

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - July 21, 2019

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Number 50 Is Almost Here!

We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 27th!

This is the **50th** annual benefit Bar-B-Q, which is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Department, and held each year on the last Saturday in July.

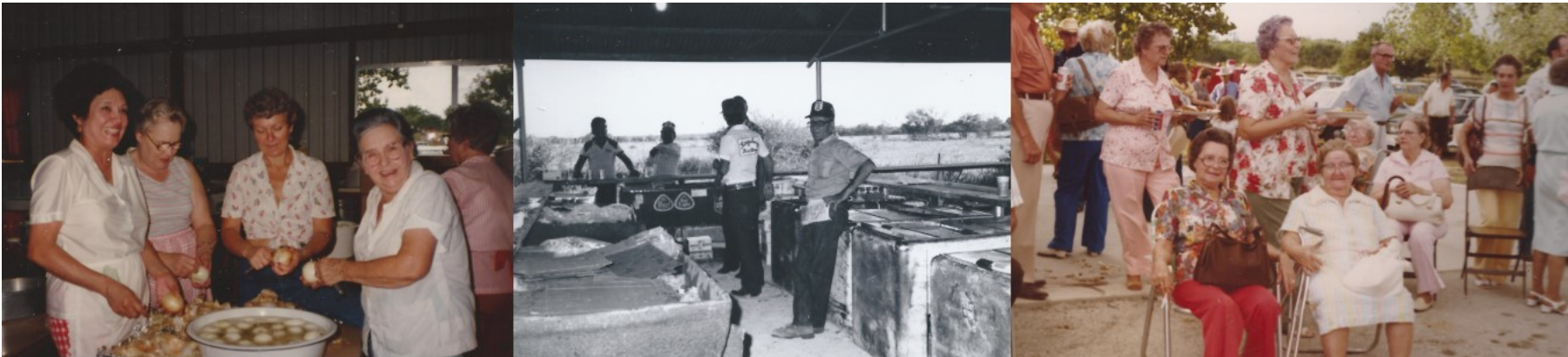
The day starts with DJ Bo Peep doing his thing from 1 to 5. There will be great food and homemade desserts, Raffle for great prizes, games for the kids, Country Store, Live Auction, amusements, Silent Auction, and then a free Dance Under The Stars with Clint Taft and the Buck Wild Band.

Bar-B-Q plates are \$11 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world famous potato salad! Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until 9:00. Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxilary will be getting together a great group of volunteers to help pull off this event. They will need people to work the serving lines, and to donate items to the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, and the Country Store. Bring a dessert, slice up meat, cook potatoes, .... there's so much that you can do! Volunteer and be part of a great organization and a great group of people!

Contact [kingsburyvfd@yahoo.com](mailto:kingsburyvfd@yahoo.com) or [kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com](mailto:kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com) for more information.





### 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:

*July 21st - National Junk Food Day, National Be Someone Day, National Ice Cream Day*

*July 22nd - National Penuche Fudge Day, National Hammock Day, National Rat Catcher's Day*

*July 23rd - Gorgeous Grandma Day, National Vanilla Ice Cream Day*

*July 24th - National Thermal Engineer Day, National Tequila Day, National Drive-Thru Day, National Cousins Day, National Amelia Earhart Day*

*July 25th - National Merry-Go-Round Day, National Hot Fudge Sundae Day, National Threading the Needle Day, National Hire a Veteran Day, National Wine and Cheese Day, National Refreshment Day, National Chili Dog Day*

*July 26th - National Aunt and Uncle's Day, National Bagelfest Day, National Coffee Milkshake Day, National All or Nothing Day, National Talk in an Elevator Day, National System Administrator Appreciation Day, National Get Gnarly Day*

*July 27th - National Love is Kind Day, National Scotch Day, National Crème Brûlée Day, National New Jersey Day, National Day of the Cowboy*





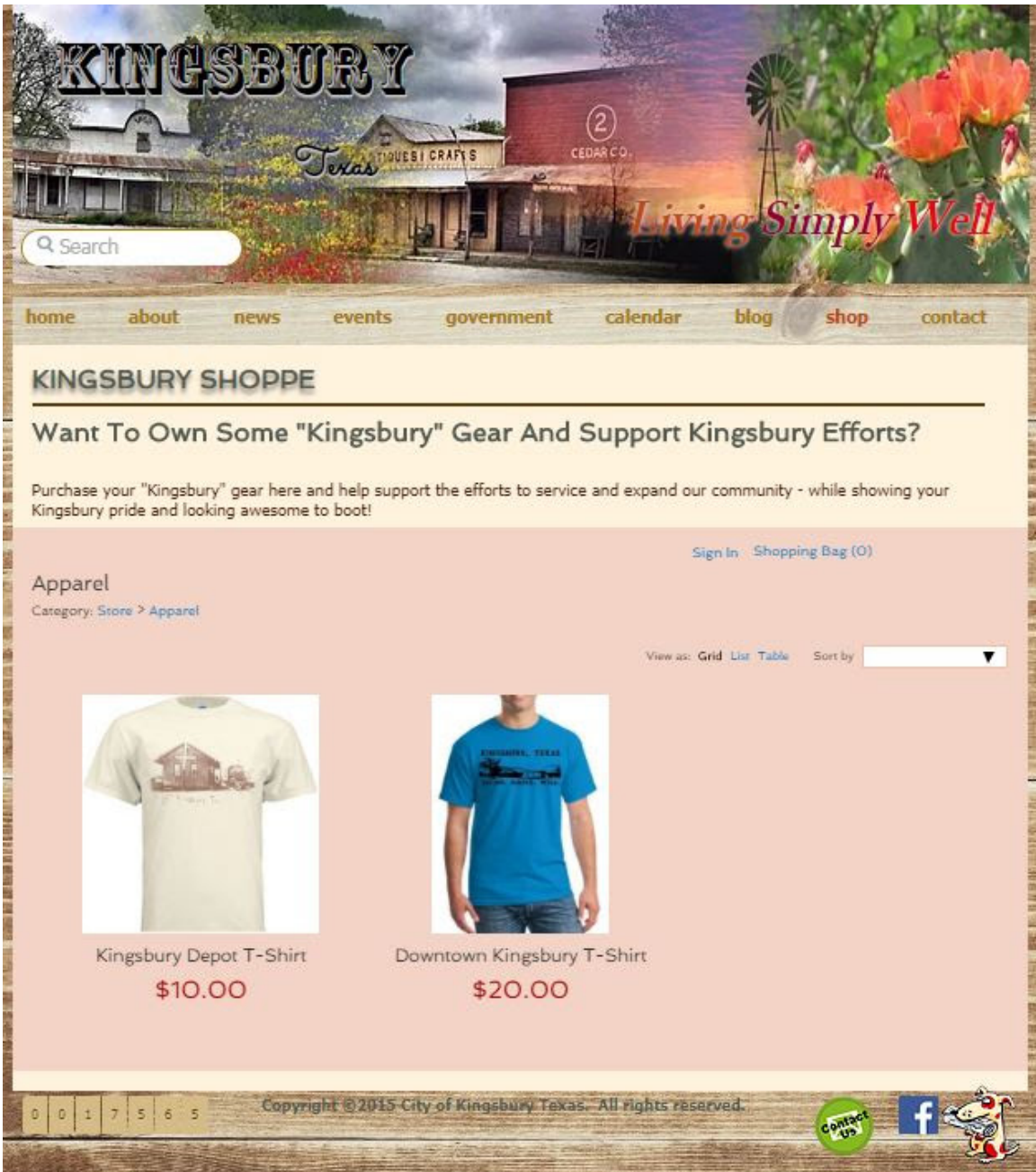
### Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

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!



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

The July 6, 1875 edition of the *Galveston Daily News* had another ad for the new "Town Lots" in Kingsbury (see last week's Newsletter with an ad from the 1875 *San Antonio Daily News*) now that the GH&SA railroad was getting close. This ad is similar to that other one and also mentions that you can get your very own lot for "one-half cash in United States currency". One difference, though, is that this one says "For health and business" you should go to "Kingsbury". And it puts that spelling in bold on it's own line! So you should hurry on over to Kingsbury because our dogs are furry and our cats are purr-y!



**For Sale--For Rent.**  
**TOWN LOTS**  
**FOR SALE**  
**— AT —**  
**Kingsbury Station.**

The GALVESTON, HARRISBURG AND  
SAN ANTONIO RAILWAY will be opened to  
this Station on or about the  
**15th of July.**

Business and residence lots for sale on and  
after July 5th. Terms, one-half cash in  
United States currency, and balance in  
twelve and twenty-four months.

For health and business, go to  
**KINGSBURY,**

Located on the dividing ridge between the  
waters and fertile valleys of the San Marcos  
and Guadalupe rivers, and six hundred and  
fifteen feet above the Gulf of Mexico; forty-  
two miles east of San Antonio, eleven and a  
half miles west of Luling, and nine and a half  
miles from Seguin. For further information,  
apply to Capt. G. W. POLK, Town Agent, at  
Kingsbury. **JAMES CONVERSE,**  
je20 1m Chief Engineer.

Elsewhere in 1875 Galveston, check out Meyer & Metzger to get your "lemons and oranges" (pretty fancy produce back then), the Chief of Police is having a sale of impounded animals including "Dun Horse, no brand" and a "Speckled Cow, branded P", J.C. Gorham has a little buggy that looks like it's practically floating on air with those big wheels, and Esterbrook's has "steel pens" that are "For Sale to all Stationers". Also, Buck's stoves are "brilliant", Kauffman & Munge have 1500 sacks of coffee (that's a lot of coffee!) and 4000 sacks of "per Sagitta" (whatever that heck that is), you can sell your Texas Oats by the "car load" (that would be railroad cars) for 50 cents a bushel, and you can take a "Grand Excursion" to see a whale carcass for 50¢. The whale showing up in Galveston Bay was big news that week (it wasn't common) and unfortunately for the whale it was 1875 and killing whales for blubber and oil was big business. Since it was so close to land, I guess the steamer *Diana* decided get in on the act and make some money taking people out to view the stinky carcass (eww!).

**L**EMONS AND ORANGES  
Offered at Wholesale and Retail  
at LOWEST PRICES by  
MEYER & METZGER,  
sp25 183 Market street.

**S**ALE OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.  
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE,  
GALVESTON, TEXAS, July 6, 1875.  
In conformity with Article 7, Revised Code  
of Ordinances of the city of Galveston, I will  
sell at public auction, at the Second (2d)  
Ward Market, Twentieth street, between Me-  
chanic and Market, THURSDAY, the 8th day  
of July, 1875, for cash, to the highest bidder,  
in United States currency, (if not claimed  
before the following described property, to  
wit: One (1) Bay Horse, no brand; One (1)  
Dun Horse, no brand; One (1) Speckled Cow,  
branded P; One (1) Red Cow, branded P and  
M C.  
The above described property can be seen at  
any time previous to the sale at the Public  
Pound, corner Winnie and 20th streets. Sale  
to take place at the Second Ward Market, 20th  
street, between Mechanic and Market, be-  
tween the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4  
o'clock P. M. JOHN H. WESTERLAGE,  
Jy6Et Chief of Police.

**J. C. GORHAM,**  
MANUFACTURER OF  
SADDLES AND HARNESS,  
—and Dealer in—  
BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, WHIPS,  
LEATHER,  
Plantation and Spring Wagons  
STRAND, GALVESTON, TEXAS  
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**1500 Sacks Coffee**  
**EX "LEOPOLDINE."**  
**—ALSO—**  
**4000 SACKS,**  
**PER SAGITTA,**  
**TO ARRIVE.**  
FOR SALE BY  
**KAUFFMAN & NUNCE.**  
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**New Advertisements.**  
**SPOT CASH**  
Will buy TEXAS OATS by the car load at  
**Fifty Cents a Bushel.**  
Apply to CHAS. NICHOLS,  
Jy6Et 4 and 6 Strand.

**New Advertisements.**  
**THE WHALE !!!**  
**GRAND EXCURSION**  
**—TO THE—**  
**WHALING GROUNDS**  
The steamer DIANA will leave Central  
Wharf at 12 o'clock A. M. for East Bay to  
view the carcass of the whale captured on  
Sunday. The boat will return by 1 P. M.  
Fare for the round trip 50c. Jy6Et

**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.



**US Flag Flown For First Time In Texas**

This week in Texas history, on July 26th, 1845, the United States flag is said to have been raised on St. Joseph Island by United States troops. This was the first time the U.S. flag was flown in Texas.

St. Joseph Island is a sand barrier island in Aransas County. The troops were part of a force under Gen. Zachary Taylor sent to **protect** Texas from Mexican interference after annexation. After the detachment landed on the island, the main force landed on August 1 and camped by a massive live oak tree at the site of present-day Rockport. The tree is now known as the Zachary Taylor Oak.

As with every other tree in the Rockport area, the Zachary Taylor tree was badly damaged by Hurricane Harvey, but the city of Rockport has been working to save this historic tree.



The Zachary Taylor tree in 2011



The tree after Hurricane Harvey

### 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.

[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

### The Kingsbury Windmill

As reported in the December 24, 1878 edition of the *Galveston Daily News*, there was once a "large wind-mill" in downtown Kingsbury.

This street scene in 1913 shows the windmill, a **huge** cistern, and some local townsfolk (from left to right): Traveling salesman (name unknown), Jim Flowers (barber), Walter Hyman of Luling, Bill Averitt (Justice of the Peace), Matt Houchin (deputy Sheriff), Walter Jones, Frank Harris, Edgar Gorden, Dr. Benbow, Oscar Halm, Alex Jones, Emil Schmidt (on porch).

There are a couple of ladies in bonnets on the boardwalk, but their names are unknown. Mr. Avert, Dr. Benbow, and Mr. Halm are all wearing sleeve garters. Ever wonder why men wore these? Well it's because ready made

shirts at the time came with only one sleeve length - extra long. Sleeve garters allowed men to customize sleeve lengths and keep their cuffs from getting dirty or at the correct length when worn under a jacket.

If you click on the picture to en large it, you can see that the building to the right says "M. Flynn & Co. Gen. Merchandise" and the next building down obviously was the Drug Store. The building down the street on the left was a lumber yard and still has the remnants of a Barnum & Bailey Circus banner still attached and hanging over the porch.

Several of the buildings have additional signs atop the porches and the cistern is marked "Manufactured by Vivroux and Sons" and has a saddled horse waiting patiently on the other side.

Maybe it's just the perspective of the picture, but that really does seem to be one heck of a tall windmill!

*Excerpt from the December 24, 1878 Galveston Daily News:*

scissors-tail, etc.

—At the town of Kingsbury, on the Sunset route, which was named in honor of the present immigration agent in England, one of the principal features of the place is a large wind-mill.

—The Rev. Johnson Reed, of San An-

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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.



Thanks!

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