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

Month of May

This week sees the first days of the month of May.

May is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the third month to have the length of 31 days. May is also the month with the shortest name.

The month 'may' have been named for the Greek **goddess** *Maia*, who was identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, *Bona Dea*, whose festival was held in May. The Roman poet Ovid had another idea: May, he said, was named for the *maiores* (the elders) and June for the *iuniores* (youth).

The May birth flowers are the lily of the valley and the hawthorn plant.



The fragrant lily of the valley signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness. If you want to show your loved one that your life is complete with them, give them a few lilies of the valley.



The other May flower is the hawthorn plant, which represents hope and supreme happiness. Hawthorn signifies that you want only the best for the recipient.

May Birthstone - Facts & Folklore

The May birthstone, the emerald, was a favorite gem of Cleopatra and Catherine the Great.



It has long been associated with fertility, rebirth, and love. Emeralds, like aquamarine, are a form of the mineral beryl. In the 1700s, powdered emeralds were sold by chemists to help relieve pain.

Today, it is thought that emeralds signify wisdom, growth, and patience. Wearing an emerald may help to strengthen your memory. If you dream of buying an emerald, someone you trust may deceive you.

Facts & Folklore About The Month Of May

May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says "Marry in May and you'll rue the day".



According to old superstitions, you should not buy a broom or wash blankets in May.



No month of the year either begins or ends on the same day as May.



No United States president has ever died in May. It is the only month with that distinction.



In the nursery rhyme "Here we go gathering nuts in May," the word "nuts" was probably a corruption of "knots" meaning bunches of flowers.



In 2004, a study of 40,000 people showed that people born in May think themselves luckier than those born in any other month.



*Hoar frost on May 1st indicates a good harvest.
A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.
In the middle of May comes the tail of winter.*

The zodiac signs for May are Taurus (April 21 - May 20) and Gemini (May 21 - June 21).

*The first Saturday is traditionally the Kentucky Derby.
The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day.*

Old saying: April showers bring May flowers.
Old joke: What do May flowers bring?
answer: Pilgrims. (or June bugs)



The Eta Aquariids meteor shower appears in May. It is visible from about April 21 to about May 20 each year with peak activity on or around May 6. This year, the night of Saturday, May 4, into the early morning of Sunday, May 5, will be the best time to view the meteor shower.

The Arietids shower from May 22-July 2, and peaks on June 7. The Virginids also shower at various dates in May.



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.



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:

April 26th - National Audubon Day, National Dissertation Day, National Help a Horse Day, National Kids and Pets Day, National Pretzel Day, National Richter Scale Day, National South Dakota Day, National Pet Parents Day

April 27th - National Babe Ruth Day, National Devil Dog Day, National Prime Rib Day, National Tell a Story Day

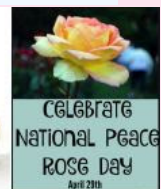
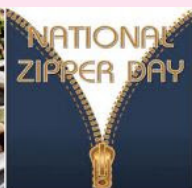
April 28th - National Blueberry Pie Day, National BraveHearts Day, National Great Poetry Reading Day, National Superhero Day, Workers' Memorial Day

April 29th - National Peace Rose Day, National Shrimp Scampi Day, National Zipper Day, Denim Day

April 30th - National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, National Bubble Tea Day, National Bugs Bunny Day, National Honesty Day, National Oatmeal Cookie Day, National PrepareAthon! Day, National Raisin Day, National Sarcoidosis Day, National Military Brats Day, National Hairstylist Appreciation Day

May 1st - National Loyalty Day, May Day, National Mother Goose Day, National Chocolate Parfait Day, Law Day, School Principals' Day, Silver Star Service Banner Day, National Space Day, School Lunch Hero Day

May 2nd - National Truffle Day, National Life Insurance Day, Kentucky Derby, National Fitness Day, National Scrapbook Day, National Homebrew Day, Join Hands Day, National Bombshells' Day, National Start Seeing Monarchs Day, Free Comic Book Day



Kingsbury News Past

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

The November 29, 1875 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had a couple of mentions of Kingsbury in it that day. The San Antonio Street Railway Company was discussing the building of the streetcar lines and how freights go up in the fall and winter because the teamsters have to "purchase food for their animals" (that would be the horses and mules pulling the streetcars). These seasons also have rains that "delay progress by swelling the streams which would have to be crossed between Kingsbury and San Antonio." The streetcars also have to deal with "cumbersome, lumbering Mexican carts and prairie schooners". I guess covered wagons were taking up valuable streetcar space in the streets.

There was also a mention of bonds being raised "to complete the whole road from Kingsbury to San Antonio". The "road" mentioned here is the Galveston, Harrisburg & S.A. railroad. They need \$500,000 and not \$300,000 and "that settles it"!

San Antonio Express

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The San Antonio Street Railway.

From action had by the Directors of the San Antonio Street Railway Company, the latter part of last week, touched upon in Saturday's Express, our citizens will see that it is not the intention of the Directors to consider the building of the railway until spring shall have set in. This move, while it affects business to some extent, is a judicious one on the part of the Directory, for the reason that freights, during the fall and winter seasons of the year are much higher than in spring and summer time, made so by the scarcity of grass, which compels teamsters to purchase food for their animals, and because of the heavy and long enduring rains at this time of the year, which make the roads very heavy, and often delay progress by swelling the streams which would have to be crossed between Kingsbury and San Antonio. These long rains would also seriously interfere with the construction of the road, by preventing or annoying persons working upon it.

merchants and business men. The cars would require only about five feet of the width of the street to run upon, and this should be allowed, to the exclusion of the cumbersome, lumbering Mexican carts and prairie schooners which daily come in the way of other vehicles.

MR. PIERCE needs the help of \$500,000 in county bonds, not merely to grade and tie the road between here and the Guadalupe, but to raise the \$1,500,000 necessary to complete the whole road from Kingsbury to San Antonio. The money is needed on the work between here and the Guadalupe; the backing is needed to help him raise the money necessary to finally complete the road from Kingsbury to San Antonio. That's the truth about it, and we should know it, and act accordingly.

THE railroad is a certainty on the \$500,000 plan; on the \$300,000 plan it is not. That settles it.

In other 1875 news, the "terrible crash" that was heard was the darn new Iron Bridge falling into the Guadalupe River, Pratt's Astral Oil (lamp oil) is only \$3.50 for 10 gallons (\$3.50 was a lot of money in 1875), and Josh Billings wants to know a heck of a lot of stuff! Also, C. Kunzmann is not only a blacksmith but also a "wheelwright" (very useful in 1875), I think the little message about "cold weather" is saying "avoid fresh air and exercise" or you won't make it through the winter (kind of counter to what we think about it today), Mrs. Weber has "fancy goods" and corsets, and Oregon farmers planted a new kind of seed they got from a wild goose and apparently all they want to know is what "kind of whisky they will make" from the crop!

FALLING OF THE BRIDGE.—Last Saturday afternoon, a short while before sunset, a terrible crash was heard in the direction of the river. Parties immediately struck out to learn the cause, and it proved to be the falling of the new Iron Bridge over the Guadalupe. The fall was about fifty feet. The bridge had just been completed, except the approaches, and was considered one of the finest structures of the kind in this part of the State. Cost about \$20,000. The cause of the wreck is attributed to a flaw in the iron, although it is not positively known that this was the cause.

BELOW COST!
Pratt's Astral Oil!!
 \$3 50
 PER GALLON OF
10 GALLONS.
 WAGNER & RUMMEL.
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Josh Billings wants to know why a turkey's egg iz spekkled and a duk's egg bla.
 Whether a log floats faster in the river than the kurrent runs, or not.
 Where the flis all go when the kold weather sets in, and where tha all kum from so suddenly next summer.
 Why rabbits have short tails and kats long ones.
 Why most all the birds bild their nests out ov different material.
 Why a goos stands first on one foot and then on t'other.
 Why lightning was never kuon to strike a beech-tre.
 Why the males among the feathered raed du all the singing.
 Why the blak snak iz the only snak in this kountry that kan klim a tre.
 Why a muskrat's tale haz no fur on it, and a mink's haz.
 Why a quail's egg iz round, and a hen's iz pointed.

C. KUNZMANN,
BLACKSMITH and WHEELWRIGHT,
 (ACEQUIA STREET.)
 Prompt attention to Order.
 Satisfaction guaranteed — Prices reasonable.
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The cold weather is at hand; now hover over the stove, and avoid fresh air and exercise, if you would never see spring again.

MRS. WEBER,
 Commerce St. San Antonio, Texas.
MILLINERY, FANCY GOODS,
CORSETS Etc.



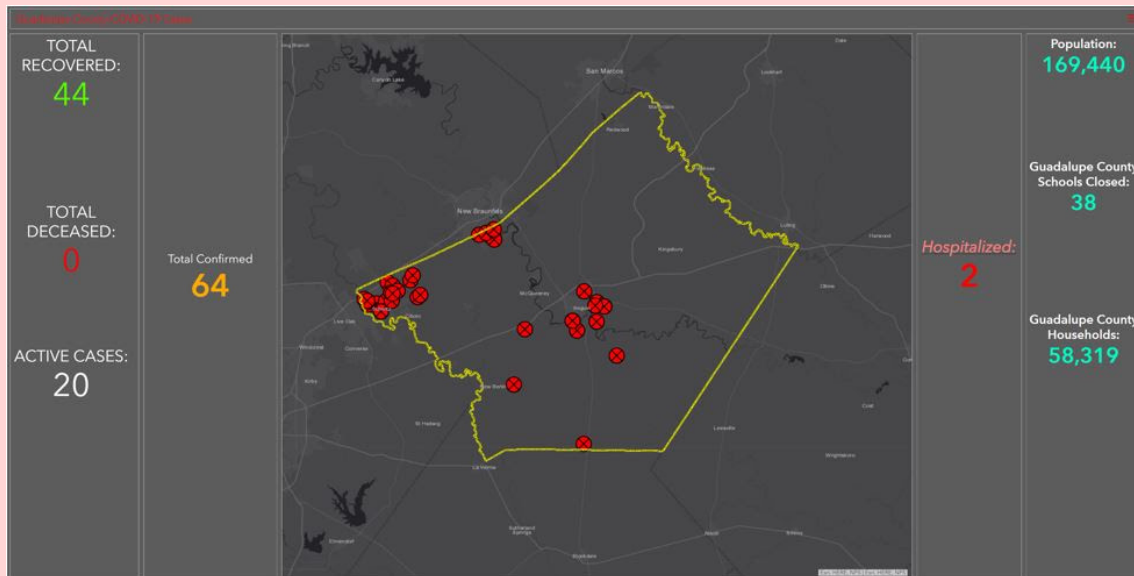
Stamping and Pinking done Neatly to Order. All orders strictly attended to.
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A wild goose flew into Oregon, and upon its crop being opened revealed a new kind of grain. From the seed forty bushels have been raised, and the Oregon farmers are sitting on the fences with their elbows on their knees wondering what they shall call the new kind of whisky they will make from it.

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

As it stands, 44 people have now recovered, leaving the county with 20 active cases.

The numbers continue to go in the right direction. Last week there were 24 active cases and this week there are 20. Below is the dashboard from this week.



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](#)

Produce Variety Boxes

You can now pre-order for produce Variety Boxes from Homestead Goodness Farms here in Kingsbury.

Boxes include combinations of various **produce** like

- Beets*
- Carrots*
- Spinach*

Young Salad Peas
Red Lettuce
Buttercrunch Lettuce
Onions
Kale
Potatoes

Boxes are \$20 and can be pre-ordered by contacting Alison at alison@habitablespaces.com.



At The Loading Pens

Quite the group of boys hanging out at the loading pens at the Kingsbury station depot around 1915. The building at the right in the background is the depot and there is a train pulling **cattle** cars waiting on the tracks behind the pens.

There aren't a lot of shoes being worn by the boys, but the young man standing on the ground appears to be sporting an eye patch!



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