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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

National Night Out

The National Night Out event in Kingsbury is coming up on Tuesday, October 4th from 5:30 pm - 7 pm in downtown.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood **camaraderie** to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. To escape some of the heat, here in Texas we celebrate on the first Tuesday in October.

We'll be having the event in the downtown with free food, members of our local law enforcement, fun activities, information on crime in our area, and our Kingsbury first-responders.

Everyone in the Kingsbury area is welcome to attend. Come on down and meet your friends and neighbors!



Here Comes October!

October starts on Saturday this week. It shouldn't be a surprise since the stores already have the Halloween stuff on display!



"October" was the name of the eighth month of the year in the **ancient** Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar by adding January and February, the name "October" stuck.

October's birth flowers are the cosmos and the calendula or marigold.



Cosmos is a symbol of joy in life and love and of peace.



The calendula (aka garden, English, or pot marigold) represents winning grace, grief, or chagrin.

*Listen! The wind is rising,
And the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
Now for October eves!*

—Humbert Wolfe (1885-1940)

The October birthstone is the opal, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence.



Opals also symbolize hope and purity and were once thought to improve eyesight or enhance intuition. Throughout history, the gem's reputation has oscillated between standing for luck and standing for lack of luck. According to some, those born in October are immune from any possible negative effects.

OCTOBER FOLKLORE



When deer are in a grey coat in October, expect a hard winter



Much rain in October, much wind in December



A warm October means a cold February!



In October dung your field, and your land its wealth shall yield.



Good October, a good blast, To blow the hog acorn and mast.

OCTOBER NIGHT SKIES



Draconids

Keep an eye out for the Draconid meteor shower – sometimes called the Giacobinids – that is expected to peak at nightfall or early evening on October 8th and 9th. Unlike many meteor showers, the Draconids are short-lived, only active for a few nights. The radiant point for the Draconid meteor shower almost coincides with the head of the constellation Draco the Dragon in the northern sky. Unfortunately, the near full Hunter's Moon will hinder good viewing of this year's Draconid shower.



Orionids

Orionid meteors fly each year between about October 2 to November 7. That's when Earth is passing through the stream of debris left behind by Comet Halley, the parent comet of the Orionid shower. The Orionids usually put out the greatest number of meteors in the few hours before dawn. And the expected peak morning in 2022 is the night of October 21-22. There should be good viewing since the moon will be in a waning crescent and only 17% full.



Southern Taurids

It's probably safe to assume that the long-lasting South Taurid meteor shower will ramble along, as it always does, between September 10 and November 20, with no sharp peak. This shower rarely offers more than five meteors per hour. That's why the moon phase may be more of a factor in watching the South Taurids than any predicted peak date.

The Taurids (both branches) are rich in fireballs and are often responsible for increased number of fireball reports from September through November.

A photograph of the word "OCTOBER" in large, bold, yellow capital letters on a grey, weathered wooden plank background. Below the text, a row of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red is arranged horizontally.

OCTOBER

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:

September 25th - Math Storytelling Day, National Comic Book Day, National Daughter's Day, National Lobster Day, National One-Hit Wonder Day, National Open the Magic Day, National Quesadilla Day (Dia de la Quesadilla), National Research Administrator Day, National Tune-Up Day, National Gold Star Mother's Day

September 26th - National Compliance Officer Day, National Dumpling Day, National Johnny Appleseed Day, National Pancake Day, National Shamu the Whale Day, National Situational Awareness Day, National Family Day

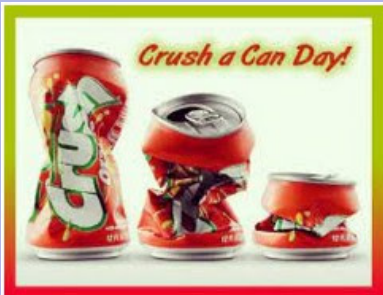
September 27th - National Chocolate Milk Day, National Corned Beef Hash Day, National Crush a Can Day, National Day of Forgiveness, National Scarf Day

September 28th - World Dense Breast Day, National Drink Beer Day, National Good Neighbor Day, National North Carolina Day, National Strawberry Cream Pie Day, National Women's Health & Fitness Day

September 29th - National Coffee Day, Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day, VFW Day

September 30th - National Chewing Gum Day, National Hot Mulled Cider Day, National Love People Day, National Mud Pack Day, Orange Shirt Day

October 1st - National Green City Day, Fire Pup Day, National Black Dog Day, National Hair Day, National Homemade Cookies Day, National Pumpkin Spice Day



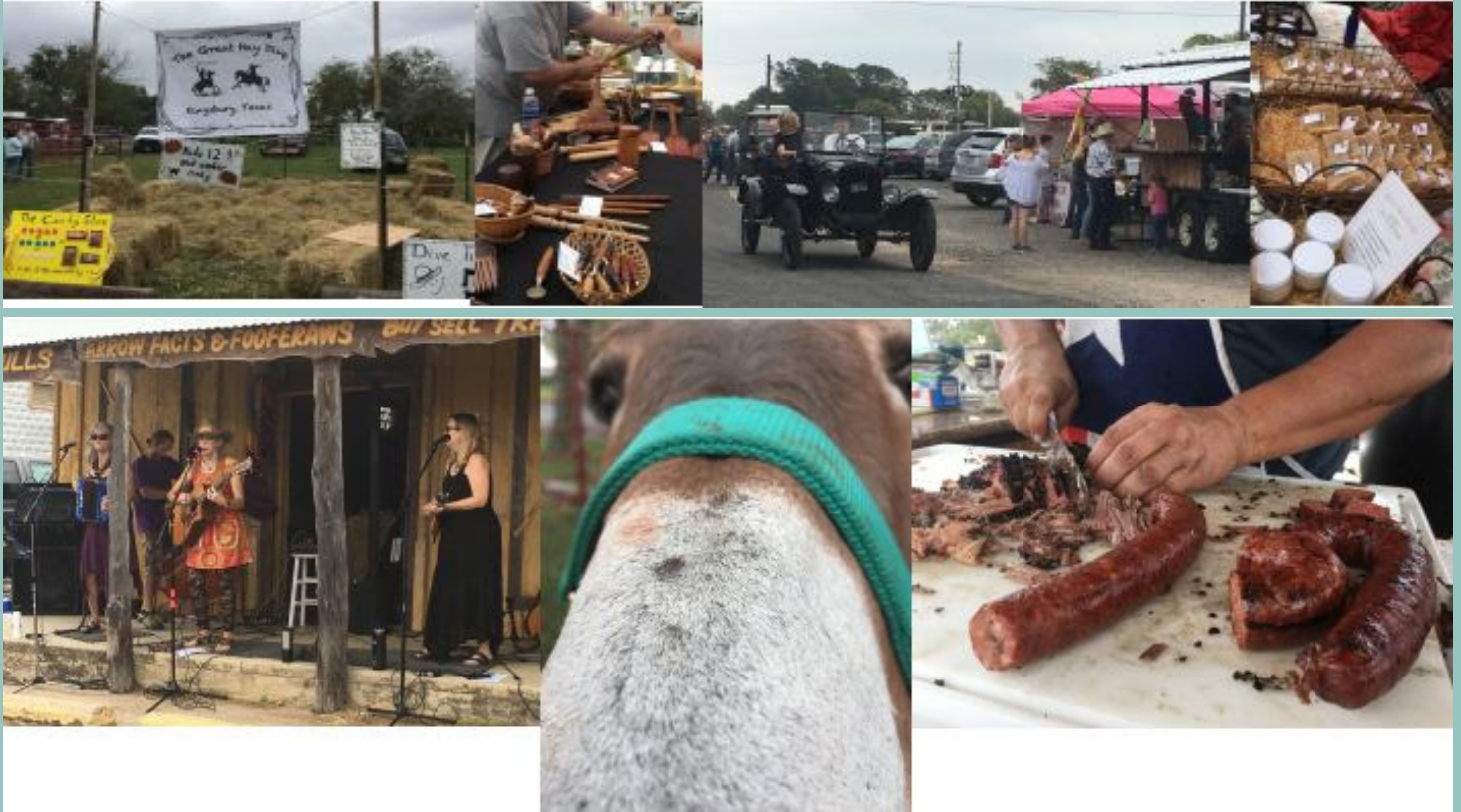
Kingsbury Fall Harvest Festival

Planning is underway for the 2022 Fall Harvest Festival in Downtown Kingsbury!

The big event will be Saturday, November 12th with lots of activities, food, and **fun** so mark your calendars!

The latest information can be found at www.kingsburyfallfest.org!





Kingsbury Items For Sale

Looking for a neat little Kingsbury **gift** or want to support your location Kingsbury VFD? The KVFD Auxiliary has tea towels and coasters available for sale in the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street.

Tea towels are \$10 and coasters are \$5 and all proceeds go to the KVFD Auxiliary for support of our firefighters and first responders.

Stemless wine glasses are now also available with the caption *"We Don't Complain in Kingsbury - We Wine"*

Come check it all out!



Kingsbury Market

There will be a **Market** in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



***Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday***

You'll be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Handcrafted items, homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are usually also available.



Kingsbury News Past

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



The June 13, 1876 edition of *The San Antonio Express* had lengthy article about riding the train all the way to Cincinnati. The writer "caught up my valise" (should be "valise" meaning a small suitcase) and headed for the Menger Hotel to "take the stage for Kingsbury". He talks a lot about the scenery but also mentions that "the stage coach is doomed" and those seeking the "exhilarating exercise of a stage ride" will have to go farther west once the railroad reaches San Antonio. At this time, however, the bridge on the way to SA was still an "immense pile of cut stone" here in Kingsbury. The newspaper often had an ad for "Lumber Yard" which mentions "Sam Maverick" (still the most awesome name!) and "Henry Terrell, agent at Kingsbury" have all your lumber needs.

S. ON THE WAY TO CINCINNATI.

THE OLD TOWN BY DAWN—THE STAGE RIDE — CROSS — SEQUIN—KINGSBURY RAILROAD RUMORS, HIGH PRICES, &c.

From our regular Correspondent.]

KINGSBURY, June 9, 1876.

It was fairly daylight when I left my bed this morning, kissed wife and baby, caught up my valise and made for the Menger Hotel to take the stage for Kingsbury on my way to the Porkopolis of America. Mr. Muncey, the centennial stage agent had impressed me with the importance of being on hand at six o'clock precisely, or else I would be left behind, in spite of the fact that I flourished in his presence a commission from the *Express* to act as its regular correspondent. The truth is, the stage coach is doomed, and it will not be many months before travelers who seek the exhilarating exercise of a stage ride will be compelled to go west. Muncey knows this and don't care a fig for the newspapers.

How sleepy-headed the old town seemed this morning as I hurried through its deserted streets, the only stir being in the vicinity of the markets; and on the eve of starting upon a trip to one of the busiest centers of America, I could not resist the train of thoughts that possessed me as the picture of the old town unfolded before me this June morning. The Alamo Plaza with its midnightly meat market, the dusty waste of open square, the lazy Mexican wood merchant, the easy, careless gait of the market-goers—we San Antonians got used to our old town—we see nothing amiss in dusty, desolate squares, decorated by ugly meat stalls, nothing of poorly paved streets—we think very little of looks, and care very little about the opinion of the outside world. But how this picture will change when it becomes a railroad city. Rip Van Winkle's surprise over the changes wrought upon the scenes of his village after his twenty years' sleep but faintly represents the waking up that will take place with a large majority of our citizens a year hence.

THE STAGE RIDE TO KINGSBURY

Upon a pleasant spring day, over a good road free from dust and mud, with a stage comfortably filled with agreeable companions, is a trip to be enjoyed rather than dreaded. Ascending the hills east of the historic city, a view is had of the city and valley not surpassed in loveliness in the world; this is not the language of a native enthusiast, but of one who has traveled and associated with travelers, Col. T. who was a fellow-traveler this morning, and who has been over all the notable spots of the globe, expressed this opinion of the lovely scenes spread out before us from the hill top. The ugly streets, the bare squares, the utter lack of ornament or finish in all our public works or buildings are lost to view, and only the old town, with its church spires, its roofs, its embowered premises, and its beautiful surroundings, softened by the distance and the mellow dawn of a June morning, are in view.

The land is carpeted with fresh grass, the product of the recent rains, and every farm passed is a perfect marvel—the fields are filled to bursting with magnificent corn, and then there extensive fields of small grains harvested and stacked or being harvested, which gives to the landscape an entirely different look to what we have been accustomed to—the land has changed—we have become a part of "God's country," and the music of the reaper has broken the silence of the wilderness. West Texas is destined to become the Garden Spot of the Southwest.

We arrived in Kingsbury several hours before the train leaves, and had plenty of time to see the place. The immense pile of cut stone for the bridge piers over the Guadalupe is the most interesting object in view. The stone is a beautiful grey sand-stone, resembling granite, and is quarried on Mill creek, four miles from this station. From all I can learn the work is progressing towards the Cibola, and the watchword of Col. Pierce is "onward."

The combination of Messrs. Pierce and Morgan will greatly increase the traffic of this road, and while it may cause a slight increase in freights the increase will not work to the detriment of the public. Mr. Morgan's steamers from New Orleans and New York sail right by Galveston, up the bayou to Sims' landing, three miles from Harrisburg. A railroad is being built to Houston to connect with the Central, and in this way Mr. Morgan is striking a severe blow at the commerce of Galveston. When the Galveston people voted Mr. Pierce out of the directorship of the Galveston and Harrisburg railroad they did a foolish thing. I will pursue this subject in my letter from Houston. BEXAR.

At Harrisburg I met Col. H B Andrews, on his way up with the new Superintendent, Mr. Dickerson. Col. Andrews says there is not a word of truth in the report that the rates of freight had been raised upon car loads of grain or other freight, that the only change made is in the special rates on hides and wool from Kingsbury to New York, being \$1.12 per hundred pounds against 85 cents, the former rates, and the reason of this increase is that the former rate did not pay and was the result of competition against Morgan. The present rates are certainly very moderate, and our citizens can be assured that the Pierce road will carry their freights cheaper than they can have them taken by any other route.

Lumber Yard.

Sam Maverick, Lumber Dealer, north side Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, and at Kingsbury. Henry Terrell, agent at Kingsbury. All classes of Lumber, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Putty, Paints, &c., for sale at both places at the lowest prices.

In other 1876 news, you can get your clothes "scoured" at G. Caen's ("Established in 1873"), the Uvalde House has "prices to suit the times" and "Good Feed Stables Connected" (what more could the "travelling public" want?!), an "old Mexican" had a "very large" turnout at his burial, and Mrs. Pearce "Proprietress" of the Oakville House is ready to "return thanks for past favors" at her "new Rock Hotel".

Elsewhere in 1876, the Centennial Saloon has "all the modern appurtenances" (had to look that one up) "known in the saloon trade" and a "fine lunch every morning at 10½ o'clock", the best best way to "Dispose" of the "army of Texas convicts" is to put them to work on the railroads and the "system of preventing escapes will be made perfect" (I'm betting that wasn't

exactly "perfect"!), and a "fine rain visited us again" and we "look for grand results from farming". My pasture and tanks sure could use "fine rain"!

In other goings on, several counties in our area are "afflicted with desperadoes, thieves, robbers, and murderers" (oh my!) due to it's "location there of the Taylor-Sutton battle grounds on which so much blood has been shed" (the Taylor-Sutton blood feud finally ended in December of 1876 and was the longest and deadliest in Texas history), and the *Express* is "most happy to make the correction" that the Peirce Railroad contractor is working "westward", not "eastward" as previously reported. I think everyone probably figured that one out.

G. CAEN'S
FRENCH
Dyeing and Scouring.
Established in 1873.
Commerces St., near the bridge, and Augusta St., near Postoffice,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.
All kinds of Gentlemen's and Ladies' wearing apparel dyed in all colors. Gents' clothing scoured and pressed on one day's notice. Lace and lace curtains done up equal to new.
Goods entrusted to me will meet prompt attention.
G. CAEN.
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Uvalde House,
Uvalde, Texas.
North side of Public Square.
John A. Polk, Prop.
My house is well fitted to accommodate the travelling public, and prices to suit the times.
GOOD FEED STABLES
jaulw8m CONNECTED

— An old Mexican citizen by the name of Valdez was buried yesterday. The attendance at his funeral was very large.

Oakville House.
OAKVILLE, Texas
Having completed my new Rock Hotel, I am ready to give my friends good and comfortable lodging and good board. I return thanks for past favors, soliciting it in the future. First rate stable attached to the Hotel.
MRS. M. A. PEARCE,
8melwtf Proprietress.

CENTENNIAL SALOON,
No. 4 Soledad Street,
Near Courthouse.
This splendid and favorite resort for those who are thirsty and need refreshing has been refitted with all the modern appurtenances known in the saloon trade, with a complete assortment of the very best Wines, Brandies, Liquors, Beer and Cigars, of the very best quality and age, and bought from the best firms in the United States.
A fine lunch every morning at 10 o'clock. Good barkeeper in attendance, and waiters.
A splendid Reading room attached.
may24d1f KINAHAN & LITTELL.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF CONVICTS.
The proposition to employ the army of Texas convicts in building railways, accepting payment for labor in first mortgage bonds, may induce C. P. Huntington and associates and the railway corporations of Texas to begin at once the extension of Texas roads from Waco, Austin, San Antonio, and Fort Worth towards the West. The immediate outlay for labor will be light, the security given the State unquestionable, the system of preventing escapes will be made perfect, convict labor will no longer compete with that of mechanics or farm laborers, and crime itself becomes a source of profit and progress. The Tyler Tap, the Midland, from Sabine Pass to Dallas, the road to Sulphur Springs from Eastern Texas, in fact each well organized company proposing to construct a railroad through densely populated districts, can well afford to employ convicts to perfect the roadbed and supply cross-ties.

MORE RAIN.—A fine rain visited us again Sunday night. It was just in time to finish up the fine effects the late rains had on the corn and cotton crops. We now look for grand results from farming in this country.

Gonzales, Karnes, DeWitt, Victoria, and Goliad counties, having been more afflicted with desperadoes, thieves, robbers, and murderers, than most other counties, owing to the location there of the Taylor-Sutton battle grounds, on which so much blood has been shed; to the existence there of the headquarters of an organized band of desperate depredators; and owing to the peculiar character of the country, affording many secure hiding-places for lawless men, and being filled with cattle and cattle thieves; the good citizens of these counties, having long vainly waited for deliverance by the action of the regular State authorities, have undertaken the work themselves. They have organized companies of minute men, to assist the officers of the law in making arrests, and in driving the harbors of bad men from the country. It is a dangerous remedy, and needs to be applied by discreet and good men, but we can see no better way out of the trouble. These counties are near to our own, and we should feel a common interest with them. Let their be no lynchings, but let every lawless man be driven from the country, or brought to justice before the courts.

CORRECTION.—We stated a few days ago that grading of the Peirce Railroad had been begun at the Cibola, and that the contractor was working eastward. We should have said westward, and are most happy to make the correction.

Fall Wings & Wheels Fly-In

The Fall Wings and Wheels Fall Fly-In and Car Show at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and Pioneer Flight Museum (on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104) is coming up Saturday, November 12th.

The event will have **re-enactors**, lots of planes, antique cars and cycles, yummy eats and treats, live music, and tons of fun!

Gates open at 9 am and the entry is free (but donations are gladly accepted!)



Elections Information

With the November **elections** coming up, here is some important information regarding the election:

Important dates:

Tuesday, October 11 -- Last Day to Register to Vote

Monday, October 24 -- First Day to Early Vote

Friday, October 28 -- Last Day to Apply for Mail Ballot (Received, Not Postmarked)

Friday, November 4 -- Last Day to Early Vote

Tuesday, November 8 -- Election Day

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS NEAREST TO THE KINGSBURY AREA

Main Elections Office - [215 S. Milam St., Seguin](#)
Seguin ISD Administration Building - [1221 E. Kingsbury St., Seguin](#)

EARLY VOTING DATES AND HOURS

Monday, October 24th through Friday, October 28th -- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 29th -- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30th -- 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 31st through Friday, November 4th -- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day

The polling place in Kingsbury on Election Day, November 8th, will be The Kingsbury Methodist Church ([7035 FM 2438](#)).

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.



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](#)

Roland Merz and Mule Cart

Here is a picture of Roland Merz and friends in front of the Winns Red & White on Railway Street with his awesome **mule** and cart. The picture is from the 1940s.

The old visible gas pump (so named because you pumped gas up into the clear glass cylinder where the amount is "visible" before using gravity to let it flow into your vehicle) is ready to dispense fuel to the next customer, but Roland is using pure mule power. Don't you love the fancy curved-spoke wheels on the cart? And I wonder who that is that's peeking out through the store doors?



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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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