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Dear Kingsbury,

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

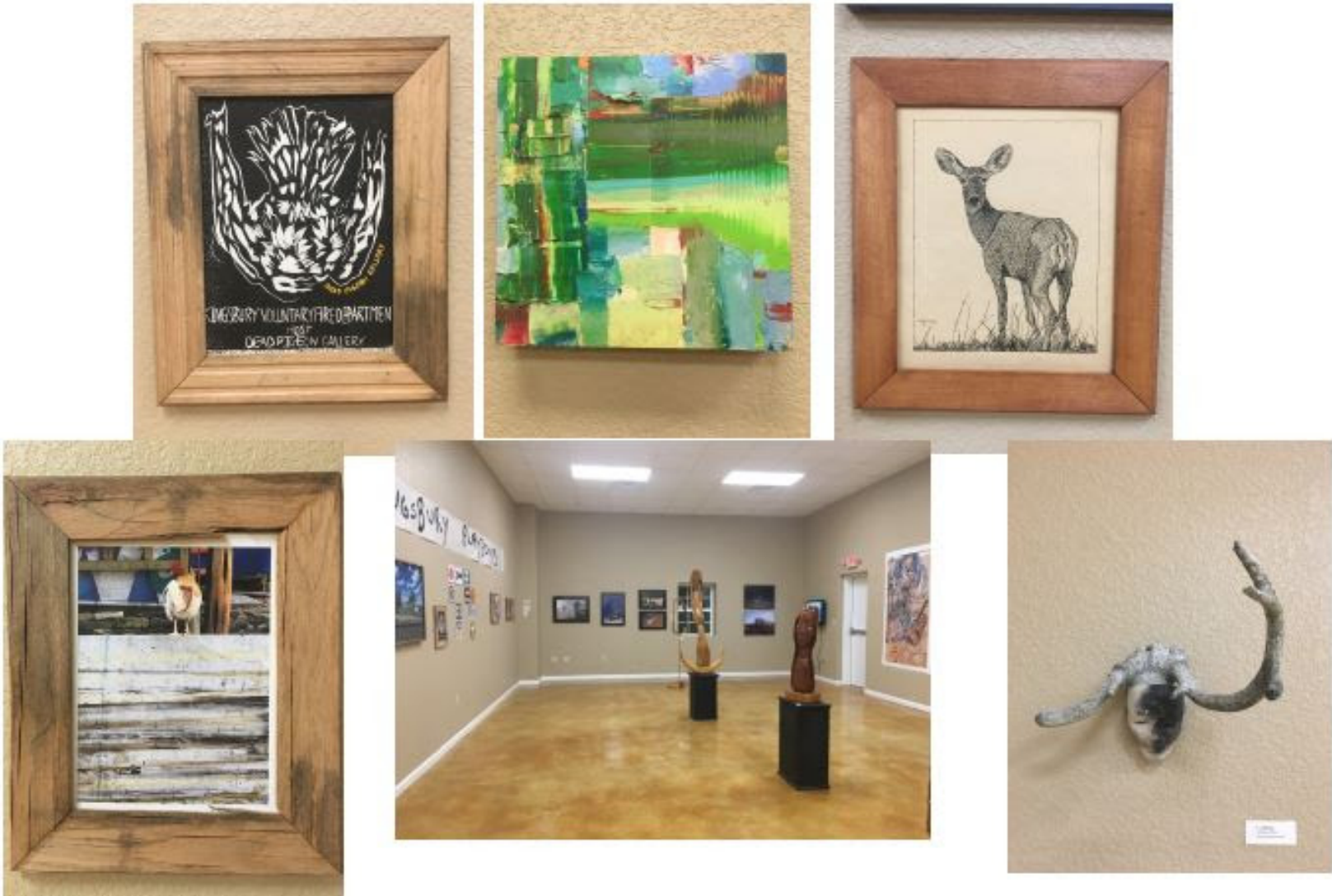
The Dead Pigeon Art Gallery Showing

This past Saturday was the Opening Night for the Dead Pigeon Gallery, a pop up gallery founded in Liverpool, England, and locally hosted by the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department. The exhibition includes "A Postcard From Kingsbury" - a collection of art and **objects** curated over a three month residency at Habitable Spaces in Kingsbury.

The exhibition twins the KVFD with the gallery's other show currently in Liverpool at the local Member of Parliament's office of Dan Carden.

The exhibition will be open for the public Monday the 26th through Friday the 30th from 1 to 5 pm.

Come by the KVFD fire station and check it all 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:

November 25th - National Parfait Day, Blase´Day, Shopping Reminder Day

November 26th - National Cake Day, Cyber Monday

November 27th - National Craft Jerky Day, National Bavarian Cream Pie Day, National Day of Giving

November 28th - National French Toast Day

November 29th - National Package Protection Day, Electronic Greetings Day, Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting

November 30th - National Mason Jar Day, National Mississippi Day, National Mousse Day, National Meth Awareness Day, Computer Security Day, Stay Home Because You’re Well Day

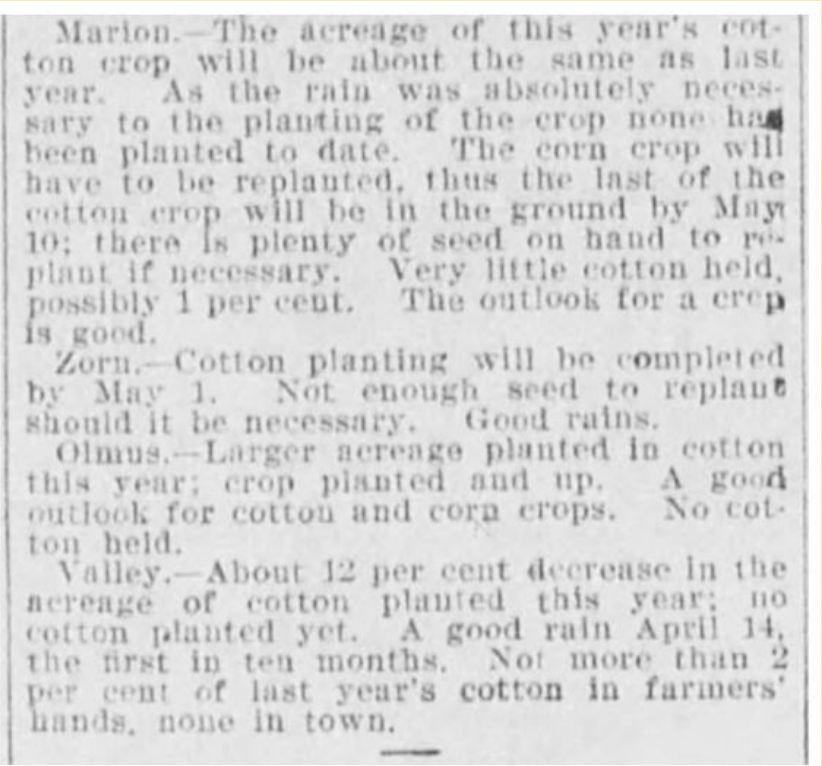
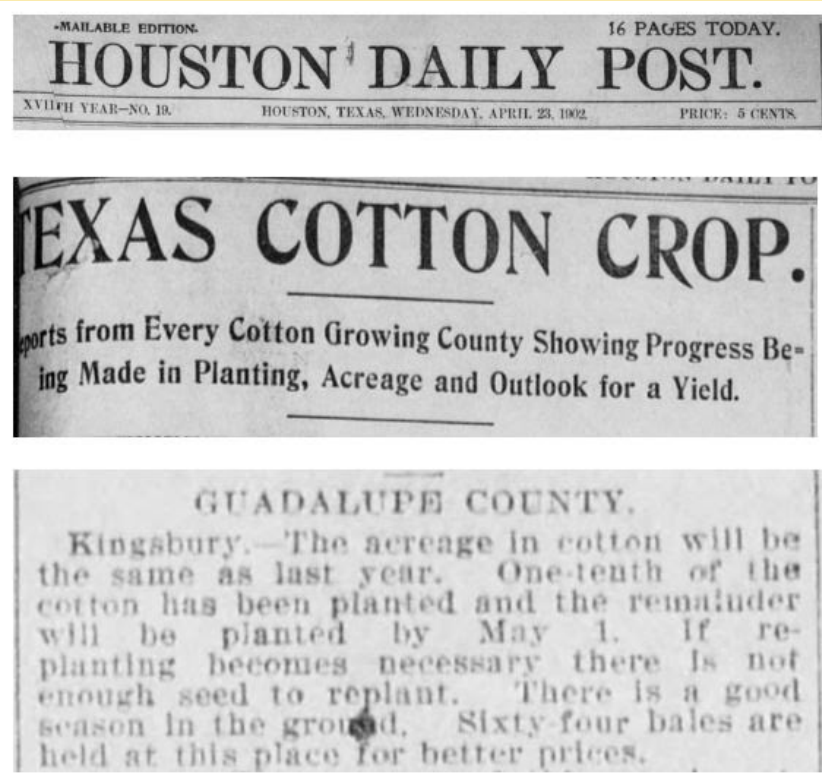
December 1st - National Pie Day, National Eat a Red Apple Day, Bifocals at the Monitor Liberation Day, Day With(out) Art Day, Rosa Parks Day



Kingsbury News Past

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

The April 23, 1902 edition of the *Houston Post* had several pages on the Texas Cotton Crop, county by county. In Guadalupe county there will not be enough seed if replanting is needed in Kingsbury, but "there is a good season in the ground." It sounds like other areas in the county are about the same including "Olmus" (which I'm guessing would be Olmos down FM 467) and Valley. If you've never heard of Valley, Texas, don't feel bad. According to the Texas State Historical Association: "Valley was on Cibolo Creek fourteen miles west of Seguin in southwestern Guadalupe County. The area was settled around 1850. As a stopping point for the stagecoach between Seguin and San Antonio, it was known as McClellan's. A post office called Valley opened in 1852. August and Edward Pfeil and George Bergfeld lived at Valley in the 1870s. By the mid-1880s Valley had two churches, a school, two steam gristmills, a cotton gin, and 350 residents; it shipped cotton, wool, and farm produce." It apparently started to decline soon after that and the post office was discontinued in 1907.



Elsewhere in 1902, there is quite an airship contest for the St. Louis World's Fair with a \$200,000 purse, Pennsylvania lawn mowers never get "out of order", Mr. Aladin (yes, Aladin) Vincent is suing Mr. Ball for taking bargeloads of shells from his property to "pave the streets of Orange", and Grove's has the "cure" for chronic chills and malaria with a mix of barks, roots, and sarsaparilla. "Wholesome" Budweiser is used "all 'round the wide, wide world", don't be duped into eating "ready-cooked factory food" when you can eat Scotch Oats (a kind of a porridge), and the Luling graduating class of '02 had their commencement at the "opera house" (not sure where the Luling opera house was) and included Rush Anderson and Pet Lamkin (who's full name was Pet Inez Lamkin - I love that name!).

❄️ December's birth flower is the narcissus which symbolizes good wishes, faithfulness and respect. Holly and the paperwhite - a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms - are also flowers for those born in December.

❄️ December's traditional birthstone is the turquoise. It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success. Zircon and tanzanite are also considered to be December birthstones.

Month-long observances in December:
National Egg Nog Month
National Fruit Cake Month
National Pear Month
National Tie Month
National Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month

DECEMBER 2018 LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST FOR TEXAS-OKLAHOMA
Dec 1-3 Sunny, cool
Dec 4-11 Rain, then sunny, mild
Dec 12-16 Rain, snow north, then sunny, mild
Dec 17-20 Showers, cool
Dec 21-23 Sunny, mild
Dec 24-31 Rain to snow, then sunny, cold north, showers south
December temperature 51° (2° below avg.)
precipitation 1.5" (1" below avg.)

The dark winter night sky is a joy to behold. Look skyward on the nights of December 13 and 14 after 9 P.M. for a chance to catch a glimpse of the Geminid meteors at their peak. Some shooting stars associated with the shower are expected to be visible each night from December 7th to December 16th

❄️ *Thunder in December presages fine weather.*
❄️ *A green Christmas, a white Easter.*
❄️ *As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.*
❄️ *If it rains much during the twelve days after Christmas, it will be a wet year.*



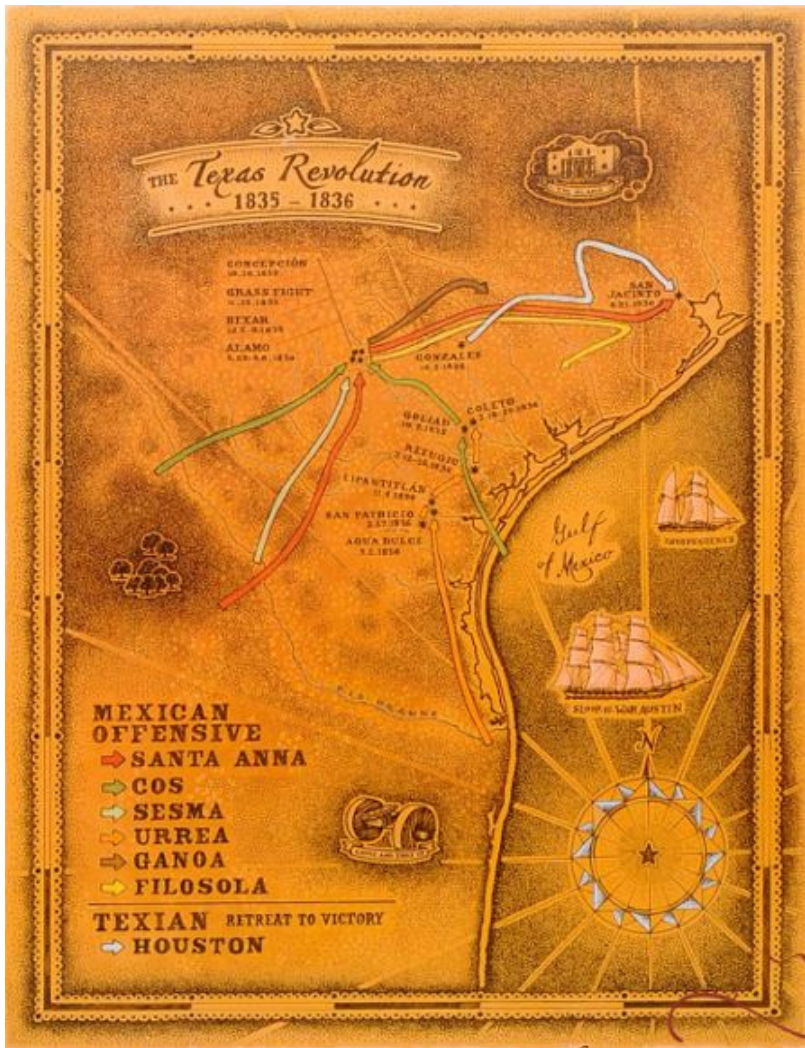
The Grass Fight

This week in Texas history, on November 26, 1835, Texan forces defeated a Mexican column in the so-called Grass Fight. The Texas army besieging San Antonio was informed at mid-morning that Mexican cavalymen with pack animals were approaching. Thinking that the column might be carrying pay for the Mexican army, the Texans attacked with cavalry and infantry. Gen. Martín Perfecto de Cos, commander of the Mexican garrison in San Antonio, sent out infantrymen and an artillery piece . . .

The Texas historical marker for the Grass Fight is located in San Antonio at the corner of W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. and S. Brazos Street where the battle once **rag**ed when it was open land. The marker reads:

Near this site on Nov. 26, 1835, occurred The Grass Fight. One of the least decisive but certainly most unusual battles of the Texas War for Independence. For more than a month, the Texan forces, composed of both Anglo- and Mexican-Texans, had camped near San Antonio de Bexar waiting for an opportunity to engage the army of the centralist regime stationed in the city. Erastus "Deaf" Smith, a Texas scout, learned that a Mexican pack train carrying silver to pay the garrison would arrive in Bexar. On Nov. 26 Smith sighted an approaching caravan and alerted the Texas camp. Col. James Bowie led about 100 volunteers, while others followed Col. Edward Burleson. Near the junction of Alazan, Apache and San Pedro Creeks, the Texans overtook the pack train. Soldiers from the garrison in Bexar rode to aid their comrades, but the Texans forced them to retreat and captured the pack animals. About 50 Mexican Soldiers were killed in the clash. Two Texans were wounded. In the packs the Texans found not silver but hay that Mexican troops had foraged for their livestock. Two weeks later, supported by a contingent under Juan N. Seguin, Ben Milam led Texan volunteers in the storming of Bexar, expelling the centralist army and

setting the stage for the Siege of the Alamo, Feb. 23 - March 6, 1836.



Hanging Out

These young girls were just "hanging out" in Kingsbury at the Hurt Brothers Garage (Geno's Garage today) in the early 1940s. From left to right: Dorothy Chessher, Joyce Hurt, Glenda Ferrell, Gloria Halm, and Mary Jane Appling. The car they are standing in front of is apparently a **junker** with no tires, but the car still in use and parked at the building looks like a much older model. Wouldn't it be great to have either one today? The "Motorists Wise Simoniz" sign in the back is advertising the Simoniz car wax. I don't think either of these cars saw much Simoniz-ing for a "fine finish and protection"!



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