

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - February 23, 2020

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Fat Tuesday

This Tuesday, February 25th, is Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday!

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is a festival held the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday), signifying the end of the Carnival season and the start of Lent. Many cities (especially those with large Catholic populations) like New Orleans are famous for their Mardi Gras.

During Mardi Gras, almost everyone takes part in **celebrating** with lavish parades and parties. Many different people celebrate Mardi Gras in their own way, some people have small parties and eat many of the tasty pastries and some people have huge parties and celebrate in a big way. Some of the pastries they eat are called king's cake, hot cross buns, punchskis, tricolor scrolls and thick sugar cookies. There are many more things that other people eat but these are the usual American celebration food for mardi gras. There are so many different parades and kinds of celebrations.

In some countries, including the United Kingdom, Ireland and Australia, the day is called Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday, or Pancake Day.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!
(Let the good times roll!)



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:

February 23 - National Banana Bread Day, National Dog Biscuit Day, National Tile Day

February 24 - National Tortilla Chip Day

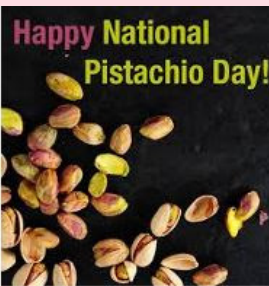
February 25 - National Chocolate Covered Nut Day, National Clam Chowder Day, Fat Tuesday, World Spay Day, Paczki Day, Fastnacht Day, National Pancake Day

February 26 - National Pistachio Day, National Tell a Fairy Tale Day, Ash Wednesday

February 27 - Anosmia Awareness Day, National Chili Day, National Kahlua Day, National Retro Day, National Strawberry Day, National Toast Day, National Polar Bear Day

February 28 - National Chocolate Souffle Day, National Floral Design Day, National Public Sleeping Day, Skip the Straw Day, Tartar Sauce Day, National Tooth Fairy Day

February 29 - National Time Refund Day, Rare Disease Day USA



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.

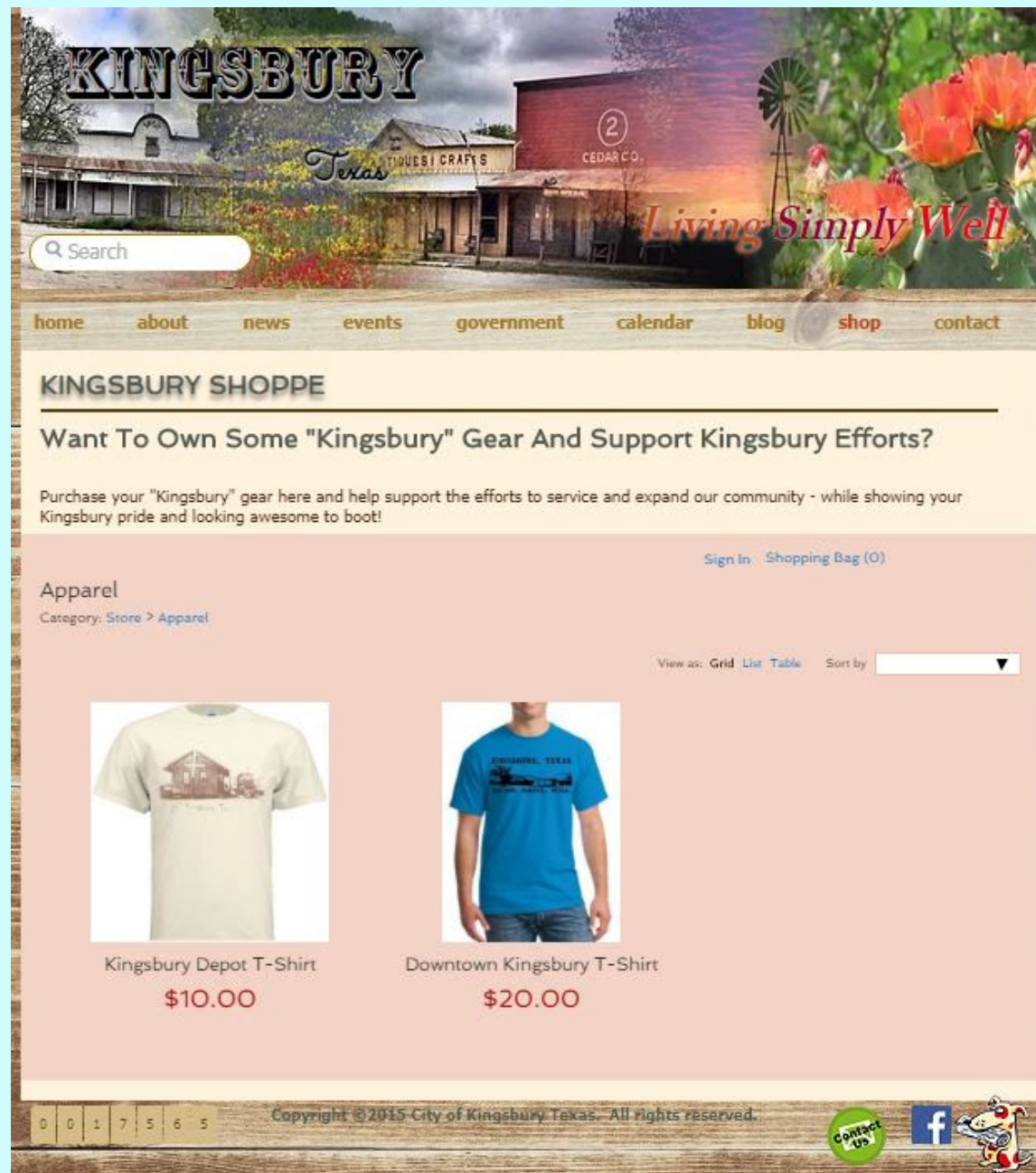
That says it all, doesn't it?!

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!



Spring Edition of the Kingsbury Independent

The elections for the Primary races will be held March 3, 2020.

Here are some **upcoming** important dates to remember for those elections:



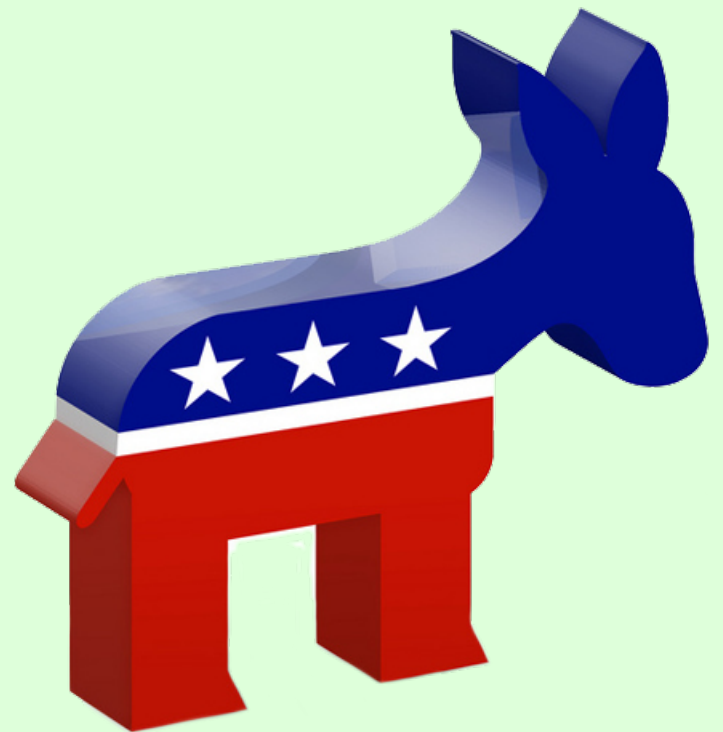
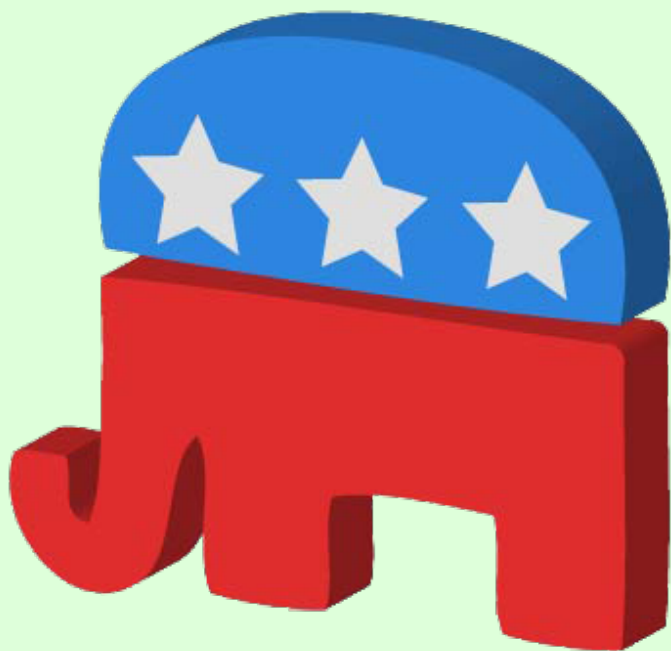
** Early voting is currently open **

Friday, February 28 - Last day of early voting

Tuesday, March 3 - Last day to receive ballot by mail, Election Day



The latest information (including how to become a poll worker) can be found on the Guadalupe County Elections [website](#).



Leap Day

As you probably know, 2020 is a leap year and Saturday, February 29th is the Leap Day.

A leap year is a year containing one additional day added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year. Because seasons and **astronomical** events do not repeat in a whole number of days, calendars that have the same number of days in each year drift over time with respect to the event that the year is supposed to track. By inserting an additional day or month into the year, the drift can be corrected. A year that is not a leap year is called a common year.

The name "leap year" comes from the fact that while a fixed date in the calendar normally advances one day of the week from one year to the next, the day of the week in the 12 months following the leap day (from March 1 through February 28 of the following year) will advance two days due to the extra day (thus "leaping over" one of the days in the week). For example, Christmas fell on Monday in 2017, Tuesday in 2018, and Wednesday in 2019 but will "leap" over Thursday to fall on a Friday this year in 2020.



*Happy
Leap Day!*

Kingsbury News Past

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

The November 16, 1875 edition of the San Antonio Express had a lot of information on San Antonio Markets including the "Freights". A 100 pound shipment of freight "From Kingsbury" will set you back 45 to 75 cents (I think). You can also get "yellow clarified" and "crushed" sugar but I'm not sure what either of those are. Also in the "Provisions" list are "green" hides, damaged hides, lots of beers, Sheep Dip tobacco (well that just sounds

San Antonio Express.

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NO. 61.

<div><div>SAN ANTONIO MARKETS.</div><div>OFFICE SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS, San Antonio, Tex. Nov. 15th, 1875.</div><div>PROVISIONS.</div><div>FLOUR: St. Louis.</div><div>Germania..... 7 50</div><div>Golden Crown... 8 50</div><div>Wood Bine..... 9 25</div><div>P. F. R. E. 9 50</div><div>Eagle Steam..... 9 75</div><div>Elekerman's Best 10 00</div><div>Parole D'honneur 11 00</div><div>Guenther's Mills:</div><div>Extra No. 1..... 4 50</div><div>No. 1..... 4 00</div><div>No. 2..... 3 50</div><div>No. 3..... 3 00</div><div>Dallas Mills: .. 4 50</div><div>COFFEE:</div><div>Bio..... 21 1/2</div><div>Java..... 33</div><div>SALT:</div><div>Coarse..... 2 85</div><div>Fine..... 3 50</div><div>Table Salt..... 80 @ 2 00</div><div>SUGAR:</div><div>Ordinary..... 8 1/2 @ 10</div><div>Yellow Clarified... 11 1/2</div><div>White do. 11 1/2</div><div>Crushed..... 12 @ 12 1/2</div><div>Powdered..... 12 1/2</div><div>SYRUP:</div><div>Ordinary..... 75</div><div>Prime..... 90</div><div>Choice..... 1 00</div></div>		<div><div>OILS:</div><div>Coal Oil..... 3 00</div><div>Radiant..... 3 80</div><div>Pratt's Astral .. 4 25</div><div>Star.....</div><div>COUNTRY PRODUCE:</div><div>Butter..... 25 @ 30</div><div>Eggs..... 30 @ 35</div><div>Potatoes, Western .. 5 50</div><div>Onions..... 6</div><div>SALT MEATS:</div><div>Hams, Northern... 19</div><div>Bacon, Breakfast.. 19</div><div>Lard, in bbls..... 4 1/2</div><div>SOAP:</div><div>Menger & Son's Pam. 6 @ 9 1/2</div><div>POULTRY:</div><div>Chickens..... 40 @ 30</div><div>Turkey..... 50 @ 1 00</div><div>GRAIN:</div><div>Wheat..... 1 30 @ 1 50</div><div>Oats..... 65 @ 75</div><div>Rye, demanded at 1 00 @ 1 65</div><div>Pecans bought at 2 00</div><div>do do .. 45 @ 48</div><div>WOOL:</div><div>Unwashed, coarse.. 12 @ 14</div><div>fine..... 15 @ 18</div><div>Merino..... 20 @ 24</div><div>HIDES:</div><div>Green..... 6</div><div>Dry Flint.....</div><div>Second..... 9</div><div>Damaged..... 5</div><div>BEER:</div><div>Anheuser..... 16 00</div><div>do. half bott. 16 50</div><div>Ubrig..... 15 50</div><div>do half bott. 16 00</div><div>Milwaukee..... 16 50</div><div>Tivoli..... 16 00</div><div>Loewen..... 28 00</div><div>Mainzer.....</div><div>Strassburger ... 22 00</div><div>Muenchner.....</div><div>Caapar Wild Br. 100 bot 50 00</div></div>	<div><div>LUMBER:</div><div>Ordinary boards 1000 ft. 35</div><div>Texas Pine..... 40 - 45</div><div>Planed floor.... 47 1/2</div><div>Florida Pine.... 50 - 60</div><div>Fla. planed floor 55 - 60</div><div>Tex. Cypress shins 1000 5 00 - 6 00</div><div>La. do do. 7 00 - 8 00</div><div>TOBACCO:</div><div>Sheep Dip.... 100 lbs 15 00</div><div>Leaf..... 24 00</div><div>FREIGHTS:</div><div>From Kingsbury 100 lbs 45 - 75</div><div>do Cuero.... 50 - 75</div><div>do Austin... 60 - 75</div><div>To Eagle Pass. 65 - 70</div><div>Friedericksb'g 75</div><div>El Paso..... 5 00</div><div>MONEY MARKET.</div><div>GOLD: bought 114 Sold 115</div><div>SILVER: 110 110 1/2</div><div>EXCHANGE on New York 1/2 prem.</div><div>New Orleans 1/2 prem.</div><div>Mexican Doubloon..... 15 60 gold</div><div>Spanish do 16 00</div><div>Twenty francs..... 3 80</div><div>Sovereign 4 80</div><div>Gold bought at 3 per cent. prem.</div><div>sold 4</div><div>COTTON:</div><div>Galveston New Orleans</div><div>Low Ordinary 8 1/2</div><div>Ordinary..... 10 1/2 11 - 11 1/2</div><div>Good Ordinary 11 1/2 11 1/2 - 12 1/2</div><div>Low Middling 12 1/2</div><div>Middling..... 12 1/2 12 1/2 - 12 1/2</div><div>Good Middling 12 1/2 13 1/2 - 14 1/2</div></div>
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Also in 1875, L. Huth & Son has "onion sets" and buttons (what a combo!), visitors are surprised we still have watermelons, go to Ernst's for better oyster stew than you can get at Galveston, and there are a great number of visitors from "unbearably cold climes" in the city. Poor Mr. Miudek developed insanity in the "past week in a violent form" and cut his throat, Mallard ducks landed in the river "near the Mill bridge" (big news apparently!), and two men met an untimely end after heading "for the frontier" for "business prospects beyond the bounds of the United States". Elsewhere, it's "perfectly charming" in the "low bottom to the left of the iron bridge", and J. H. Kapmann does all their work "by Machinery and Steam Power", has "Louisiana swamp cypress" "constantly on hand" (I want some swamp cypress!), and does their rock sawing "by Steam Power". Wouldn't you love to see a steam powered rock saw?!

JUST RECEIVED.

—ONION SETS—

AND

—BUTTONS—

By L. HUTH & SON:

San Antonio, Nov. 10, 1875.

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WATERMELONS still come into the market, to the great astonishment of visitors unused to our genial climate.

OYSTERS.—If you want a good fry, or a good stew, go to Ernst's. You cannot get better oysters or better cooking at Galveston.

A great number of visitors from the Northern States are in the city. Many come from the unbearably cold climes of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

SUICIDE OF A MERCHANT.

Mexia, Texas, Nov. 14, 1875.—Abraham Miudek, a well-known and popular merchant of Mexia, while laboring under a severe attack of insanity, committed suicide this morning at 7:30 o'clock, by cutting his throat from ear to ear. He leaves a wife and child. Miudek was an Israelite, and his sad end is deeply lamented by the whole community. His insanity only had developed itself the past week in a violent form.

A large flock of Mallard ducks alighted in the river near the Mill-bridge.

The peaceful sleeper was aroused this morning by the arrival of a cold norther.

MURDERED.—Two young men, named J. K. Glenn and Frank R. Brown, left San Antonio last August for the frontier. Upon arriving at Laredo they determined to cross the river and look into business prospects beyond the bounds of the United States. Their destination was for Sabina. After traveling some distance, they were separated in this wise: Glenn left his companion early in the morning to go to a rancho some distance ahead with a view to trading horses; Brown was to catch up, but if he failed to do so, to meet him at the rancho. Glenn evidently

got on a wrong road, and Brown following, did likewise. Nothing further was heard or seen of him until his body was found, with five wounds upon it, inflicted by stabbing with a butcher knife. Both of the young men were in good circumstances, and made a number of friends while in our city, who are pained to learn of the sad death of Mr. Glenn. While here, they put up at Mrs. Adam's boarding house, where a trunk belonging to Mr. Glenn still remains.

THE low bottom to the left of the iron bridge is perfectly charming. The greenness of the trees, and beauty of countless flowers, is a sight worth seeing in the middle of November.

J. H. KAMPMANN.

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J. H. Kampmann's New

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

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SEASONED LUMBER, WHITE AND

YELLOW PINE.

AND

LOUISIANA SWAMP CYPRESS

CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Sawing Rock by Steam Power. Orders Promptly Executed.

Kingsbury Opry

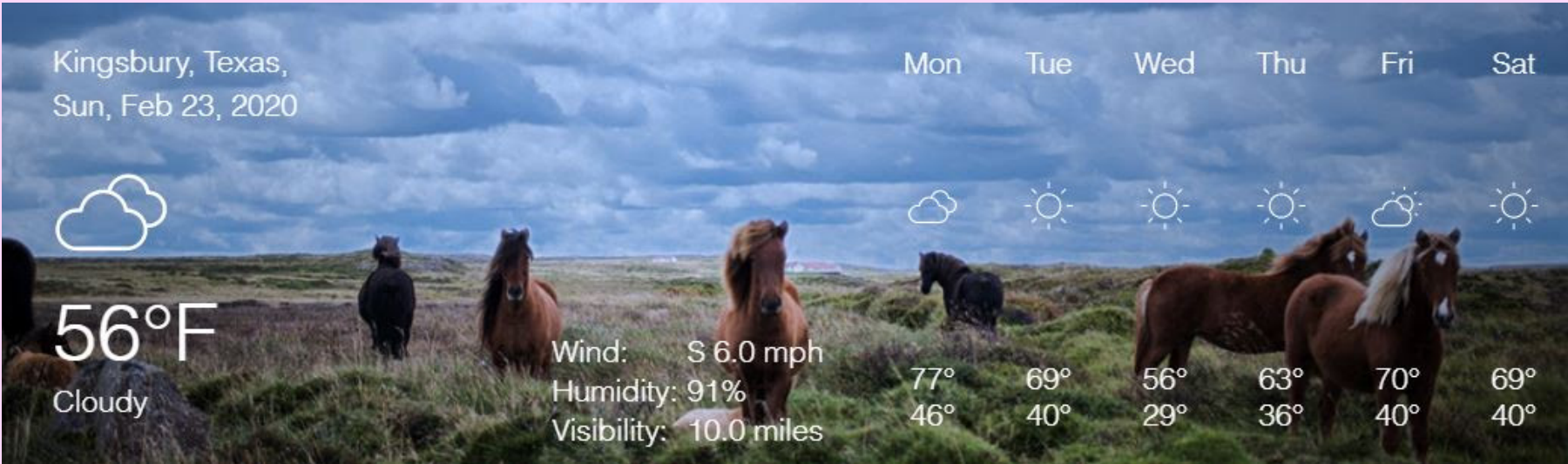
Every Friday night, The Kingsbury Opry plays on at [10585 Hwy 90 East](#) (the building known to most locals as the "Old Bluebird Inn"). The music and **dancing** start at 5:00, and bring a pot luck dish and enjoy dinner at 6:15.

There's no smoking and no alcohol, just good ol' pickin' and grinnin'! Dance with the one that brung ya, have some pot luck goodies, and get up and sing with the band! See more at [Kingsbury Opry](#).



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](#)

A Step In Time!

A picture taken in Kingsbury with writing describing it as "Old Hotel" and "Coates Gin."

The gin is in the background and is the **cotton** gin owned by A. T. Coates. Albert Thadeus Coates was born September 25, 1866 in Missouri and lived in Kingsbury until he passed on November 22, 1955. The tall smokestack in the background may have been part of the cotton gin also.

The "old hotel" is the building on the right and is actually the old Wolfshohl Hotel. There are stacks and stacks of wood on the left side of the picture - for the wood burning stoves and fireplaces? For steam engines? Fence posts? For the lumber yard?



Old Hotel

A Step in Time! Coates & Co.

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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