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

Meteor Shower Peaks This Week

The annual Perseid meteor shower is one of the most beloved meteor showers of the year, especially in the Northern Hemisphere, where the shower peaks on warm summer nights. No matter where you live worldwide, the 2020 Perseid meteor shower will probably produce the greatest number of meteors on the mornings of August 11, 12 and 13. On the peak mornings in 2020, the moon is a quarter moon then a waning crescent that will not be drowning out many Perseids from view.

People tend to focus on the peak mornings of meteor showers, and that's entirely appropriate. But meteors in annual showers – which come from streams of debris left behind in space by comets – typically last weeks, not days. Perseid meteors have been **streaking** across our skies since around July 17. We'll see Perseids for 10 days or so after the peak mornings on August 11, 12 and 13.

Also remember, the the Delta Aquariid and Alpha Capricornid meteor showers are still rambling along steadily. You'll see mostly Perseids, but also some others in the mix. The Perseids are active from July 17 to August 24. They reach a strong maximum on August 11-12 this year. Normal rates seen from rural locations range from 50-75 shower members per hour at maximum. The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system.

In a typical year, although the meteor numbers increase after midnight, the Perseid meteors still start to fly at mid-to-late evening from northerly latitudes. South of the equator, the Perseids start to streak the sky around midnight. If fortune smiles upon you, the evening hours might offer you an earthgrazer – a loooooong, slow, colorful meteor traveling horizontally across the evening sky. Earthgrazer meteors are rare but memorable. Perseid earthgrazers appear before midnight, when the radiant point of the shower is close to the horizon.



General rules for Perseid-watching. No special equipment, or knowledge of the constellations, needed.

- ☀ Find a dark, open sky to enjoy the show. An open sky is essential because these meteors fly across the sky in many different directions and in front of numerous constellations.
- ☀ Give yourself at least an hour of observing time, because the meteors in meteor showers come in spurts and are interspersed with lulls. Remember, your eyes can take as long as 20 minutes to adapt to the darkness of night. So don't rush the process.
- ☀ Know that the meteors all come from a single point in the sky. If you trace the paths of the Perseid meteors backwards, you'd find they all come from a point in front of the constellation Perseus. Don't worry about which stars are Perseus. Just enjoying knowing and observing that they all come from one place on the sky's dome.
- ☀ Avoid looking at your phone and other light sources. Look for the darkest area of the sky. Keep the moon out of your line of sight as best you can.

🌟 Enjoy the comfort of a reclining lawn chair. Bring along some other things you might enjoy also, like a thermos filled with a hot drink.

Remember ... all good things come to those who wait. Meteors are part of nature. There's no way to predict exactly how many you'll see on any given night. Find a good spot, watch, wait.

You'll see some!



Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

You can now order your awesome Kingsbury T-Shirt online and have it arrive at your door! Just go to the Kingsbury website and click "SHOP" and select the items you want. Pay with a credit card or PayPal and then just wait for your new, fabulous Kingsbury wear to come to you!

The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo: **LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.**

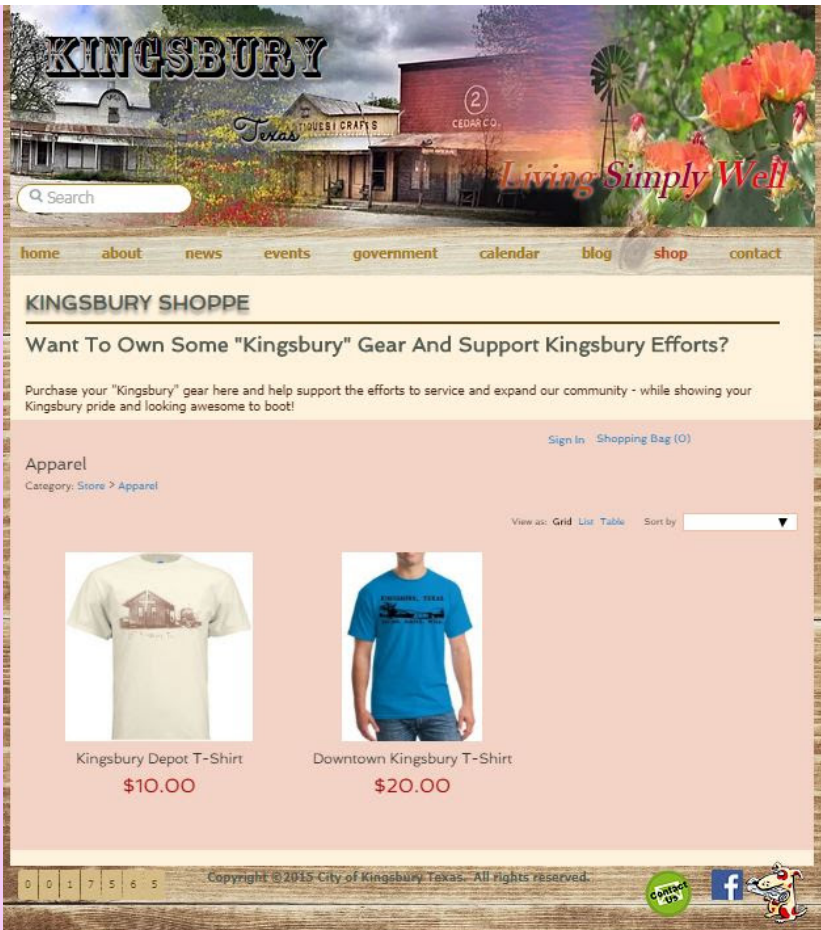
That says it all, doesn't it?!

They're \$20 and are available in blue, pink, turquoise, red, and the classic black.

The Kingsbury depot T-shirts are also available on the website in the Kingsbury Shoppe that have an image of the old Kingsbury Depot that stood next to the tracks across from the old Post Office. One of the steam locomotives that used to stop here in Kingsbury is shown idling next to the depot, waiting for the next car load of cattle or travelers to New Orleans or San Francisco. The image includes the original writing at the bottom of the picture: "Depot KiNGsbury TEX." The back of the shirt has the Kingsbury logo "LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL." and the Kingsbury website.

They're a bargain at just \$10!

Visit the Kingsbury website at www.kingsburytexas.org to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



Volunteer Work Days at Pioneer Flight Museum

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

Saturday, August 15th

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



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](#)

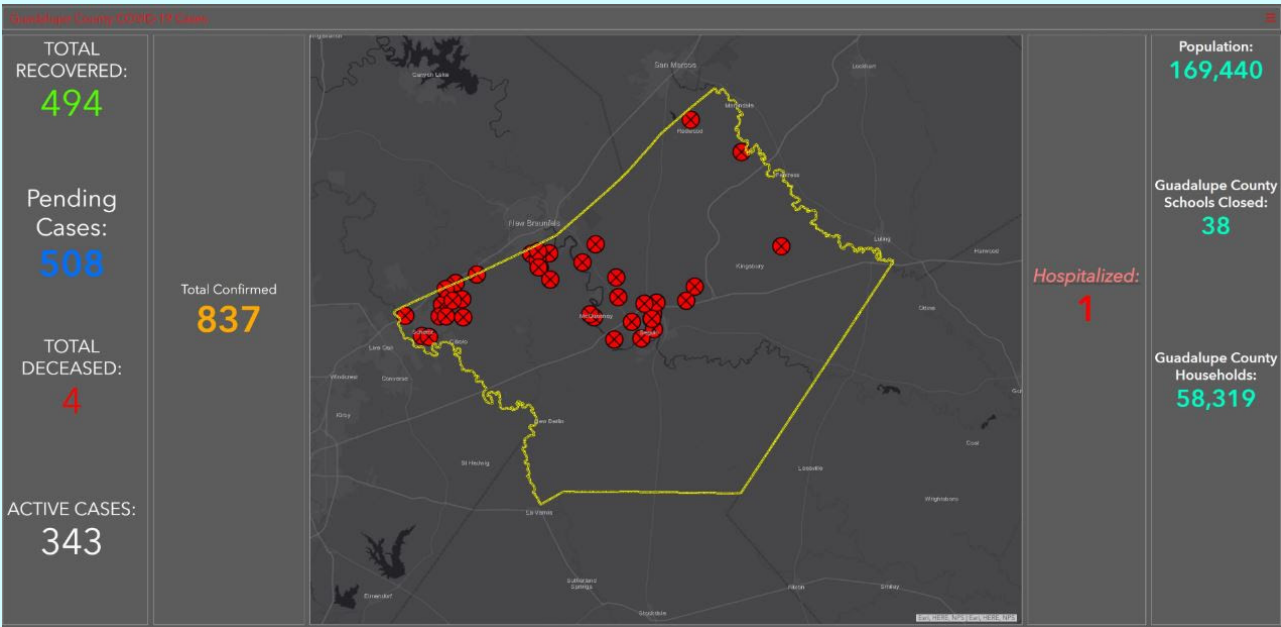
COVID-19 In Guadalupe County

As the world goes through the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, we are all looking for information on the impact in our area. A good place for **info** is on the Guadalupe County website. The county has a "dashboard" showing cases of the virus on a county map, the numbers of recoveries, number of people hospitalized, etc.

It's good to know what is going on around the globe, but it's probably even more important to know what's

happening in our immediate area. The dashboard can be found here: https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/commcourt/covid-19_dashboard.php

Below is the most recent dashboard and an update from the county Office of Emergency Management from August 6th. Some of the numbers are quite different due to reporting of persons in the county that actually live elsewhere, timing of updates, etc.



GUADALUPE COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
101 EAST COURT STREET
SEGUIN, TEXAS 78155

August 6, 2020

For Immediate Release:

56 cases have been added to the active section of the chart. These are confirmed positive or probable cases.

HOSPITALIZATIONS:

GRMC is reporting 12 hospitalized patients at this time. Not all hospitalized patients are Guadalupe County residence.

DEATHS:

Since the start of COVID-19, there have been 31 deaths reported to Guadalupe County Emergency Management by DSHS. Guadalupe County expects the number of deaths to increase due to the Texas Department of State Health Services webpage reporting 45 deaths. Due to the lag in the reporting, we have not yet been provided all of the deaths.

LOCATION	ACTIVE	RECOVERED	DEATHS	TOTAL
New Braunfels	25	183	3	208
Cibolo	51	181	0	232
Seguin	67	658	16	725
Schertz	42	166	1	208
Marion	0	7	0	7
Selma	3	17	0	20
Unincorporated Area	76	432	11	508
Confirmed Totals:	264	1644	31	1908
Pending DSHS Cases				
DSHS Total:				1908
Hospitalized at GRMC- per GRMC	12			
Deaths at GRMC- per GRMC	28	Guadalupe County Residents		

Burn Ban Status

There is currently 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 at <http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>

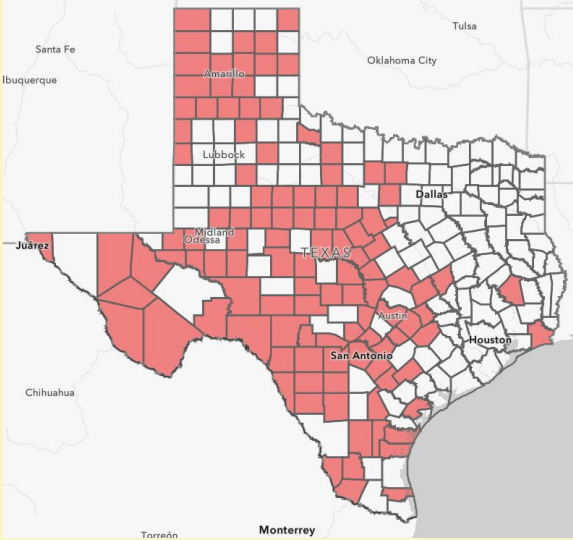


As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499. To report a fire, please dial 911.

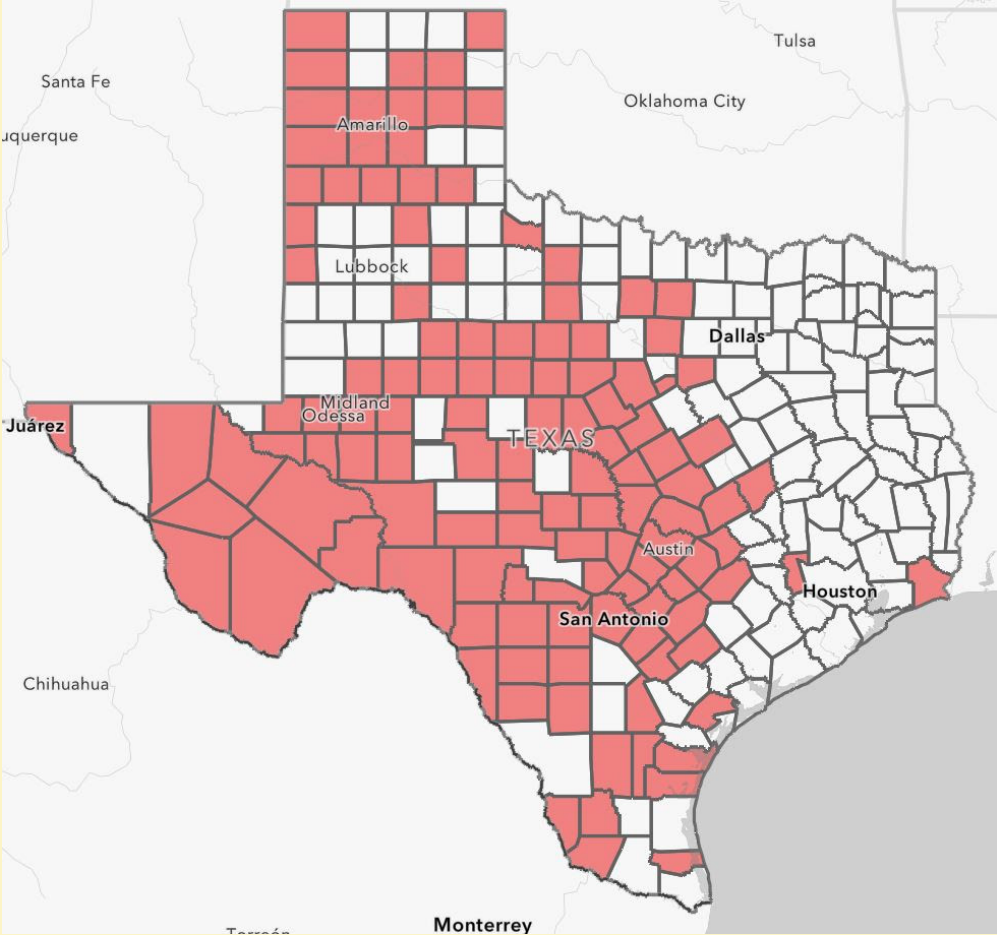


In the Burn Ban Status of last week's Newsletter, there were 114 counties with a burn ban in place in Texas. This week there are 123.

Last week's map:



Current map:



Farmers Market

There will be a Farmer's Market in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



*Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday*



The event will be outside so you will be able to have the 6 foot safe distancing that is recommended and still be

able to pick up **farm fresh** eggs and produce. Homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also usually available.



Plant starts, fruit trees, herbs, Kingsbury T-shirts, delicious wraps, lemonade, homemade soaps, and colorful face masks are usually on hand also.



First National Bank of Kingsbury

The First National Bank of Kingsbury (bank charter number 10266) was built of red brick and opened in 1912. It printed \$60,850 dollars worth of national currency in 2 different denominations over the next 18 years until 1929.

At one point, the bank manager broke the bank after it was found that he had put all of the money into a series of dry holes. He claimed a **robbery**, but was convicted and sent to prison. The bank was able to recover from that, but burned down in a fire several years later and was never rebuilt.

What could be in the big barrels on the horse-drawn cart? Beer? Water? Flour? Is it the bank manager's cart and they're full of money?



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what's going on in their community.



Thanks!

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