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## **Kingsbury Texas**

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#### Dear Kingsbury,

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

#### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 25th, is Memorial Day where Americans remember those who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

The first time we honored those who made the ultimate **sacrifice** was May 30, 1868, when, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, the first major Memorial Day observance is held to honor those who died "in defense of their country during the late rebellion." Known to some as "Decoration Day," mourners honored the Civil War dead by decorating their graves with flowers. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

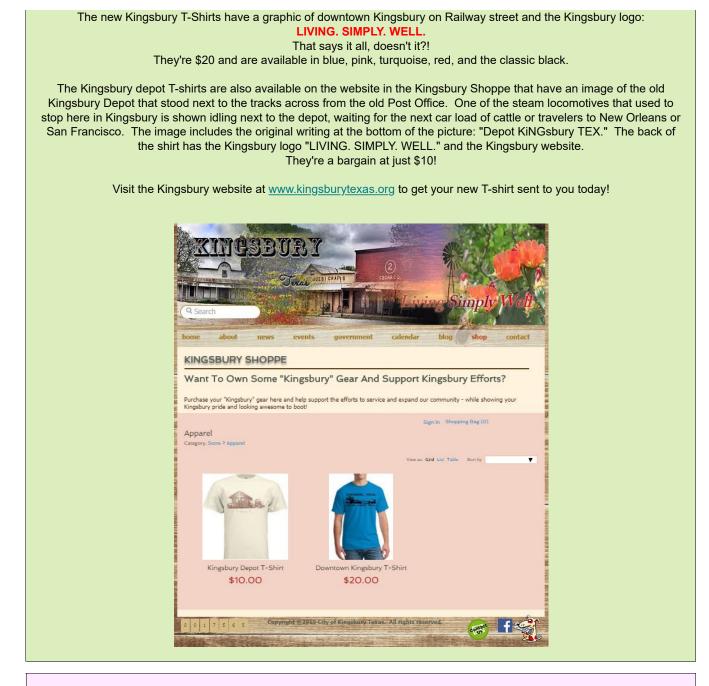
By the late 1800's, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day, and after World War I, observers began to honor the dead of all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. It is customary for the president or vice president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



#### There's A Day For Everything

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## **Rough Riders Get Orders**

This week in Texas history, on May 30, 1898, Gen. Nelson A. Miles ordered the First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, better known as the "Rough Riders," to Tampa, Florida, to take part in the forthcoming **invasion** of Cuba as part of the Spanish-American War. The regiment, nominally commanded by Col. Leonard Wood but in fact led by Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, was one of three volunteer cavalry regiments raised in the western states and territories to augment the regular defense establishment, and the only one of the three to serve in combat.

After assembling in San Antonio, the men of the First--many of whom were Texas Rangers--encamped in what is now Roosevelt Park and learned drill and discipline. As no transports could be found to move the division's horses to Cuba, however, they fought as infantry. The Rough Riders were the first United States troops to land in Cuba, and on July 1, with elements of the Ninth and Tenth United States Cavalry regiments, made the famed charge on San Juan (actually Kettle) Hill, seizing the Spanish fortifications and pushing the defenders back into Santiago de Cuba. The fame of the Rough Riders catapulted Roosevelt into the vice presidency and later the presidency of the United States.

In San Antonio, in addition to Roosevelt Park, Roosevelt Street and the Roosevelt Bar of the Menger Hotel, a favorite watering place of the regiment, are named in memory of their sojourn in Texas.



Roosevelt and members of the 1st Volunteer Cavalry at Mission Concepcion in San Antonio.

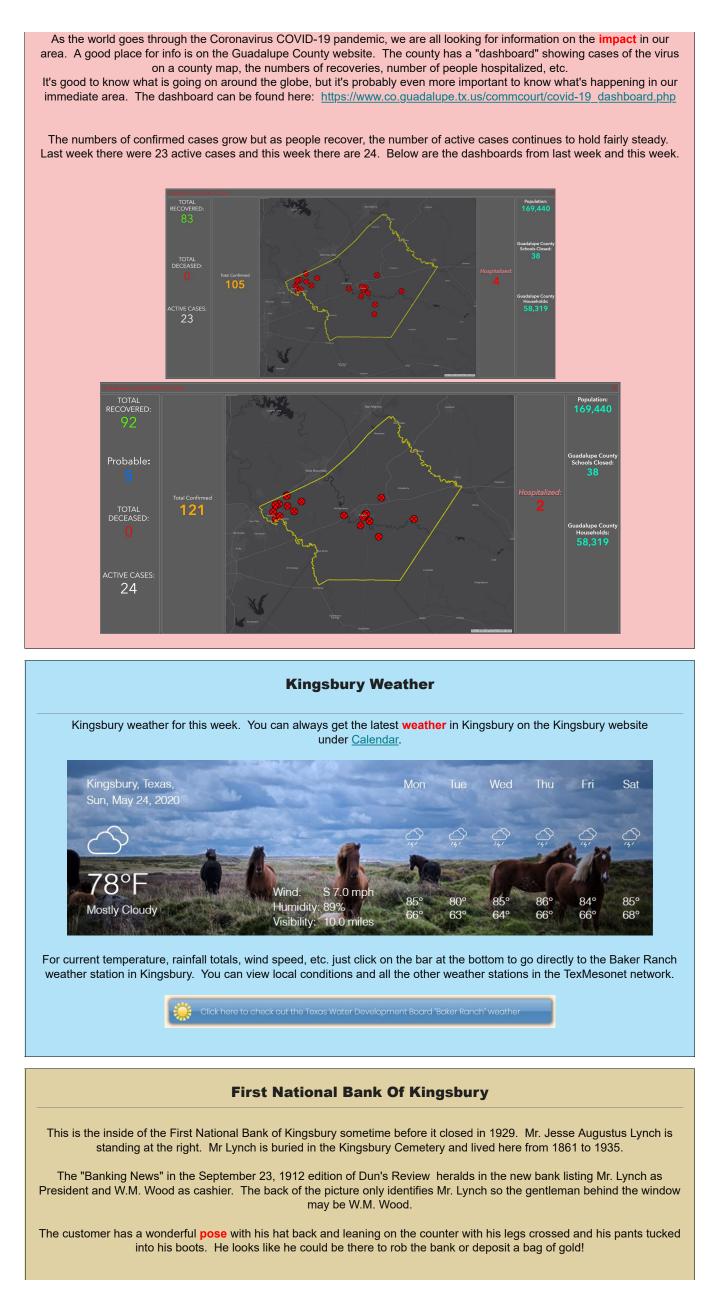
# THE MENGER BAR

EXACT REPLICA OF PUB IN LONDON'S HOUSE OF LORDS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT RECRUITED "ROUGH RIDERS" HERE IN 1898. SITE OF MORE CATTLE DEALS THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN TEXAS AND SAN ANTONIO'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATED SALOON.



Colonel Roosevelt and the 1st Voluntee Cavalry atop San Juan Hill.

### **COVID-19 In Guadalupe County**





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