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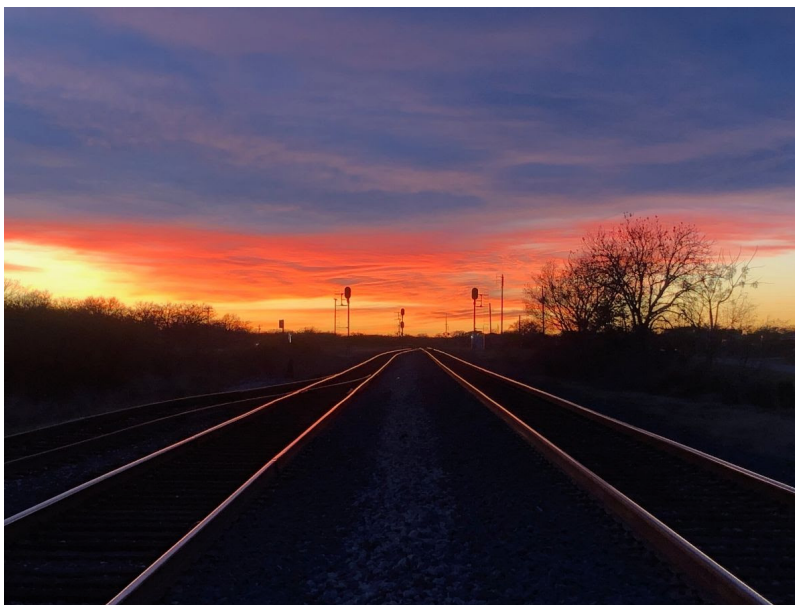
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News & Information Newsletter*Dear Kingsbury,**Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!*

Happy Thanksgiving!

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. And Friday, 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 is said to have 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 21 - National Gingerbread Cookie Day, National Stuffing Day, National Red Mitten Day

November 22 - National Cranberry Relish Day

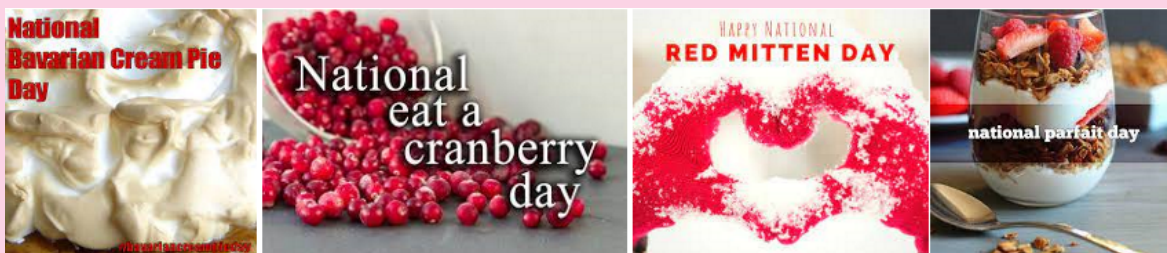
November 23 - National Cashew Day, National Eat a Cranberry Day, National Espresso Day

November 24 - National Sardines Day, Tie One On Day, National Jukebox Day

November 25 - National Play Day with Dad, National Parfait Day, Blase´ Day, Shopping Reminder Day, National Day of Mourning, Thanksgiving Day, Turkey-free Thanksgiving

November 26 - National Cake Day, National Day of Listening, National Native American Heritage Day, Black Friday, Buy Nothing Day, Flossing Day, Maize Day, You're Welcomegiving Day

November 27 - National Bavarian Cream Pie Day, National Craft Jerky Day, Small Business Saturday



Entry Into King Tut's Tomb

This week in history, on November 26, 1922, in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon become the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen's tomb in more than 3,000 years. Tutankhamen's sealed burial chambers were miraculously intact, and inside was a collection of several thousand priceless objects, including a gold coffin containing the mummy of the teenage king.

When Carter first arrived in Egypt, in 1891, most of the ancient Egyptian tombs had been discovered, and the majority of these had been hopelessly plundered by tomb raiders over the millennia. However, Carter was a brilliant excavator, and in the first years of the 20th century he discovered the tombs of Queen Hatshepsut and King Thutmose IV. Around 1907, he became associated with the Earl of Carnarvon, a collector of antiquities who commissioned Carter to supervise excavations in the Valley of the Kings. By 1913, most experts felt there was nothing in the Valley left to be uncovered. Carter, however, persisted in his efforts, convinced that the tomb of the little-known King Tutankhamen might still be found.

King Tutankhamen was enthroned in 1333 B.C. when he was still a child. He died a decade later at the age of 18 and thus made only a faint impression on the history of ancient Egypt. In the 13th century B.C., Tutankhamen and the other "Amarna" kings were publicly condemned, and most records of them were destroyed—including the location of Tutankhamen's tomb. A century later, in the 12th century B.C., workers building a tomb for Ramses VI inadvertently covered Tutankhamen's tomb with a deep layer of chips, further protecting it from future discovery.

After World War I, Carter began an intensive search for Tutankhamen's tomb and on November 4, 1922, discovered a step leading to its entrance. Lord Carnarvon rushed to Egypt, and on November 23 they broke through a mud-brick door, revealing the passageway that led to Tutankhamen's tomb. There was evidence that robbers had entered the structure at some point, and the archaeologists feared they had discovered yet another

pillaged tomb. However, on November 26 they broke through another door, and Carter leaned in with a candle to take a look. Behind him, Lord Carnarvon asked, "Can you see anything?" Carter replied, "Yes, wonderful things."

It was the antechamber of Tutankhamen's tomb, and it was gloriously untouched. The dusty floor still showed the **footprints** of the tomb builders who left the room more than 3,000 years before. Apparently, the robbers who had broken into Tutankhamen's tomb had done so soon after it was completed and were caught before moving into the interior chambers and causing serious damage.

Thus began a monumental excavation process in which Carter carefully explored the four-room tomb over several years, uncovering an incredible collection of several thousand objects. In addition to numerous pieces of jewelry and gold, there was statuary, furniture, clothes, a chariot, weapons, and numerous other objects that shed a brilliant light on the culture and history of ancient Egypt. The most splendid find was a stone sarcophagus containing three coffins nested within each other. Inside the final coffin, made out of solid gold, was the mummified body of the boy-king Tutankhamen, preserved for 3,200 years. Most of these treasures are now housed in the Cairo Museum.



Booze & Peruse Event Coming!

The first Annual Booze & Peruse event is coming to Kingsbury on December 18th!

There will be food trucks, vendors, and tasty toddies from 4 till 9!

Those 21 and over can get a wristband for \$1 or a canned food item.
Buy a commemorative cup for \$10 and sample different drinks while seeing what local artisans have to offer!

Finish your **holiday** shopping and have some fun to boot!



Kingsbury News Past

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

The Friday Morning, May 12, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had yet another, more detailed report of the goings on during the robbery of the Kingsbury-bound stagecoach. The robbers told the passengers to "shell out every d--n thing" and Miss Ogden was quite the spitfire! She "showed more courage than the men" through the ordeal. The robbers were "very finely dressed, and mounted on fine Missouri or Kentucky horses." I wonder who these guys were??

San Antonio Express.

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THE KINGSBURY STAGE ROBBERY.

FROM AUTHENTICATIVE SOURCES.

G. H. & S. A. R. R. STATION,
May 10th, 1876.

EDITORS EXPRESS: At 11:30 this morning the two stages for Kingsbury were halted ten miles west of Seguin by three robbers, with handkerchiefs tied around their faces. The passengers, twelve men and four ladies, were ordered out, and into line, but the ladies were again ordered to remain in their seats. The men were separately ordered by one of the robbers to "hull out" what they had, with the result shown below. The stage drivers were made to turn down to the left, and the passengers were marched behind for a distance of about 200 yards. By this time we were very obedient, and heeded each beck or not with alacrity. We cut open the mail-bags, and ransacked the mail with as much gusto as regular robbers. Four registered letters were found and taken away by them. We didn't know how easy a thing it was for three men to rob twelve—but it isn't much of a job. A good deal of money was saved. The ladies lost nothing. Mr. Long, of Atascosa, slipped his purse under his collar into his shirt-bosom, and Dr. Hermann put his under his waistband, at his back. Mr. Leighman had on his person \$400. The two military officers were molested no further than relieving one of them of a Winchester rifle. The stage drivers were not called upon to disgorge.

The names of the passengers, their places of residence, together with the amount lost, is as follows:

C P Smith, San Antonio, lost \$8; C C McKinney, Atascosa, \$10; V F Moore, California, \$420; Dr. A P Chase, Illinois,

\$15 and a watch worth \$60; L K Cocroham, San Antonio, \$12; Dr. Seighman, Missouri, \$1; Dr. Hermann, San Antonio, \$16; W H Harris, San Antonio, Winchester gun worth \$10; two U S officers, Fort Griffin, Winchester gun and two pistols; Geo W Hillyard, colored, \$104. Total, \$596. Miss Ogden of San Antonio, J C McKinney of Uvalde, and Misses Long and McKinney of Atascosa, lost nothing.

One of the robbers was recognized. L.

In addition to the information contained in the letter of our correspondent, we append the following gleaned from a gentleman from Kingsbury:

When the eastern-bound stages reached Santa Clara, three-quarters of a mile from where they were stopped, a man mounted upon a fine horse, was seen to the left of the road, near a large water hole, where teamsters, &c., water their animals, it being the only place to get good water between San Antonio and the Guadalupe. Mr. W. H. Harris, who rode beside one of the drivers, on seeing the man, remarked, "What's that officer doing out here?" and the man rode up toward the main road. Passing very near the coach, he asked the driver if he had seen a deep chestnut sorrel horse, with a halter on, back the road, saying, "We lost such a horse; he got away last night by breaking the PICKET rope." The coach driver answered in the negative, and the stranger rode on, questioning the second driver in the same manner, and galloped ahead. He took advantage of his nearness to the coaches, as the passengers say, to scrutinize them closely. The two stages were near together, and on mounting the ten mile hill, and just upon its summit, this man, evidently the leader, appeared with a cocked Winchester rifle, crying "Stop that stage, and keep quiet, all of you, or I will blow your d--d brains out!" As quick as himself, and simultaneous with him, followed similar threats and demands from two other men. Two of the men

were mounted, and one on foot—for the reason he was afterwards learned, that the horse he was riding was skittish, and had been hitched before the attack. The passengers made no show of resistance, save one of the Lieutenants, who reached for his pistol, and, while reaching for it, was ordered to straighten up, or his brains would be blown out, a cocked six-shooter being presented at his head. But the Lieutenant continued to search underneath the seat, and the man made additional threats, until one of his partners succored him, when their combined demands were complied with. It appears this Lieutenant was the only passenger with loose arms, the others having their weapons all locked up, and away from them. The passengers were then ordered out of the stage, one and all, stood in a line beside the road, and demands to "shell out" made, the men saying, "we are going to take you into the bushes and search you, and for your own good, shell out every d—n thing." The result of these orders will be found in the above from our correspondent. Although threats to search the ladies were made, they were not executed. The robbers took a watch away from one of the officers, but upon his request for its return, gave it back. Seeing a watch-guard about Mr. Cochrane's neck, they called for his watch; but upon examining it, remarked to the effect that they would be ashamed to be found with that watch, and returned it to its owner, no doubt with his sincere thanks.

While the robbery was going on, which was in plain sight of Seguin and the surrounding country, a teamster came up the road. He was promptly met by the robbers, and a fine breach-loading shot gun he had called for, which was handed over. The cartridges were thrown out of it, the gun laid aside, and the teamster stood up in rank with the passengers, where he was kept until leave to proceed

was given him.

The drivers were then ordered to throw off the mail bags, and drive off the road to a place selected, where the gentlemen passengers were forced to shoulder their baggage, and join the procession, all being searched about 200 yards off the road into thick brush, where they were told that three other men were in waiting for the stage from Kingsbury, and that they should remain where they were.

passengers, upon command, cut the mail bags open, and the men took everything that was of any value, asking for the express, but upon assurances from the driver that there was none on board, let the matter drop.

The ladies were then told to return to their seats in the stage, and complied, with the exception of Miss Ogden, who refused. This young lady, through the whole trouble, showed more courage than the men. When the mail was poured out, she told the robbers that she had a letter there, directed to St. Louis, and if they found it, not to read it, for there was nothing in it of interest to them. She also spoke to the men frequently, counselling against the meanness of the act in which they were engaged. When the robbers had pocketed all that was offered them, they galloped off. They were in a great hurry to get through with the job, as frequent exclamations of "hurry up," came from the party.

The men were all very finely dressed, and mounted on fine Missouri or Kentucky horses, with northern rigs. They left a linen duster and a handkerchief behind them, which were picked up by the passengers. They were disguised to no further extent than by tying a handkerchief over the lower part of their faces.

These men were seen at Barefield's, on the Cibola, the evening before Edward's murder; they took dinner and had their horses fed at Kingsbury on Tuesday, and on Tuesday night at 9 o'clock were seen in Seguin. They were also seen at Gonzales about two weeks ago, while court was in session, passing off for stock men.

Elsewhere in 1876, "Reddy the Blacksmith" died of consumption in NY (he was a saloon keeper and very violent gang leader there), Dr. Hall of Hall's Journal of Health is not so healthy - he fell over and died in the street today, in a "freak of insanity" de Mabry cried out "In the name of God and Joan of Arc" at the French ruling session, and if the boy shooting doves doesn't quit, the paper "shall give a few names."

Also, a "horrible miscreant" said that "for once in his life" his wife should have a sensible present - so he bought her a sewing machine, there are 100 acres of land "on Castroville road" for sale at "One Dollar an acre" (wow!), Frost & Bro's. has straw turbans for sale, the royal family is sailing around Britain in yachts, and "strange and wondrous sheep" just landed in Liverpool that have "four long massive horns".

And a little girl died of "Bronchitis" on Thursday - she "was a beautiful bud, destined to bloom in a fairer clime", General and dictator Porfirio Diaz is "retreating to Matamoros" and his men are "perishing by the roadside" for lack of water, and General Custer has been relieved of his command by President Grant. Custer had given testimony on the trading post corruption of Secretary of War William Belknap and had accused President Grant's brother of extortion. We now know that just a few short weeks after this paper came out, on June 25th, Custer met his end at Little Big Horn.

DIED
New York, May 11.—Wm Varley, known as "Reddy the Blacksmith," died of consumption to-day.
Dr Wm W Hall, of Hall's Journal of Health, fell in the street to day and died in a few minutes, aged 63 years; cause of death is unknown.

AN INSANE IMPERIALIST.
Paris, May 11.—M de Mabry, Radical, has been elected deputy from Ile de la Reunion.
At the opening of the session of the Chamber of Deputies at Versailles a bookseller named Rastoun cried out from the gallery, "In the name of God and Joan of Arc, live Napoleon the Fourth! Down with the Gambettalists and Orleanists!" He was arrested amid considerable confusion. A majority, however, considered the episode as a freak of insanity. On appearing before the court he said, "I have fulfilled my duty, you may do what you like with me." He was released.

A boy who is allowed by his parents to shoot and otherwise kill the numerous doves that seem almost domesticated in our city, especially the mother-doves now taking care of their tender young ones, is in a fair way to go to the bad, and to the very worst of it. We shall give a few names if it continues.

—A horrible miscreant walked deliberately into a certain store in this place a day or two ago and registered an awful vow that, for once in his life at least, his wife should have a sensible present. As it is to be a surprise, we mention no names, but will simply state that the "sensible present" is to be a new "Domestic" sewing machine.

One Dollar an acre for 160 acres, on Castroville road, 20 miles from San Antonio. Cheap.

Misses' Snudowns, Children's Straw Turbans, Fancy Straw Hats, at Frost & Bro's.

PRINCE OF WALES
The Serapis with the Prince of Wales on board, together with the royal yacht Osborne and a steam frigate passed Hurst Castle at 11:50 A. M. The yacht Alberto, on board of which was the Princess of Wales and the royal children, met the Prince in the Solent, and all the vessels proceeded to Portsmouth, where a landing will be effected and a public reception to held.

As Western Texas is a great wool country, and becoming more so every day, it is well to notice everything of importance in the progress of the wool business of the world. It is said that Liverpool is much exercised over sundry strange and wondrous sheep just landed there from the Pacific Steamship Company's splendid steamer Aconecagua. These sheep are of Chilian origin, have very fine white wool, and four long massive horns, two of which are curved forward and the other two right and left so as to cover the eyes of the animal. With these was landed a male vicuna of a rich brown color, with the finest wool known out of Cashmere. This animal stands three feet in height to the shoulder.

DIED, at 12 o'clock, Thursday, May 11th, of Bronchitis, at the residence of W. A. Bennett, Mary Eleanor, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter.
This little one, a very picture of health but a week ago, has been suddenly taken away. It was a beautiful bud, destined to bloom in a fairer clime. The parents and friends, upon whom this dark providence has fallen so crushingly, have the profound sympathy of the whole community. The funeral will take place from the residence of W. A. Bennett this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

DIAZ RETREATING.
Riogrande City, May 9.—Diaz, with his artillery and infantry is retreating to Matamoras, having found it impracticable to advance infantry, owing to scarcity of water. His command has suffered terribly from fatigue and thirst, many of his men perishing by the roadside. He has also lost a considerable number by desertion. He leaves his cavalry between Cerralvo and Monteroy, where he will rejoin them with reinforcements. Even with cavalry his advance will be slow; water is to be had at long intervals, and there is no forage in the country, government forces having gathered all they can find.

GEN CUSTER'S CASE.—A few days since the press was filled with telegrams and editorials to the effect that the President had relieved Gen. Custer of his command in anger because of his testimony before the War Department Investigating Committee, that Secretary Taft and Gen. Sherman had remonstrated with the President, and told him it would not do, that they had advised Gen. Custer to go and see the President, and that he called at the White House but the President would not see him. It was subsequently stated in the dispatches that Gen. Custer, on his way to his command, had been detained in New York by Gen. Sheridan, acting under orders from Washington. And now comes a telegram to the St. Louis Globe Democrat saying that the statement that the President relieved Gen. Custer from his command because he was a witness on the Belknap impeachment trial, is officially untrue. On the contrary, it was the wish of the President that Gen. Custer, having been appointed as a witness, should remain until he had testified, and that meantime the Indian expedition should be placed under the command of some other general. Neither the Secretary of War nor — Buff shoes with buttons, for children at seventy-five cents at L. WOLFSON.

Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,
Sun, Nov 21, 2021

74°F
Cloudy

Wind: S 9.0 mph
Humidity: 77%
Visibility: 10.0 miles

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High	69°	71°	78°	64°	57°	62°
Low	39°	54°	61°	38°	41°	46°

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](#)

Fall Kingsbury Independent

The Fall edition of the *Kingsbury Independent* is now out! You can find them at local businesses including the Kingsbury Country Store and Geno's Automotive.

The edition has articles on the Pioneer **Flight** Museum here in Kingsbury, a "Citizen of Kingsbury" interview, yummy recipes, articles on local people and events, and much more!

Remember - they're just the right price - **free!**

Do you have an news item or information you would like in the paper? Would you would like to advertise in the Kingsbury Independent? A business card size ad is only \$40! Need more information? Just call (323) 546-4728 or 323-KINGSBURY.

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### Public Hearing on Grant Funds

The City of Kingsbury was **awarded** a grant for \$32,954 as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Relief Fund. There are specific categories that these funds can be used for and the City Commission would like to get input from the citizens here on how these funds could be used.

There will be a Public Hearing on Saturday, January 15th at 1:00 pm in the Kingsbury fire station to explain the grant terms and hear what ways these funds could best be used for the people here in Kingsbury.

Mark your calendars and be a part of the conversation!



### Kingsbury Transportation

Horseback was definitely one of the main transportation methods in 1944.

Here is Leonora Schmidt, Chester Hurt, and Mary Jane Appling riding in downtown Kingsbury near the tree (you can see the leaves of a **branch** in the upper left of the photo). The old Kingsbury National Bank bank building is in the background with the white doorway.

The ground looks as wet and muddy, more muddy than it has been these past few weeks!





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