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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Boo!

Halloween is this Thursday!

Halloween is an annual holiday, celebrated each year on October 31, that has roots in age-old European traditions. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off **ghosts**. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1st as a time to honor all saints; soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating and carving jack-o-lanterns. Around the world, as days grow shorter and nights get colder, people continue to usher in the season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.



Big Boy Is Coming This Way!

Kingsbury was laid out by plat in 1875 when the railroad tracks finally arrived from the east and has been a railroad town ever since. The Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway that was built through here was part of the growing network of tracks off the **transcontinental** railroad that was completed in 1869.

Now, the Union Pacific Railroad is commemorating the 150th anniversary of that historic moment when the railroads of the east and west finally met. UP has restored a Big Boy locomotive and is touring the Southwest including a section through Kingsbury!

The Union Pacific Big Boy is a type of simple articulated 4-8-8-4 steam locomotive manufactured by the American Locomotive Company between 1941 and 1944 and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad in revenue service until 1959.

The 25 Big Boy locomotives were built to haul freight over the Wasatch mountains between Ogden, Utah, and Green River, Wyoming. In the late 1940s, they were reassigned to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they hauled freight over Sherman Hill to Laramie, Wyoming. They were the only locomotives to use a 4-8-8-4 wheel arrangement: four-wheel leading truck for stability entering curves, two sets of eight driving wheels and a four-wheel trailing truck to support the large firebox.

Eight Big Boys survive, most on static display at museums across the country. One of them, No. 4014, was re-acquired by Union Pacific and restored to operating condition in 2019, regaining the title as the largest and most powerful operating steam locomotive in the world!

Now, Union Pacific's historic Big Boy steam locomotive No. 4014 is touring the Union Pacific system throughout 2019 to commemorate the transcontinental railroad's 150th anniversary.

The Big Boy's return to the rails is the product of more than two years of meticulous restoration work by the Union Pacific Steam Team. No. 4014 is the world's only operating Big Boy locomotive.

Big Boy 4014 is scheduled to leave San Antonio on November 6th at 8:00 am and arrive in Luling at 10:00 am for a 30 minute layover. This means it will be coming through Kingsbury shortly before it's arrival in Luling.

Won't it be a sight to see for a steam engine to come chugging it's way through Kingsbury?!



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:

October 27 – National American Beer Day, Navy Day, National Black Cat Day, National Mother-in-Law Day

October 28 – National Internal Medicine Day, National Chocolate Day

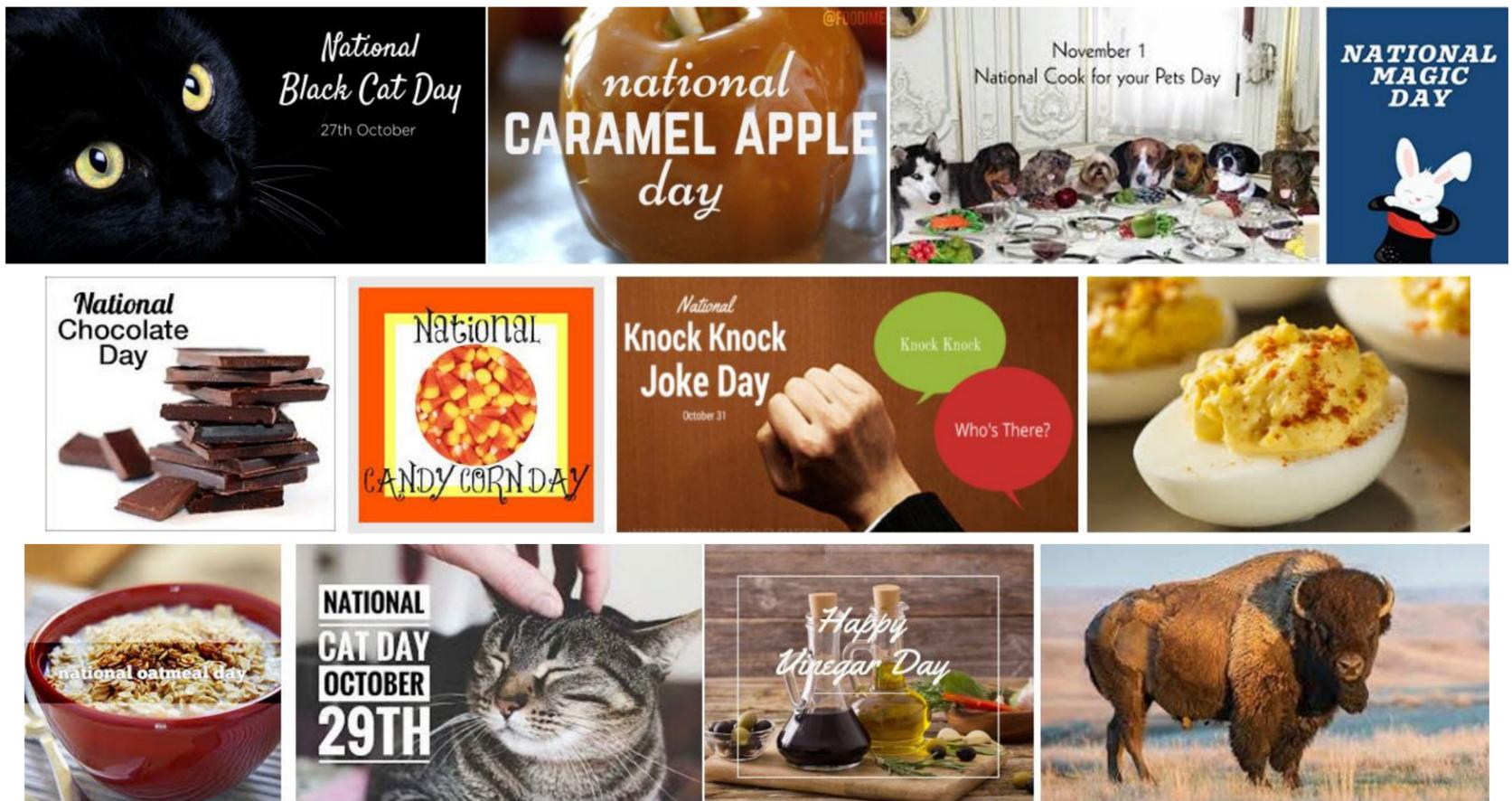
October 29 – National Cat Day, National Oatmeal Day, National Hermit Day, World Stroke Day

October 30 – National Speak Up For Service Day, National Publicist Day, National Candy Corn Day

October 31 – National Doorbell Day, National Caramel Apple Day, National Knock-Knock Jokes Day, National Magic Day, Girl Scout Founder's Day, Halloween

November 1 – National Authors' Day, National Calzone Day, National Family Literacy Day, National Cook For Your Pets Day, National Vinegar Day, National Deep Fried Clams Day, National Brush Day, National Jersey Friday

November 2 – National Deviled Egg Day, National Ohio Day, National Bison Day



Fall Fly-In

The Wings and Wheels Fall Fly-In at the Old Kingsbury **Aerodrome** and Pioneer Flight Museum (on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104) is coming up Saturday, November 9th.

The event will have re-enactors, lots of vintage planes, antique cars and cycles, yummy eats and treats, live music, and tons of fun! There's plenty there for the whole family!

Gates open at 9 am and the entry is free (but donations are gladly accepted!).





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!

Fall Harvest Festival

The 8th Annual Fall Harvest **Festival** will be coming up Saturday, November 9th.

Bring the family and join the fun, have some great food, pick out some awesome Christmas gifts, do some tradin', dance with the one that brung ya, and let the kids have a great time!

EVENTS THIS YEAR:

World Famous Tradin' Post (bring something to trade)
Wellness Tent
Petting Zoo
Fiber Arts
Farmer's Market
Blacksmithing
Bar-B-Q
Haydive for the kids
Live music all day long

The fun is from Noon to 6pm on Railway Street in downtown Kingsbury.



Volunteer Work Days at Pioneer Flight Museum

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be
Saturday, November 2nd

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



Pioneer Flight Museum's replica 1924 Dormoy "Bathtub" racer, Simon Driver pilot, on the December 15, 2018 work day.

November

This Friday will be November 1st.

November is the eleventh and penultimate month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the fourth and last month to have the length of 30 days. November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar. November retained its name (from the Latin *novem* meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar.

The zodiac signs for the month of November are Scorpio (October 23-November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21).



The November birthstone, the topaz, symbolizes **love** and affection. It is believed to give the wearer increased strength and intellect.

*And the dead leaves lie huddled and still,
No longer blown hither and thither;
The last lone aster is gone;
The flowers of the witch-hazel wither ...
–Robert Frost (1874-1963)*

November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum.



Generally, chrysanthemums represent cheerfulness. A red one conveys "I love you." White symbolizes truth or pure love. A yellow one indicates slighted love.

NOVEMBER FOLKLORE

- 🍁 If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.
- 🍁 November take flail; let ships no more sail.
- 🍁 If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May.
- 🍁 There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.
- 🍁 Ice in November brings mud in December.

November Night Skies

The meteor showers that peak in the month of November are:



Taurid - Peak is November 9th with about 3 meteors per hour in the late evening.
Leonid - Peaks on November 17th and 18th with 10 meteors per hour in the pre-dawn hours
Andromedid - Peak is November 25-27 with about 5 meteors per hour in the late evenings.



Election Early Voting

Early voting continues this week for the upcoming November 5th elections. Here in Kingsbury, the election ballot will be all **statewide** propositions.

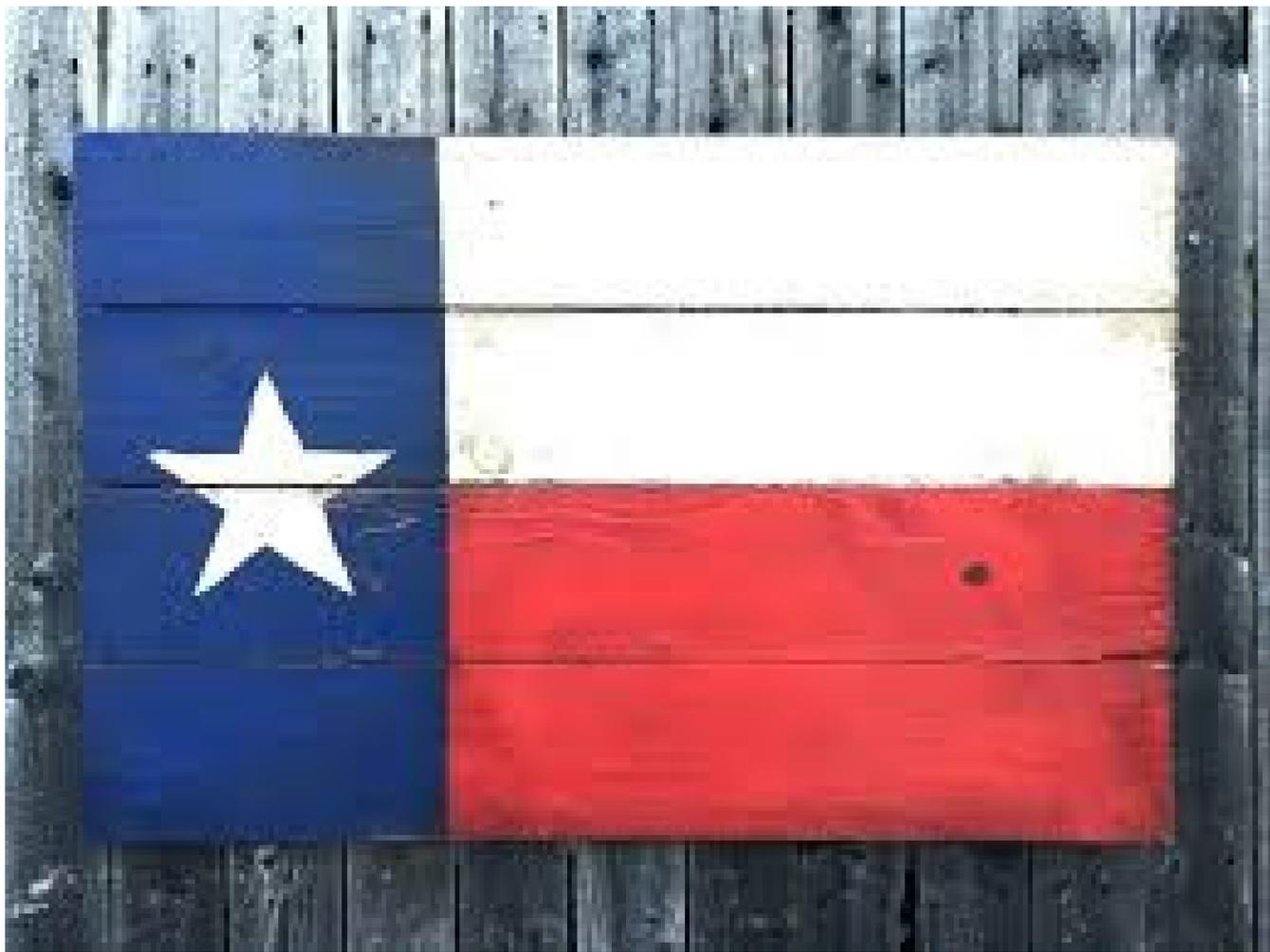
There is no early voting location in Kingsbury, but the Kingsbury Methodist Church will be the election day voting location.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Seguin Elections Office - [215 S. Milam St. Seguin](#)
Central Texas Technology Center Room 118 - [2189 FM 758 New Braunfels](#)
Grace Church - [3240 FM 725 New Braunfels](#)
New Berlin City Hall - [9180 FM 775 New Berlin](#)
Schertz Elections Office Annex - [1101 Elbel Road Schertz](#)

EARLY VOTING HOURS

Sunday October 27 -- 1 pm to 6 pm
Monday - Friday October 28 - November 1 -- 7 am to 7 pm



Kingsbury News Past

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

The September 7, 1875 edition of the *San Antonio Daily Express* had several mentions of Kingsbury that day, all related in some way to the railroad being built that now extended as far west as the Kingsbury depot.

Allen & Chambers "At Kingsbury, terminus of the G.H. & S.A. R.R." has all your shingles and sash needs, E. Ray from Kingsbury was staying at the Menger Hotel, and a number of people departed on the Kingsbury stage coach, no doubt to pick up the train for points East. And E.O. Mensebach is letting you know that there are "two daily trains from Kingsbury" with the "shortest line to all points in the North East And West !"

San Antonio Daily Express.

Vol. IX—Old No. 202.
New Series—No. 8.

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Quarterly \$2 50 Monthly, \$1.

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AND RETAIL

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SASH, BLINDS, &c,

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Hotel Arrivals.

MENGER.

T. E. Garrel, Gonzales; S. Pinski, New Orleans; G. A. Barker and wife, Sabinal Canon; J. H. Bishop, Georgetown; M. S. Durst, Texas City; Asa Frury, Fort Concho; E. Ray, Kingsbury; J. J. McNally, Cincinnati; Letter Fowler, Calistine.

CENTRAL.

R. L. Brandon, Medina; R. M. Head, San Marcos; F. C. Brown, California; Geo. and James Kerr, Medina; H. A. Donnelly, Hondo; L. C. Faris, Wichita, Kan; S. Tuttle, Attascoso; Wm. Foster, Pleasanton; James McCloskey, Medina; E. V. Brooking, Victoria; F. G. James, Victoria.

Departures by Stage.
VIA KINGSBURY.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett, A. Bennett, Miss Bennett, J. L. Smallwood, Mary Leist, James Cool, Dossy Louis, Bertha Longstreet, J. D. Goodman.

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E. O. Mensebach, Ag't.

O. G. H. B. ANDREWS,
Asst. G. F. T. Act Gen'l Manager

Elsewhere in 1875, you can get your El Paso onion seed from S. Schutz & Bro., S.E. Butler is the agent for portable gas lights and Puroline fuel ("The best thing yet"), and there's a new ice factory where you can get "large or small quantities at two cents a pound." Sounds like a good deal!

You can get your Dodge reapers at L. Huth & Son, yellow fever is popping up again in New Orleans but the reporter has "spent twenty-five years on the yellow fever coast" (isn't that an awful name?!) and doesn't think there's going to be an epidemic this year, and you, too, can get a husband by having a "virtuous heart" and

taking "Simmons' Liver Regulator regularly."

The Business Guide lets you know where to go for Barber-Shops, confectioners (where you can get Pure Loaf Sugar Candy), fire arms, fruit stores, and "Hides and Produce" ("North side Cathedral, between the two Plazas"), and in New York, 222 train car loads of peaches just arrived. Holy cow that's a lot of peaches!!

NOTICE!!

We have now on hand and for sale 500 lbs. of EL PASO ONION SEED of 1875 crop.

S. SCHUTZ & BRO.,
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ATTENTION!
Just Received

Dodge Mowers, Reapers & Self-rakes,
HINLY'S PLOWS,
[and extras for same].

Also,
BUILDERS' HARDWARE,
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Grain Cradles, Grass Scythes & Hooks
WINDOW GLASS, all sizes,
Which we sell at prices that will defy any competition.

L. HUTH & SON,
Market Street.

YELLOW FEVER IN NEW ORLEANS.—A private telegram received in St. Louis states that six cases of yellow fever, with three deaths, are known to have occurred in New Orleans so far, this season. Such rumors are every year, and are worthless till confirmed. We have spent twenty-five years of the yellow fever coast, and we believe epidemic will occur this year.

HOW TO GET A HUSBAND.—Take of modesty a large portion; unite it with urbanity and good humor; to which add good sense, and plenty of love, with a virtuous heart and a pretty face. Take Simmons' Liver Regulator regularly, that the blood and complexion be pure and health good.

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SAN ANTONIO
BUSINESS GUIDE.

Barber-Shops.
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Confectioners.
G. A. DUELER, Main street. Wholesale Confectioner and Manufacturer of Pure Loaf Sugar Candy.

Fire Arms.
B. MAURERMANN, Dealer in Guns, Rifles, Pistols and Ammunition. Main street, opposite Schmitts' Hotel.

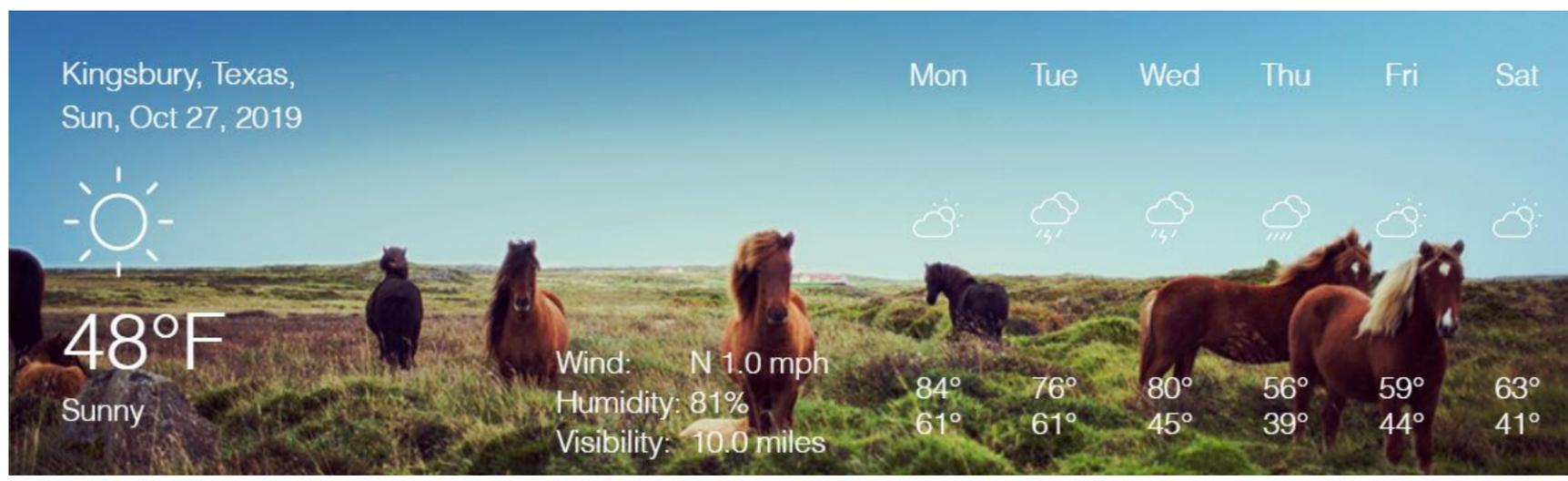
Fruit Stores.
S. E. BUTLER, Soledad street, adjoining the Postoffice. Keeps the best of Fruits and Confectionary.

Hides and Produce.
W. S. SMALL, dealer in Hides, Wool, Poultry, etc. North side Cathedral, between the two Plazas.

PEACHES—IMMENSE ARRIVALS.
New York, Aug. 27. —Two hundred and twenty-two car loads of peaches, containing 111,000 baskets arrived in Jersey City this morning. In addition thereto forty-five car loads, of 22,500 baskets, were shipped by the New Haven road for Boston. Yesterday 180 car loads arrived for Jersey City and forty-one for Boston.

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](#)

Burn Ban Status

We've had enough **rain** lately for the County Commissioners Court to lift the burn ban here in Guadalupe County.

The ban is lifted effective October 26 but the court advises that people should continue to use caution and exercise safe burning practices.

Always be careful when:

🔥 Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark

🔥 Burning household trash

🔥 Burning of other items

The official order can be found on the Guadalupe County website by clicking [here](#).

As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499. To report a fire, please dial 911.



Inez and Puppy

This is Inez Anderson Maurer holding a **puppy** dog on Railway Street in downtown Kingsbury in 1929.

The store fronts behind her are the drugstore, Lynch's Store, and the Hurt Garage where a wonderful old car is fueling up at the gravity-fed pumps. The lettering on the window says "SHOES" and "DRY GOODS" and it appears that the streets were still unpaved at that time. Inez lived from 1905 to 1971 (and is buried in the Kingsbury Cemetery) so she must have been only about 24 years old in this picture - and loves her puppy!



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