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**Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - August 18, 2019**

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*



*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### Kingsbury City Commission

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The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, August 19th

at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Shirts for city officials and staff
- ★ Participation in National Night Out
- ★ Late night mixed beverage permit



## NOTICE

### REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURY

#### 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:

August 18 - National Fajita Day, National Mail Order Catalog Day, National Ice Cream Pie Day

August 19 - International Bow Day, National Aviation Day, National Soft Ice Cream Day

August 20 - National Radio Day, National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day

August 21 - National Brazilian Blowout Day, National Spumoni Day, National Senior Citizens Day, Congressional Startup Day

August 22 - National Surgical Oncologist Day, National Bao Day, Never Bean Better Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, National Pecan Torte Day

August 23 - National Ride The Wind Day, National Sponge Cake Day

August 24 - National Maryland Day, National Peach Pie Day, National Waffle Day



#### 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.**

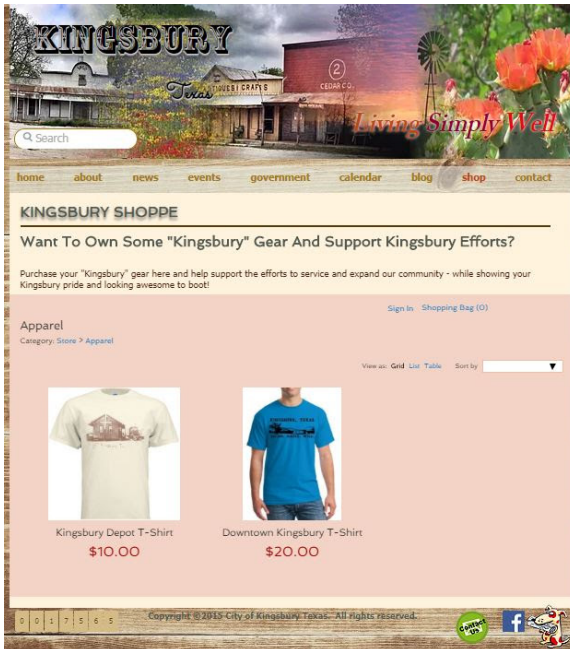
That says it all, doesn't it?!

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](http://www.kingsburytexas.org) to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



## 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](#)

### Kingsbury Dump

The dump/recycling center/collection station in Kingsbury is still **closed** until further notice.

The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court is going through the proposal process to hire a new service provider for the stations in Kingsbury, Seguin, and Marion.



### Dolley Madison Saves Portrait From British

This week in American history, on August 23, 1814, first lady Dolley Madison saves a portrait of George Washington from being **looted** by British troops during the War of 1812.

According to the White House Historical Society and Dolley's personal letters, President James Madison left the White House on August 22 to meet with his generals on the battlefield, as British troops threatened to enter the capitol. Before leaving, he asked his wife Dolley if she had the "courage or firmness" to wait for his intended return the next day. He asked her to gather important state papers and be prepared to abandon the White House at any moment.

The next day, Dolley and a few servants scanned the horizon with spyglasses waiting for either Madison or the British army to show up. As British troops gathered in the distance, Dolley decided to abandon the couple's personal belongings and save the full-length portrait of former president and national icon George Washington from desecration by vengeful British soldiers, many of whom would have rejoiced in humiliating England's former colonists.

Dolley wrote to her sister on the night of August 23 that a friend who came to help her escape was exasperated at her insistence on saving the portrait. Since the painting was screwed to the wall she ordered the frame to be broken and the canvas pulled out and rolled up. Two unidentified "gentlemen from New York" hustled it away for safe-keeping. The task complete, Dolley wrote "and now, dear sister, I must leave this house, or the retreating army will make me a prisoner in it by filling up the road I am directed to take." Dolley left the White House and found her husband at their predetermined meeting place in the middle of a thunderstorm.

The next night, August 24, British troops enjoyed feasting on White House food using the president's silverware and china before burning the building. Although they were able to return to Washington only three days later when British troops moved on, the Madisons were not again able to take up residence in the White House and lived out the rest of his term in the city's Octagon House. It was not until 1817 that newly elected President James Monroe moved back into the reconstructed building.



### Burn Ban Status

There is currently an outdoor burn ban for Guadalupe County. The burn ban imposed by the Commissioners Court has specific guidelines for

- Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark
- Burning household trash
- Burning of other items

The official order with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website by clicking [here](#).

There are currently 121 counties in Texas with a burn ban in place. There are 254 counties in our state so we are **quickly** coming up to half of the state with an outdoor burn ban.



As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499. To report a fire, please dial 911.

## Allen Store & Saloon

A picture taken in front of the Allen Store & Saloon in Kingsbury which was built in 1891.

Left to right is C. H. Harris, Jep Dibrell, Britt Harris, Rob Conley, and little girl (unknown) in front.

The sign on the building just to the right of the stairs seems to say "Fresh Butter". I guess you could stop by and get a shot of **whiskey** and a pound of fresh butter - one stop shopping!



### 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](#), 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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**For more information any time**

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