pay, and choose International Payment.

Step 4: The amount is transferred into the Flywire system. Note that you may not pay less than \$50 or more than your current account balance. Select the country you want to pay from.

<u>Step 5:</u> Select the payment option that is best suited for you.

S<u>tep 6:</u> New users will need to create a new account. Fill out the form using current information. Once the form is completed click continue with payment.

<u>Step 7</u>: You will need to fill out the forms that are displayed. When you have completed filling out the forms click continue with payment.

Step 8: This page allows you to have an overview of all the information. If you need to make any changes you may do so by clicking edit payment information. If everything is correct click continue with payment.

<u>Step 9:</u> Input the card details along with the cardholder details. You may select make payment or cancel payment.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

The office is responsible for maintaining academic integrity of student records, processing student registrations, transcripts requests, enrollment verifications, changes of major/minor/concentrations, changing biographical data and grade changes. Students can visit the Office of the Registrar in the Javelina Enrollment Services Center, Room 132 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact at (361)593-2811 or registrar@tamuk.edu.

Student Health & Wellness

The Student Health and Wellness provides students with a chance to reserve a time to sit and relax with their aroma therapy, massage chair and virtual reality escape. They also direct students to the disability resource center and assign them to a counselor or trained professional. The health and wellness center provides students with an opportunity to gain coping skills to best handle their mental crisis and certain circumstances in an individualized plan. To schedule a relaxing moment or visit the Student Disability Resource Center students can reach out to the Student Health and Wellness Center, located behind the Business Building parking lot, or call (361) 593-3024.

FINANCIAL AID

Located in Room 132 of the
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Building the financial aid office
is here to answer any
questions regarding, but not
limited to, grants, loans,
scholarships, waivers and
work-study. Students can stop
by their office Monday through
Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or
call (361) 593-5372.

Parking Permits Information & Prices

To purchase a parking permit students must provide their K00#, KU#, vehicle information and driver's license. All permits must be requested online and can only be picked up at the Business Office located in College Hall in Room 104 or mailed once it has been paid for. On Aug. 19, "blue" residential parking permits will be available for purchase. Prices for student parking permits are \$150 for Fall 2023 to Summer 2024, \$75 for Fall 2023, \$100 for both Spring and Summer 2024, and \$50 for Summer 2024.

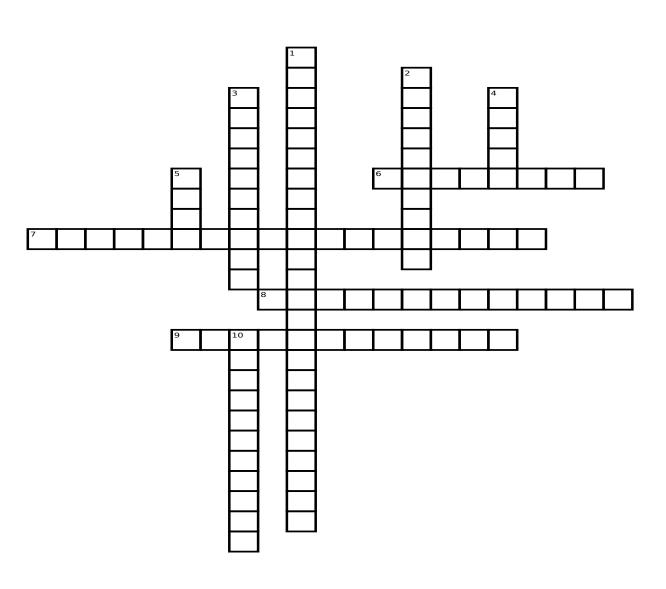
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Javelina Crossword Puzzle



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6. A day reserved for clothing. (Hint: See, students to study for finals.(Hint: See, PG.

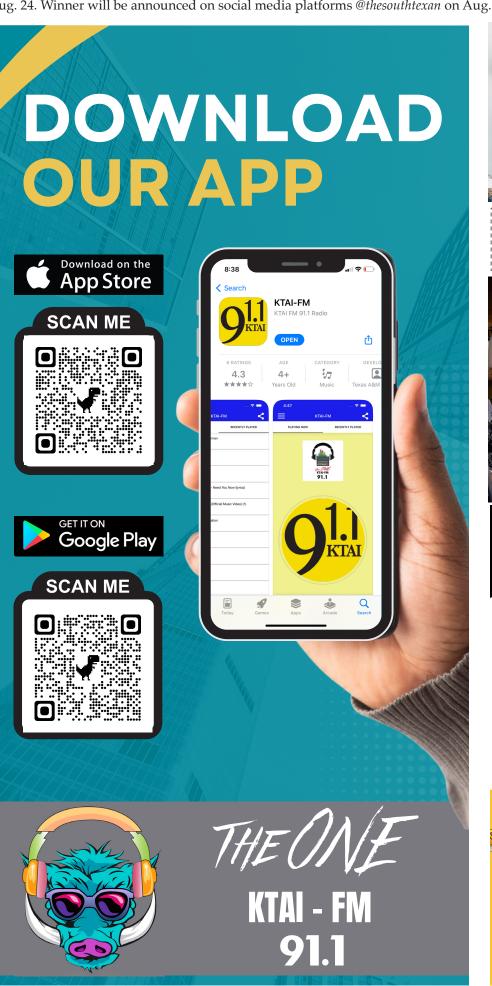
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- 18 5k Run 1K walk Maggie Salinas Pavilion 8:30pm
- 26 Farmer's Market Maggie Salinas Pavilion 9am to 12pm

SEPTEMBER

- 16 & 17 South Texas Prospect Show Series J.K. Northway
- 23 Farmers Market Maggie Salinas Pavilion 9am to 12pm
- T 23 Main Street Monthly Wine Walk Downtown 5pm to 9pm

OCTOBER

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- 21 **Butterfly Blitz:** Pollinator Festival Dick Kleberg park
- 27 Main Street Monthly Wine Walk Downtown 5pm to 9pm
- 28 Farmer's Market Maggie Salinas Pavilion 9am to 12pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 & 5 **South Texas Prospect Show Series** J.K. Northway
- 17 **Holiday Wine Walk** Downtown 5pm to 9pm
- 18 Ranch Hand Breakfast King Ranch 7am to 11am
- 18 Ranch Hand Festival Downtown 9am to 4pm
- 18 **Ranch Hand Country Concert** J.K. Northway 7pm

DECEMBER

- 2 **Holiday Wine Walk** Downtown 2pm to 6pm
- 2 **La Posada Christmas Parade** Downtown Kingsville 7pm
- 16 & 17 South Texas Prospect Show Series J.K. Northway

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