

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - June 9, 2019

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Dear Kingsbury,

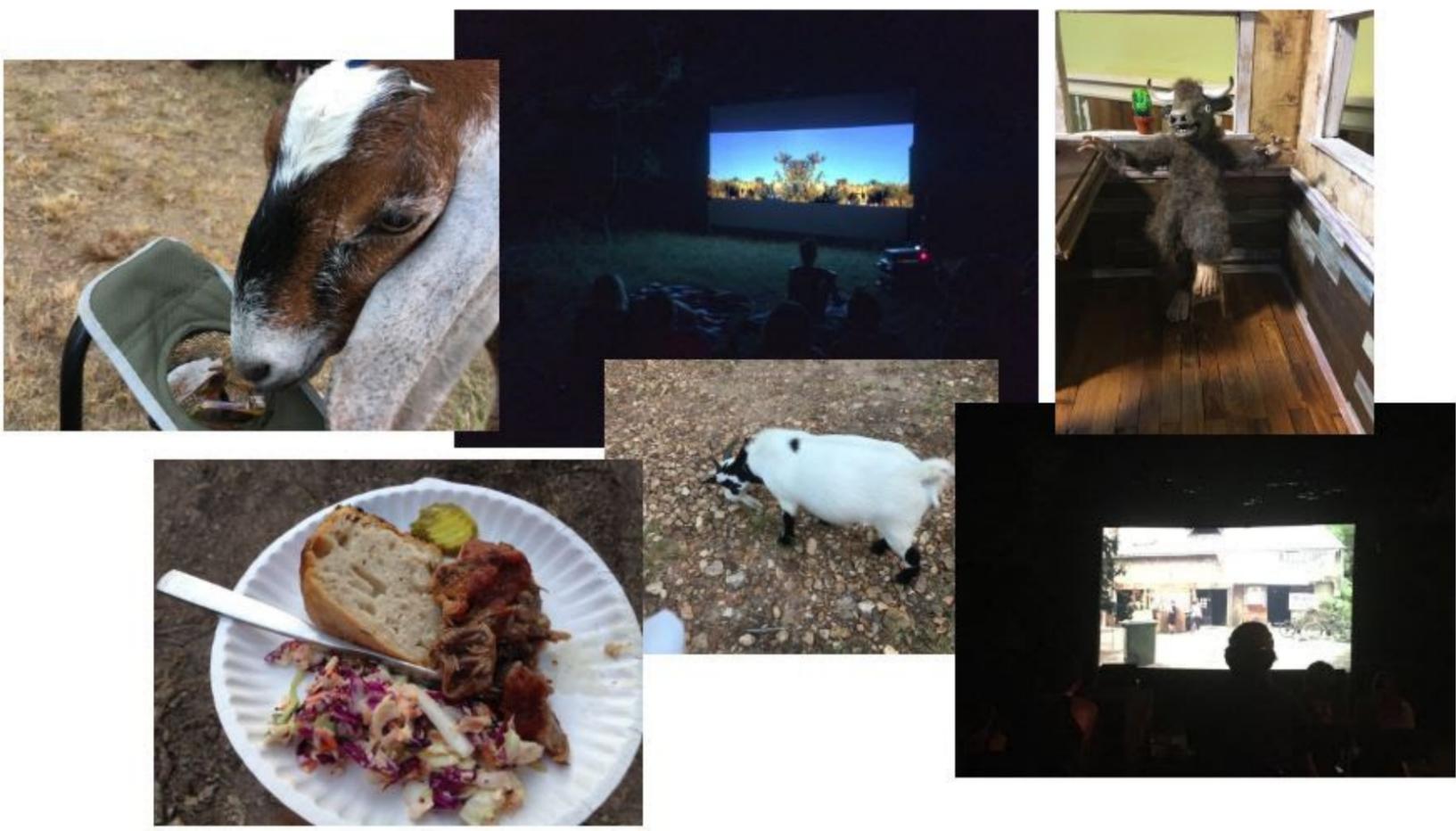
Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

Film Festival

The Fifth Annual Summer Solstice Film Festival is this Saturday!

It'll be June 15th at Habitable Spaces at [3050 FM 1104](#). There will be all kinds of workshops starting at 4 pm and the films start on the big screen at sundown.

Habitable Spaces has been hosting this film fest for five years now and they're always so much fun with good food, a relaxed **atmosphere**, interesting films, and a good time with your friends and neighbors.



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, June 15th

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!



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:

June 9 - National Donald Duck Day, National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day, National Earl Day, National Children's Day

June 10 - National Egg Roll Day, National Ballpoint Pen Day, National Iced Tea Day, National Black Cow Day, National Herbs and Spices Day

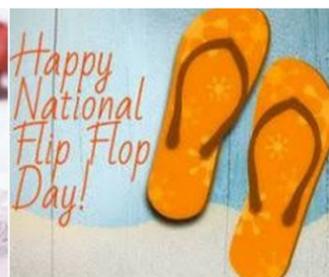
June 11 - National Making Life Beautiful Day, National Corn on the Cob Day, National German Chocolate Cake Day, Call Your Doctor Day

June 12 - National Red Rose Day, National Jerky Day, National Peanut Butter Cookie Day, National Loving Day

June 13 - National Kitchen Klutzes of America Day, Random Acts of Light Day, National Weed Your Garden Day, National Sewing Machine Day, National Career Nurse Assistants Day

June 14 - Army Birthday, International Bath Day, National Strawberry Shortcake Day, National Pop Goes the Weasel Day, National Flag Day, National Bourbon Day, National New Mexico Day, Wear BLUE Day, National Flip Flop Day

June 15 - National Smile Power Day, Nature Photography Day



Historic Bar-B-Q Celebration

This week in Texas history, on June 11, 1926, Luling oilman Edgar Byram Davis threw a free barbecue for friends, associates, and employees to celebrate the sale of his leases to Magnolia Petroleum in what may have been the biggest oil deal in Texas to that time.

Davis, born in Massachusetts in 1873, made **millions** in the shoe business and as an investor in the rubber industry, but gave much of his fortune away. He came to Texas in 1919 to manage his brother's oil leases in Caldwell County. A deeply religious man, Davis believed that he was directed by God to deliver Luling and Caldwell County from the oppressive one-crop (cotton) economy that dominated the area. He believed he would do this by finding oil, though geologists claimed there was none there. In 1922, Davis was proven correct with the discovery of the Luling oilfield. Four years later, he sold out to Magnolia for \$12 million (about \$300 million in today's dollars), half in cash.

To celebrate his good fortune with the citizens of Luling, Davis threw a massive party. To say Davis had killed the fatted calf would be a huge understatement: at least 15,000 (and possibly as many as 35,000) denizens of Luling, Gonzales, Seguin, Kingsbury, and Lockhart and environs were treated to 6 tons of beef, 5,180 pounds of mutton, 2,000 frying chickens, 28,000 bottles of soft drinks 6,000 bottles of near-beer, 85 gallons and 8,700 individual bricks of ice cream (the largest single order ever filled by a Texas creamery), 7,000 cakes, and vats of beans, potato salad, and coffee.

Actually, there were two parties that day—one for the whites and another for blacks. Davis, a transplanted Yankee from Massachusetts with progressive views, might have preferred an integrated party, but such things were just not done in roaring-twenties Texas. Each party was treated to arias from a trio of opera singers brought in from New York. As the sun set, Davis handed out 100,000 cigarettes and 7,500 cigars to the weary party goers.

In addition to the barbecue, Davis gave his employees from 25 to 100 percent of their total salaries as bonuses. He also gave the citizens of Luling a golf course, an athletic clubhouse for local blacks, various other facilities, and endowments for each. He established the Luling Foundation for the teaching of improved agricultural methods. In all, Davis donated at least \$5 million to charity. He died in 1951 and is buried in Luling.



Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

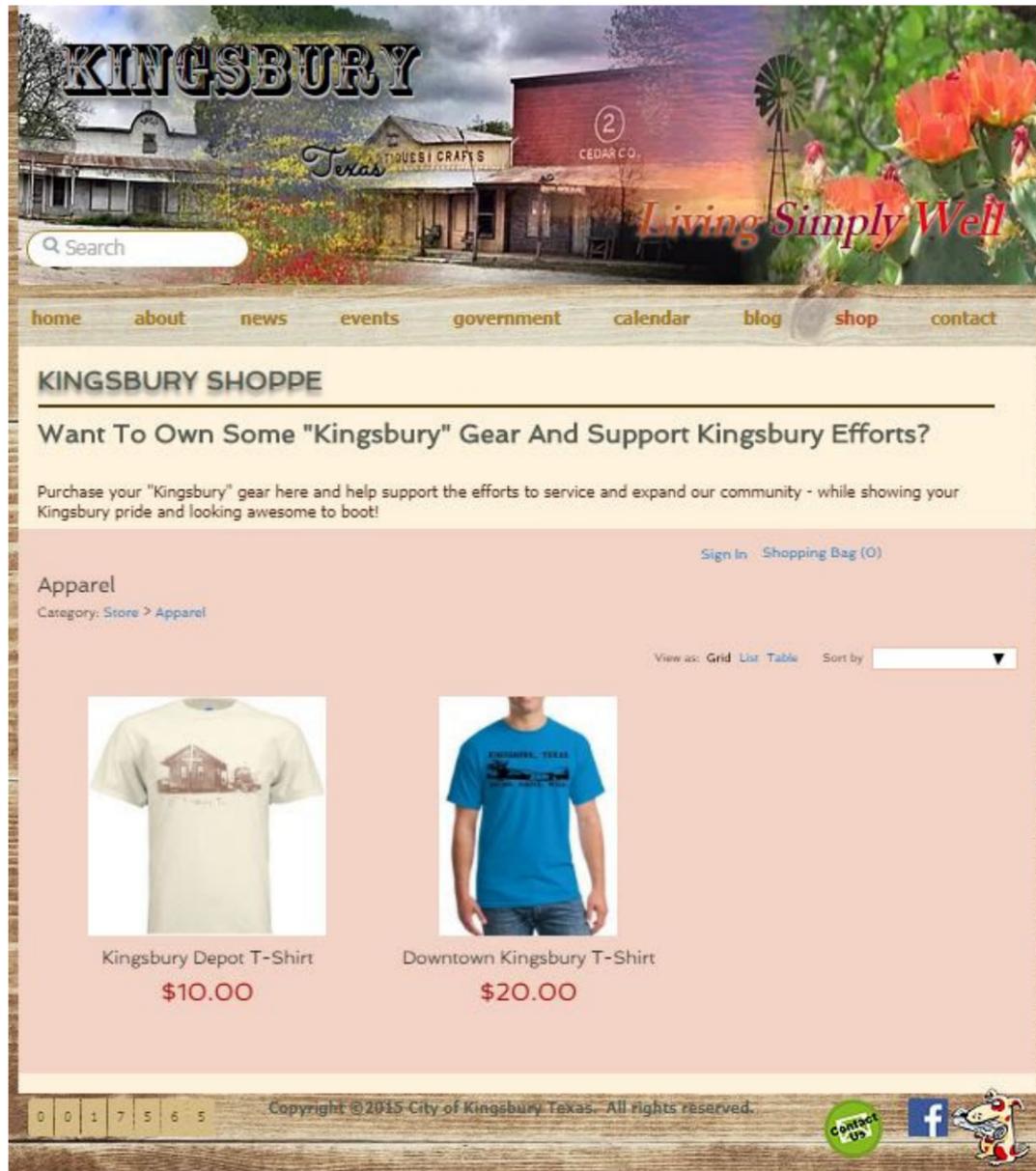
You can now order your awesome Kingsbury T-Shirt online and have it arrive at your door! Just go to the Kingsbury website and click "SHOP" and select the items you want. Pay with a credit card or PayPal and then just wait for your new, **fabulous** Kingsbury wear to come to you!

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!

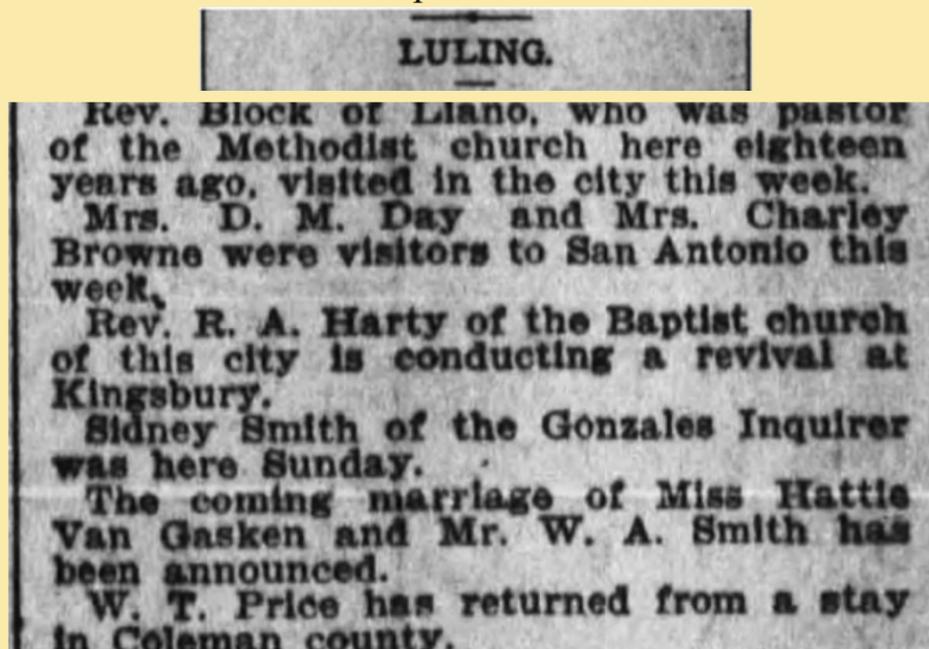
Visit the Kingsbury website at www.kingsburytexas.org to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



Kingsbury News Past

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

The April 24, 1904 edition of the *Houston Post* had the comings and goings of the citizens of a number of Texas cities and towns. The Luling section mentioned that Rev. Harty would be having a revival in Kingsbury. I wonder where that was held? At the Kingsbury Baptist Church? Was it a tent revival held in a local field or pasture?

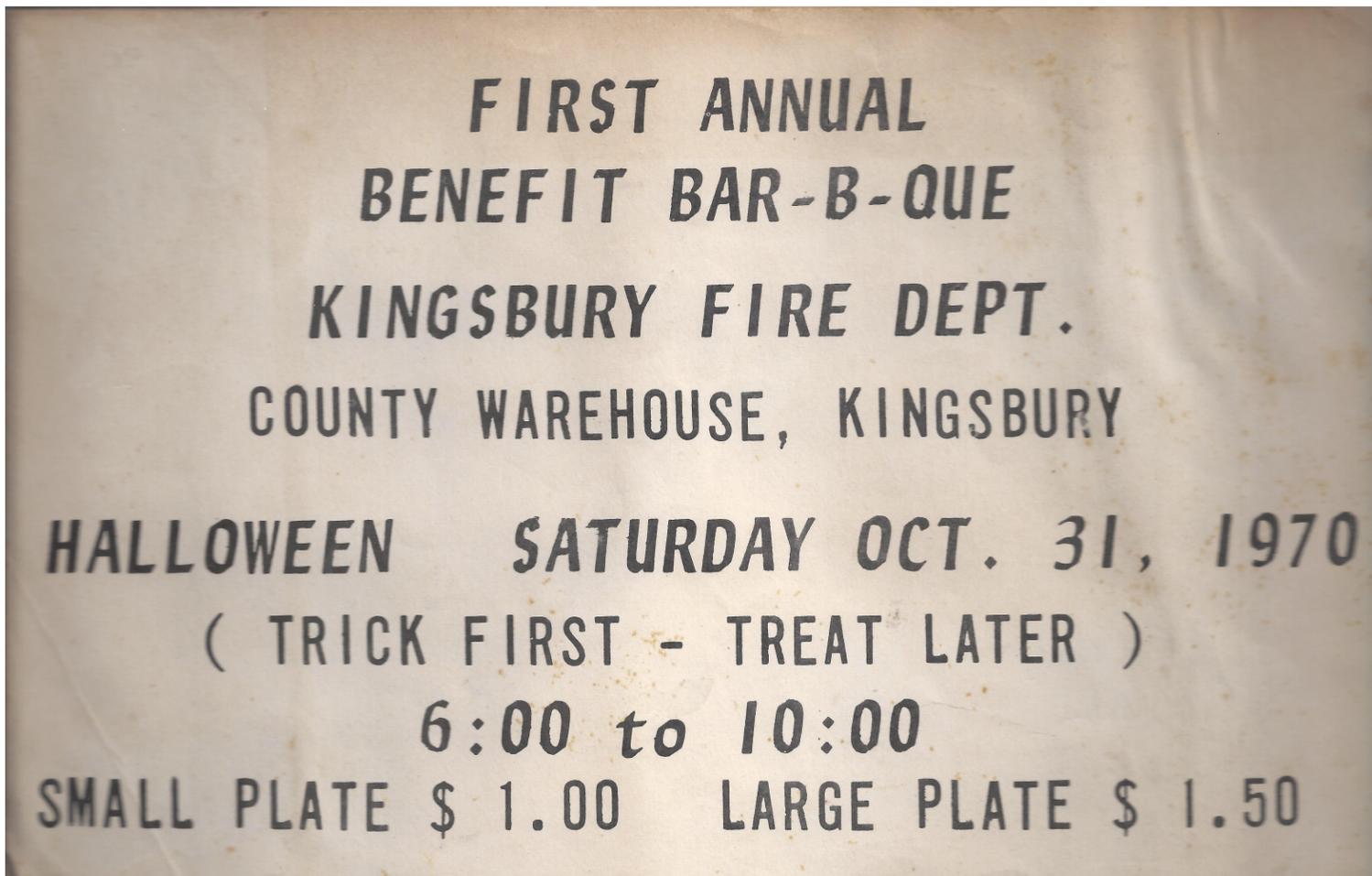


In other 1904 news, I love this lawn swing and it's only \$3.75 (I'd like a wagon umbrella for \$1.60 too, please), Marlin, Texas has a great new idea to have a ladies rest room, this new-fangled Oldsmobile will "do more work

held each year on the last Saturday in July.

There will be delicious Bar-B-Q, an exciting Live Auction, a silent auction, the famous Country Store, a raffle for over \$1300 in cash and prizes, tons of homemade desserts, a free dance under the stars and so much more!

More information to come!



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.



Kingsbury Postal Workers

This is a great picture of the people that worked for the Kingsbury Post Office circa 1950.

The back of the picture states:

From left to right: George Smith - rural carrier, Oscar Halm - retired Postmaster, James Talley - mail messenger, Lucille Coates - postal clerk, Edna Beaty, Jaquelin Schmidt - acting Postmaster, Marshall (Lightening) Beaty - mail carrier, Irma Donsbach Oliver - substitute carrier, Carl Anderson - rural carrier.

The picture appears to be taken in front of the **clerk** windows inside the old Post Office on the corner of Kingsbury

Road and Railway Street. The post office prior to this building was the little blue building just three doors down on Railway St. I'm not sure at what time it was moved to the corner building, but in this picture, the space looks too big for that little building so it must have already moved.

There is a "Notice To Federal Income Taxpayers" posted on the wall (wonder what they were being notified of?) and the floor is hardwood planks.



Older post office down the street.



Old post office probably in the picture.

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