

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - March 15, 2020

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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

St. Patrick's Day

This Tuesday, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was **kidnapped** and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick’s death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

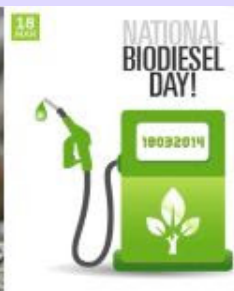
Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick’s Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.



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:

- March 15** - National Everything You Think is Wrong Day, National Kansas Day, National Pears Helene Day, National Shoe the World Day
- March 16** - National Artichoke Hearts Day, Everything You Do Is Right Day, National Freedom of Information Day, National Panda Day
- March 17** - National 3-D Day (3rd Day of the 3rd Full Week of the 3rd Month), National Corned Beef and Cabbage Day, St. Patrick's Day, World Social Work Day
- March 18** - National Awkward Moments Day, National Biodiesel Day, National Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day, National SBDC Day, National Sloppy Joe Day, National Supreme Sacrifice Day
- March 19** - National Certified Nurses Day, National Chocolate Caramel Day, National Let's Laugh Day, National Poultry Day, National Farm Rescuer Day
- March 20** - World Flour Day, National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Proposal Day, National Ravioli Day, National Kick Butts Day, Spring Begins
- March 21** - National California Strawberry Day, National Common Courtesy Day, National Countdown Day, National Fragrance Day, National French Bread Day, National Single Parent Day, World Down Syndrome Day, National Corn Dog Day, National Quilting 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!

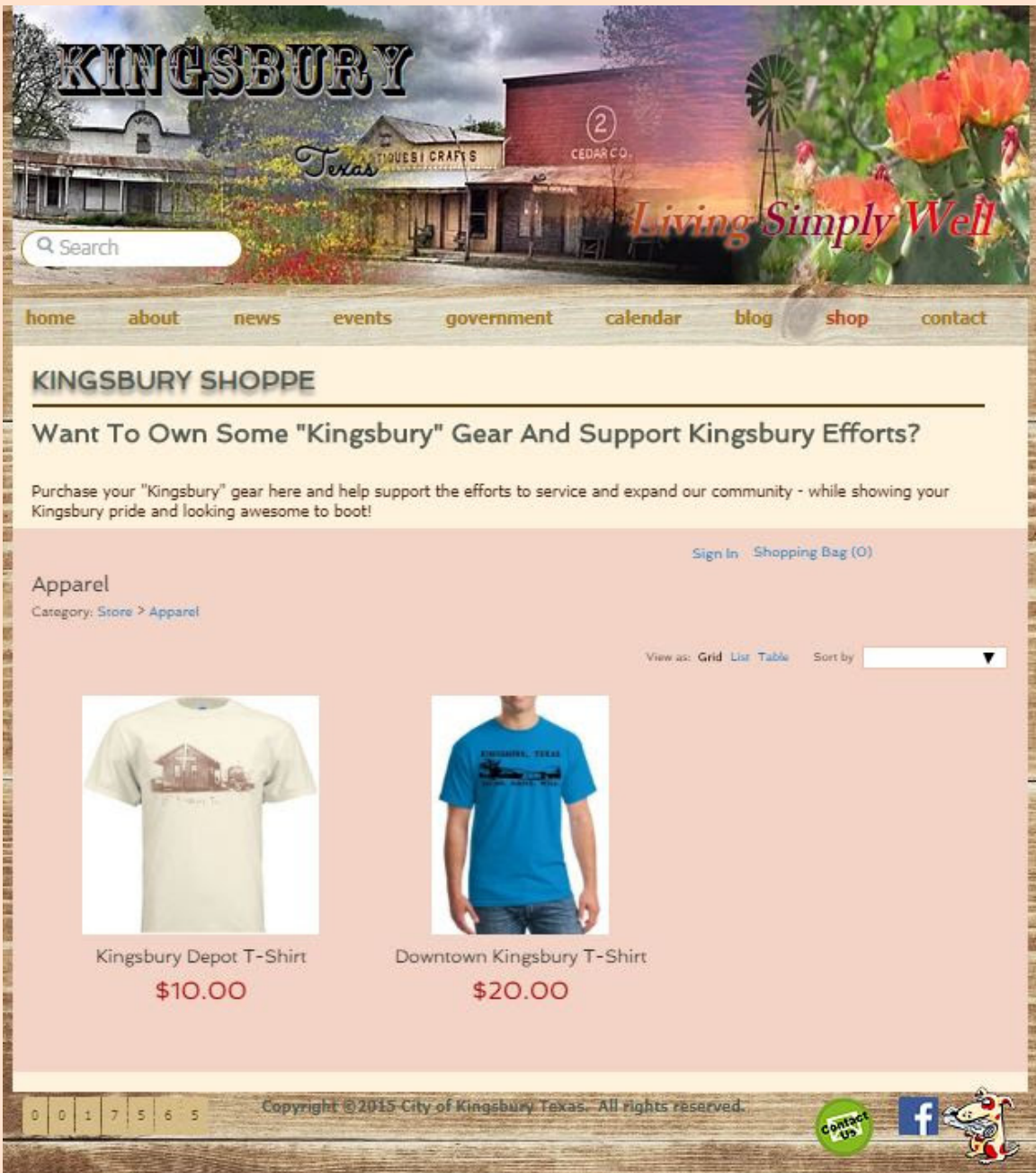
The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo: LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.
That says it **all**, doesn't it?!

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 to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



Spring Has Sprung!



This Friday, March 20th, is the Vernal Equinox which marks the first day of Spring. Astronomically speaking, the equinox falls on March 19 or 20 every year, marking spring's beginning in the Northern Hemisphere (whereas it announces fall's arrival in the Southern Hemisphere). The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone.

At the Vernal Equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north along the ecliptic. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. The name equinox comes from Latin words which mean "**equal night**"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth’s axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the Spring equinox, the Norther Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days



SIGNS OF THE EQUINOX IN NATURE

The vernal equinox signals the beginning of nature’s renewal in the Northern Hemisphere. Worms begin to emerge from the earth. Even the March Moon is called “The Full Worm Moon” for this reason. Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.

The increasing sunlight triggers bird song.

Trees, shrubs and flowers are sensitive to temperature and daylength, too. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach.

Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather. Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats.

March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.



EQUINOX FOLKLORE

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox.

In earlier times, the vernal equinox was considered the beginning of the new year. It has always been an important day to those who work the land because it signifies the beginning of the season of regeneration and growth.

There are many ancient sites that mark the equinoxes (and solstices). One of the most famous ancient Spring equinox celebrations was at Chichen Itza in Mexico. The Mayans built a huge pyramid around the year A.D. 1000. The play of the Sun’s light on it signals the beginning of the seasons. On the spring equinox, it looks like a huge snake is slithering down the steps. Mayans called this day “the return of the Sun serpent.”



SPRING VERSE

"One swallow does not make a spring."

"Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring."

"In spring, no one thinks of the snow that fell last year."

"Don’t say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies."

*"Spring-time sweet!
The whole Earth smiles, thy coming to greet."*



Kingsbury Exchange Club

A group of people here in Kingsbury are setting up an exchange club where the people here can share some of the things that we make, grow, and do. The next meeting was scheduled for March 21st but due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no meeting in March. The next meeting will then be

Saturday, April 18th at Noon
at the old Fat Chance at 668 Railway in downtown Kingsbury

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend and share their ideas, interests, and/or experience - or if you just want to find out more about the exchange concept!

Some of the things being exchanged:

Small engine repair
Fresh baked goods
Metal crafts
Fine woolen crafts
Fruits and nuts
Massage
Life coaching
Event space
Handyman work
Fruit trees
Canned goods
Home cooked meals

And so much more!

Kingsbury Exchange Club vouchers are also available for services and skills. Come check it out - it's a great way to meet people in our area and have a fun finding out what we have to offer here in Kingsbury!



Volunteer Work Days at Pioneer Flight Museum

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

Saturday, March 21st

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



The Road To Revolution - Battle of Coletto Creek

This week in Texas history, the Battle of Coletto Creek, also known as the Battle of the Prairie, was fought on March 19 and 20, 1836, during the Goliad campaign of the Texas Revolution.

In February, General José de Urrea led a branch of the Mexican army up the Gulf Coast of Mexican Texas toward Goliad, where a large contingent of soldiers from the Texian Army were garrisoned under Colonel James W. Fannin. Simultaneously, Mexican president Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led a larger force into the Texian interior, where on March 6 his troops won the Battle of the Alamo. After learning of the Alamo's defeat, Texian general Sam Houston ordered Fannin to retreat from Goliad and join the rest of the army in Victoria.

On March 19, Fannin led his men on a leisurely retreat from Goliad. Mexican troops **surrounded** the Texians on the open prairie later in the day, before Fannin could reach the shelter of a grove of timber at Coletto Creek, some 400 yards away. Texians formed a square in the middle of the prairie and attempted to defend their position. Although Mexican troops launched three separate attacks against the square, they could not penetrate the Texian position. However, the Mexicans received overwhelming reinforcements and heavy artillery. As night fell, Mexican sharpshooters were able to wound and kill more Texians. In this critical predicament, with little water to give to the wounded or to cool their artillery, Fannin and the majority of the men voted to surrender the Texian forces on March 20. Led to believe that they would be released into the United States, they were returned to the fort at Goliad, now their prison.

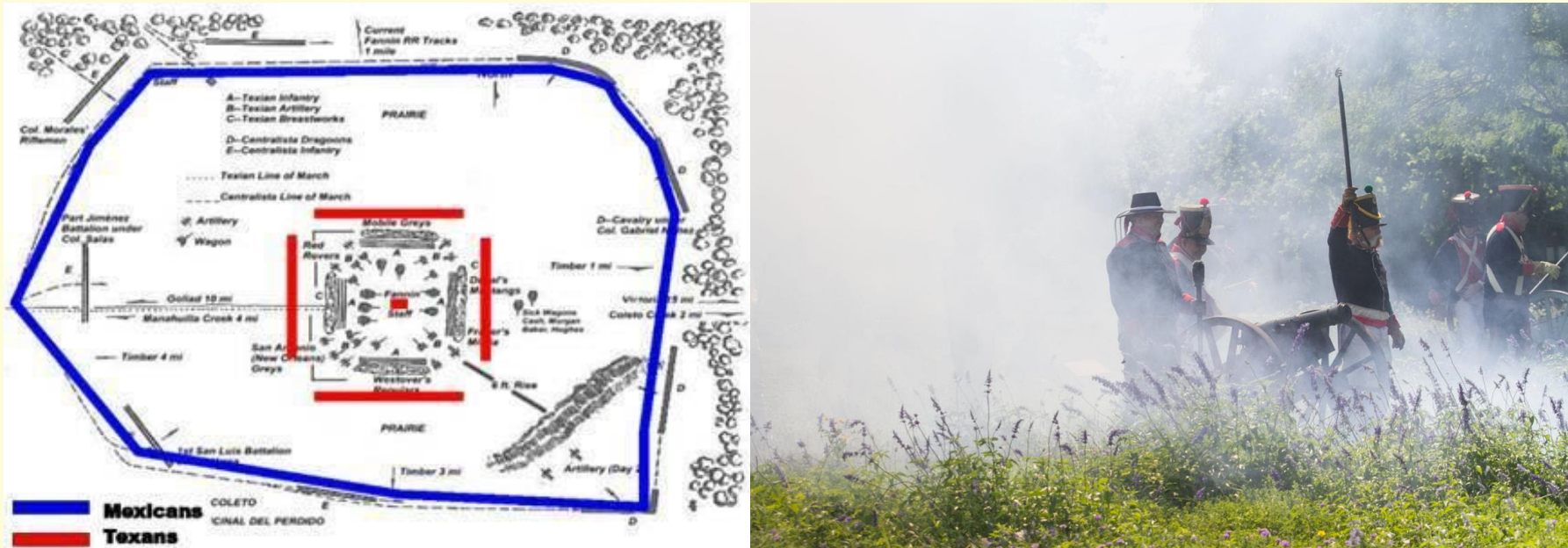
Also happening around Goliad, Albert Clinton Horton and his company had been acting as the advance and rear guards for Fannin's company. Surprised by the overwhelming Mexican force, they were chased off and escaped, however 18 of the group were captured and marched back to Goliad.

The 75 soldiers of William Parsons Miller and the Nashville Battalion were captured on March 20 and marched in on March 23. They were kept separate from the other prisoners, as they had been unarmed and surrendered without a fight.

On March 22, William Ward and the Georgia Battalion (80 men plus Ward) surrendered after escaping from the Battle of Refugio. About 26 men were retained at Victoria as laborers, but 55 of the prisoners were marched into Goliad, on March 25.

The stage is now set as the last of the prisoners arrives at La Bahia in Goliad. Urrea attempts to secure honorable terms for his Texian prisoners. However, Santa Anna had received authorization from the Mexican Congress to treat all captured Texian troops as pirates rather than prisoners-of-war.

The Mexican sentence for piracy is death ...



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, Mar 15, 2020

63°F

Cloudy

Wind: N 12.0 mph

Humidity: 98%

Visibility: 5.0 miles

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
79° 66°	84° 67°	83° 69°	82° 63°	66° 52°	61° 55°

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 City Commission

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

Monday, March 16th

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

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Checking and budget report
- ★ Announcements
- ★ Public Comments

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



Kingsbury Owls Basketball Team

Pictures of the "Owls" - the Kingsbury School Girls Basketball Team and their **owl** mascot.

These pictures are from about 1948.

The girls in the first picture are: Back row - Laura Ewald, Elaine Hartwick, Jackie Schmidt; Front row - Dorothy Miller, Jody Green, Mary Jo Simpson, Sandra Jones.

The second picture has Laura Ewald and Elaine Hartwick barely visible in the back row and Mr Coers (?). The front row is Dorothy Miller, Jody Green, Mary Jo Simpson, Sandra Jones, and Jackie Schmidt.



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