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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Coronavirus

With the number of COVID-19 coronavirus cases continuing to rise in the US, the first case in Guadalupe County was diagnosed this past Friday. The case is said to be travel related and not due to community spread.

On Thursday, Governor Abbott announced an executive order that limits social gatherings to 10 people, prohibits eating and drinking at restaurants and bars (while still allowing takeout), close gyms, ban people from visiting nursing homes except for critical care, and temporarily close schools. The executive order is effective through midnight April 3rd for the entire state of Texas.

On Friday, the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court passed a Declaration of Local **Disaster** for the county that "authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, and locating those who do not do comply with the County rules." Information on the declaration, county office closures, press releases, and FAQ sheets can be found at <https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>

We are all trying to watch out for ourselves and our loved ones during this strange time, the basics of keeping safe have been well circulated ... but it doesn't hurt to say them again!

DO



Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub



Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze



Avoid close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell

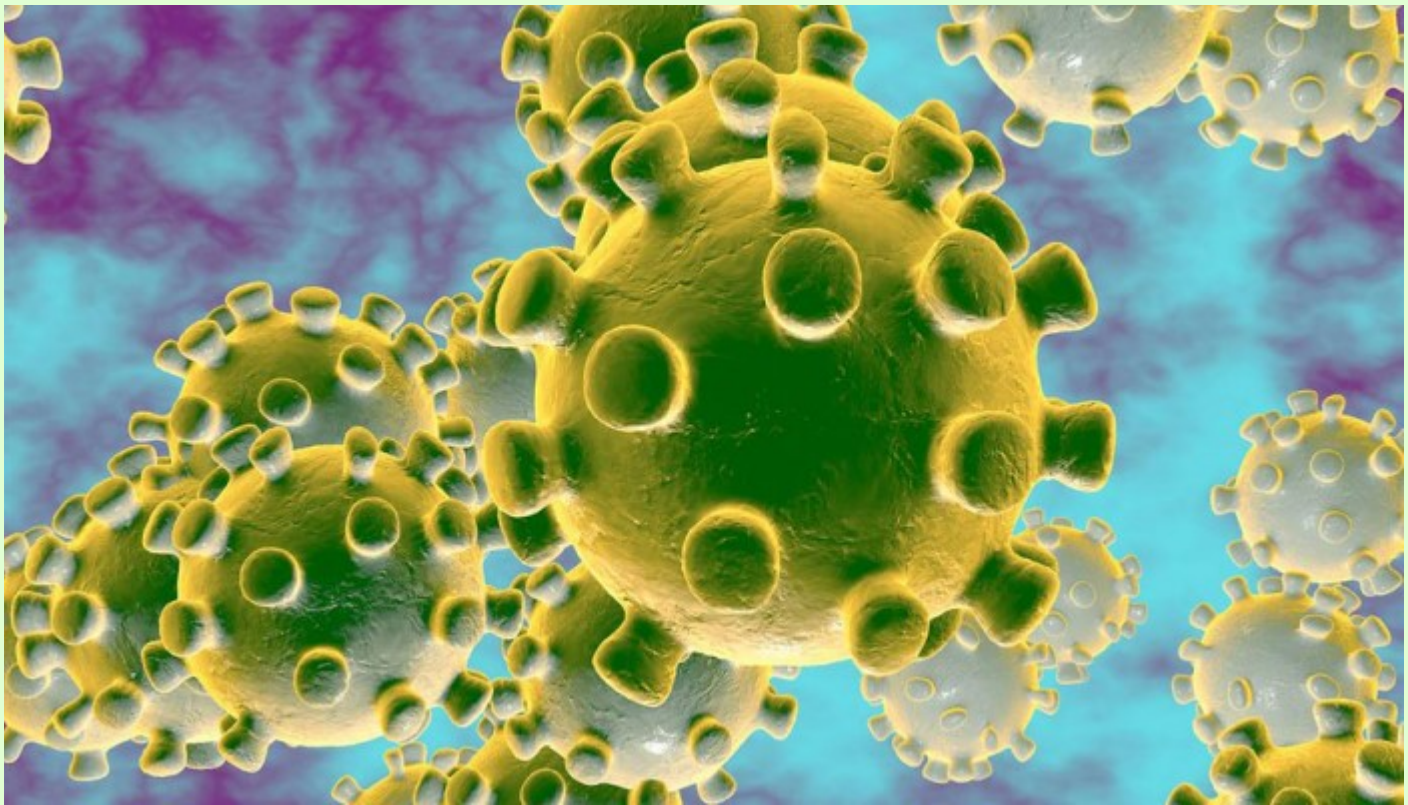
Stay home and self-isolate from others in the household if you feel unwell

DON'T





Touch your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean



## 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:

March 22 - National Bavarian Crepes Day, National Goof Off Day, National West Virginia Day

March 23 - National Chia Day, National Chip and Dip Day, National Near Miss Day, National Melba Toast Day, National Puppy Day

March 24 - National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day, National Cheesesteak Day, National American Diabetes Association Alert Day

March 25 - National Lobster Newburg Day, National Medal of Honor Day, National Tolkien Reading Day, National Little Red Wagon Day, Manatee Appreciation Day, National Ag Day

March 26 - Epilepsy Awareness Day – Purple Day, National Nougat Day, National Spinach Day

March 27 - International Medical Science Liaison Day, National Joe Day, National Scribble Day, National Spanish Paella Day

March 28 - National Black Forest Cake Day, National Something on a Stick Day, National Triglycerides Day, National Weed Appreciation Day





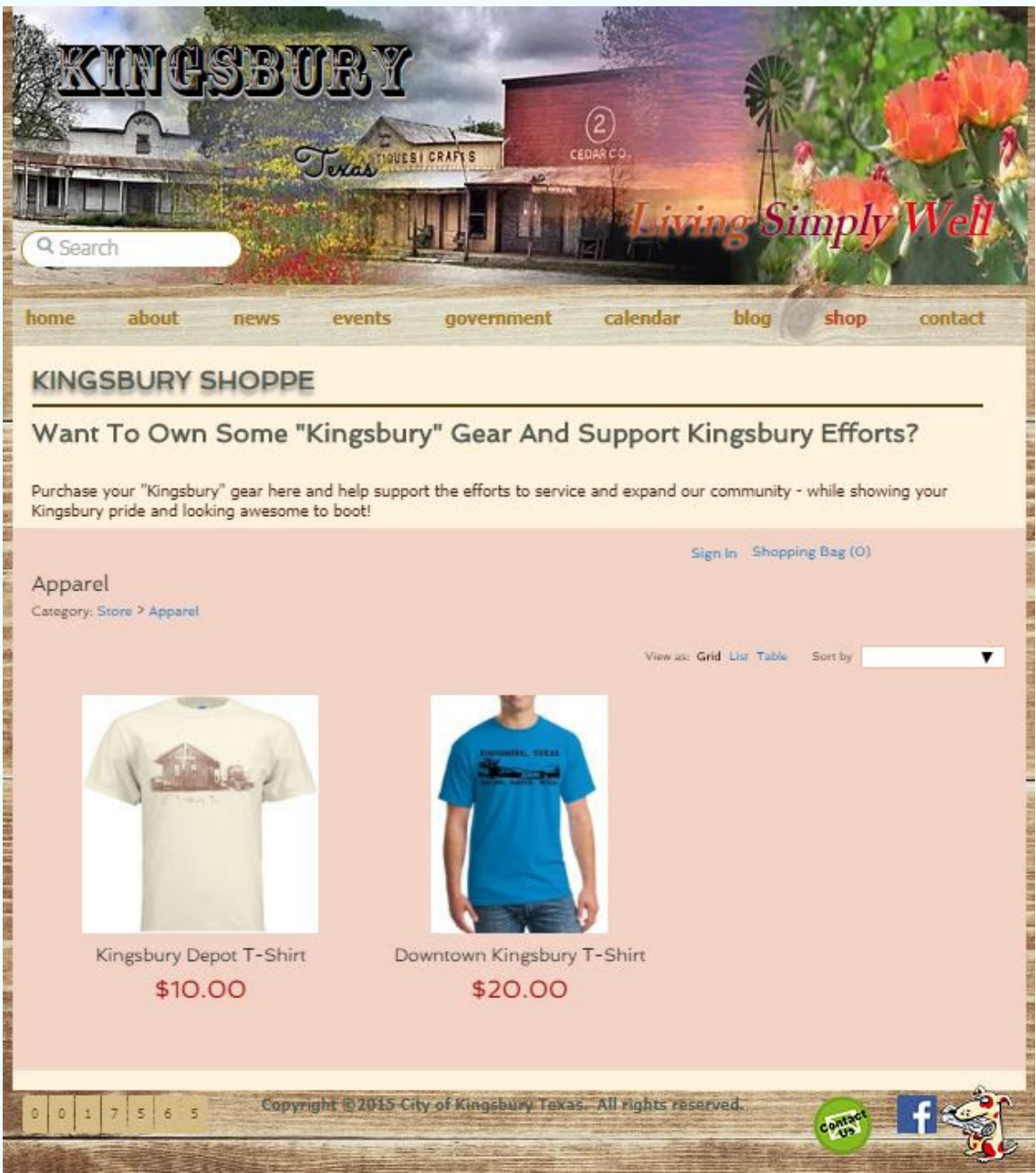
## Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

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](http://www.kingsburytexas.org) to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!



## Massacre At Goliad

This week in Texas history, on March 27, 1836, hundreds of captured Texian soldiers were executed by Mexican forces at Goliad.

At the Battle of Coleto Creek (see last week's Newsletter) on March 19 and 20, the Texians had put up a gallant fight after being surrounded by Mexican troops commanded by General Jose de Urrea. But after being outnumbered, out-gunned, and without water, Colonel Fannin and the majority of his troops voted to surrender. The Mexicans took the **Texians** back to Goliad, where they were held as prisoners at Fort Defiance (Presidio La Bahia). The Texians thought they would likely be set free in a few weeks. Urrea departed Goliad, leaving Colonel José Nicolás de la Portilla in command. Urrea wrote to Santa Anna to ask for clemency for the Texians. Under a decree passed by the Mexican Congress on December 30 of the previous year, armed foreigners taken in combat were to be treated as pirates and executed. Urrea wrote in his diary that he "...wished to elude these orders as far as possible without compromising my personal responsibility." Santa Anna responded to this

entreaty by repeatedly ordering Urrea to comply with the law and execute the prisoners. He also had a similar order sent directly to the "Officer Commanding the Post of Goliad". This order was received by Portilla on March 26, who decided it was his duty to comply despite receiving a countermanding order from Urrea later that same day.

The next day, Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, Portilla had between 425 and 445 Texians marched out of Fort Defiance in three columns on the Bexar Road, San Patricio Road, and the Victoria Road, between two rows of Mexican soldiers; they were shot point blank, survivors were clubbed and knifed to death.

Held at Fort Defiance, Colonel Fannin was the last to be executed, after seeing his men killed. Aged 32, he was taken by Mexican soldiers to the courtyard in front of the chapel, blindfolded, and seated in a chair (due to his leg wound from the battle). He made three requests: that his personal possessions be sent to his family, to be shot in the heart and not the face, and to be given a Christian burial. The soldiers took his belongings, shot him in the face, and burned his body along with those of the other Texians who died that day.

The entire Texian force was killed, except for 28 men who feigned death and escaped. Due to the intervention of Francita Alavez (the "Angel of Goliad") and the courageous effort of Colonel Garay, 20 more men were spared to act as doctors, interpreters, or workers.

Also spared were the 75 soldiers of Miller and the Nashville Battalion who had been unarmed when they were captured. They were later marched to Matamoras.

Spared men were given white arm bands, and while wearing them could walk about freely. They were advised not to take off the arm band, since Mexican troops were hunting for those few who had escaped from Coleto, Victoria, and the massacre itself.

The massive number of Texian prisoner-of-war casualties throughout the Goliad Campaign led to Goliad being called a "massacre" by Texas-American forces and fueled the frenzy of the Runaway Scrape, the massive movement of humanity fleeing eastward ahead of the Mexican Army. The Runaway Scrape had been joined by the widows of the Alamo and now by the widows of Goliad.

After the executions, the Texians' bodies were piled and burned. Their charred remains were left in the open, unburied, and exposed to vultures and coyotes.

General Thomas J. Rusk found the remains of the massacre victims in June, 1836 and gave orders for a formal military funeral. The remains were interred at the location southeast of the Presidio la Bahia where the Fannin Monument now stands. The whereabouts of the gravesite was forgotten until years later when human bone fragments were discovered by a group of boys.

In 1938 the monument to Fannin and his men was erected at the gravesite.

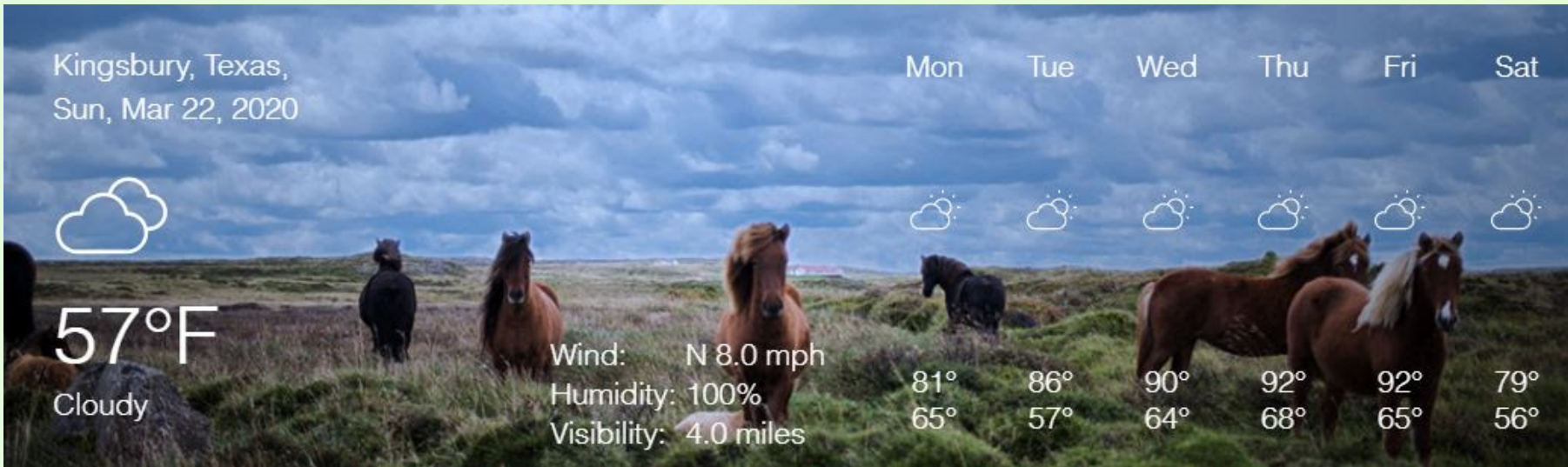
Back in 1836, after the fall of the Alamo and now Goliad, the Mexican forces continue to move eastward where General Sam Houston has fallen back and has been training his Texian army near San Jacinto ...





### 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](#)

### Kingsbury, Texas - 1981

A beautiful day in downtown Kingsbury in 1981. The picture is taken looking northwest from south of the tracks. The edge of **Ray's Cafe** with it's green front is visible and there are a couple of good lookin' Ford trucks parked at the tree. The post office was still at this location and there is a mail box beside the front door. The power



lines look like they have the old glass insulators up there. The Stop sign is on a little shorty wood post that was only about 3 feet high.

There are no "arms" that come down at the tracks and not even any warning lights - just the "Rail Road Crossing - 2 Tracks" signs. Those were the days when you could really race the train to get across the tracks. Not a good idea but I think a lot of us did it anyway!



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**Thanks!**

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