

## Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - January 27, 2019

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*



*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### Groundhog Day

This coming Saturday, February 2, is Groundhog Day.

According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of **winter** weather; no shadow means an early spring.

On February 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper Punxsutawney Spirit at the time, and he began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist".

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

Just what the heck is a groundhog anyway? According to Wikipedia: "The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as a woodchuck, or whistlepig, is a rodent of the family *Sciuridae*, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The groundhog is also referred to as a chuck, wood-shock, groundpig, whistler, thickwood badger, Canada marmot, monax, moonack, weenusk, and red monk. The name "thickwood badger" was given in the Northwest to distinguish the animal from the prairie badger. Monax was an Indian name of the woodchuck, which meant "the digger". Young groundhogs may be called chucklings. Other marmots, such as the yellow-bellied and hoary marmots, live in rocky and mountainous areas, but the groundhog is a lowland

creature. It is widely distributed in North America and common in the northeastern and central United States and Canada. Groundhogs are found as far north as Alaska, with their habitat extending southeast to Georgia."

There you have it! Do you want 6 more weeks of winter? We haven't had much of one so far so I'm not sure it would make any difference. I'm sure that some of the people up north that are dealing with polar vortexes are looking forward to the groundhog popping up with no shadow in sight.



## 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:

January 27 - National Chocolate Cake Day

January 28 - National Have Fun At Work Day, National Kazoo Day, National Blueberry Pancake Day, Data Privacy Day, National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

January 29 - National Puzzle Day, National Corn Chip Day, Plan for Vacation Day

January 30 - National Croissant Day

January 31 - National Backward Day, National Inspire Your Heart With Art Day

February 1 - National Freedom Day, National Get Up Day, National Baked Alaska Day, National Serpent Day, National Texas Day, National Wear Red Day, Bubble Gum Day

February 2 - National Groundhog Day, National Heavenly Hash Day, National Tater Tot 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?!

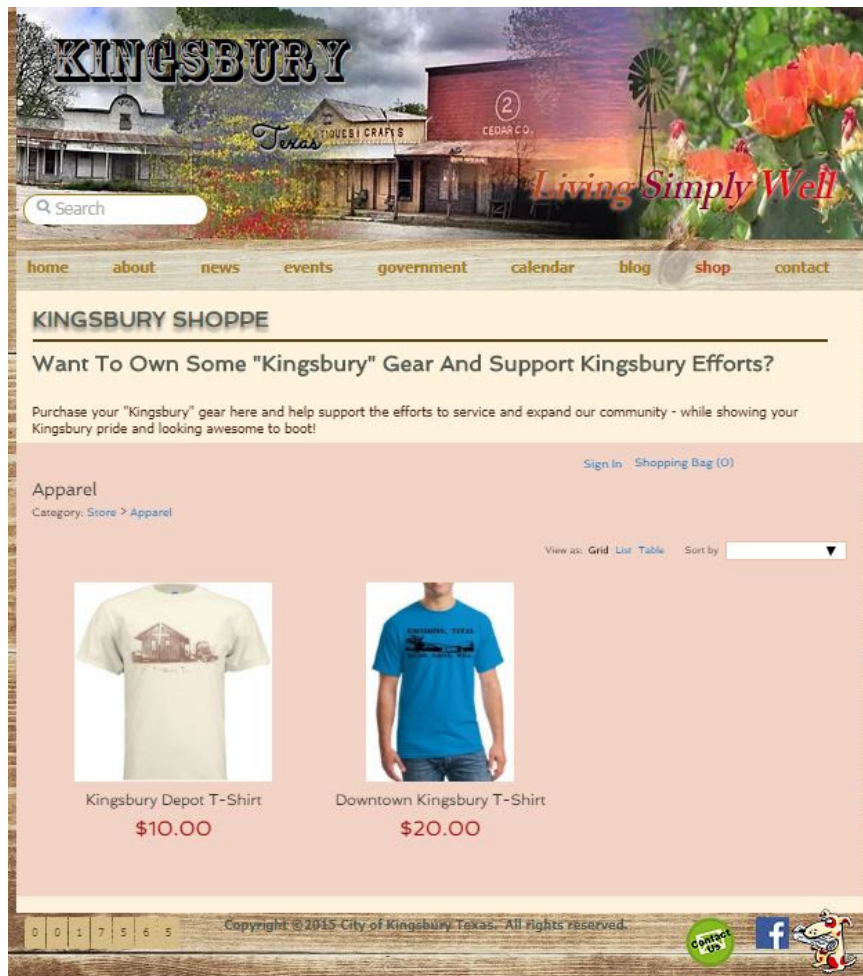
They're \$20 and are available in blue, pink, turquoise, red, and the classic black.

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!





## 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, February 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!



## Kingsbury News Past

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

The October 17, 1902 edition of the Houston Post had a report of the most recent "Cotton Receipts". Kingsbury looks to be a little ahead of last season with 685 bales. According to the additional detail, Kingsbury farmers are "holding for better prices" while the "better class of farmers" in Tenaha (northeast of Nacogdoches) are selling as fast as they can.

COTTON RECEIPTS.			
1. Receipts to date this season.	2. Receipts to same date last season.	3. Total receipts last season.	
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Westfield .....	60	80	....
Klein .....	35	50	....
Mason .....	1,835	....	....
Boerne .....	475	475	1,000
Caddo Mills .....	1,262	2,088	....
Lewisville .....	2,837	2,100	5,270
Mineola .....	6,000	4,000	....
Skidmore .....	528	1,000	....
San Felipe .....	370	324	480
Sweet Home .....	400	650	....
Aquilla .....	848	347	1,845
Kingsbury .....	685	550	1,300
Tenaha .....	1,333	1,200	....
Leesville .....	1,100	975	....
Brady .....	3,000	2,250	....
Goldthwaite .....	2,025	1,404	....
Abbott .....	1,000	2,000	3,200
Blossom .....	3,100	2,200	10,000
Athens .....	6,500	5,000	12,052
McDade .....	1,664	1,185	2,604
Warrenton .....	282	400	....

Aquilla.—A very small amount is being held, principally by farmers. The crop this year will be some better than last year.

Kingsbury.—The farmers have 150 bales here, holding for better prices. Cotton is practically all gathered.

Tenaha.—Very little cotton being held by farmers, more by buyers. The better class of farmers are selling as fast as they can get it to market.

Leesville.—The cotton is being sold as fast as gathered. Those who held cotton last year lost by it, and no one, merchant or farmer, is holding any to amount to this season. The crop is practically gathered. The amount yet to come will not equal two bales to the farm.

Frelsburg.—The cotton receipts have been about one-third as compared with that of last year. All the cotton was bought by E. Kollmann, who has about 200 bales, and is holding for better prices.

In other news, Model Laundry has a weird little ad showing a man with apples and about to be pounced on by dogs and a man with a shotgun (I guess he's stealing the apples but I have no idea what that has to do with laundry), and every single store in Gary, Texas was "broken open by burglars". Siron Bostick (his name was actually Sion Record Bostick) passed away at age 82. He was a veteran of the Battle of Gonzales, the Siege of Bexar, the Battle of San Jacinto, and the Battle of Plum Creek. At San Jacinto he was one of three soldiers who captured General Santa Anna and turned him over to the injured General Sam Houston. Elsewhere, smallpox and tuberculosis continue to be a problem across the state, look out for ducks and jacksnipe (I had to look that one up) after the next Norther, and the posses have not yet caught the "fellow" who "perpetrated the criminal assault" at Yarrelton just east of Temple.



**Everyone Can See Your Finish.**

The majority of people know the finish we put on goods and are well pleased. We have plenty of room for more work and solicit your patronage.

**MODEL LAUNDRY**  
1011 PRAIRIE.  
Cleaning and Dyeing Executed Promptly.

**Burglars Raided Gary.**  
Timpson, Texas, October 15.—Last night every store in Gary was broken open by burglars. The cash drawers were robbed, but not much money gotten. At some of the places nothing could be missed. The losses, as best ascertained, are about as follows: Mrs. Davis, \$25; Dr. Daniels, jewelry \$60, cash \$15; Cassidy, some canned goods; Kyle's saloon, some liquor. It is supposed entrance was effected by the use of crowbars. There is no clue to the parties.

**SIRON R. BOSTICK IS DEAD.**  
A Veteran of San Jacinto, One of the Men Who Captured Santa Anna.



**STATE HEALTH OFFICER.**  
MAKES REPORT ON HIS DEPARTMENT TO THE GOVERNOR.  
Smallpox Still Prevails in the State and There is No Precaution Against Spread of Tuberculosis.

**After the Next Norther**

Look out for ducks in marshes and watery places, five to ten miles from city. You will need

**Special Duck Loads**

In Winchester shells. Loads for jacksnipe and quail. Famous Winchester, Ithaca, Remington, Smith and Parker Shot Guns.

Take Down Shot Guns and Rifles.  
Best Duck Decoys 4.25 a dozen.

**BERING-CORTES HARDWARE CO.,**  
Corner Prairie and Milam.

**Fellow Was Not Caught.**  
Cameron, Texas, October 16.—The posse which scoured the bottoms near here in search for the fellow who perpetrated the criminal assault near Varrelton were unsuccessful and many of them have returned here. The officers are still in the field.

The Howard Smith Co. has this awesome looking steam pump for sale, Grandma's Tea cures all kinds of awful sounding ailments (but don't you love the picture of Grandma?), and poor Mrs. Page was burned to death when her clothing caught fire. Almost every one of these old newspapers had a story about a woman being badly burned or killed when her dress caught fire - it was one of those sad facts of life that long, cotton dresses so often came in contact with fires used for cooking, laundry, and heating. Elsewhere, W.P. Sturm has all your oil well needs, and Batson tried to break out of jail using an improvised saw made of a stick and needles. It couldn't have been regular sewing needles, could it? What kind of needles almost sawed through the bars and how did he get needles into jail anyway?!



WHEN IN THE MARKET FOR A

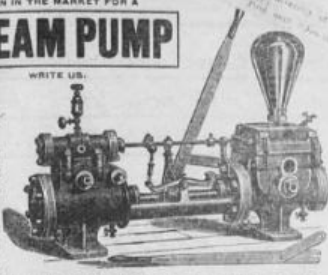
# STEAM PUMP

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**HOWARD SMITH CO.**

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# Oil Wells

and Prospecting Work  
a Specialty.

Heaviest drilling rigs in use.

Correspondence solicited,  
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# Grandma's Tea

PURELY VEGETABLE

**CURES CONSTIPATION  
CORRECTS A BILIOUS LIVER  
PURIFIES THE BLOOD**

Keeps the system in perfect health

## WAS BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. A. T. Page of Eddy Was Roasted Alive.

Waco, Texas, October 16.—Mrs. A. T. Page of Eddy was burned to death this afternoon. Her clothing caught fire while she was working around a fire, and before help could reach her she was roasted alive. She belonged to the best families in the county and was a sister of County Commissioner M. J. Montgomery. Her death is deeply deplored by all. She leaves a husband and several children.

## BATSON TRIED TO ESCAPE.

### Improvised a Saw from Needles and a Piece of Wood.

Lake Charles, La., October 16.—Batson, the murderer of the Earl family, who is awaiting his second trial, made an effort, with the assistance of several other prisoners who are in the same cell, to escape from jail last evening. A number of needles was secured and a small stick about ten inches long, through which the needles were thrust, forming an almost perfect saw. With this tool it was carefully planned to saw through the bars of the cage to liberty.

Mr. Lyons, the jailer, made a rigid examination, and while examining the large cell he discovered the improvised saw concealed between the bath tub and wall.

Further investigation developed the fact that the bars had been cut through about an eighth of an inch, and the job would doubtless have been completed in a short time.

## Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas

Sun, Jan 27, 2019



**51°F**

Mostly Cloudy

Wind: N 6.0 mph

Humidity: 92%

Visibility: 10.0 miles

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
72°	52°	56°	63°	67°	69°
34°	36°	43°	52°	52°	56°

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](#)

## Here Comes February

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The month of February starts on Friday this week.

The Roman month *Februarius* was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means purification, via the purification ritual *Februa* held on February 15 (full moon) in the old **lunar** Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a monthless period.

### February Symbols

Its birth flower is the violet (*Viola*) and the common primrose (*Primula vulgaris*).

Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

Its zodiac signs are Aquarius (until February 19) and Pisces (February 20 onwards).

The February skies are one of the few that are not blessed with meteor showers, but any cloudless night this month is a good time to bundle up and check out the diamonds in the sky. Maybe there will be the odd shooting star to make it special.

### FEBRUARY LORE

*There is always one fine week in February.*

*If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.*

*Fogs in February mean frosts in May.*

*Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.*



## Trail Drive Coming Soon

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The Mesquite Trail Drive starts this week on February 1st.

The riders will be making their way to the San Antonio **Fat** Stock Show and Rodeo. The drive usually arrives in Kingsbury a couple of days after they start and they stay in the downtown area or at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome.

Keep an eye out - ya can't miss 'em!





### Kingsbury Post Office and Drug Store

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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?



## 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](#), 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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