

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - November 24, 2019

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Happy Thanksgiving

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. And Tuesday, November 26, marks the day that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in 1941.

The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the **Plymouth** and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as "Lecture Day," a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented. A famous Thanksgiving observance occurred in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims in a three-day festival held in gratitude for the bounty of the season.

Thanksgiving became an annual custom throughout New England in the 17th century, and in 1777 the Continental Congress declared the first national American Thanksgiving following the Patriot victory at Saratoga. In 1789, President George Washington became the first president to proclaim a Thanksgiving holiday, when, at the request of Congress, he proclaimed November 26, a Tuesday, as a day of national thanksgiving for the U.S. Constitution. However, it was not until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving to fall on the last Thursday of November, that the modern holiday was celebrated nationally.

With a few deviations, Lincoln's precedent was followed annually by every subsequent president—until 1939. In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt departed from tradition by declaring November 23, the next to last Thursday that year, as Thanksgiving Day. Considerable controversy surrounded this deviation, and some Americans refused to honor Roosevelt's declaration. For the next two years, Roosevelt repeated the unpopular proclamation, but on November 26, 1941, he admitted his mistake and signed a bill into law officially making the fourth Thursday in November the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day.



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 24 - National Sardines Day

November 25 - National Play Day with Dad, National Parfait Day, Blase 'Day, Shopping Reminder Day

November 26 - National Cake Day

November 27 - National Bavarian Cream Pie Day, National Craft Jerky Day, Tie One On Day, National Jukebox Day

November 28 - National French Toast Day, National Day of Mourning, Thanksgiving Day, Turkeyfree Thanksgiving

November 29 - Electronic Greetings Day, National Day of Listening, National Native American Heritage Day, Black Friday, Buy Nothing Day, Flossing Day, Maize Day, You're Welcomegiving Day

November 30 - National Personal Space Day, National Mason Jar Day, National Mousse Day, National Meth Awareness Day, Computer Security Day, Stay Home Because You're Well Day, National Mississippi Day, Small Business Saturday











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.

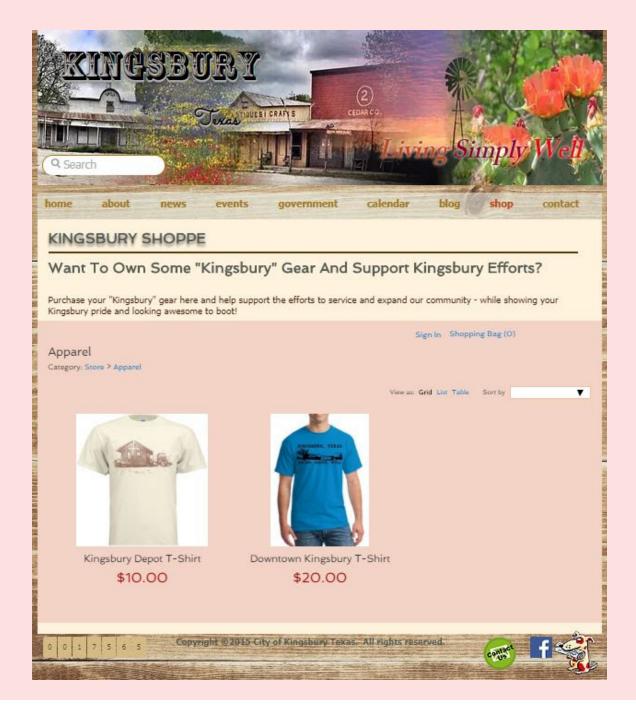
That says it all, doesn't it?!

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!



Texas Rangers Formed

This week in Texas history, on November 24, 1835, Texas lawmakers instituted a special force known as the Texas Rangers.

Stephen F. Austin had hired ten experienced **frontiersmen** as "rangers" as early as 1823, but the 1835 legislation formalized the organization. The importance of the rangers has waxed and waned several times over the ensuing century and a half. They participated in many notable battles with various Indian tribes and fought ably in the Mexican War; they also were dispatched to restore order during various feuds, border disturbances, and civic upheavals.

In the early twentieth century, however, numerous acts of brutality and debauchery committed by rangers, especially against Hispanics, were brought to light, in large part through the efforts of J. T. Canales, and in 1933 governor Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson fired all forty-four rangers for their partisan support of her opponent Ross Sterling. When the Texas Department of Public Safety was founded in 1935, it assumed responsibility for a greatly reduced force.

In subsequent decades, however, the rangers have once again come to be recognized as the elite of Texas law enforcement. Legendary rangers are honored in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco.



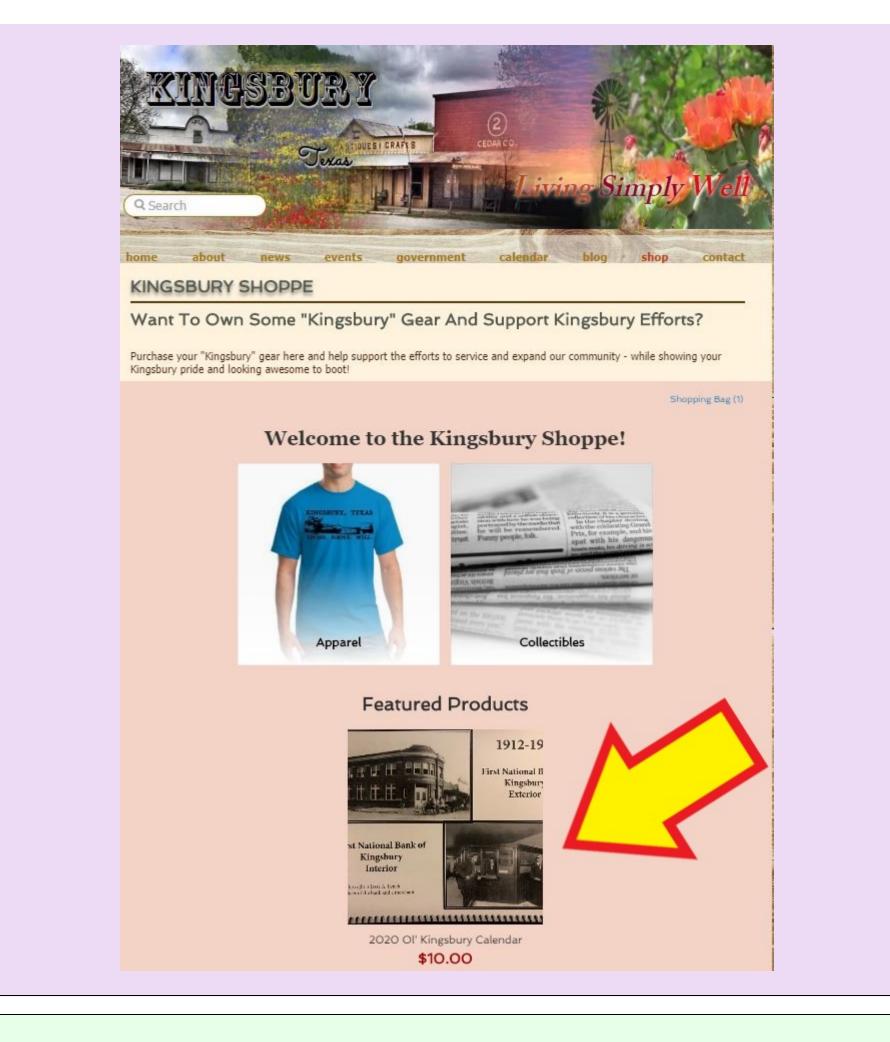
A depiction of the Texas Rangers in 1845.

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 <u>kingsburytexas.org</u> and go to <u>shop</u> to get your calendar delivered to you!



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under <u>Calendar</u>.



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.

A Stack Of Kingsbury Girls

Four young Kingsbury girls in front of the school in the early 1940s. It looks like it must have been a summer or nice **spring** day!

From top to bottom: Joyce Hurt, Gloria Halm, Dorothy Chessher, and Leonora Schmidt.



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