

## Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - March 31, 2019

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# **Kingsbury Texas**

**News & Information Newsletter** 



## Dear Kingsbury,

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

# **Here Comes April!**

This week will see the first days of the new month of April!

The Romans gave this month the Latin name *Aprilis* but the derivation of this name is uncertain. The traditional etymology is from the verb *aperire*, "to open", in allusion to its being the season when trees and **flowers** begin to "open."

Oh, how fresh the wind is blowing!
See! The sky is bright an clear,
Oh, how green the grass is growing!
April! April! Are you here?
-Dora R. Goodale (1866–1953)

When April blows its horn, It's good for hay and corn.

April's birth flower is the daisy or sweet pea



The diamond is the traditional birthstone of April and holds significant meaning for those born in that month, thought to provide the wearer with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

The zodiac signs for the month of April are Aries (until April 19) and Taurus (April 20 onwards).



April is a good month to check out the night skies for meteor showers!

Considered to be the oldest known meteor shower, the Lyrids are named after constellation Lyra are are created by debris from the comet Thatcher, which takes about 415 years to orbit around the Sun. The radiant point of the shower, the point in the sky where the meteors seem to emerge from, lies near the star Vega, one of the brightest stars in the sky during this time of the year. Astronomers suggest looking up towards the east to see these shooting stars. The Lyrids are a medium strength shower that usually produces good rates for three nights centered on the maximum. These meteors also usually lack persistent trains but can produce fireballs.

The Lyrids last from about April 16th to 28th. About 10 to 15 meteors per hour can be expected around the shower's peak. The Lyrids are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring the rate up to 100 per hour. Those rare outbursts are not easy to predict, but they're one of the reasons the tantalizing Lyrids are worth checking out. In 2019, expect the peak viewing hours to take place in the hours before dawn April 22, but unfortunately this year, the moon will still be almost full and the meteors will not be as bright.



The moonlight may be dimming the Lyrids meteor shower this year, but there will be a new moon during the Eta Aquariids peak.

The Eta Aquarid meteor shower is usually active between April 19 and May 28 every year. In 2019, it will peak on the May 4-5 night. The best time to see shooting stars from the Eta Aquarid meteor shower is in the early morning, just before dawn. The Eta Aquarids is one of two meteor showers created by debris from Comet Halley. The Earth passes through Halley's path around the Sun a second time in October. This creates the Orionid meteor shower, which peaks around October 20.

The Eta Aquariids usually only produce medium rates of 10-30 per hour just before dawn. Activity is good for a week centered the night of maximum activity. These are swift meteors that produce a high percentage of persistent trains, but few fireballs.

## APRIL FOLKLORE:

If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.

Moist April, clear June. Cloudy April, dewy May.

Snow in April is manure.



## 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:

March 31 - National Crayon Day, National Tater Day, National Bunsen Burner Day, National Clams on the Half Shell Day, National Prom Day



April 1st - National One Cent Day, National Sourdough Bread Day, April Fools Day



April 2nd - National Reconciliation Day, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, National Ferret Day, SAAM Day of Action, National Equal Pay Day



April 3rd - National Film Score Day, National Tweed Day, National Chocolate Mousse Day, National Find a Rainbow Day, National Walking Day, Childhelp National Day of Hope



April 4th - National Vitamin C Day, National Walk Around Things Day, National Hug a Newsperson Day, National School Librarian Day, National Chicken Cordon Bleu Day, Jeep 4x4 Day, National Burrito Day



April 5th - National Flash Drive Day, National Go For Broke Day, National Caramel Day, National Read a Road Map Day, National Raisin and Spice Bar Day, National Deep Dish Pizza Day, National Nebraska Day



Day, National Teflon Day, National Tartan Day, National Love Our Children Day



# **Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department**

Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

# Thursday, April 4th

Stop by to learn what you can do to help your **community** as a firefighter, a supporter, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2019 will be Thursday, April 4th and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the awesome KVFD Auxiliary!



# **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!

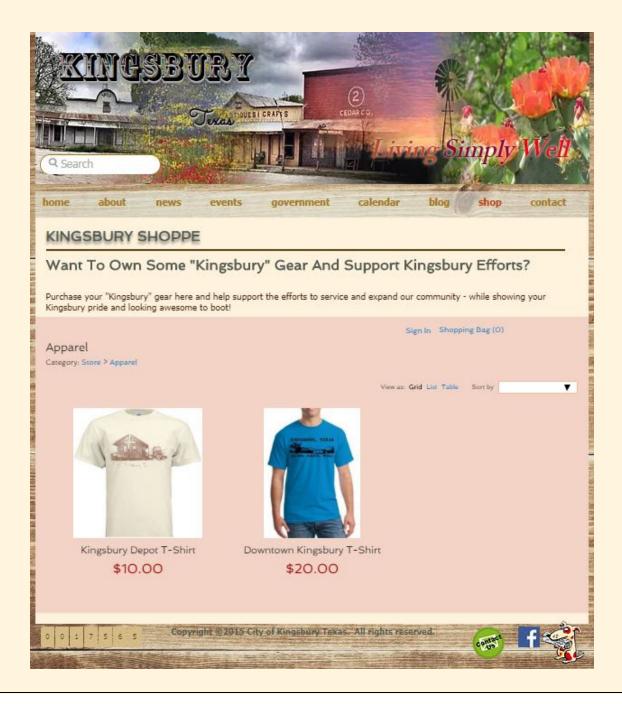
The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo: LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.

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!



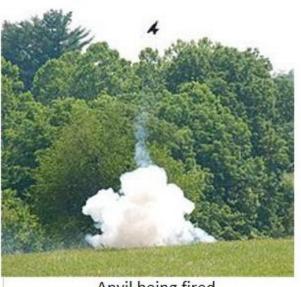
# **Kingsbury News Past**

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

The December 26, 1903 edition of the Galveston Daily News reported on poor Mr. Allen "a saloonkeeper of Kingsbury" who was hurt by an exploding anvil and was hurt so seriously he was taken to San Antonio. Mr. Allen did indeed have a saloon in Kingsbury according to the town's 1876-1976 history written by Alleen Sramek (shown on the Kingsbury web page <u>here</u>), but the name of the saloon isn't mentioned - and Kingsbury had several! Anvil firing was done instead of fireworks back in the day. One anvil was placed upside down with a right-side up anvil on top and gunpowder in between. When the gunpowder was lit, the top anvil would shoot up in the air - a very dangerous way to celebrate if you ask me and Mr. Allen!

# Kingsbury Man Burt by Explosion. SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 25 .- J. E. Allen, a Kingsbury, saloonkeeper brought to San Antonio today suffering from a serious injury of the left hip unvil which was being fired at Kingsbury on Christman eve exploded, and a piece of the flying steel penetrated his thigh. His injury is of a serious nature and he was brought here for treatment.



Anvil being fired.

Elsewhere in 1903, children and "old folks" thrive on bread made from Tital Wave flour, Shredded Wheat Biscuits have "greater surface for digestive action" (boy doesn't that sound yummy), and poor Miss Bennett arrived from Liverpool to be married but was sent back because her groom-to-be was killed in a "railroad wreck" and she had come over "in the steerage and has neither friends nor relatives to take charge of her." Also in the Daily News, little Jack had something to say about a new bride's cooking, a "brave Irish lad" from County Sligo had tales to tell about his visit to Chile, the "land of witches", and the Brownsville Steamer heads out of Galveston every 7 to 10 days for several points on the Texas coast and to Caribbean islands.

# Bread is the Staff of Life

If it's made with "Tidal Wave" Flour. Children thrive on it-so do the old folks.



# BRIDE ARRIVED.

To Be Informed of Her Proposed Husband's Death in Dawson Wreck. Will Be Sent Back.

New York, Dec. 25.-Lillian Bennett, who was to have met here and married Ambrose Good of Newcastle, Pa., who lost his life in the rallroad wreck at Connellsville, Pa., Wednesday night, arrived today on the steamship Cedric from Liverpool, and was informed at quarantine of her lovers' death. Miss Bennett, who had been worrying because of the delay of the vessel's arrival, which would cause a postponement of the wedding tomorrow, was griefstricken. As she came over in the steerage and has neither friends nor relatives to take charge of her, she must, under the law, be returned to England.

### Jack's Remark.

A bride who has just gone to housekeeping in Galveston was rather taken back the other day by her young nephew, Jack, aged S years. Jack was the first guest of the bride and groom after their return from their wedding trip and he was invited to their wedding trip and he was invited to stay to dinner. The bride had a guest book that had never been written in, and Jack, as the first visitor, was asked to take the initiative. Very isboriously he wrote his name and address; and then heaved a sigh of relief as a man does in the realization of having accomplished a painful duty. But on the opposite page was a space headed "Remarks," and Jack's aunt called his attention to this. "Oh, it don't know what to say," said Jack. "Say," said the bride, "something about what you have had to eat," "All right," said Jack, and he then wrote: "Have eaten better."

# GHOSTS ARE STILL ABROAD.

Brave Irish Lad Tells of "Brujos" and "Brujes."

James McGultin, a County Bligo fad, steward of the British steamer Tugela, is tack from Chile, the land of witches

"There are almost as many witches in Peru as in het sister Republic," said Me-Guinn yesterday. "I went to the west coast

a scoffer, but, before I came away, in spite of my former contempt for what the natives call 'animes,' 'brujas' and 'brujos,' I was as superstitious as the 'Chitanians,' 'On and off the 'Chilanian' coast, according to the belief of the inhabitants, sails a 'brujo,' sometimes in the shape of a merchantman of fulf rig, sometimes of a steamship, and, in time of war, of a fighting vessel.

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"I was a disbeliever in the phantom ship until I myself once saw it in the port of Anco, Southern Pera. She appeared to be a British merchantman, with a bridge, deck, single funnel, a well forward and aft and two derrick masts. I could see, or I thought I could see, a bont lowered over her side with a man at the tiller and four men at the oars. It was an unexpected place for a ship to anchor, and I ran toward the beach, but as I approached the ship grew more and more indistinct, until it faded altogether. Then the natives with me crossed themselves and told me that I had seen the 'brujo' of the sea.

(Galveston and Gulf Steamship Line.) S. S. MANTEO leaves Galveston every 7 to 10 days, carrying FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS for Brazos Santiago, BROWNS-VILLE, Point Isabel, Hidalgo, Santa Maria, Ter.; MATAMOROS, Mex., etc. Address E. O. FLOOD & CO., Agents. Galveston, Tex.

# **Kingsbury Weather**

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



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.



# **April Fools' Day**

Monday is April 1st which means it's April Fools' Day!

Although it's not a legal holiday, April Fools' Day is celebrated all around the world as a day filled with practical jokes and general silliness. You may want to be a little more cautious or skeptical on April 1, since family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and even teachers may try to tickle your funny bone with a practical joke or a hoax of some kind.

So how did this tradition of craziness begin? In truth, it remains a mystery, although there are many theories about

## how April Fools' Day got started.

Some believe the first association between April 1 and playing tricks can be found in Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales from 1392. In "The Nun's Priest's Tale," a fox tricks proud rooster Chauntecleer on "syn March bigan thritty dayes and two." Although Chaucer probably meant 32 days after March (May 2), many readers apparently misunderstood the line to mean March 32 — or April 1.

Others believe that April Fools' Day was the result of a desire to celebrate the turning of the seasons around springtime. In fact, many cultures have historically held such celebrations around the beginning of April. For example, the ancient Romans had a festival named Hilaria on March 25. The Hindu festival called Holi is held in March and celebrates the arrival of spring.

Still others believe April Fools' Day got its start because of the adoption of a new calendar in 1582. Many ancient cultures celebrated New Year's Day around April 1. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered the use of a new calendar, known as the Gregorian calendar, which celebrated New Year's Day on January 1. According to legend, many people refused to recognize the new calendar or simply didn't know about it. These people continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Eventually, other people began to make fun of these "fools" by sending them to look for things that did not exist (called a "fool's errand") or tricking them into believing something false.

Although we can't really pinpoint how or when April Fools' Day got its start, people the world over still celebrate it with glee year in and year out. Pranks can be quite simple, such as telling a friend his shoe is untied, or very elaborate, like some of the hoaxes described below.

In April 1934, many American newspapers (including The New York Times) printed a photograph of a man flying through the air by means of a device powered only by the breath from his lungs. Accompanying articles excitedly described this miraculous new invention. The man, identified as German pilot Erich Kocher, blew into a box on his chest. This activated rotors that created a powerful suction effect, lifting him aloft. Skis on his feet served as landing gear, and a tail fin allowed him to steer. What the American papers didn't realize was that the "lung-power motor" was a joke. The photo had first appeared in the April Fool's Day edition of the Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung. It made its way to America thanks to Hearst's International News Photo agency which not only fell for the hoax but also distributed it to all its U.S. subscribers.

In 2008, the BBC ran a video clip of flying penguins as part of a story for its series "Miracles of Evolution." The presenter explained that the penguins escaped the cold, harsh Antarctic weather by flying to the tropical rainforests of South America.

In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell to help ease the national deficit. When the company claimed it would be renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell, thousands of citizens were fooled and called to complain. The company revealed it was a practical joke a few hours later, but not before reporters asked White House press secretary Mike McCurry about the sale. Creating a joke of his own, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would now be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.







# City Commission Workshop and KIC-P2 Meeting

The Kingsbury Incorporation Committee - Phase 2 meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The meeting is also a workshop for the Kingsbury City Commission. The next meeting is

# Wednesday, April 3rd

What the heck is KIC? This is the committee that originally looked at what Seguin had done with their ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction) and how it had enveloped all of Kingsbury. The KIC worked on several options and then determined that incorporation was the best path for our Kingsbury - a decision wholeheartedly embraced by the citizens here with the landslide vote (over 97%) to incorporate.

Now the KIC is in "Phase 2" where they are involved with many other topics related to our area. The KIC-P2 Committee meets to discuss fundraisers and events, city related topics, the Kingsbury Independent newspaper, and all the other issues that affect the Kingsbury area. The Kingsbury City Commission takes advantage of this meeting every month and uses it as a workshop for the next Commission meeting on the third Monday of each

month.

Meetings take place in Kingsbury VFD fire station at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the website.

Drop by to see what's going on with the local government and topics concerning our community and possibly join a great group of people working for our area!



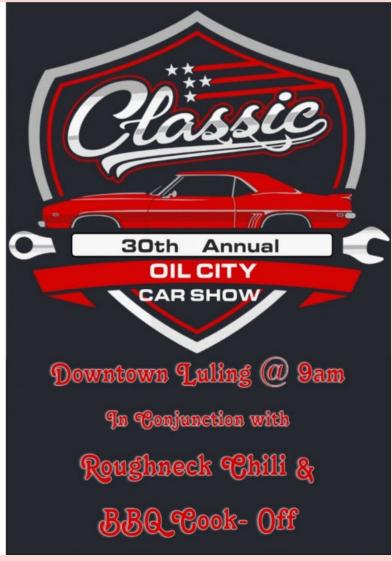
# Luling Roughneck Bar-B-Q and Chili Cookoff

The 30th Annual Luling Roughneck Bar-B-Q and Chili Cookoff is coming up April 6th in downtown Luling.

Folks from all over will be cookin' up beans, chicken, **brisket**, spare ribs, and chili. The event is sanctioned by the International Barbeque Cookers Association and Tolbert and winners get points toward being able to enter international cookoffs like Terlingua in October - so there is some serious cookin' going on!!

There will also be the Oil City Car Show, drawings for prizes, lots of food and vendors, an antique tractor show, and all kinds of other fun and interesting oil field trucks and machinery to check out. You can find out how to enter as a cook, enter your tractor or car, and even sign up to be a Cook-Off Judge at the <a href="Luling Oild Patch Museum web page"><u>Luling Oild Patch Museum web page</u></a>.





# At The Imhoff Saloon

Ferd and Henry Imhoff tending the bar at the Imhoff Saloon in Kingsbury in the early 1900s.

Ferd and Henry were the sons of Jacob and Hanna Klein Imhoff and lived and worked in Kingsbury all their

lives. Ferd was the older brother and lived here from 1877 to 1949. Henry lived in Kingsbury from 1880 to 1947.

There are several bucket-style **spittoons** on the floor for the patrons (I hope they hit them most of the time) and the picture above the large cabinet on the left seems to be a harbor scene. The mirror behind the bar has a beautiful leaf pattern painted on it and kerosene lanterns on each side. The wall to the right of the mirror has pictures of racehorses, a poster picture of a lady, a bar scene painting with a patron wearing a bowler hat, and a calendar that is showing the January page. The year on the calendar is not clear, but the years around the time of the picture and that had January 1st on a Wednesday were 1902, 1913, and 1919. I wonder what would be in the flower-painted cooler behind the bar on the right? Water? Coffee?

Ferd (on the left) seems to be "sampling the wares" of the bar.



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