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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Public Meeting

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 Meeting 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!



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:

January 9th - National Apricot Day, National Balloon Ascension Day, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, National Static Electricity Day, National Sunday Supper Day

January 10th - National Bittersweet Chocolate Day, National Cut Your Energy Costs Day, National Oysters Rockefeller Day, National Save The Eagles Day, National Clean Off Your Desk Day

January 11th - National Arkansas Day, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, National Milk Day, National Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day, Shop for Travel Day

January 12th - National Curried Chicken Day, National Kiss A Ginger Day, National Marzipan Day, National Pharmacist Day

January 13th - Korean American Day, National Peach Melba Day, National Rubber Ducky Day, Stephen Foster Memorial Day, National Sticker Day

January 14th - National Dress Up Your Pet Day, National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day, Ratification Day

January 15th - National Bagel Day, National Booch Day, National Hat Day, National Strawberry Ice Cream Day, National Use Your Gift Card Day



Volunteer Work Day

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, January 15th

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!



Kingsbury Market Hiatus

Most vendors that sell their wares during the Kingsbury Market Days will be taking a **hiatus** for the winter and returning in February.

Any vendors are still welcome to set up and sell items so there may be some booths throughout the next few weeks.



Winter Kingsbury Independent

The **Winter** edition of the *Kingsbury Independent* is coming soon! You will see them at local businesses in the next few weeks.

The edition will contain an interview with County Judge Kutcher about the present and future in Guadalupe County, planning and zoning for Kingsbury, information from the Martindale city council, and planned projects with grant funds. Other articles include a "Citizen of Kingsbury", 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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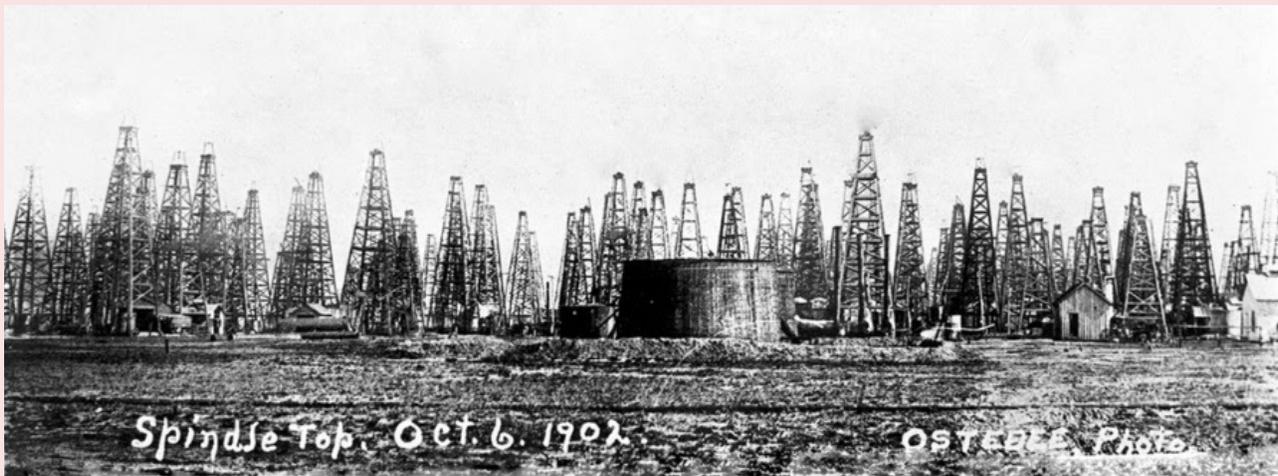
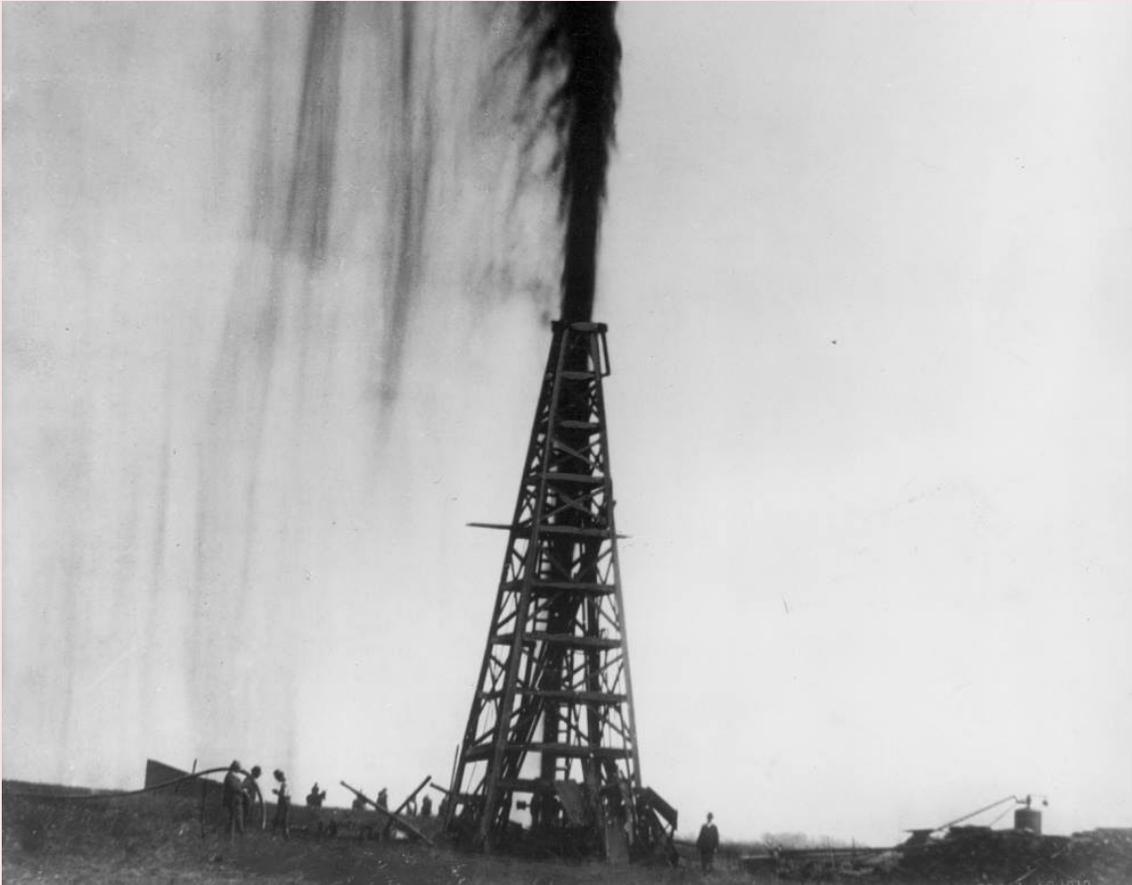
### It's A Gusher!

This week in Texas history, on January 10, 1901, a drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, coating the landscape for hundreds of feet and signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The **geyser** was discovered at a depth of over 1,000 feet, flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap. Following the discovery, petroleum, which until that time had been used in the U.S. primarily as a lubricant and in kerosene for lamps, would become the main fuel source for new inventions such as cars and airplanes; coal-powered forms of transportation including ships and trains would also convert to the liquid fuel.

In the early 1890s, Texas businessman and amateur geologist Patillo Higgins became convinced there was a large pool of oil under a salt-dome formation south of Beaumont. He and several partners established the Gladys City Oil, Gas and Manufacturing Company and made several unsuccessful drilling attempts before Higgins left the company. In 1899, Higgins leased a tract of land at Spindletop to mining engineer Anthony Lucas. The Lucas gusher blew on January 10, 1901, and ushered in the liquid fuel age. Unfortunately for Higgins, he'd lost his ownership stake by that point.

Beaumont became a "black gold" boomtown, its population tripling in three months. The town filled up with oil workers, investors, merchants and con men (leading some people to dub it "Swindletop"). Within a year, there were more than 285 active wells at Spindletop and an estimated 500 oil and land companies operating in the area, including some that are major players today: Humble (now Exxon), the Texas Company (Texaco) and Magnolia Petroleum Company (Mobil).

Spindletop experienced a second boom starting in the mid-1920s when more oil was discovered at deeper depths. In the 1950s, Spindletop was mined for sulphur. Today, only a few oil wells still operate in the area. But Spindletop cemented its place in history as the gusher that launched the oil industry.



### Kingsbury News Past

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

# San Antonio Express.

VOL 10.

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 31, 1876

NO 128

The May 31, 1876 edition of the San Antonio Express reported that the stagecoaches that travel between Kingsbury and S.A. have grown very crowded. In fact there were twenty-one passengers booked for Monday morning! Can you imagine what a stagecoach with that many people on and in it looked like? Plus a driver and probably someone riding shotgun!

—The travel between here and Kingsbury has grown to such an extent that two stages scarcely afford ample means of conveying the passengers. The coaches are generally crowded both on go and return trips. Twenty-one, if we remember correctly, was the number booked for Monday morning, but this is above an average. The necessity of a railroad grows stronger and stronger.

In other 1876 news, poor Mr. Gonzales was "pursued by cattle thieves" and killed south of Eagle Pass, poor Mr. Rochefort is "ill of dropsy of the heart" (that doesn't sound good), you can board for "\$5 per Week" at the Hygeia House in Sutherland Springs and partake of their "Sulphur bathing and drinking waters", and the Alameda House is full service with "a campyard and stables attached/"

Elsewhere in 1876, under the heading of "The Doings Of Poor Lo!" (I have no idea what that means in relation to the stories) Indians attacked Custer City, Washington and burned "the entire town" and Captain Eager (what a name!) came across Indians attacking an ox train and the "details of the outrages are horrible", a "country-man" was selling watermelons at a pretty pricey rate, the Emperor of Brazil "wearing a slouched felt hat" visited New Orleans, last night was a "stormy night", and a "drunken man" fell into the river.

Other goings on in 1876 - Mr. Clark has a "crippled hand" but was able to "cut the Mexican Larra" when he was attacked, there was a coup in Turkey and the Sultan Murad is now the Emperor (but he would have a mental breakdown and only last 13 weeks), the Menger Hotel has a "new and delightful drink" and Billy Davis "is the man to mix it", and introducing "Flour, Flovr" (??) is apparently "Another Victory!".

And Captain Adams thinks a "malicious person" set his stable on fire, the sheep being kept near the "mill-bridge" are "making things quite disagreeable" (which I think means that it was getting quite stinky), S.A. is now in the "season of city smells" and may have another "visitation of fevers" (probably yellow fever), and there will be a match of "three-ball French carom" (a type of billiards) at the Crystal.

**Special to the EXPRESS.]**  
**EAGLE Pass, May 30, 1876.**  
 A bloody fight occurred on Comanche Creek, about twenty-five miles below here yesterday morning at ten o'clock. Alajo Gonzales, of Rio Grande City, with three others, were killed, and five persons wounded. Gonzales was pursued by cattle thieves, who made the attack upon his party.  
 The authorities of Maverick will visit the scene, and care for the dead and wounded. J.

**ROCHEFORT**  
 Paris, May 30—Hiram Rochefort is severely ill of dropsy of the heart.

**Hygeia House.**  
 Sutherland Springs, Wilson Co., Texas,  
**Board, \$5 per Week.**  
 Dr. D. B. MESSINGHAM, Prop.  
 Superior Sour Iron Seltzer and Sulphur bathing and drinking waters apl9d&wt

**Alameda House,**  
 Alameda Street,  
**Sau Antonio, Texas.**

The undersigned beg leave to inform the public that they have taken possession of the

**ALAMEDA HOUSE.**  
 They will do the best to accommodate the traveling public and their guests. Good table, and well furnished rooms.

**RATES:**

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Boarding & Lodging per month | \$20 00 |
| " " " " week                 | 5 00    |
| " " " " day                  | 1 00    |

**A CAMP YARD AND STABLES ATTACHED TO THE HOTEL!**  
**ELISE VOLKER,**  
**J. D. RUELLMANN.**  
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**THE DOINGS OF POOR LO!**  
 Washington, May 30—Reports from the far West state the Indians attacked Custer City on the 19th and burned the ammunition house and the entire town. The explosion destroyed several houses. The person who brought this information to Omaha left Custer City at daylight on the 20th.  
 Captain Esagar has returned to Fort Laramie from his scout. He found 600 Indians attacking an ox train and drove them northward. The details of the outrages are horrible.

**WATERMELONS.**—We noticed a countryman upon the streets yesterday peddling watermelons. The prices demanded, as is usual with the first of any crop, were exorbitant, but still the melons sold.

The Emperor of Brazil and suite, consisting of Dona Thereza Christiana, Viscount de B. Retiro, Dona Josefina de Fonseca Costa, Vice Admiral de Lanere, Authur S. de Maced, Dr. Senza Fontes, Pedro Antonio de Paiva, Joanna de Alcantara, Leonidia Espozol, and Mr. Jas. J. Kelly, of the New York Herald, arrived in New Orleans on the steamer Great Republic, Wednesday afternoon, and immediately proceeded to St. Charles Hotel, where apartments had been prepared for them. The Emperor is described as a man of large size, and affable and unassuming manners, attired in a suit of plain black, and wearing a slouched felt hat. The royal party will only remain in New Orleans a few days.

—Last night was a stormy night. Heavy rains passed over the country again.  
 —A drunken man fell off the causeway, at Mill-bridge, yesterday evening, into the water.

**RELEASED.**—Mr. Clark, who cut the Mexican Larra a few days ago, was released last evening on \$200 bond. We learn from an eye witness that Clark acted the part of self-defense, as he was assaulted by the Mexican, and being a man with a crippled hand, had no other means to save himself from being beaten than by using his knife. The Mexican's life is now considered out of danger.

**AZIZ KHAN DETHRONED**  
 The American Minister to Turkey has received the following telegram from the Grand Vizier:  
 "In presence of the unanimous will of all the people, Aziz Khan has been dethroned to-day, and his majesty Sultan Murad, heir presumptive to the Imperial throne has been proclaimed Emperor of Turkey."

—The Menger bar boasts of having struck upon a new and delightful drink, peculiarly cooling in its tendency. Billy Davis is the man to mix it

**ANOTHER VICTORY!**

**FLOUR, FLOUR**

Introduced into this market

IN 1866 BY

**H. Grenet.**

—Capt. Adams thinks that his stable yesterday morning was set on fire by some malicious person.

—Those sheep kept near the mill-bridge are making things quite disagreeable to persons passing that way.

—This is the season of city smells, and particularly, now that the rains have made every place damp, the city guardians should see that places where smells may arise are kept clean. We may have another visitation of foyers, if this matter is not properly attended to.

**GRAND BILLIARD MATCH**  
 At the Crystal. Frank Kelley and Mr. Jules Rigal, the celebrated Wrestler, will play a match three-ball French carom game of 200 points, on Wednesday, May 31st, at 8 p. m. 2t

**Kingsbury Weather**

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

|      | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| High | 58° | 56° | 64° | 71° | 75° | 58° |
| Low  | 37° | 44° | 44° | 50° | 51° | 36° |

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](#)

**Working In Darst Field**

A picture taken in the Darst Creek oil field around 1945. The picture description tells who is in the picture (Dee

Perryman, Henry Freeman, Jesse Scarborough, and B.H. Chamness), where it is, and that the equipment is **overturned**. But what the heck happened to turn it over? By the size of the tires it appears to be a big, hefty piece of equipment. Big enough to warrant posing in front of it for a picture!

These men worked for the Magnolia Petroleum Company which became Mobil Oil. The men are all wearing overalls and Mr. Freeman has quite the jaunty tilt to his hardhat!



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