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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Here Comes 2020!

We have successfully completed another **orbit** around the sun! The new year begins this week and while celebrations vary all over the world, common traditions include:



Making resolutions or goals to improve one’s life. Common resolutions concern diet, exercise, bad habits, and other issues concerning personal wellness.

A common view is to use the first day of the year as a clean slate to improve one’s life.



A gathering of loved ones: Here you’ll typically find champagne, feasting, confetti, noise makers, and other methods of merriment Fireworks, parades, concerts.



Famous parades include London’s New Year’s Day Parade and the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.



Superstitions concerning food or visitors to bring luck. This especially includes circle-shaped foods, which symbolize cycles.

The reasoning behind superstitions is that the first day of the year sets precedent for the following days.



A common superstition specific to New Year’s Day concerns a household’s first visitor of the year—tradition states that if a tall, dark-haired stranger is the first to walk through your door, called the First Footer or Lucky Bird, you’ll have good luck all year.



Also, if you want to subscribe to superstition, don’t let anything leave the house on New Year’s Day, except for people. Tradition say’s: don’t take out the trash and leave anything you want to take out of the house on New Year’s outside the night before. If you must remove something, make sure to replace it by bringing an item into the house. These policies of balance apply in other areas as well—avoiding paying bills, breaking anything, or shedding tears.



The first of January was a highly significant day in medieval superstitions regarding prosperity, or lack of it, in the year ahead. A flat cake was put on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard. The farmer and his workers

would then sing a song and dance around the cow until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow, that signified good luck; to fall behind indicated the opposite.

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I think it is much easier to eat some black-eyed peas and cabbage and just ensure a lucky and prosperous new 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 29 - National Pepper Pot Day, Tick Tock Day

December 30 - National Bicarbonate of Soda Day, Falling Needles Family Fest Day, Bacon Day

December 31 - National Champagne Day, No Interruptions Day, Make Up Your Mind Day, New Years Eve, Universal Hour of Peace

January 1 - New Years Day, National Bloody Mary Day, National Hangover Day

January 2 - National Buffet Day, National Cream Puff Day, National Personal Trainer Awareness Day, National Science Fiction Day

January 3 - National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day, National Drinking Straw Day, National Fruitcake Toss Day

January 4 - National Missouri Day, National Spaghetti Day, National Trivia Day

December 30
Bicarbonate of
Soda Day

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Tick Tock Day



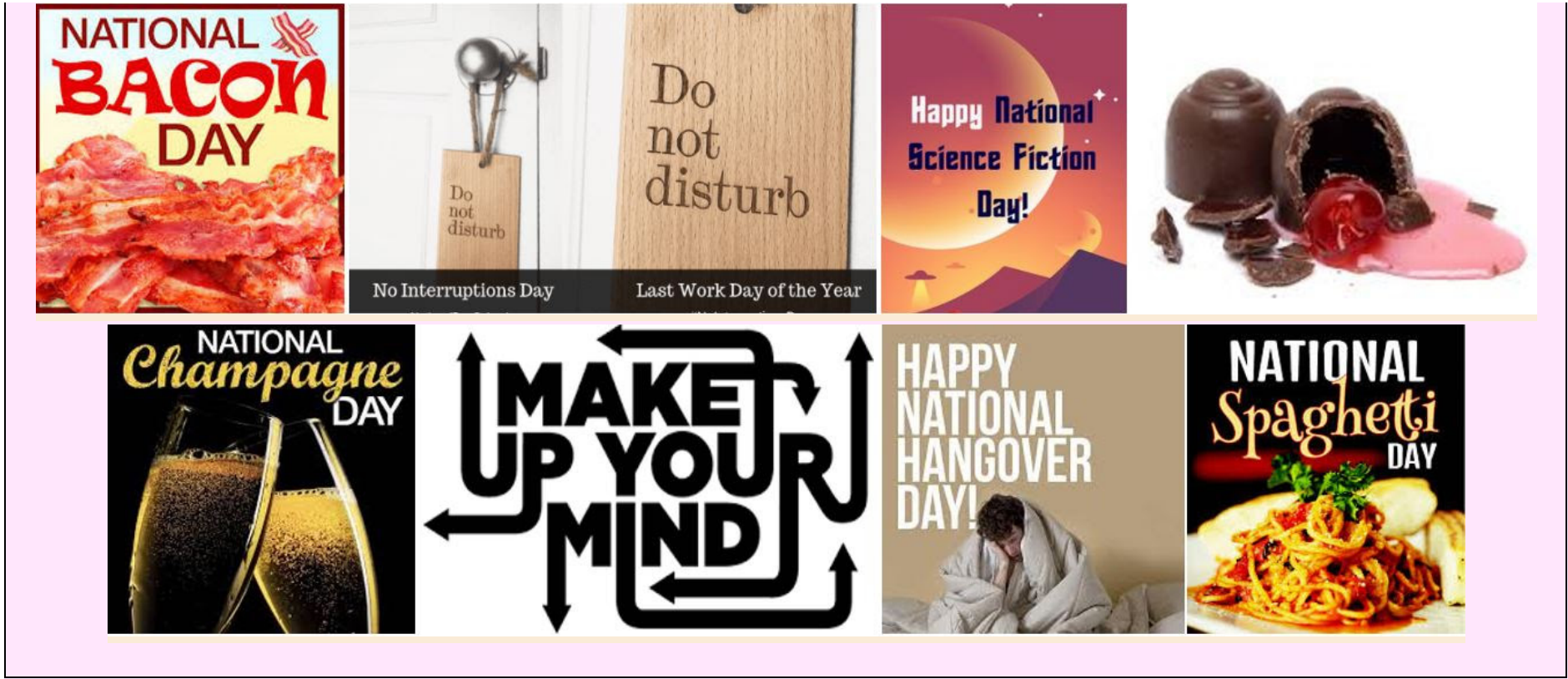
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January 2nd

National Cream Puff Day



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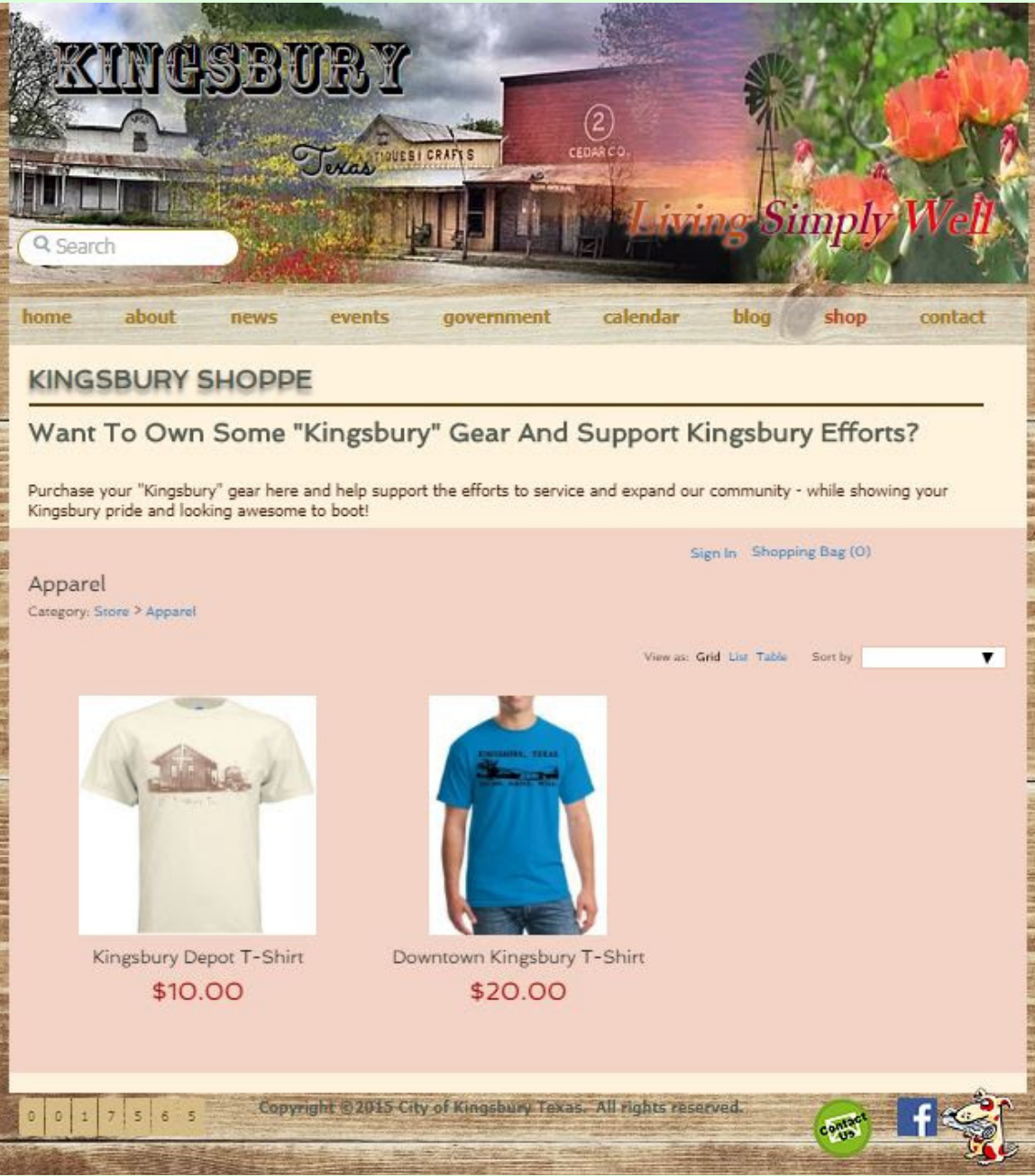
Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

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 to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



January

In addition to the first of the new year, this is the first week of the new month of January.

January was originally the eleventh month, not the first, until at least 153 B.C.

January is named after the Roman god *Janus*, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the *Calends*, and people **decorated** their homes and gave each other gifts.



*Janus am I; oldest of potentates;
Forward I look, and backward, and below
I count, as god of avenues and gates,
The years that through my portals come and go.*

---- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807–82)



The January birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets were also thought to prevent nightmares. If you dream of losing a garnet necklace, unexpected good fortune is in your future.

The January birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means ‘I love you.’ White carnations mean pure love, striped

carnations mean regret that a love is not shared, and yellow means rejection or disappointment.



The snowdrop used to be considered bad luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

*The new year opens—old is past,
Stern winter comes with its rough blast:
See the farmer shivering with cold,
Driving his flocks and herds to fold.*

—*The 1793 Old Farmer’s Almanac*



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, January 2nd

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



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](#)

Allen Store & Saloon

It was a busy day in downtown Kingsbury in 1987!

Cars are lined up with people going to the Post Office, **Ray's Cafe**, and maybe the Fat Chance?

Do you recognize your car?



Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](http://www.kingsburytexas.org), 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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