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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

First Day Of Autumn

If you've sweated your way through a long hot summer, you might be ready for a change in season! The autumnal equinox—also called the September equinox and the fall equinox in the Northern Hemisphere—falls on September 22nd this year. Specifically, the Northern Hemisphere marks the autumnal **equinox** on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at exactly 8:30 a.m. Kingsbury time.



*Autumn has caught us in our summer wear.
-Philip Larkin, British poet (1922-86)*

The autumnal equinox is the astronomical start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere.



*Autumn days come quickly, like the running of a hound on the moor.
-Irish proverb*

Why is it called an equinox? The word comes from the Latin *aequus*, meaning “equal” and *nox*, meaning “night.”

During the equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the “celestial equator.” Imagine a line that marks the equator on Earth extending up into the sky above the equator from north to south. Earth's two hemispheres receive the Sun's rays about equally. The Sun is overhead at noon as seen from the equator, so at this point, the amount of nighttime and daytime (sunlight) are roughly equal to each other.



*It is the summer's great last heat,
It is the fall's first chill: They meet.
-Sarah Morgan Bryan Piatt*

Another definition of fall is cooler nights combined with days of temperatures below 70 degrees. From here on out, the temperatures begin to drop.

Note that fall foliage isn't due to current weather conditions. This is a common misconception. Leaves change color because of the amount of daylight and photosynthesis.

FALL EQUINOX FAQs



Q: Are day and night perfectly equal on the equinox?

A: No. Even on the equinox, day and night aren't perfectly equal! However, they are very close to equal (the lengths may be off by only a few minutes). Why does this happen?

It depends where you live. On the equinox, the center of the Sun is above the horizon for 12 hours. However, "sunrises" is said to begin when the upper edge of the Sun's disk becomes visible above the horizon (which happens a bit before the center rises) and ends when the entire Sun has set. In this case, daylight is longer than 12 hours.

Not only that, but the Sun is actually visible when it is below the horizon, as Earth's atmosphere refracts the Sun's rays and bends them in an arc over the horizon. Yes, you can actually see the Sun before the edge actually reaches the horizon! This causes daylight to be longer than 12 hour as well.



Q: *Is the Autumnal Equinox really the first day of Fall?*

A: Based on the astronomical definition of seasons, yes, the autumnal equinox does mark the first day of fall (in the Northern Hemisphere). However, according to the meteorological definition of seasons, which is based on temperature cycles and the Gregorian calendar, the first day of fall is September 1.



Q: *Can you balance an egg on the Equinox?*

A: There's an old-wife's tale that you can stand an egg on its end of the equinox. Well, yes, but it's not just on the equinox. Still it's it's a bit of fun. Try it!

ANCIENT AUTUMN TRADITIONS

The fall equinox has been a day of celebration for cultures since ancient days. People tracked the transitions of the Earth's journeys around the Sun.



In Machu Picchu in Peru, an ancient stone monument called Intihuatana—which means "Hitching Post of the Sun"—serves as a solar clock to mark the dates of the equinoxes and solstices.



In Mexico, the Mayans built a giant pyramid called Chichen Itza. On the equinoxes, it looks as if a snake made of light slithers down the pyramid's steps.



In England, Stonehedge was also built with the equinoxes and solstices in mind.



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.



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 20 - National Fried Rice Day, National Pepperoni Pizza Day, National Punch Day, National String Cheese Day, Wife Appreciation Day

September 21 - National Chai Day, National Pecan Cookie Day, National New York Day

September 22 - National Online Recovery Day, American Business Women's Day, Car Free Day, Dear Diary Day, National Centenarian's Day, Elephant Appreciation Day, National Girls' Night, Hobbit Day, National Ice Cream Cone Day, National Legwear Day, National White Chocolate Day, National Voter Registration Day, Autumnal Equinox

September 23 - Celebrate Bisexuality Day, National Checkers/Dogs in Politics Day, National Great American Pot Pie Day, National Snack Stick Day, National Teal Talk Day, Innergize Day, Restless Legs Awareness Day

September 24 - National Cherries Jubilee Day, National Punctuation Day, Schwenkfelder Thanksgiving

September 25 - National Quesadilla Day, National One-Hit Wonder Day, National Comic Book Day, National Lobster Day, National Tune-Up Day, National Research Administrator Day, Math Storytelling Day, National BRAVE DAY, National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

September 26 - National Compliance Officer Day, National Dumpling Day, National Johnny Appleseed Day, National Shamu the Whale Day, National Pancake Day, National Situational Awareness Day, National Public Lands Day, Save Your Photos Day, National Hunting and Fishing Day, National Family Health and Fitness Day USA, National Ghost Hunting Day, National Seat Check Saturday, National Singles Day





Fall Harvest Festival

The 9th Annual Fall Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th in **downtown** Kingsbury!

The activities go from Noon till 6 and include



Live music all day

Farmers & Artisans Market

Interactive art pieces

*The Trading Post - Bring something handmade
or home-grown to trade!*



As part of the Festival this year, there is an Open Call for art pieces:

Fall Harvest Festival Open Call:

We invite you to create an art piece that will be exhibited as part of a competition at this year's Fall Harvest Festival. The artwork will be judged by a panel curated by Habitable Spaces administration with prize ribbons in each category. The grand prize winner will receive a blue ribbon and \$100 in cash. After the competition, the pieces will be auctioned off during the festival and the proceeds will go to support the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department and the Fall Harvest Festival.

Registration deadline is October 23,

Pieces must be delivered by Saturday October 31 and will be on view all week until the Fall Harvest festival.

Prize ribbons will be awarded on November 6th.

ALL ARTWORK MUST FIT INTO ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES:

1. ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE
Take something that has been discarded and make it into something with value.

2. ART ON THE RANGE
Create something that can be displayed as a public art piece in an outdoor space in the country. All pieces must fit into the following categories.

- The materials in the piece must be agriculturally based

OR

- When the piece decays, it must give back to the place that it inhabits.
Examples of possible pieces could include:
A quilt made from used feed bags, a sculpture made with hay bales, a giant cowboy made out of old farm equipment.

All artwork that needs a tractor or large equipment for installation must be installed and de-installed by the artist or artist team.

For more information about this competition, please go to www.habitablespaces.org/



Longhorn Quilt Raffle

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

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

The KVFD Auxiliary will be selling tickets at the first Farmers Market each month and tickets for the quilt will also be sold in the Kingsbury Country Store every day through to Fall Harvest Festival.



Election Information

With the November elections coming up, here is some important information regarding the **election**:

Important dates:

Monday, October 5 -- Last Day to Register to Vote

Tuesday, October 13 -- First Day to Early Vote

Friday, October 23 -- Last Day to Apply for Mail Ballot (Received, Not Postmarked)

Friday, October 30 -- Last Day to Early Vote

Tuesday, November 3 -- Election Day

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS NEAREST TO THE KINGSBURY AREA

Main Elections Office - [215 S. Milam St.](#), Seguin
Seguin ISD Administration Building - [1221 E. Kingsbury St.](#), Seguin

EARLY VOTING DATES AND HOURS

Tuesday, October 13th through Friday, October 16th -- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17th -- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th -- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19th through Saturday, October 24th -- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25th -- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26th through Friday, October 30th -- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day

The polling place in Kingsbury on Election Day, November 3rd, will be The Kingsbury Methodist Church ([7035](#)

[FM 2438](#)).

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.



Kingsbury News Past

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

The Saturday, January 29, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had a piece entitled "Kingsbury - The Terminus Of The Pierce Road" but it was mostly about the need for the railroad to reach San Antonio where they have "unexcelled hygiene". At the time, Kingsbury had a two hotels (see the ad for the San Marcos Hotel below), lumber yards, and "refreshment rooms and saloons." I wonder what a "refreshment room" was?



Special Correspondence]
KINGSBURY.

THE TERMINUS OF THE PIERCE ROAD.

Kingsbury, January 28th, 1876.

The vote which will be taken in Bexar on Saturday in regard to the subsidy, is causing considerable animation along this route. The people anticipate that San Antonio will discard all prejudice to the enterprise, and liberally endow and encourage a project that will work a reciprocity of advantages. But it is too late to produce very many converts, they should have been convinced by the statistical representation of Mr. Degener, or the unanswerable logic of General Young. At all events it is the opinion of the most intelligent citizens we meet that should this bonus be withheld that Bexar County is indefinitely plunged into commercial ruin; and that the neighboring towns will by their enterprise acquire her most lucrative interests. It is not only a matter of retaining thrift and trade, but it is one of convenience and health; for instance, we announce to the world that we have an unexcelled hygiene, that our climate is the best of medicines in the whole long list of pharmacy—these announcements bring us many invalids, but it is truth to say, that when they are subject to stage transportation, they regret that this mode of travel is not encouraging to the sick.

We have often heard complaints, and have seen persons actually suffer from this very disagreeable way of reaching San Antonio. Furthermore Bexar county is losing immigrants by having no terminus in her vicinage—but the Express has used every effort to show up this question. San Antonio is well watched by Texas, the entire State community is on the qui vive as to whether the Alamo City will make or unmake herself.

As an item of news we give a brief notice of the progress of the road from Harwood station, which is eleven miles from Gonzales.

When the road reached Harwood it remained the terminus for thirty days, then it was pushed forward, in about forty days to Luling; at Luling it remained a fixture for eleven months, then progressed to Kingsbury, where the terminus has remained since the 24th of July, 1875. When will it be on the banks of the San Antonio river?

The vote to be taken Saturday will de-

terminate this, and we live in the hope that the people will not veto their own fortune by penurious attempts to retain a shilling, but let them be full-hearted and the world will be full-handed.

Kingsbury is a small town—it is composed of the ingredients that make up the terminus of railroads. Two hotels, the Dining Hall and San Marcos hotel, a couple of lumber yards, refreshment rooms and saloons. J.

In other 1876 news, the hotel in Kingsbury is listed here as "St. Marcos but is called the "San" Marcos in the article above. I'm betting it was the San Marcos, but I know that it was "open at all hours." Some Spanish Land Measures are given here including a "labor" of land which was 177 acres, the Funucane Line stagecoaches run between San Antonio and Kingsbury "making close connections with all trains", and poor Mrs. Freeman self-quarantined for 40 years thinking she still had a virus! And we think we have it bad!

Some French officers were "cashiered" (had to look that one up, it basically means dismissed in disgrace) for attending the "funeral obsequies" (rites) commemorating the "anniversary of the death of Napoleon", Sea Foam flour is "the Best In The World" (it definitely has the best name!), a "tramp" knocked on the Bishop's door and threatened to "cut your ears and the bishop's head off", and a team of horses hauling a "freighter" (freight wagon) got spooked when the bells at the Alamo rang.

The *Express* gave some updates on the Turkish War and the Spanish War, Mr. Braden has "taken possession" of the his "old stand" and can "carry passengers to any point that may be desired" (that's service!), a couple got locked up for stealing and then gave birth in the jail, someone caught a 30 pound salmon in an irrigation ditch 5 miles from the river, and some of the laws "of General Interest To Immigrants" give a family "160 acres of land as a homestead" but a single man is only "entitled to 80 acres."

The First Evidence of Civilization.

The St. Marcos Hotel
KINGSBURY, TEXAS.

This house has been newly and handsomely refitted. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Open at all hours.
29 July W. J. JOHNSON, Prop'r.

Texas was annexed to the United States, December 29, 1845.

SPANISH LAND MEASURES:
1 vara is 33 1/2 inches.
1 acre is 4800 square yards.
1 labor is 177 acres.
1 league is 4428 acres.
1 league and labor is 4003 acres.

TAXES.
The State tax cannot exceed one half of one per cent; county one-fourth, except where special taxes have been levied in aid of works of internal improvement. Lands sold for taxes can be redeemed on payment to the purchaser of the amount paid and twenty per cent simple interest per annum.

FARE REDUCED
SPEED INCREASED!
ON THE
Finucane Line!

The Stage Line from San Antonio to Kingsbury is now running regular Daily Trips, making close connections with all trains

First-Class Coaches

Are now run, ensuring comfort and convenience.
NO MUD WAGONS USED.
L. M. ENDERLE, Agt.
Office at the Central Hotel. self

The late Mrs. Polly Freeman, of Plainfield N. H., had not left her room for forty years. She could never be persuaded that she had recovered from the fever with which she had originally been attacked.

EUROPEAN TRIPS
Paris, Jan. 28.—Four Army officers were cashiered to-day for attending the funeral obsequies on the anniversary of the death of Napoleon.
It is expected that Queen Victoria will visit the Imperial Court before her return home from Germany.
Vienna, Jan. 28.—Mr. Deak has been unconscious, with only a brief interval, since Monday.

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74dly 176 Duane Street, New York.

A tramp knocked at the door of Bishop Loughlin's house in Jay street, Brooklyn, and spoke to the hired girl in touching tones. "If you don't give me something to eat," he said, "I'll cut your ears and the bishop's head off. I've got a knife, and by God I'll do it!" They handed him over to the police.

—A freighter with goods for Goldfrank, Frank & Co., stopped his team on the Alamo Plaza last evening. The Alamo bell ringing presently, startled his horses, which, springing and jumping, upset the wagon on him, bruising him badly.

TURKISH WAR.
Ragusa, January 21.—Accounts from a Slavonic source admit the defeat of the insurgents on Trebigne road on Thursday, but represent the Turks as greatly superior in numbers. They admit the loss of 150 killed and claim that the Turks lost 130 killed.

SPANISH WAR.
San Sebastian, Jan. 28.—At Garmonia yesterday the Royalists captured sixty Carlists. General Lomb continues his advance into the interior of Biscay. A battle is imminent in Uoalla.

LIVERY, SALE AND FEED STABLE.
BRADEN'S OLD STAND.
—MARKET STREET—
OPPOSITE THE BRADEN HOUSE.

Ed Braden announces to his many friends and the public that he has taken possession of his old stand, and has furnished it completely with a large stock of well selected Horses, Buggies, Carriages and Ambulances, by which he will be enabled at the shortest notice and on the most satisfactory terms, to carry passengers to any point that may be desired.
Jan 29d 31wtf

While two Jackson county, Missouri, parents were in jail last week for house breaking and stealing, a child was born unto them.

A salmon weighing thirty pounds was lately caught in an irrigating ditch on a California plain, five miles from his native river.

LAWS OF TEXAS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO IMMIGRANTS.

AREA OF STATE.
The area of Texas comprises 274,000 square miles, 175,500,000 acres. Of this amount about 70,000,000 acres is open to location.

HOMESTEADS.
Every head of a family who has not a homestead shall be entitled to 160 acres of land as a homestead, out of any part of the public domain not included in any railroad reservation, or any State section of land surveyed by virtue of any railroad land certificate, nor upon any island, upon condition that he or she select, locate and occupy the same for three years and pay the office fees on the same. Any single man, twenty-one years old, is entitled to 80 acres upon the same terms.
Office and surveyor's fee rarely exceed \$16.

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, Sep 20, 2020

62°F
Sunny

Wind: N 9.0 mph
Humidity: 81%
Visibility: 10.0 miles

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	71°	78°	81°	85°	87°	91°
	67°	65°	65°	63°	67°	69°

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, September 21st

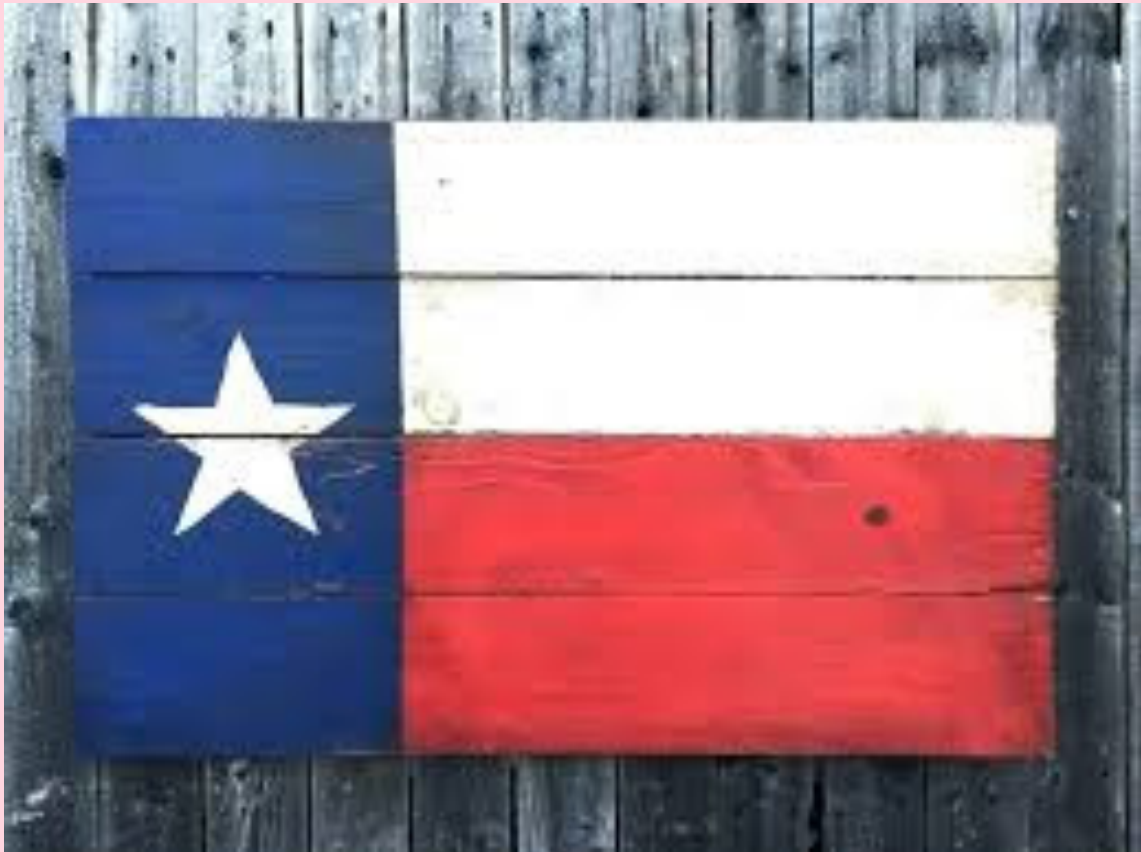
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Public Hearing on proposed city budget
- ★ Street closure for Fall Harvest Festival

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

All city commission meetings are open to the public.



Fall Fly-In

The Wings and Wheels Fall Fly-In at the Old Kingsbury **Aerodrome** and Pioneer Flight Museum (on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104) is coming up Saturday, November 14th.

The event will have re-enactors, lots of vintage planes, antique cars and cycles, yummy eats and treats, live music, and tons of fun!

Gates open at 9 am and the entry is free (but donations are gladly accepted!)



Kingsbury 4-H Parade Float

The Kingsbury 4-H Club in the Fourth of July Parade around 1948.

The 4-H Clubs started in Guadalupe County in the mid-1920s, so it was still fairly new when this picture was taken. The old Reichman's building is in the background and some of the riders are John Charlie Littlejohn (with glasses), and Jackie Schmidt Ball (with hair braided around her head). I'm sure there are those out there that can pick out several more - or see themselves!

Extra points if you can name the cute little **sheep** in the back.



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