

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - December 22, 2019

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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Happy Holidays!

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from the Kingsbury Newsletter!*

*We hope your **holidays** are festive and bright  
as we celebrate and head into the new year and the new decade.*



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:



**December 22 - National Date Nut Bread Day**

**December 23 - National Pfeffernusse Day, National Roots Day, Festivus, Forefathers Day, Chanukah Begins**

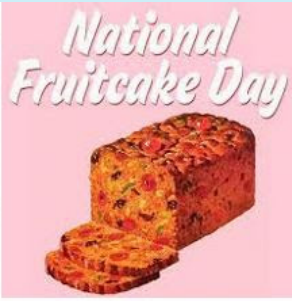
**December 24 - National Eggnog Day, Christmas Eve**

**December 25 - National Pumpkin Pie Day, A'Phabet Day or No "L" Day, Christmas**

**December 26 - National Candy Cane Day, National Thank-you Note Day, National Whiner's Day, Boxing Day (Canada)**

**December 27 - National Fruitcake Day**

**December 28 - National Short Film Day, National Chocolate Candy Day, National Card Playing Day, Holy Innocents Day, Pledge of Allegiance Day**



**Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!**

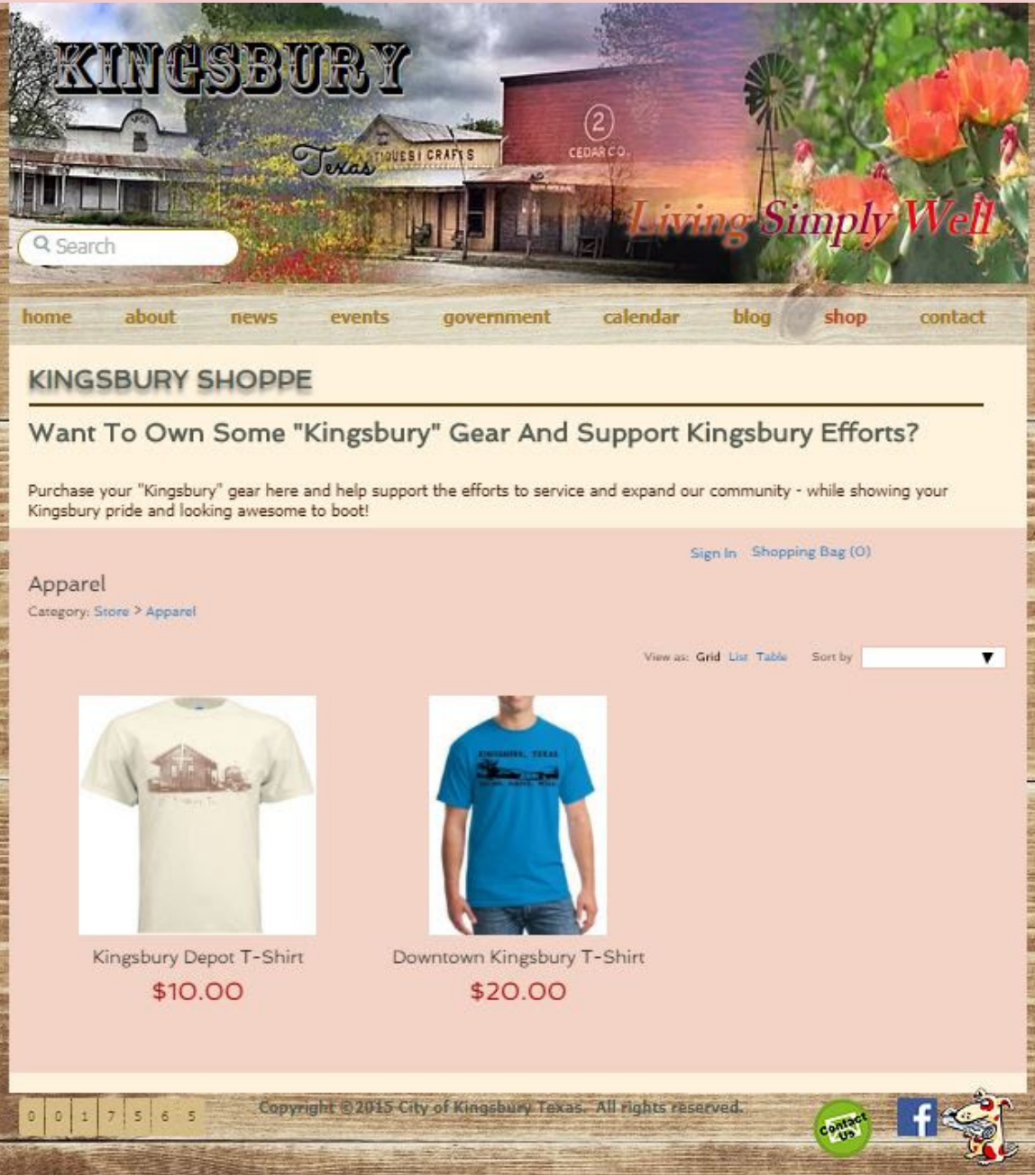
You can now order your awesome Kingsbury T-Shirt online and have it arrive at your door! Just go to the Kingsbury website and click "SHOP" and select the items you want. Pay with a credit card or PayPal and then just wait for your new, fabulous Kingsbury wear to come to you!

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](http://www.kingsburytexas.org) to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!





## Washington Crosses The Deleware

This week in history in 1776, during the American Revolution, Patriot General George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey. The unconventional attack came after several months of substantial defeats for Washington's army that had resulted in the loss of New York City and other strategic points in the region.

At about 11 p.m. on Christmas Day, Washington's army commenced its crossing of the **half-frozen** river at three locations. The 2,400 soldiers led by Washington successfully braved the icy and freezing river and reached the New Jersey side of the Delaware just before dawn. The other two divisions, made up of some 3,000 men and crucial artillery, failed to reach the meeting point at the appointed time.

At approximately 8 a.m. on the morning of December 26, Washington's remaining force, separated into two columns, reached the outskirts of Trenton and descended on the unsuspecting Hessians. Trenton's 1,400 Hessian defenders were groggy from the previous evening's festivities and underestimated the Patriot threat after months of decisive British victories throughout New York. Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the Germans' defenses, and by 9:30 a.m. the town was surrounded. Although several hundred Hessians escaped, nearly 1,000 were captured at the cost of only four American lives. However, because most of Washington's army had failed to cross the Delaware, he was without adequate artillery or men and was forced to withdraw from the town.

The victory was not particularly significant from a strategic point of view, but news of Washington's initiative raised the spirits of the American colonists, who previously feared that the Continental Army was incapable of victory.



## 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 Museum has published it's calendar for **2020**:

### **Volunteer Work Days:**

January 18  
February 1      February 22  
March 21  
April 11      April 25  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15      August 29  
September 19  
October 3      October 17  
November 7  
December 19

### **Events:**

May 2, 2020 - Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In!  
November 14, 2020 - Fall Wings & Wheels Fly-In!

You can keep up with events at the Aerodrome by visiting their website at [www.pioneerflightmuseum.org](http://www.pioneerflightmuseum.org)

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!

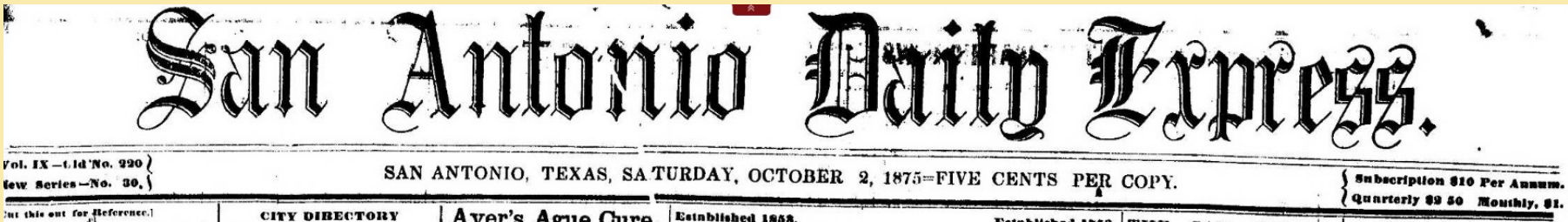




### Kingsbury News Past

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

The October 2, 1875 edition of the *San Antonio Daily Express* had several mentions of Kingsbury in ads that have appeared a number of times in 1875. The Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad only reached as far west as Kingsbury in 1875 so it was mentioned quite regularly in the S.A. and Galveston papers.



This day in 1875, Chas. Bender is letting the readers know that Texas Lumber Manufacturers has dissolved but he will continue business at Kingsbury and keep people "supplied with Texas and Calcasieu" lumber and shingles, Allen & Chambers are "dealers in lumber" in Kingsbury (perhaps the same Allen named in not so good a way in the Bender ad?), the G.H.&S.A. railroad still has "two daily trains from Kingsbury", and the Finucane Line stage coach line has "fare reduced and speed increased" from "San Antonio to Kingsbury".

**NOTICE! ON THE 10TH DAY OF**  
 July the Texas Lumber Manufacturing Company, at Houston, of which Chas. Bender was a partner and general agent, for Western Texas, dissolved, and an agreement entered into that no member of that company was to assume or do business in that name, and therefore Sam. Allen has violated his agreement in doing so to the prejudice of the other persons forming said company.

The undersigned have employed Edgar & McIlloch as agents, at Kingsbury, to sell their lumber, and will keep them fully supplied with

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**LUMBER.**

**SHINGLES.**

SASH, BLINDS, &c,

of the best quality, which will be sold as good terms as can be had at any other establishment, and they are fully prepared at their mills to fill any orders for extra sizes and lengths at short notice.

CHAS. BENDER & SON

Kingsbury, Aug. 29. 1875. [local]

**ALLEN & CHAMBERS, WHOLE-**  
 and Retail dealers in Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Blinds, &c., at Kingsbury, terminus of the G. H. & S. A. Railroad. Orders promptly filled on short notice.  
 [local] **J. F. HARRIS, Agt.**

**GALVESTON, HARRISBURG AND SAN ANTONIO RAILWAY.**

The shortest line to all points in the

**NORTH EAST AND WEST!**

This road, now in operation one hundred and sixty-seven miles west of Harrisburg, and within 44 miles of San Antonio, offers the

**SHORTEST, QUICKEST & CHEAPEST**

Route to all points in Texas, and all prominent cities in the North and East. Sleeping cars attached to all night trains

**Baggage Checked to Destination.**

Two daily trains from Kingsbury, making close and reliable connection at Harrisburg with trains of the G. H. & H. for Houston and Galveston—connecting at Galveston with Morgan steamers daily for New Orleans and all points in the Northern and Eastern States.

For Through Tickets or any information regarding rates of freight, or passage, or routes apply at the Freight & Ticket Office, near the Menger Hotel.

**E. O. Meusebach, Ag't.**

O. G. MURRAY H. H. ANDREWS,  
 Asst. G. F. T. Ag't Gen'l Manager

**FARE REDUCED**

AND

**[SPEED INCREASED]**

ON THE

**Finucane Line!**

The Stage Line from San Antonio to Kingsbury now running regular Daily Trips, making close connections with all trains

**First Class Coaches**

Are now run ensuring comfort and convenience.

**NO MUD WAGONS USED.**

**L. M. ENDERLE, Ag't**

Office opposite Menger Brewery. self

Elsewhere in 1875, Th. Schleuning has "Northern Lard" and "Prime and choice Molasses" (molasses seems to be a big thing back in the day), get your "corns cured" and your "inverted toe-nails" fixed (I'm not even sure what that is!) at "Central Hotel Barber Shop" (the barber shop?!) and there were quite a few arrivals and departures on the Kingsbury stage.

In New York, the "season of equinoctial storms is at hand" (ones that happen around the fall equinox - now we just call it hurricane season) and there are a hundred viewing stations on the Atlantic coast with officers posted watching the weather. In particular, the New York station is watching the "formidable cyclone" that had hit the

Texas coast a few days earlier (now known as the 1875 Indianola Hurricane) which is apparently heading north. In other news, "popular young gentleman" Mr. Loeb is in town from Fort Concho (once a military and cavalry post near San Angelo), Miss Sommers is a "beautiful little terpsichorean artist" (had to look that one up - that's a very fancy way of saying she's a dancer), a small family wants a German girl to cook and wash, and the Menger Hotel sitting-room is getting cleaned (big news in 1875!). "Fat John" the barber keeps showing up in these old S.A. papers - he must have been quite the character! He was "well-corporated" (not sure what that means) and was so well-loved that the paper states "May he live long and prosper". And the Feed Stable has "first-class hostlers" and also keeps an "ambulance" to "carry passengers to any point". I think "ambulance" here just meant a carriage that could take you wherever you needed to go.







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## KINGSBURY SHOPPE

### Want To Own Some "Kingsbury" Gear And Support Kingsbury Efforts?

Purchase your "Kingsbury" gear here and help support the efforts to service and expand our community - while showing your Kingsbury pride and looking awesome to boot!

Shopping Bag (1)

### Welcome to the Kingsbury Shoppe!



Apparel

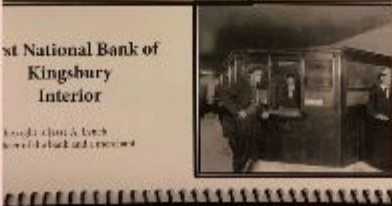


Collectibles

### Featured Products



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Exterior



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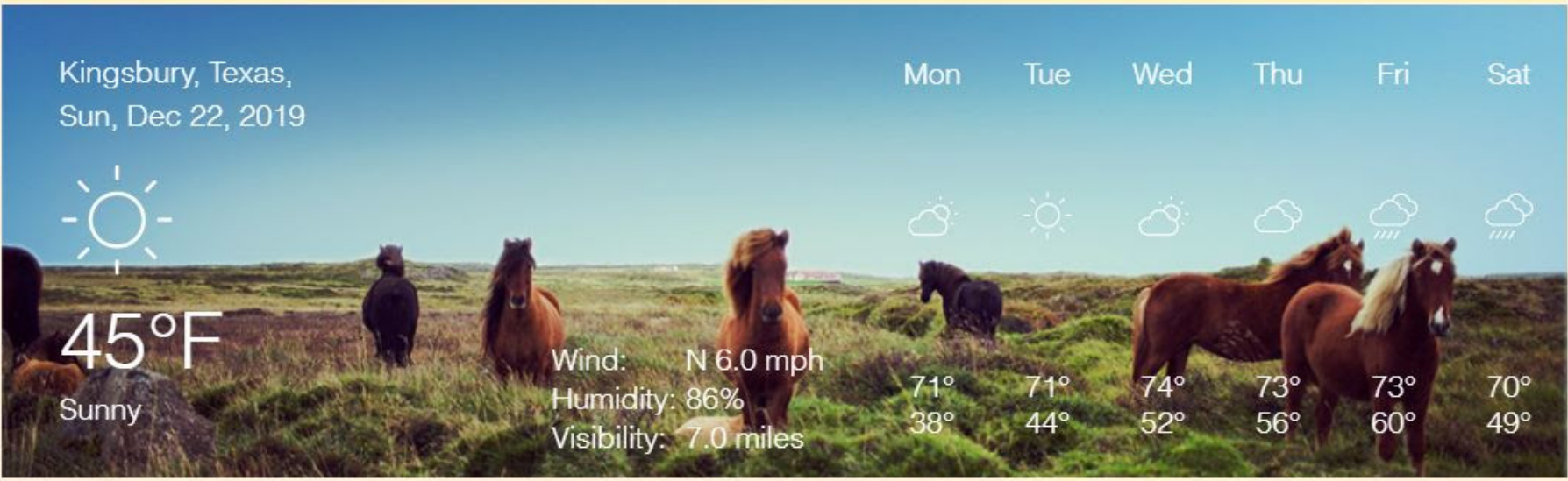


2020 Ol' Kingsbury Calendar  
\$10.00



## 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

## Busy Highway

A picture of a very busy Highway 90 in the early 1940s where some Kingsbury **girls** have taken over the road!

The girls are (L to R): Gloria Halm, Joyce Hurt, Dorothy Chessher, and Glenda Ferrell.

I like the "access road" on the left where it appears people were driving instead of getting on the highway when they just needed to go somewhere along that side.



## Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](#), 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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