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# **Kingsbury Texas**

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

#### **Labor Day**

This Monday, September 7th, is Labor Day!

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend and it is considered the unofficial end of summer.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty U.S. states officially celebrated Labor Day.

Canada's Labour Day is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. More than 80 countries celebrate International Workers' Day on May 1 – the ancient European holiday of May Day – and several countries have chosen their own dates for Labour 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:

September 6 - National Coffee Ice Cream Day, National Read A Book Day

September 7 - National Beer Lover's Day, National Neither Snow Nor Rain Day, National Grandma Moses Day, National Acorn Squash Day, National Salami Day, National Grateful Patient Day, National New Hampshire Day, National Labor Day

September 8 - National Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day, National Ampersand Day, National Another Look Unlimited Day

September 9 - National Teddy Bear Day, Care Bears Share Your Care Day, National Wiener Schnitzel Day September 10 - National Swap Ideas Day, National TV Dinner Day, National School Picture Day

September 11 - National Make Your Bed Day, National Hot Cross Bun Day, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 12 - National Video Games Day, National Chocolate Milkshake Day, National Day of

Encouragement, National Report Medicare Fraud Day, National Programmers Day (256th Day of the Year)

NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY SEPTEMBERS

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#### **Hello September!**

This is the first full week in the month of September!

September is the ninth month of the year, the third of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the fourth of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere September is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere.

September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar, with March (Latin *Martius*) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 153 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day.



#### **METEORS**

Meteor showers that occur in September include the Aurigids, the Delta Aurigids which occur from mid-September to early October, the Southern Taurids, which occur from September 10 to November 20, and the Andromedids which occur from September 25 – December 25.

Get ready for fall! The Autumnal Equinox falls on September 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. our time. At this time, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.

September, in **Old England**, was called *Haervest-monath* (Harvest Month). This is the time to gather up the rest of the harvest and prepare for the winter months.

There are flowers enough in the summertime, More flowers than I can remember— But none with the purple, gold, and red That dyes the flowers of September!

-Mary Howitt (1799-1888)

September's birth flowers are the aster and the morning glory.



The aster signifies powerful love, and the China aster expresses variety or afterthought in the language of flowers.



The morning glory symbolizes affection. It can also mean coquetry, affectation, or bonds in the language of flowers.

The September birthstone is the sapphire, which was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning.



Sapphire is a form of corundum that is typically blue, a color caused by tiny bits of iron and titanium; the vivid, medium blues are more valuable than lighter or darker forms. Due to various trace elements, sapphires also appear in other colors. Those with red colors are called rubies.

Sapphires were thought to encourage divine wisdom and protection. They symbolized purity, truth, trust, and loyalty. Some believed that if they were placed in a jar with a snake, the snake would die.

The sapphire, along with the related ruby, are the second-hardest natural gemstones, with only the diamond being harder.

FOLKLORE FOR THE SEASON

Heavy September rains bring drought.

September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges.

September blow soft, till the fruit's in the loft.

Married in September's golden glow, smooth and serene your life will go.

If the storms of September clear off warm, the storms of the following winter will be warm.

Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.



#### **Patriot Day**

This Friday is Patriot Day. In the United States, Patriot Day, observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the people killed in the 2001 September 11 attacks.

In the immediate **aftermath** of the attacks, President George W. Bush, proclaimed Friday September 14, 2001, as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

The flag of the United States is flown at half-staff at the White House and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments throughout the world; flags are also encouraged to be displayed on individual American homes. Additionally, a moment of silence is observed to correspond with the attacks, beginning at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



# **Farmers Market**

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



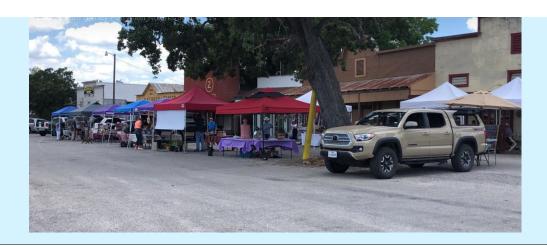
Downtown Kingsbury From noon to 3 Every Sunday



The event will be outside so you will be able to have the 6 foot safe distancing that is recommended and still be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also usually available.



Plant starts, fruit trees, herbs, Kingsbury T-shirts, food, drinks, lemonade, homemade soaps, and colorful face masks are usually on hand also.



# **Kingsbury News Past**

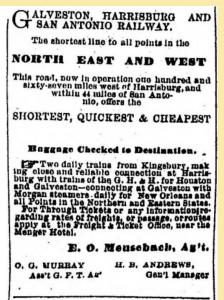
All the news that's fit to print about what was happening in Kingsbury . . .

The January 25, 1876 Tuesday Morning edition of the San Antonio Express had a mention of Kingsbury as the destination for "San Antonians" with a stop at the International Hotel. Kingsbury was still the end of the railroad in 1876 and if you wanted to hop the train, you had to get the stage to Kingsbury first.

The Fincane Line of stagecoaches frequently ran this ad for their "Stage Line from San Antonio to Kingsbury", and the GH&SA Railway also quite often ran their ad for "Two daily trains from Kingsbury".







Elsewhere in 1876, the people of Dublin are trying to "induce the Queen or Prince of Wales" to visit, A Nette, Jr. is a "Druggist and Apothecary" (I always thought they were the same thing), Mr. Reynolds and Keebaum "run a hack from Uvalde to Eagle Pass" (a "hack" was a passenger wagon that was not as nice as a stagecoach), and C. Bain has "four-horse coaches" to some great places like Loyal Valley (now a ghost town), Menardsville (now Menard), Coghlan's (can't find any info on that one), Fort McKavett (now a ghost town), Kickapoo Springs (ghost town), Benficklin (ghost town), and Fort Concho (you guessed it ... ghost town). And if you were going to Fort Concho, it only took "57 hours, allowing eight hours rest at Fredericksburg".

The Central Hotel was the "Centre of the City" and "Headquarters of the Stock Men", A. Scheidemantel & Co can offer you a LOT of "Swedish Safety Parlor Matches" (they're the "best and safest in the world"), and a gruesome description of the injuries to the Central train brakeman. Thank goodness the "train stopped and took up the remains". The "Race Stallion" Slow Robinson is for sale (not an encouraging name for a racehorse), "call and see the jolly face of Mr. S. W. McAllister" for your "Sour Mash Bourbon and Rye Whiskies", and a lady sent a rose bouquet to the newspaper which the writer says "looks with strange charms upon us".

Visit Lockwood's Saloon and "ye shall depart with moistened lips" and "shall go on your way rejoicing", and if you are in the "middle aged men" range of "thirty to sixty" (I guess thirty was middle aged in 1876) and you have this awful sounding affliction with "ropy sediment", "milkish hue", and "dark and torpid appearance", please get yourself some help! Or maybe you should just visit the above Lockwood's Saloon!



# **COVID-19 In Guadalupe County**

As the world goes through the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, we are all looking for information on the impact in our area. A good place for **info** is on the Guadalupe County website. The county has a "dashboard" showing cases of the virus on a county map, the numbers of recoveries, number of people hospitalized, etc.

It's good to know what is going on around the globe, but it's probably even more important to know what's happening in our immediate area. The dashboard can be found here: <a href="https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/commcourt/covid-19\_dashboard.php">https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/commcourt/covid-19\_dashboard.php</a>

Below is the latest dashboard from Guadalupe County.



### **Kingsbury Weather**

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest weather in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under <u>Calendar</u>.



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.



#### **Burn Ban Status**

Despite recent **rains**, there is currently still 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

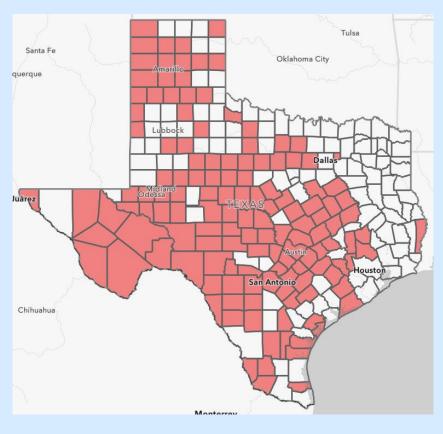
Burning of other items

The official notification with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website at <a href="http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/">http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/</a>



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.

There are now 139 of the 254 counties in Texas under an outdoor burn ban.



# **KVFD Table And Quilt Raffle**

The Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department and KVFD Auxiliary will be at the first Farmers Market of each month with items for sale and taking donations.

Since the annual fundraising Bar-B-Q was cancelled due to the ongoing restrictions and concerns with the pandemic, the KVFD is looking for other ways to raise money this year.

There will also be a raffle for a wonderful "Longhorns" quilt made by Linda Hurt Tart. Linda made the quilt for the Live Auction at the KVFD Bar-B-Q this year. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 rickets for \$5. Come by the KVFD Auxiliary table to donate items, purchase items, and get your Longhorns Quilt raffle tickets!

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at this year's Fall Harvest Festival on November 14th.

So come on down to the Farmer's Market this Sunday for the Market, the KVFD "Country Store" table, and get your raffle tickets for this absolutely awesome quilt!

Raffle tickets for the quilt will also be sold in the Kingsbury Country Store this Sunday through to Fall Harvest Festival.



# **Maurer Lumber Company**

The Maurer Lumber Company in Kingsbury was owned by Fritz and William Maurer. It was located on or near the corner of Railway and Forcey Streets.

The "Lumber Office" picture may be of one of the Maurers holding the clipboard with the handsome arm **garters** on his sleeves. The company was advertising the "Banner Buggy" on the front by the door and also below the porch to the right of the steps. The Banner Buggy Co. (1880-1921) was the largest horse-drawn vehicle manufacturer in the nation so it was probably good business to sell their wares. The horseshoe-shaped piece in front of the window on the left looks like a rib or "bow" from a covered wagon.

By 1916, the Lumber Company had started advertising Garland Stoves and Ranges, had quite a selection of different fencing materials, and what looks like a water silo to the left of the building.





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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.



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