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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Today's Newsletter went out with an incorrect date for the next Kingsbury City Commission meeting, That meeting is Monday, December 16th (not August!) and is the only change in this Newsletter from the edition that was sent out this morning.

Winter Solstice - First Day of Winter

This Saturday, December 21st, is the Winter Solstice. Winter officially begins with the Winter Solstice as it is the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere.

The winter solstice is the day with the fewest hours of sunlight in the whole year. In the Northern Hemisphere, it always occurs around December 21 or 22. (In the Southern Hemisphere, the winter solstice occurs around June 20 or 21.)

The word solstice comes from Latin *sol* “sun” and *sistere* “to stand still.” In the Northern Hemisphere, as summer advances to winter, the points on the horizon where the Sun rises and sets advance southward each day; the high point in the Sun’s daily path across the sky, which occurs at local noon, also moves southward each day.

At the winter solstice, the Sun’s path has reached its **southernmost** position. The next day, the path will advance northward. However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun’s path seems to stay the same, or stand still. The Sun is directly overhead at “high-noon” on Winter Solstice at the latitude called the Tropic of Capricorn.



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:

December 15 - National Cupcake Day, Bill of Rights Day, Cat Herders Day, National Wear Your Pearls Day

December 16 - National Chocolate-covered Anything Day, Barbie and Barney Backlash Day

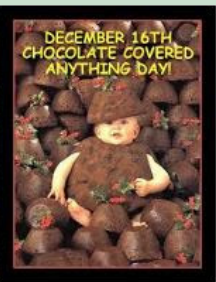
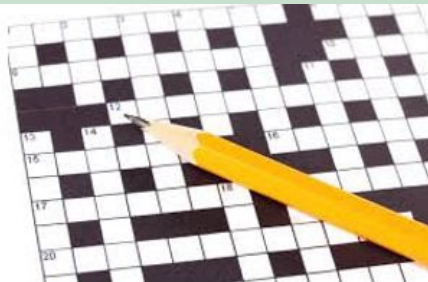
December 17 - National Maple Syrup Day, Wright Brothers Day

December 18 - National Twin Day, National Roast Suckling Pig Day, Answer The Telephone Like Buddy The Elf Day

December 19 - National Hard Candy Day, National Oatmeal Muffin Day, National Re-Gifting Day

December 20 - National Sangria Day, Mudd Day, National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Underdog Day

December 21 - National French Fried Shrimp Day, Crossword Puzzle Day, Humbug Day, National Maine Day, Phileas Fogg Win A Wager Day, Winter Solstice, National Flashlight Day – Day of Winter Solstice, National Homeless Persons’ Remembrance Day, Yule



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!

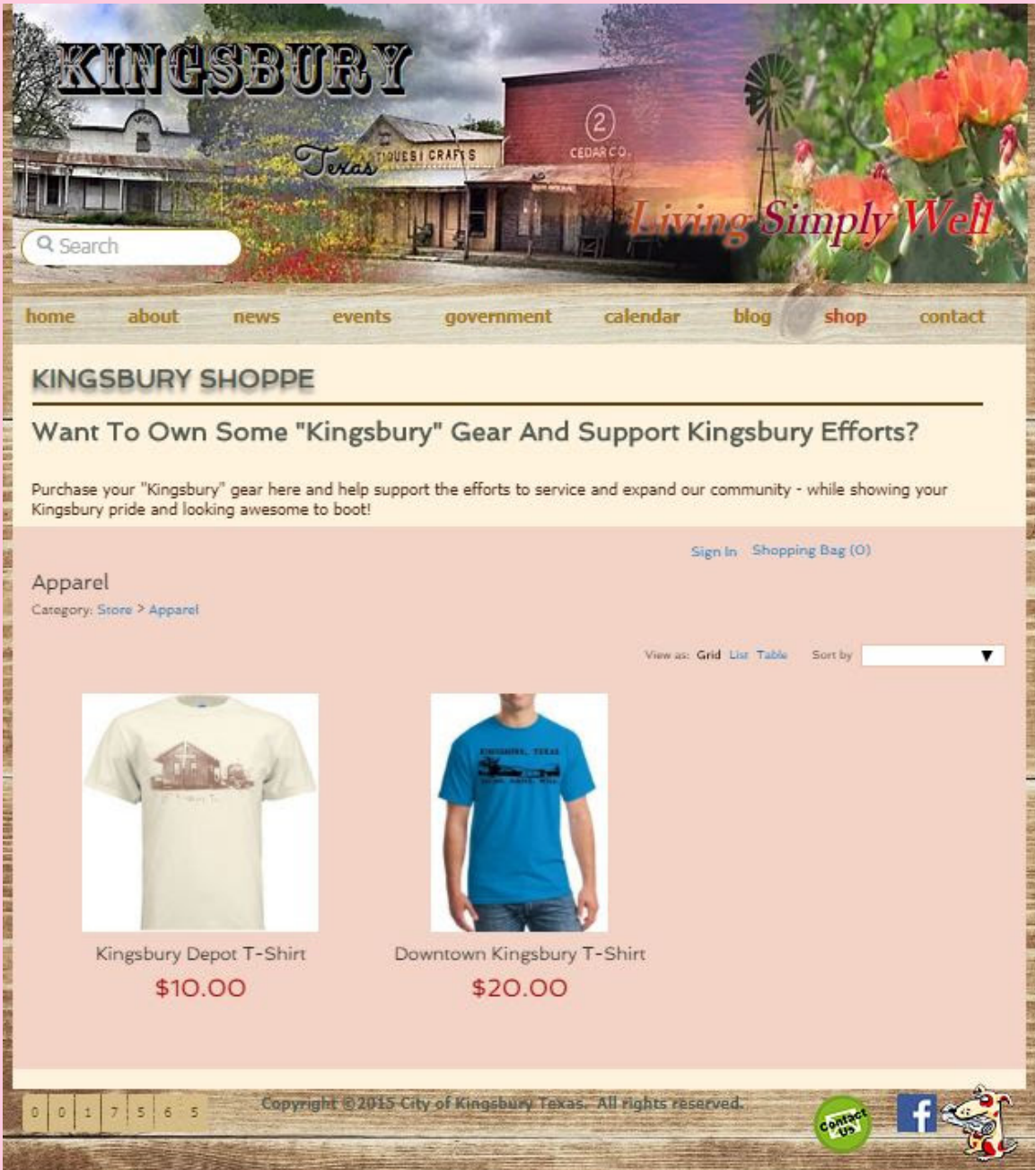
The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo:
LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.
That says it all, doesn't it?!

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!



Christmas Bags

Every year the Kingsbury VFD Auxiliary puts together and delivers some awesome gift boxes/baskets/bags for the people in their fire district that are shut-in or at least 85 years young. The Auxiliary delivered to over 40 people this past Saturday with Christmas bags that included fruit, candy, snacks, fun Christmas items, and **homemade** cookies. Each bag also included a beautiful Christmas card.

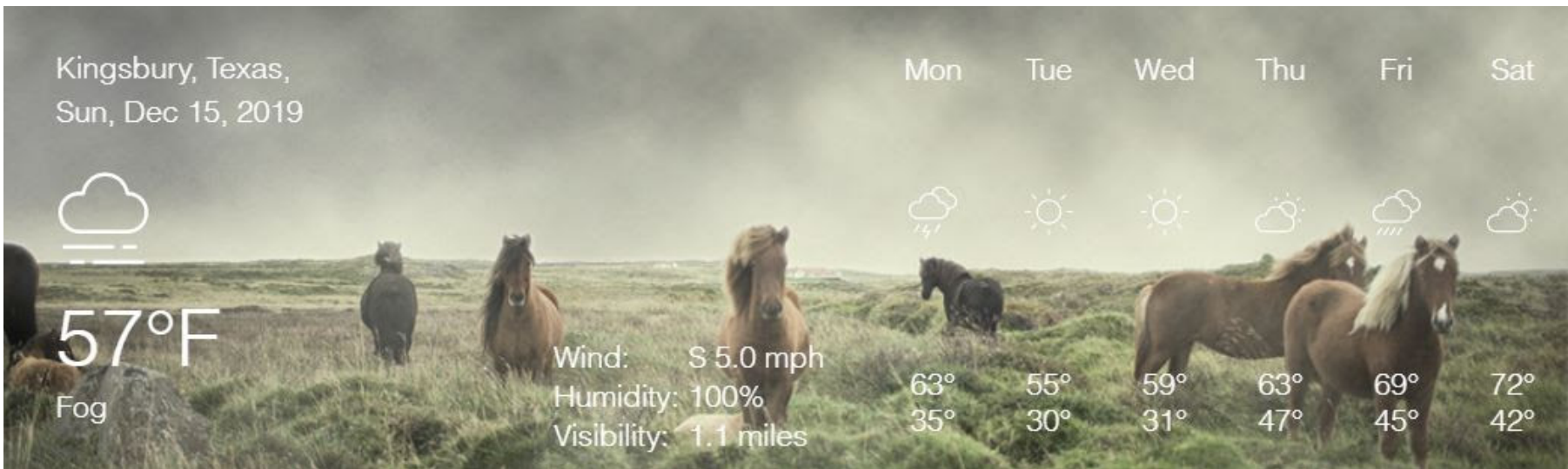
It's a wonderful Christmas tradition that means so much to both the givers and receivers!

It's just one of the many things that the KVFD Auxiliary does for our community. Thank you for all you do Auxiliary!



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 City Commission

The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, December 16th

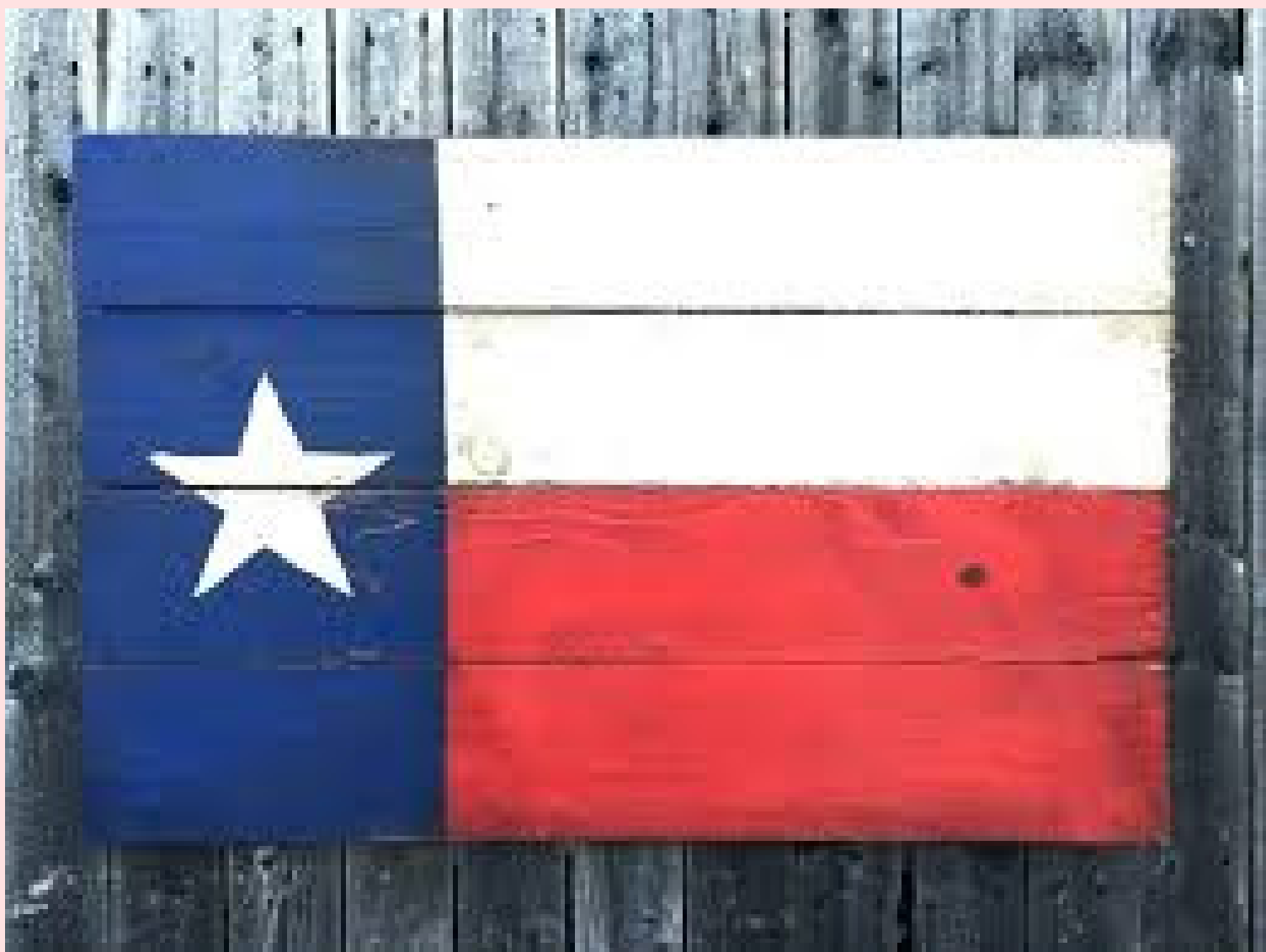
at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:

- ★ Discussion on trail riders
- ★ Discussion on updates from Union Pacific
- ★ Discussion on letter from Mayes Middleton

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.

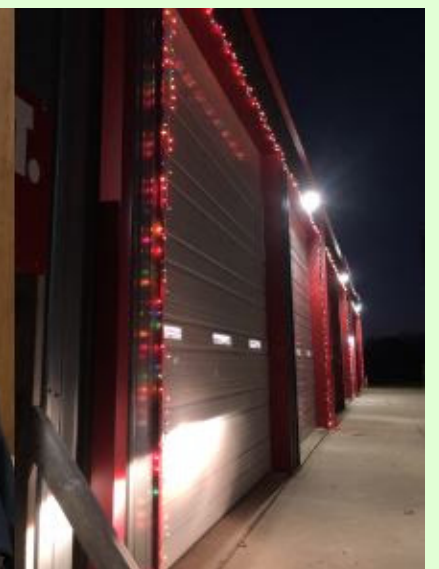


Red Hot Cocoa Night

The first annual **Red** Hot Cocoa With A Firefighter event was this past Saturday.

The fire station was lit and decorated and there was face painting, hot dogs with all the fixin's, cookies, games and activities, sleigh rides, and of course ... hot cocoa (marshmallows optional!).

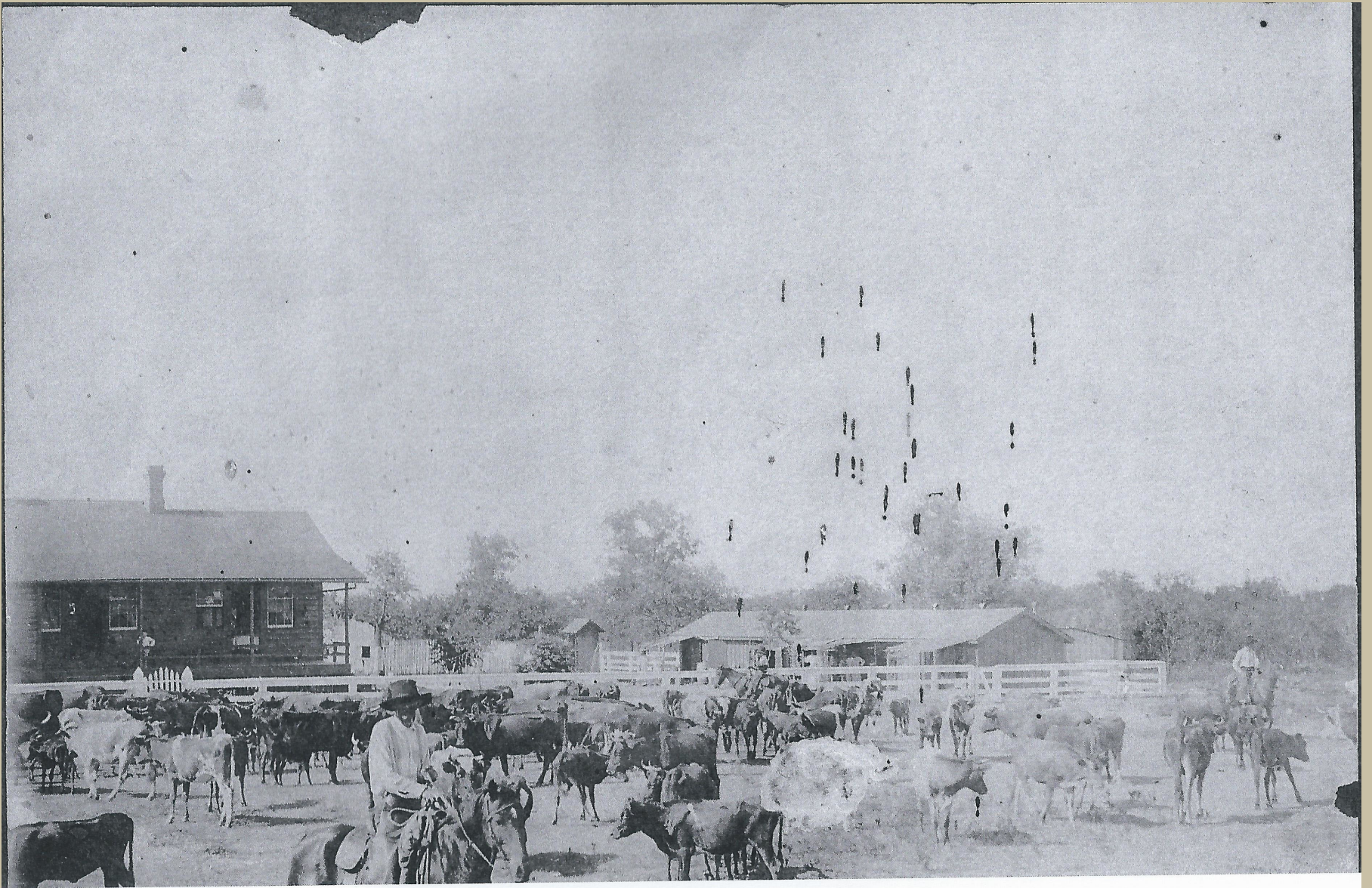
Everyone had a great time and let's hope this event becomes a Christmas tradition.



Round Up!

This is a picture taken at the pens that were at the Kingsbury Depot. The pens were used to hold cattle and other livestock until being loaded into the railroad cars bound for parts along the line between New Orleans and San Francisco. The gentleman in **chaps** on the horse in the foreground is John H. Schmidt (1853-1932) and one of the riders behind the cattle is John H. Schmidt, Jr. (1887-1936).

John Schmidt was in his horse and buggy in 1932 when he was killed when his buggy was struck by an automobile. He was always very comfortable on a horse and came to Kingsbury from Germany when he was but 8 months old. It was said that the loading pens at the Kingsbury train depot might as well have belonged to him because he used them so frequently!



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Thanks!

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