

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - November 17, 2019

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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Leonid Meteor Shower

November’s wonderful Leonid meteor shower is active from about November 6 to 30 each year. The peak is expected in 2019 on the night of Sunday, November 17 (morning of Monday, November 18).

The shower happens as our world crosses the orbital path of Comet 55P/Tempel-Tuttle. Like many comets, Tempel-Tuttle litters its orbit with bits of debris. It’s when this cometary debris enters Earth’s atmosphere and **vaporizes** that we see the Leonid meteor shower.

This year, a waning gibbous moon will light up the sky during the shower’s peak. In a dark sky, absent of moonlight, you can see up to 10 to 15 meteors per hour at the peak. In 2019’s moonlit sky? It’s hard to predict, but some of the brighter meteors should be visible in moonlight.

Which direction should you look to see the Leonids? Meteors in annual showers are named for the point in our sky from which they appear to radiate. This shower is named for the constellation Leo the Lion, because these meteors radiate outward from the vicinity of stars representing the Lion’s Mane.

When night falls, you’ll probably be impatient to see meteors. But remember that the shower is best after midnight. Catch a nap in early evening if you can. After midnight, lie back comfortably and watch as best you can in all parts of the sky.



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!



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 17 - National Baklava Day, National Take A Hike Day, National Homemade Bread Day

November 18 - National Princess Day, National Vichyssoise Day, Mickey Mouse Birthday

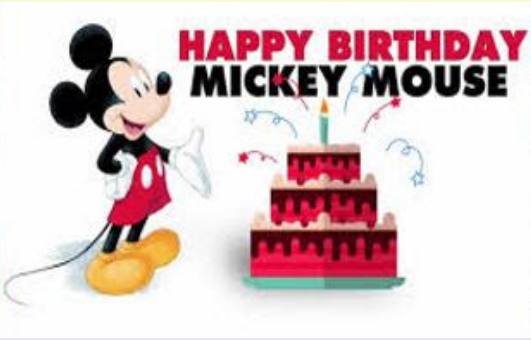
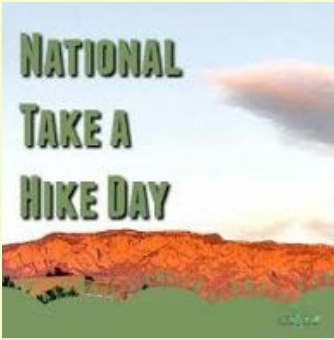
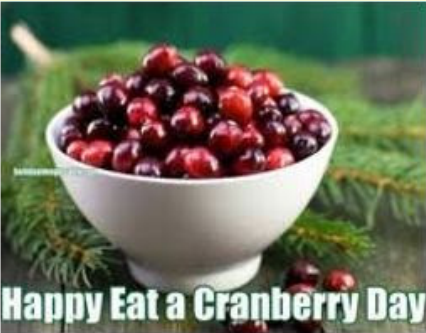
November 19 - National Carbonated Beverage With Caffeine Day, National Play Monopoly Day

November 20 - National Peanut Butter Fudge Day, National Absurdity Day, National Child’s Day, National Educational Support Professionals Day

November 21 - National Gingerbread Cookie Day, National Stuffing Day, National Red Mitten Day, Great American Smokeout, National Rural Health Day

November 22 - National Cranberry Relish Day

November 23 - National Cashew Day, National Eat a Cranberry Day, National Espresso Day, National Adoption Day



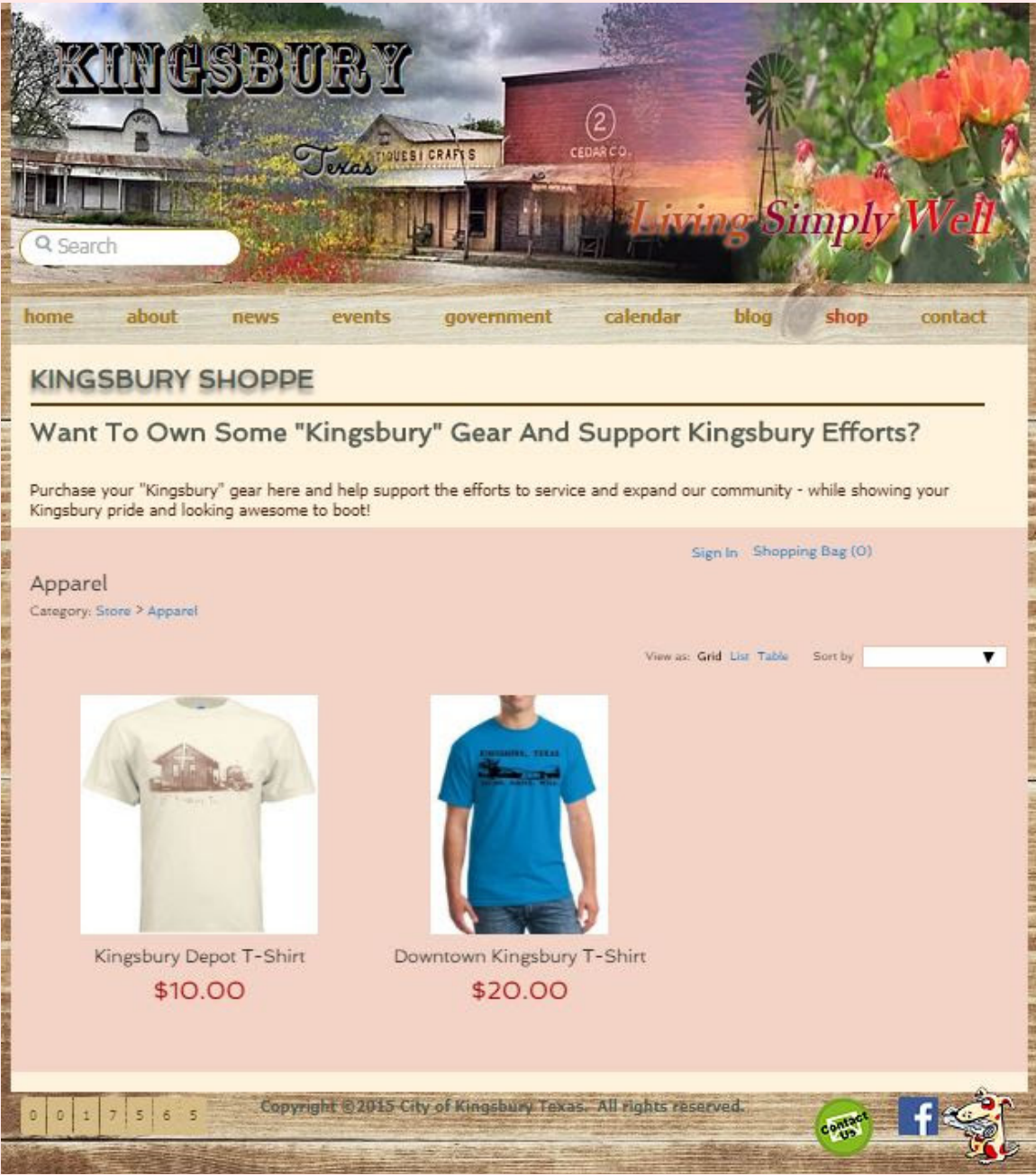
Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

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 to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



Kingsbury Barter Club Inaugural Meeting

A group of people here in Kingsbury are looking into setting up a **barter** club where the people here can share some of the things that we make, grow, and do.

The inaugural meeting will be Saturday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Kingsbury Fire Station.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend and share their ideas, interests, and/or experience - or if you just want to find out more about the barter concept!



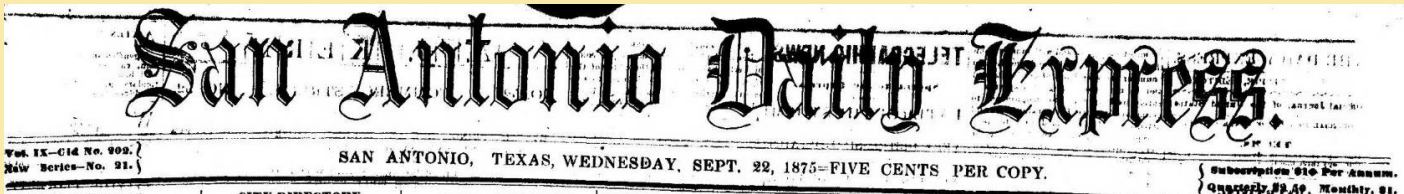
Kingsbury News Past

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

The September 22, 1875 edition of the *San Antonio Daily Express* had an ad for the Stage Line from San Antonio to Kingsbury. They specifically state that they run "First-Class Coaches" and "No Mud Wagons Used".

There was a big difference between a stage coach and a mud wagon which really was much more like a wagon and did not give the passengers a lot of barrier between them and the dirt from the roads. Mud wagons were used where the roads were bad (thus reducing the wear and tear on a nicer stagecoach) or where the line was new and did not have enough passengers to warrant the more upscale coach.

But you didn't have to worry about traveling to and from Kingsbury in a mud wagon!



F A R E R E D U C E D

AND

S P E E D I N C R E A S E D .

The Stage Line from San Antonio to Kingsbury is 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.

Office on Alamo Plaza, opposite Menger Hotel.

Elsewhere that day in 1875, there was a lot of news about the storm that hit the Texas coast on September 16. This storm would eventually become known as the 1875 Indianola Hurricane. It was an extremely destructive hurricane that wiped out the cities of Indianola and Velasco (once a town near Freeport) and caused the deaths of approximately 800 people. At the time this newspaper was printed, the storm was known to be bad but I think the total extent of the damage and loss of life was not yet widely understood.

Some of the news "By Telegraph !" from Galveston mentions the "great deal of damage to the railroad between this place and Chocolate". The town of Chocolate was on Chocolate Bayou near Port Lavaca and survived the hurricane but eventually disappeared (too bad - what an awesome name for a town!). A staff writer had nothing good to say about Indianola - it's "a trap" with "no hope of escape" and "will never be rebuilt". But Indianola was rebuilt after the 1875 storm, only to be completely wiped out by another hurricane in 1886 which was also followed by a fire. Now the town that was once the Calhoun County seat is designated only with a marker.

In some non-hurricane news, Mr. Garland shot his wife (who lived) and then shot himself, slit his wrists, and then "crushed his own skull with a heavy hammer" (I don't even know what to think about all that!), a "cattle disease" has broken out in Springfield, Massachusetts (I wonder which disease could cause such a die-off?), and Mr. Voorhees has "gone up" to the penitentiary after being sentenced for stealing 20 horses. The San Antonio Ice Company has purchased a new ice machine (this news was based "upon good authority" - ice was a good topic for rumors in 1875), a "gentleman" wants "some good parlor and bed room furniture" and is willing to pay cash or "exchange city lots" (is furniture worth a plot of land?!), and the Sutherland Springs Stonewalls sound like they're issuing a baseball dare to the "Milams".

Back to the storm, the news from "Red Fish Bar" isn't good including the people saved out of Lynchburg that are now on the *Lizzie* which is "in a destitute condition". The *Harlan* is flying its "colors at half mast" and the people in Indianola are "suffering for food and clothing" and "the beach for twenty miles is strewn with dead bodies". I can't even imagine what that was like. And the news just gets worse for Cedar Lake which is "washed away and all the people are lost". In a little bit of good news, Col. Gustave Cook and family were in Velasco but managed to make a "very narrow escape". Whew!

Later.
BY TELEGRAPH!
5:45 P. M.

GALVESTON, Sept. 22.

The wharf property is injured very much. The entire planking is torn off, the warehouses torn down, the office with the office records washed away, only the stringers remain, and a large part of the planking is piled up on it; but from the head to the shore none of the stringers are left, with the exception of about 300 feet on the shore end. The piles seem to be pretty good, but of the first 300 feet there are very few left. The bridge is still in tolerable order, only about 200 feet of the shore end having been washed away. Of the part that remains there appears to be nothing materially injured. The cattle pen at the foot of the wharf is entirely gone. The lower story of the office at the foot of the wharf, occupied by the Railroad office, was broken down and all the railroad books lost.

There was a great deal of damage to the railroad between this place and Chocolate. I am unable to give an exact estimate of the damage to the property in my charge, or until I find what lumber can be recovered, and what new material will be required for repairs. Having no way to land the freight of the Harlan nor any place to take care of it, when landed, I have instructed Capt. Lewis to take it to Galveston to be left there until arrangements can be made to get it ashore here. There are no good lighters left in the Bay that can be used to take freights to the Bayou. But until some warehouse can be built I do not think it would be advisable to take any freight for the bay except what may be shipped for consumption in town. It will be impossible to transport any thing by railroad for some time.

Steamer leaves Galveston to-day for Indianola. Will furnish you all we can hear from the coast.

INDIANOLA will never be rebuilt, and never should be. It is a trap in which no human life is safe. In case of high water, there is no hope of escape.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—At East Brunswick, New Jersey, yesterday, James Garland, a music dealer and teacher, shot his wife three times. Believing her dead, he then locked himself up in his room, shot himself, and opened the main artery of his arm. Falling, with this, to die quickly enough, he crushed his own skull with a heavy hammer. He was breathing when found, but died shortly after. The wife is seriously but not fatally wounded.

CATTLE DISEASE.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Sept. 21.—The cattle disease has broken out in Williams and the herd of D. B. Morrick is rapidly dying off.

GONE UP.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—W. H. Voorhees, who stole some 20 horses in Carroll and Davis' Count, during the past three months, was sentenced in the criminal court to-day to four years in the penitentiary.

WE LEARN upon good authority that the San Antonio Ice Company has purchased an ice machine of greater capacity than the one now in operation, which will reach here about the 15th of October, and be in operation about the 1st November next. The two machines of the Company together, will turn out from ten to twelve thousand pounds of ice per day, and the price will not exceed 2½ cents per pound septidm.

WANTED.—Some good parlor and bedroom furniture, by a gentleman who can pay cash for a bargain, or exchange city lots. Address for six days
BARGAIN,
EXPRESS OFFICE.

THE Sutherland Springs "Stonewall" Base Ball Club have notified the Milams of their intention of being present at the coming Fair.

GALVESTON, Sept. 21.—From Red Fish Bar—The government dredge boat was badly injured. Three ship channel dredge boats are sunk at Morgan's Point. Two dredge boats are ashore. Two tugs are high on dry land.

The dispatch steamer, Laura, at Branson Bay. No lives reported lost in Morgan's fleet.

Not one house is standing on the bayou bank between Morgan's Point and Lynchburg. The water was ten feet above ordinary tide. Families and persons saved at Lynchburg are on board the steamer Lizzie, in a destitute condition. Steamers are now running between Galveston and Houston with mails and passengers. A large force of men are at work on the railroad and bridge. It is expected that trains will be running in one week. Business here is resumed.

GALVESTON, Sept. 21.—The Morgan steamer Harlan, came into port this morning, with colors at half mast. A large crowd gathered on the wharf to learn the fate of Indianola. The destruction there is almost complete—only five business houses are left standing. Those are H. Seelig & Co., H. Runge & Co., D. Sullivan & Co., Cassimer Villemain and D. H. Regan. The people are suffering for food and clothing. The beach for twenty miles is strewn with dead bodies.

GALVESTON, Sept. 21.—Later information from the West says the town of Matagorda is swept away. Only two houses remain standing.

The town of Cedar Lake is washed away, and all the people are lost.

COL. GUSTAVE COOK, Judge of the Criminal Court for Houston and Galveston, and his family, with many others, had a very narrow escape for their lives at Velasco during the storm.

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](#)

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, November 18th

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

Items on the agenda:

- ★ Cancellation of election
- ★ Membership renewal in Texas Municipal League
- ★ Discussion topic: Update on Union Pacific side-track extension
- ★ Discussion topic: Sales tax update
- ★ Discussion topic: Texas CLASS investment account

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).
All city commission meetings are open to the public.



Kingsbury 2020 Calendars

The Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary has put together an awesome 2020 calendar that is now available for sale on the Kingsbury [website](#)!

The **calendars** are called "A Pictoral Glimpse Of Ole Kingsbury" and have a different picture each month of

historic sights or founding families in the Kingsbury area.

The calendars are \$10 and proceeds benefit the Kingsbury VFD and Auxiliary. Just jump on to kingsburytexas.org and go to [shop](#) to get your calendar delivered to you!

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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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Kingsbury
Exterior



st National Bank of
Kingsbury
Interior

2020 Ol' Kingsbury Calendar
\$10.00

What the ????

There was apparently quite the dress-up party in Kingsbury in March of 1954 for a "Womanless Wedding"! In the gymnasium of the Kingsbury School, men in all manner of dress **entertained** a room full of people with their antics. These men were all pillars of our community and apparently knew how to entertain a crowd!

- 1) Herman Schmidt and Bob Jones
- 2) Fred Maurer "as Mrs. (FDR) Roosevelt" and Son Halm
- 3) Adolph Knobloch and Jimmy Halm
- 4) Pat Baker and Max Tausch



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](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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