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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter*Dear Kingsbury,**Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!*

Here Comes December

Now that Thanksgiving is past, this week sees the first days of December!

December is the twelfth and last month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars. It is the seventh and last month to have the length of 31 days.

December got its name from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the monthless period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.



The zodiac signs for the month of December are



Sagittarius (until December 21)



Capricorn (December 22 onward)



December's birth flower is the narcissus which symbolizes good wishes, faithfulness and respect.



Holly and the paperwhite



- a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms - are also flowers for those born in December.

December's traditional birthstone is the turquoise



. It is considered a symbol of good **fortune** and success.



Zircon and



tanzanite are also considered to be December birthstones.




Month-long observances in December:


International Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month
 Learn a Foreign Language Month
 National Car Donation Month
 National Pear Month
 Bingo's Birthday Month
 National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
 National Human Rights Month
 National Tie Month
 National Write A Business Plan Month
 Operation Santa Paws (1-24)
 Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month
 Safe Toys and Gifts Month
 Spiritual Literacy Month
 Universal Human Rights Month
 Worldwide Food Service Safety Month
 World Twin To Twin Transfusion Syndrome Awareness Month




DECEMBER 2021 LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST FOR TEXAS & OKLAHOMA

Winter will be colder than normal, with the coldest periods in early to mid-January and early to mid-February. Precipitation will be below average, but snowfall will be above average in the north, with the best chances for snow in mid- to late January and early February.

Dec 1-5  Sunny, very cold

Dec 6-12  Isolated showers, warm

Dec 13-20  Sunny, mild

Dec 21-27  Rain and snow showers, cold

Dec 28-31  Sunny, warm

December

Temperature: 53° (2° above avg.)

Precipitation: 1.5" (1" below avg.)



The Geminid meteor shower, typically the strongest meteor shower of the year, is officially active now in the night skies. The Geminids can deliver over a hundred meteors per hour during peak nights. It's also the rare shower that doesn't require you to wake up at atrocious hours before sunrise for the best viewing experience.

In 2022, the shower is active from Nov. 19 until Dec. 24, peaking on the evening of Dec. 13 into the following morning. The moon will be more than two-thirds full that night, which is a bit of a bummer but certainly not enough to discourage skywatchers from heading outside for a look.

The Geminids are the rare meteor shower that don't seem to be traced to an active comet that makes intermittent visits to the inner solar system spaced out by several years or longer. Instead, the source seems to be the asteroid 3200 Phaethon, which astronomers think may be an extinct comet or new kind of object called a "rock comet," according to NASA. Whatever it is, the pieces of debris and detritus that have broken away from Phaethon over the years form dusty clouds that are more dense than what most comets leave behind. This explains why the Geminids are consistently one of the stronger annual showers. Each December we drift through the most dense part of this cloud and hundreds or thousands of bits roughly the size of a pebble burn up as they collide with our upper atmosphere.

While it's best to mark the peak night on your calendar, it's possible to catch a few meteors an hour right now, especially as other showers like the Leonids and Taurids are still active. The early evening hours are the best times to see a bright "earth-grazer," which is nickname for a brilliant fireball that appears to flame out spectacularly just above the horizon.



Thunder in December presages fine weather.



A green Christmas, a white Easter.



As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.



If it rains much during the twelve days after Christmas, it will be a wet year.



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:

November 27th - National Secondhand Sunday, National Bavarian Cream Pie Day, National Craft Jerky Day

November 28th - National French Toast Day, Cyber Monday

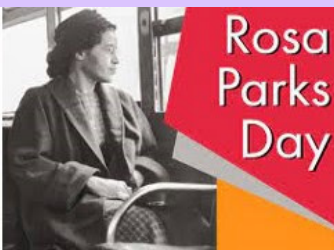
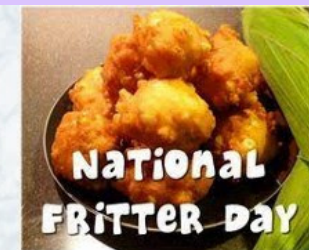
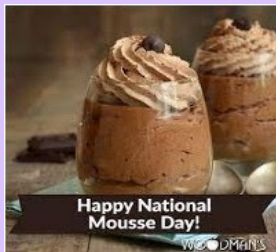
November 29th - Electronic Greetings Day, National Day of Giving

November 30th - Computer Security Day, National Mason Jar Day, National Meth Awareness Day, National Mississippi Day, National Mousse Day, National Personal Space Day, Stay Home Because You're Well Day, National Package Protection Day

December 1st - Bifocals at the Monitor Liberation Day, Day With(out) Art Day, National Eat a Red Apple Day, National Pie Day, Rosa Parks Day

December 2nd - National Fritters Day, National Mutt Day, Special Education Day, Faux Fur Friday, National Bartender Day

December 3rd - National Roof Over Your Head Day, National Play Outside Day, Skywarn Recognition Day



Kingsbury Items For Sale

Looking for a neat little Kingsbury gift or want to support your location Kingsbury VFD? The KVFD Auxiliary has tea towels, stemless wine glasses, and coasters available for sale in the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street.

Tea towels wine glasses are \$10 and coasters are \$5 and all **proceeds** go to the KVFD Auxiliary for support of

our firefighters and first responders.

Come check it all out!



Kingsbury News Past

All the **news** that's fit to print about what was happening in Kingsbury . . .

San Antonio Express.

VOL 10.

[SAN ANTONIO TEXAS, SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1876

NO 143

The June 17, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had a "Railroad Item" about the railroad and the iron being used for the rails. In 1876, the railroad only came as far west as Kingsbury and 1500 tons of iron was to be delivered here to finish the track to San Antonio. There was some rumors about the iron being delayed put out by "our Main Plaza contemporary" (I'm guessing that means the *San Antonio Light*) but that seems "false and foolish". And there was apparently a "bug under

the chip" when the railroad to Cuero was suspended. A "bug under the chip" was an old phrase meaning a hidden motive - as in there is a bug under a chip of wood that is making it move, not the wood chip moving on its own. These old newspapers always seem to be talking in code!

Kingsbury was mentioned again under the Official Journal Of Bexar Co. with K C Ends being the Agent for the Daily and Weekly Express. Other agents were from Brackett (now Brackettville), Fort Concho (a frontier fort that is now San Angelo), and Cottage Hill. Cottage Hill was a small town and stagecoach stop in east Bexar County that declined when the Cottage Hill Gang created so much lawlessness that the Post Office and then businesses moved to nearby St. Hedwig.

RAILROAD ITEM.—Mr. Ferdinand Hahn gives us the following in regard to the Railroad, about which he is positive there is no mistake: "I learned from Mr. Andrews, and other persons who know, that all the iron for finishing the track had been contracted for except 1500 tons. The contract was made with the Vulcan Iron Works of St. Louis, and was to have been delivered at Kingsbury by the 10th, when track-laying was to have been commenced. But shortly after the contract was entered into, a shaft was broken at the iron works, and an extension of ten days asked and granted. I believe the road is to be pushed through right away."

From the above it seems that that dispatch of Col. Andrews', referring to the commencement of track-laying on the 10th was not so false and foolish as our Main Plaza contemporary has tried to make believe.

We hear that the prediction made in our columns at an early day that Morgan and Pierce had effected a combination, is to prove true. We knew there was a "bug under the chip" when Morgan suspended his road to Cuero.

DAILY EXPRESS.

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Agents for Daily and Weekly Express

Castroville	Geo W Gorn
Brackett	W N Cook
Eagle Pass	W Schuchardt & Co
Fredericksburg	A Schild
Fort Concho	Louis Miller
Pleasanton	W H Smith
New Braunfels	C H Holtz
Boguin	E F Batt
Kingsbury	K C Ends
Uvalde	H W Brown
Rio Grande City	M V Merick
Boerne	H G Froebel
Exton	W H Slaughter
Cottage Hill	Ben Kiolbassa
Austin	Sam S Hughes

Elsewhere in 1876, the "Indian War" continues with the Indians "firing at a distance of 600 yards", the Army medical corps is abolishing the "office of medical store-keeper", the Saratoga Baths have re-opened for the season (towels will cost you an extra 25¢ per month!), and "The Traveler's Companion" is "a safe remedy against stage robbers' attacks". Was it a book? A gun? A bag with a hidden compartment? This one's a mystery to me.

Also in 1876, the "State of Tex." could learn a thing or two from the Mormons on how to entice "stout, healthy, industrious, and virtuous men and women" to come and populate "our vast territory", Capt. McNelly's men brought in a couple of outlaw brothers (one of which was "liberated from the Waco prison" by the other), "all the youths" got the measles in Quihi (just north of Hondo) and Newfountain (now a ghost town just west of Quihi), and I'm not sure what promising crops and plentiful Sewing Machine agents have to do with each other.

And a notice to "Flockmasters" about rams and ewes for sale (I'm guessing that they meant Flockmasters and not "Flockmastebs"), the remains of several members of the French royalty that died in exile in England are being brought home to France, I'm not sure why "Castroville civiliazation" can't "bear a bath house", the death rate of men in England is highest among hackney coachmen and then liquor sellers, and Capt. McNelly's "boys" (meaning the Texas Rangers) are in the city and "well mounted" and "armed to the teeth".

THE INDIAN WAR.

Cheyenne, June 16.—Crook's command encountered two large bodies of Indians. A skirmish occurred and two soldiers were wounded by spent balls. The Indians firing at a distance of 600 yards.

On the 10th instant, Mr Lynde reported back the Senate bill reducing the number of the medical corps in the army. Passed. It fixes the number of assistant surgeons at 125, abolishes the office of medical store-keeper, and in addition to the grades now allowed by law, provides for four surgeons with the rank of Colonel, and eight with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

SARATOGA BATHS

MILL BRIDGE,
SAN ANTONIO.

RE-OPENING FOR THE SEASON:

Season Tickets.....\$5 00
Monthly Tickets..... 2 00

For use of towels 25c per month extra.

Dozen Tickets.....\$1 50
Single Tickets..... 20

Including use of Towels and Soap.
Children admitted to the Childrens' Basin at one-half the above rates but no towels or soap furnished

The baths are open daily from 5 to 10 A.M. and from 3 to 10 P.M. for gentlemen and boys. And for girls and ladies from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., with female attendants.

Parents are informed that bathing in the Childrens' Basin is perfectly safe; a reliable person is always in attendance to preserve order and prevent accidents.

Tickets, strictly personal, for sale at the baths.
E. STURENBURG,
apl16d3m Proprietor.

THE TRAVELER'S COMPANION.

An essential article to have along, and a safe remedy against stage robbers' attacks; also Seltzers, Congress and Empire Waters, at Kinahan & Littell's Cennennial, No. 4, Soledad street.

A LESSON FROM THE MORMONS.

The success of Mormon emissaries in converting hundreds and thousands of English women of the poorer classes to their shameful faith is a sufficient and ominous illustration of the tendencies of English civilization. One hundred and twenty-six of them recently arrived in New York on their way to Utah. Similar success has attended the labors of the Mormons in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and, we believe, in Germany. The people thus enticed are generally industrious, virtuous, good people, and are easily liable to this demoralization from their poverty, and the difficulty of getting remunerative work sufficient to make a living. If these Mormon emissaries can overcome their scruples, and entice them to Utah, what could not the State of Tex. do in inducing them to come to our fine climate and rich lands, to find comfortable homes, with no violation of their principles or consciences? The stout, healthy, industrious, and virtuous men and women in every country in Europe are ready to populate and develop our vast territory, if we had a wise administration of our immigration interests.

PRISONERS.—Capt. McNelly's men brought two prisoners into the city Thursday night, John and Pink Smith, alias Burns, and placed them for temporary keeping in the hands of the Bexar officials. They were captured on the Sietadora, last Wednesday evening, and will be taken to Waco, where charges of theft and murder are said to rest against them. John Smith, or Burns, was liberated from the Waco prison by his brother about four years ago, after a sentence of fifteen years confinement in the penitentiary had been passed upon him. The Captain says that they belonged to the Hardin party in Dewitt county until it disbanded, when they joined King Fisher.

All the youths at Quihi and Newfountain had the measles—no deaths.

Crops look promising, and Sewing Machine agents are plentiful.

IMPORTANT

—TO—

FLOCKMASTERS

I HAVE for sale, or will exchange for wethers or good Mexican ewes

50 Thoroughbred Span. Mer. Rams
300 " " " Ewes.

These sheep have been selected from the best flocks of Washington Co., Penn., and are acclimated. Address, or call on

BRYCE LITTLE,
m29w3m Frio town, Frio County, Texas

The Count of Paris has gone to England to bring to France the remains of Louis Philippe, Queen Amelia, the Duchess of Orleans, the Duchess of Anjou and the Prince of Conde. The remains were landed at Honfleur on the 11th and were taken to Dreux on Friday, where they are reinterred in the chapel built by Louis Philippe for the burial of his family.

Castroville civilization cannot bear a bath house in its Medina.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Lucca has been nominated candidate of the Imperial Court at Vienna.

Mr. Rockwell, M. P., was recently knocked down by a cab, and has been quite ill in consequence.

The King of Greece, who was sick at Copenhagen with a severe attack of gastric fever, has recovered.

In England the death rate of men is highest among hackney coachmen, and liquor sellers come next.

—Several of Capt. McNelly's boys were in the city yesterday. They are well mounted men, and armed to the teeth.

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, Nov 27, 2022



75°F

Sunny

Wind: E 8.0 mph
Humidity: 33%
Visibility: 10.0 miles

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



74°	78°	56°	56°	68°	76°
61°	47°	40°	50°	63°	66°

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](#)

Booze & Peruse

The 2nd Annual Booze & Peruse event is scheduled for December 10th in Kingsbury Hall!

There will be lots of vendor booths for you to finish your Christmas shopping, a drink **contest**, and Santa (and maybe even the Grinch!) will make an appearance.

Proceeds go to Light Work 316 which works to lighten the financial burden of families facing major or life altering illness or injury.

Mark your calendars for a fun time in Downtown Kingsbury!

10 Plus
Vendors

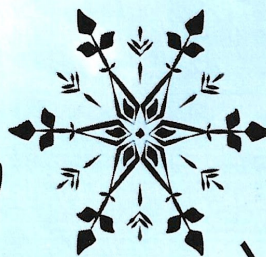
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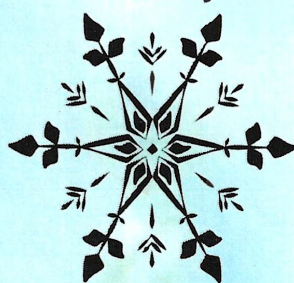
Manny's Food
Truck

Pictures with
Santa

2nd Annual
*Booze
and
Peruse*
2022



Live
Raffle



Drinks to
Sample

Commemorative
Cups \$10

12/10/2022

6-9 pm

\$1 for 21 and
up wristbands

Downtown Kingsbury

There are only
027 days 12 hours 11 mins 12 secs
until Christmas!

Class Picture

A class picture of the Kingsbury School around 1900. At that time, the Kingsbury School was in the building that is now the Kingsbury Methodist Church on FM 2438. The building was used as the Kingsbury school house from 1876 to 1917.

In the picture, many of the girls are wearing corsages and many of the boys are wearing **boutonnieres**. Several of the girls have large flower arrangements with greenery on their laps. It was obviously a special day! It was so special that two little girls seated in the center of the front row have their Teddy bears on their laps and the little girl at the far left has her Teddy bear sitting on the floor in front of her.

The desks have a few books and pencils on them and one on the right has a table bell on it. All the desks also have holes for ink wells in the front.

The back wall has several pictures on it. The picture to the left of the door appears to be a large building, and the picture second from the left to the right of the door is a big, white rooster.

The chalk board on the back wall shows the subjects being studied: A. Arithmetic, C. Arithmetic, D. Arithmetic, B. Arithmetic, E. Arithmetic, Physical Geography, Geography, Composition, B. Grammar, B. Algebra, Texas History, A. Algebra, Physiology, U. S. History, A. Grammar, and Civil Government.

Quite the education!

The back of the picture shows it was a post card addressed to Katie Jones, Kingsbury, Tex. There was a Katie Jones born in Kingsbury in 1896 and married John Carroll. Katie was a descendant of Stephen Austin's first settlers, "The Old 300", and the original Texas Rangers. She graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College and was known for her artistic talents. She was an annual participant in the State Fair of Texas, winning prizes for her pickles and jellies and baking entries. She also displayed her fine needlecraft and quilting projects. Is this Katie Jones possibly a little girl in the picture?



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Thanks!

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