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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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



December Is Here!


Now that Thanksgiving is past, this week sees the first day of December!



December is the twelfth and last month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars. It is the seventh and last month to have the length of 31 days.

December got its name from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the **monthless** period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.



The zodiac signs for the month of December are

-  Sagittarius (until December 21)
-  Capricorn (December 22 onward)

December's birth flower is the narcissus  which symbolizes good wishes, faithfulness and respect.

 Holly and the paperwhite  - a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms - are also flowers for those born in December.

December's traditional birthstone is the turquoise . It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success.

 Zircon and  tanzanite are also considered to be December birthstones.

Month-long observances in December:

- National Egg Nog Month
- National Fruit Cake Month
- National Pear Month
- National Tie Month
- National Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month

Dec 1-4    Snow north, rain south; cold  
Dec 5-11    Sunny; mild, then cold  
Dec 12-17    Scattered showers, turning warm  
Dec 18-26    Rainy periods; cool, then mild  
Dec 27-31    Sunny; cool, then mild  
December    temperature 54° (1° above avg.)  
precipitation 2" (0.5" below avg.)



The dark winter night sky is a joy to behold. Look skyward on the night of December 13 at 8 pm (through December 14 at 5 pm) for a chance to catch a glimpse of the Geminid meteors at their peak. Some shooting stars associated with the shower are expected to be visible each night from December 4th to December 17th this year.



*Thunder in December presages fine weather.*

*A green Christmas, a white Easter.*

*As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.*

*If it rains much during the twelve days after Christmas, it will be a wet year.*



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:

**December 1** - National Pie Day, National Eat a Red Apple Day, Bifocals at the Monitor Liberation Day, Day With (out) Art Day, Rosa Parks Day

**December 2** - National Fritters Day, National Mutt Day, Special Education Day, Cyber Monday

**December 3** - National Roof Over Your Head Day, World Trick Shot Day, National Day of Giving

**December 4** - National Cookie Day, National Dice Day, National Sock Day, National Package Protection Day

**December 5** - National Sacher Torte Day, Bathtub Party Day, International Ninja Day, National Repeal Day

**December 6** - National Pawnbrokers Day, National Microwave Oven Day, National Gazpacho Day, St. Nicholas Day, Miners' Day, Faux Fur Friday, National Bartender Day

**December 7** - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, National Illinois Day, National Cotton Candy Day, National





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](http://www.kingsburytexas.org) to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



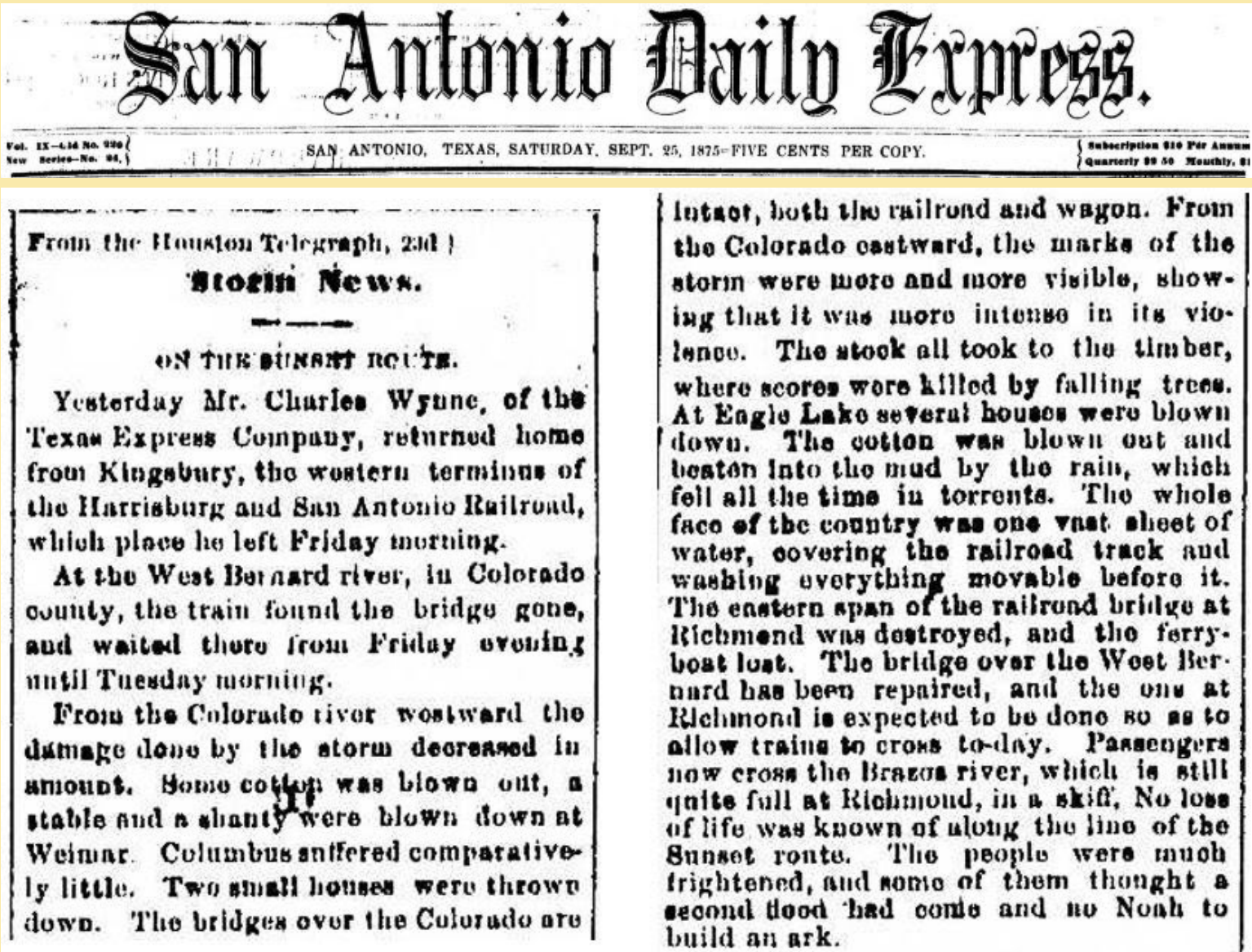


## Kingsbury News Past

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

The Saturday, September 25, 1875 edition of the San Antonio Daily Express had quite a bit about the major hurricane that struck the Texas coast on September 16. That storm is now known as the 1875 Indianola Hurricane and caused the deaths of approximately 800 people. A Mr. Wyane returned to San Antonio from Kingsbury (still the end of the line for the railroad going west) and brought quite a bit of storm news from points along the railroad line.

Apparently, the cotton is "blown out", houses are "thrown down", but both the "railroad and wagon" bridges are still intact over the Colorado. The cattle "took to the timber" and many were killed by falling trees, the railroad bridge at Richmond was destroyed "and the ferry-boat lost", and people are getting across the Brazos "in a skiff". The writer says people are afraid of a "second flood" and "no Noah to build an ark"!



In other 1875 news, there are three shoemakers in town and J. Sweeney has "Eastern and Philadelphia boots and shoes" (not sure what makes a "Philadelphia" shoe different), Galveston says that Houston is spreading "false reports" of the storm damage "by telegraph" (the FaceBook of the day), and Mr. Clark, "the fattest barber in the state", appears to also dabble in treating foot ailments to the glee of Mr. Deitrich who invites the public to come see how he can now dance.

The newspaper that day had the standard G.H.&S.A. railway notice that the train reaches Kingsbury and then the stagecoach ride will get you to San Antonio, the "Old Folks' Concert" to benefit Indianola was cancelled due to more rain, and M. Goll is willing to pay \$10 "in gold" for the return of his stallion. I wonder if that was gold coins or nuggets?

And Abner Womack sounds just awful as "the worst man we ever knew", the "wires" are down but they "cannot help it" (probably due to the storm), and 40 men from Michigan got off the train at Kingsbury but couldn't handle the mud so they got back on the train to go to a town without need of a stagecoach ride to get there (what a bunch of wimps!). Also, I don't have a clue what the "subscriber" is crabbing about - so the cow comes around before the neighbors get there ... so what?!, and the concert for Indianola relief has been moved from the Casino to Wolfram's Central Garden. I get that but I'm really missing what that last sentence is talking about. I'm just not good at 1875 vernacular today!



**Shoemakers.**

**JOE BECKMANN**, Boot and Shoemaker. 53 Commerce street, San Antonio, Texas. work done according to latest styles and satisfaction guaranteed

**J. CHAYAS & BRO.**, Boot and Shoe Makers. Obraje St., San Antonio, Texas.

**J. SWENNEY**, Boot and Shoemaker, Dealer in Eastern and Philadelphia Boots and Shoes. No. 4, Commerce street, San Antonio, Texas.

**GALVESTON** complains bitterly of parties in Houston for manufacturing false reports and sending them off by telegraph to various papers in distant parts of the country, relating to the injuries done by the storm. Such a thing is too dastardly and criminal to be readily credited. Let us hope that our Galveston friends have been misled.

**TO THE PUBLIC.**—Mr. Clark, the fattest barber in the State, whose shop is situated in one of the front apartments of the Central Hotel, has gained quite a reputation as a chiropodist, or doctor of diseases of the feet. The father of Mr. Eugene Deitrich, and an old citizen, has been very lame for over 12 years, and compelled to walk so that his weight fell entirely upon his heels. Mr. Clark undertook to cure him the other day, and accomplished his purpose with so much satisfaction to the afflicted old man, that the latter feels bound to recommend him in the strongest terms. Mr. Deitrich says he can dance now, and extends an invitation to the public to come and see for themselves.

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**E. O. HENSEBOCH, Ag't.**

**O. G. MURRAY**      **H. B. ANDREWS,**  
Asst. G. F. T. Ag't      Gen'l Manager

THE RAIN last evening came just in time to break up the "Old Folks' Concert" for the benefit of Indianola. This is much to be regretted, as the entertainment promised to be a great success. However, we trust the Concert will not be abandoned, but that it will be carried into effect so soon as the state of the weather will permit. It is popular, and everybody wants to attend the "Old Folks' Concert."

**STRAYED.**—A Stallion, nearly 5 years old, 15 hands high, mouse colored, white mane and tail, branded M G on the right hip. \$10 reward in gold.  
sept6w4t      **M. GOLL.**

**ABNER WOMACK**, the desperado of Montgomery county, was killed on the 21st by his nephew, John Womack. He was the worst man we ever knew, and we knew him well. He was the uncle of Dr. Boulds Baker and his brothers, and had sought their lives again and again. His life has been spared by the forbearance of his nephews for years.

W RES down—no dispatches. We regret it, but cannot help it.

**FOURTY** men, from Michigan principally, got off the Pierce road at Kingsbury the other night, and were so discouraged by mud and the staging before them, that they concluded to go to parts of the State which they could reach by railroad. So much for our having no railroad facilities. Eleven more other men went back a short time before.

A **SUBSCRIBER** complains that the police do not come around in time to catch his neighbor's cow, which comes up every evening to be penned before the catchers arrive. Why grumble at this? We suppose the cow gives just as good milk as if she had two minions of the law watching her all night.

THE **CONCERT** and theatrical performance for the relief of the Indianola sufferers takes place at Wolfram's Central Garden, and not at the Casino. The public will note this correction of an impression created that it would be elsewhere.

**Kingsbury Opry**

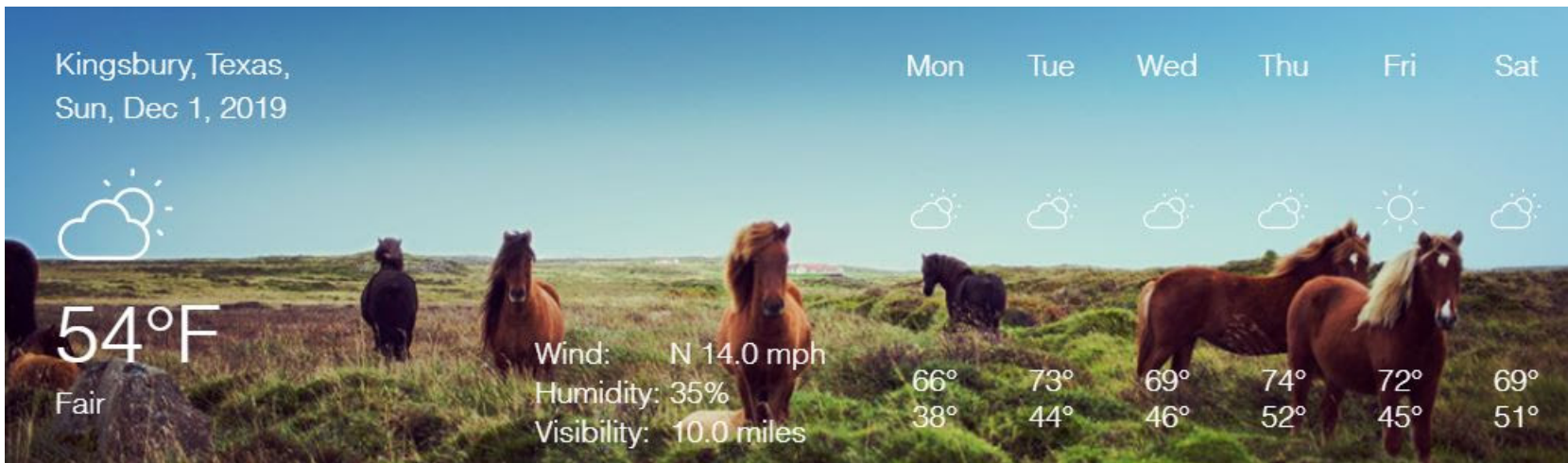
Every Friday night, The Kingsbury Opry plays on at [10585 Hwy 90 East](#) ( the building known to most locals as the "Old Bluebird Inn" ). The music and **dancing** start at 5:00, and bring a pot luck dish and enjoy dinner at 6:15. There's no smoking and no alcohol, just good ol' pickin' and grinnin'! Dance with the one that brung ya, have some pot luck goodies, and get up and sing with the band! See more at [Kingsbury Opry](#).





## Kingsbury Weather

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



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.



## Downtown Lights

If you get a chance, check out the downtown all **decked** out in lights for the holidays!

It's wonderful how lights seem to really get the holiday spirit going.

*'Tis the season!*



## Kingsbury Calendar



The Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary has put together an awesome 2020 calendar that is now available for sale on the Kingsbury [website](#)!

The calendars are called "A Pictorial Glimpse Of Ole Kingsbury" and have a different picture each month of historic sights or founding families in the Kingsbury area.

The calendars are \$10 and proceeds **benefit** the Kingsbury VFD and Auxiliary. Just jump on to [kingsburytexas.org](http://kingsburytexas.org) and go to [shop](#) to get your calendar delivered to you!



### Kingsbury School Daze

A picture of some young Kingsbury school girls with the "Kingsbury District School Bus" in the early 1940s. The "old school" now was the "new school" then, having been built in 1939-1940. The previous school was a red **brick** building built in 1908 at the same site.

The girls are (left to right): Gloria Halm, Joyce Hurt, Mary Jane Appling, and Dorothy Chessher.

The picture of the school is captioned with "Public School Kingsbury Tex. May 15 '14" and has a hand written message across the top that says "Where I taught my 1st & 2nd year".





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**Thanks!**

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