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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

The Full Cold Moon

This week, on Wednesday, December 11th, the Full Cold Moon rises.

In Native American cultures which tracked the calendar by the Moons, December's Full Moon was known as the Full Cold Moon. It is fittingly associated with the month when winter cold fastens its **grip** and the nights become long and dark.

This Full Moon is also called the Long Nights Moon by some Native American tribes because it occurs near the winter solstice—the night with the least amount of daylight.

As with all full moons, the December full moon is known by many names:

Zuni - Moon Where Sun Has Traveled Home To Rest

Lakota - Moon When The Deer Shed Their Antlers

Comanche - Evergreen Moon

Choctaw - Moon Of Cooking

Arapaho - Popping Trees Moon

Cherokee - Snow Moon

Cheyenne - Moon When The Wolves Run Together

Hopi - Moon of Respect

Shawnee - Eccentric Moon

Dakotah Sioux - Twelfth Moon

Colonial American - Christmas Moon

Chinese - Bitter Moon

Celtic - Cold Moon

Medieval English - Oak Moon

Neo Pagan - Long Night Moon



NIGHT SKY FOLKLORE

If a snowstorm begins when the Moon is young, it will cease at moonrise.

The Shoshone tribe of Wyoming and Southern Idaho tell of the beginnings of the Milky Way, so visible on a dark winter's night. A grizzly bear (Cygnus) climbed up a tall mountain to go hunting in the sky. As he climbed, snow and ice clung to the fur of his feet and legs. Crossing the sky the ice crystals trailed behind him forming the Milky Way.



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 8 - National Brownie Day, Pretend To Be A Time Traveler Day

December 9 - National Pastry Day, Weary Willie Day

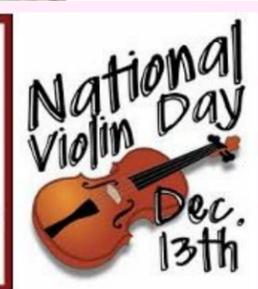
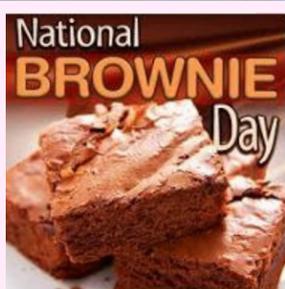
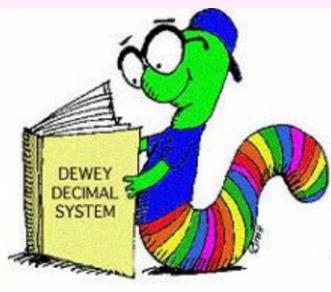
December 10 - Dewey Decimal System Day, National Lager Day, Human Rights Day, Nobel Prize Day

December 11 - National App Day, National Noodle Ring Day

December 12 - National Ambrosia Day, National Ding-a-Ling Day, Gingerbread House Day, Poinsettia Day

December 13 - National Cocoa Day, National Violin Day, National Day Of The Horse, Pick A Pathologist Pal Day, National Guard Birthday, National Salesperson Day

December 14 - National Bouillabaisse Day, National Alabama Day, Monkey Day, National Wreaths Across America Day



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.**

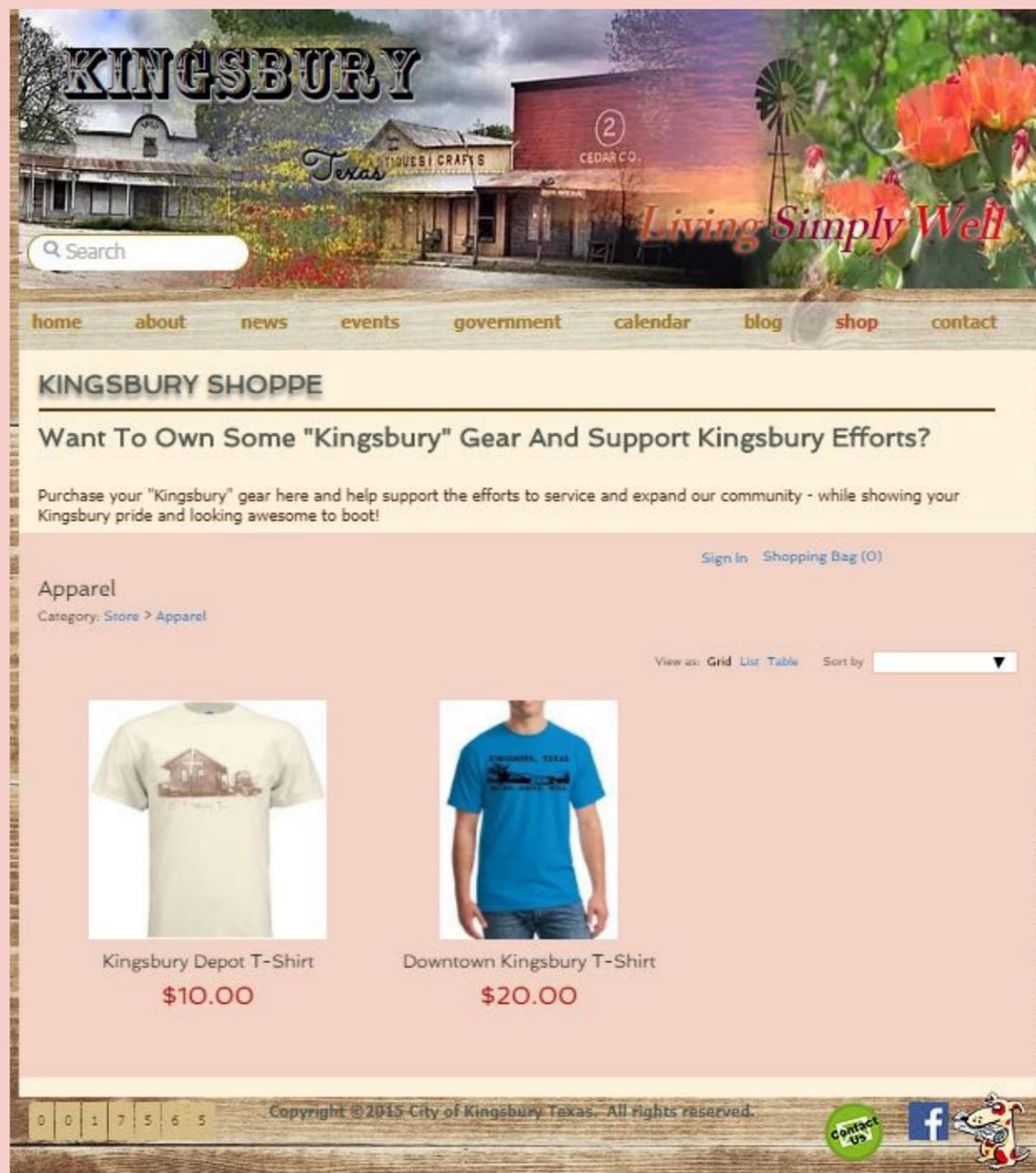
That says it all, doesn't it?!

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!



Kingsbury Barter Club

A group of people here in Kingsbury are looking into setting up a barter club where the people here can share some of the things that we make, grow, and do.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in the Kingsbury Fire Station.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend and **share** their ideas, interests, and/or experience - or if you just want to find out more about the barter concept!



Geminids Meteor Shower

Year in and year out the Geminids are currently the most dependable meteor shower. Unfortunately, they are active in December when temperatures are often cold and skies cloudy in the northern hemisphere. This year however, there will be a nearly full moon in the sky as the Geminids peak on the night of December 13/14. Unfortunately this means that the fainter meteors will be obscured by the bright moonlight and that total counts will be reduced drastically.

Then is this display worth viewing this year? Most certainly! So it may be chilly out, but if you bundle up and step outside over the next week, you'll be able to enjoy one of the most active meteor showers of the year! Instead of seeing 60 or more Geminids per hour one may still be able to count roughly 20 per hour. Is 20 per hour worth viewing on a cold December night? If you look at the overall activity throughout the year, only 10-20 nights per year can match this total. And since the most of the meteors you will see under such conditions will be bright, they will be more **colorful** and impressive than usual.

To best see the Geminids you need to view as close to December 14th as possible. Like all meteor showers, there are many more faint meteors than bright ones. Eyes that had just stared at the moon or just came outside from indoors will not be able to see these fainter meteors. Give your eyes time to adjust to the darkness. It is also advisable to watch for as long as possible as meteor activity waxes and wanes throughout the night. There will be periods when little activity is seen and then other periods when meteors are falling constantly. These periods often last as long as 15 minutes so it is advisable to watch for an hour or more so that you witness several peaks and valleys and get a real feel of the meteor activity.

In order to view for that long, you need to be comfortable so a lounge chair is recommended. Lie back and view at a 45 degree (halfway up) angle to see the most activity. In the northern hemisphere be sure to have a blanket (hot beverages recommended!). You can face in any direction as Geminid meteors can be seen in any part of the sky. No matter what part of the sky they appear, they will all trace back to the radiant near the bright star known as Castor. You don't have to know where Castor is located, but you will soon learn as meteor after meteor will shoot forth from that direction.



Red Hot Cocoa With A Fire Fighter Night

This Saturday, December 14th, the **first** annual Red Hot Cocoa With A Fire Fighter Night will take place!

The fun is free and open to everyone. It's from 5 pm to 8 pm on Saturday at the Kingsbury VFD Fire Station and there are all kinds of fun activities planned:



*A "sleigh" ride for the kids
Hot dogs
Face painting
Crafts
Photo booth*



and of course
Hot Cocoa!

They will also be collecting toys for Toys For Tots. Bring a new, boxed toy for a child that may otherwise not have anything for Christmas.



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](#)

Friday The 13th!

Beware! This coming Friday is the 2nd and final Friday the 13th this year!

The fear of Friday the 13th is officially called "friggatriskaidekaphobia"; "Frigga" was the Norse god for which Friday is named and "triskaidekaphobia" means fear of the number 13. An alternate term for the anxiety is "paraskevidekatriaphobia." Originating from Greek, *paraskevi* means Friday, *dekatria* refers to "thirteen," and *phobia* translates as "fear."

The superstition surrounding this day may have arisen in the Middle Ages, "originating from the story of Jesus'

last supper and crucifixion" in which there were 13 individuals present in the Upper Room on the 13th of Nisan Maundy Thursday, the night before his death on Good Friday. While there is evidence of both Friday and the number 13 being considered unlucky, there is no record of the two items being referred to as especially unlucky in conjunction before the 19th century.

One 20th-century theory suggests that fear of Friday the 13th stemmed from an event that had occurred on Friday, October 13, 1307, when thousands belonging to an influential religious military order called the Knights Templar (officially, the Poor Knights of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon) were arrested for blasphemy and other affronts at the command of France's king, Philip IV. Many were later tortured, coerced into making false confessions, and executed. Definitely an unlucky day.

According to the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute in Asheville, North Carolina, an estimated 17 to 21 million people in the United States are affected by a fear of this day, making it the most feared day and date in history. Some people are so paralyzed by fear that they avoid their normal routines in doing business, taking flights or even getting out of bed. It's been estimated that \$800 or \$900 million is lost in business on this day.

Just remember: it may be Friday the 13th ... but at least it's Friday!



Kingsbury 2020 Calendars

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 and go to [shop](#) to get your calendar delivered to you!

Kingsbury Post Office and Drug Store

A picture taken in front of the Kingsbury Post Office and Drug Store in 1912.

In the picture are Jeptha White, Jeptha's sister, Edna White Beaty, Edna's husband Van Beaty, and George Smith.

Jeptha Conrad White (1888-1962) was the **pharmacist** at the drug store (the "J.C.WHITE" painted on the front window). Edna, Van, and George were all mail carriers in 1912.

When this picture was taken in 1912 (and prior to the fire of 1929), the Post Office and Drug Store were in the middle of the downtown "block".

There are nine people in the photo. Can you spot them all?



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