

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - February 17, 2019

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Presidents Day

This Monday, February 18, is Presidents Day.

The story of Presidents’ Day date begins in 1800. Following President George Washington’s death in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of **remembrance**. At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

While Washington’s Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was the first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington’s Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Independence Day and Thanksgiving—and was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents’ Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.





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:

February 17 - National Random Acts of Kindness Day, National Cabbage Day

February 18 - National Battery Day, National Drink Wine Day, National Crab Stuffed Flounder Day, Presidents Day

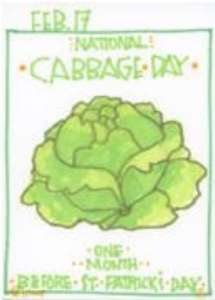
February 19 - National Vet Girls ROCK Day, National Lash Day, National Chocolate Mint Day

February 20 - National Cherry Pie Day, National Love Your Pet Day

February 21 - National Grain-Free Day, National Sticky Bun Day

February 22 - National Margarita Day, National California Day, National Cook a Sweet Potato Day, Skip the Straw Day

February 23 - National Banana Bread Day, National Dog Biscuit Day, National Tile 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!

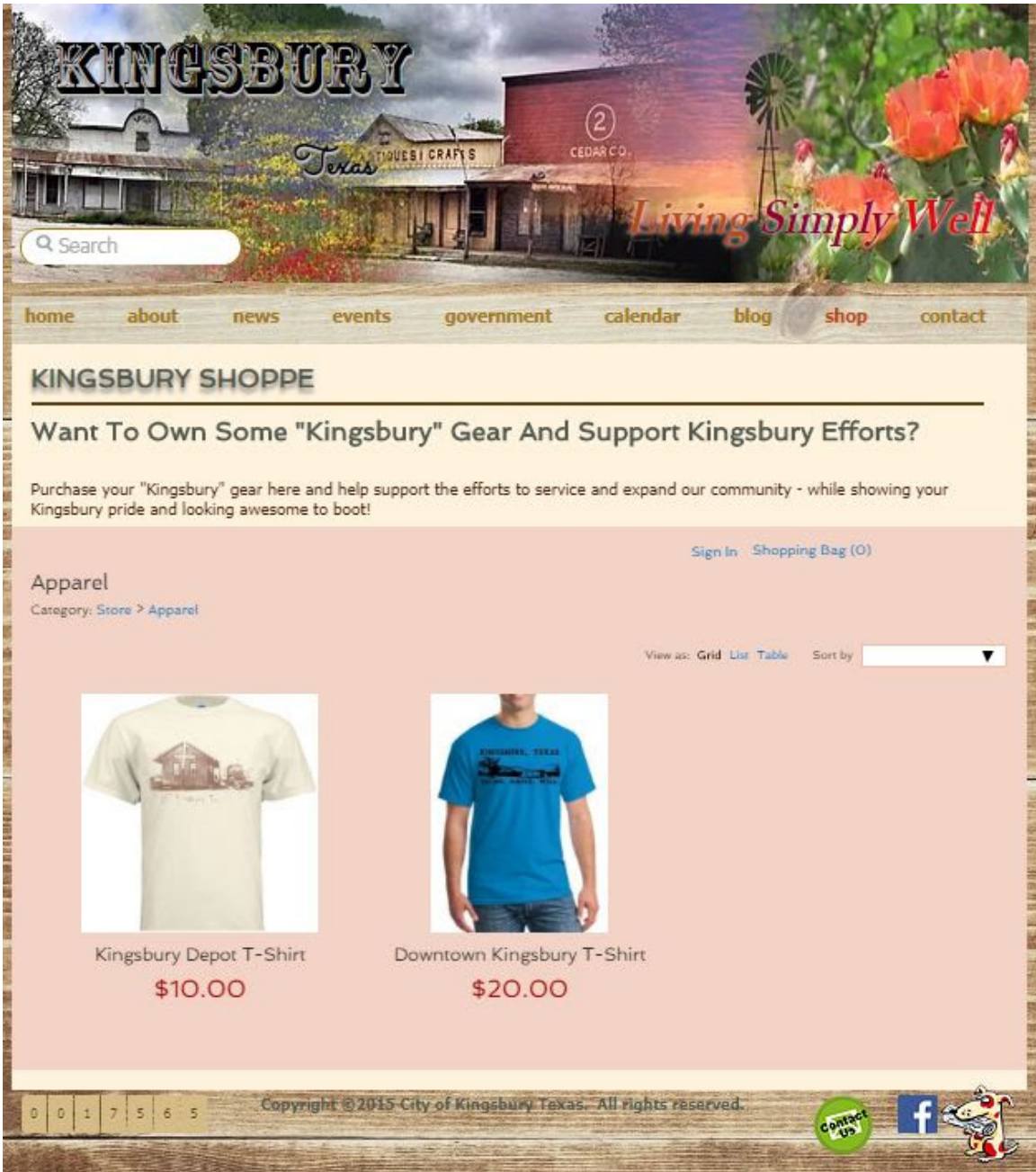
The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo: LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.  
That says it all, doesn't it?!

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!



### Community Volunteer Opportunity

Every community can benefit from volunteers capable of aiding the professionals during emergency situations. People who know the actions to take before, during, and after a **disaster**, safe use of fire extinguishers and extinguishing small fires, simple triage and evaluation of injuries, even search and rescue techniques.

You probably didn't know, but there is a program in Guadalupe County training people for just that kind of thing.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

Guadalupe County's CERT Team is developed from multiple volunteers with different backgrounds and will be rebuilding their CERT Team this year.

Click the link below to find out more information about CERT!

There will also be a meeting at the county courthouse on Saturday, February 23rd regarding the county's CERT Team.

# You Can Make a Difference.



## Meeting Reminder

**Where:** Guadalupe County Emergency Mgt.

**101 E Court St. Ste. 209 Seguin, TX**

**When:** Saturday, 23 February -10 AM

**E-mail:** [CERT@co.guadalupe.tx.us](mailto:CERT@co.guadalupe.tx.us)

**Topic:** CERT 2019

**Speaker:** Ismael Segovia



## Volunteer Today.



Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/guadalupecountyCERT/>



## 50/50 Farm To Table Feast

The Habitable Spaces sustainable farm and artist residency will be having yet another fun event!

On Saturday, February 23rd from 4 pm to 8 pm, the folks at Habitable Spaces will be having a farm to table dinner at the Railway Lounge (in downtown Kingsbury) created by Mise Co. from Seguin. Mise Co is Veronica Fox and Lionel Guerra. This husband and wife dream team push each other and the boundaries of American cuisine to produce incredible dishes. Their mission is to bring delicious, local and sustainable food options to their town with a pop-up restaurant and catering services.

The feast has locally sourced **duck** and pork and includes appetizers, salad, soup, main courses, and desserts. A vegetarian feast is also available.

The "Transit" Art Show will also be open for viewing at this event!  
Check out more on the art show below in this newsletter.

This dinner is \$50 and you can view the menu and buy tickets through the Habitable Spaces Website at [www.habitablespaces.org](http://www.habitablespaces.org).



# FARM TO TABLE



## Stopping Forced Annexation

During the last legislative session, counties in Texas were designated as Tier 1 (less than 500,000 in population) and Tier 2 (greater than 500,000 in population) and the cities in a Tier 2 county can no longer force annex people's property into their city limits - the people get a chance to vote on being annexed or not. If a county is a Tier 1 (like Guadalupe), the cities in it can still forcibly annex properties, giving the annexed property owners no choice but to pay that city's property taxes and abide by their laws, and restrictions.

But there is a way to have a Tier 1 county designated as a Tier 2 and **stop** forced annexations. When 10% of the registered voters in the county sign a petition, the county must add a proposition to the next election that gives the citizens the chance to vote on changing the county to a Tier 2. Several counties in Texas have already had a petition drive to get the Tier 2 designation on the ballot and have voted with a resounding "Yes" - Parker, Wise, Johnson, Freestone, Palo Pinto, Ellis, and Atascosa. Many others, like Guadalupe, are now working to get that proposition on their next ballot.

The City of Kingsbury, by law and by conscience, only annexes when requested by the landowner. The city leaders do not believe in forced annexation and were some of the first to sign the petition to change Guadalupe county to a Tier 2. If you would also like to join the effort and sign a petition, you can contact Kingsbury City Commissioner Frank Ignasiak at (830) 433-1668 or Mayor Shirley Nolen at (830) 491-8863 or at 323-KINGSBURY. They can drop off and pick up petition sheets anywhere in the Kingsbury area. Curbside service!

You can also check out the effort on the web at [www.stopforcedannexation-gc.com](http://www.stopforcedannexation-gc.com) and on FaceBook at [www.facebook.com/StopForcedAnnexationinGuadalupeCounty/](http://www.facebook.com/StopForcedAnnexationinGuadalupeCounty/)

The deadline for delivery of the petitions has been extended to the end of February in order to get the proposition on the May ballot. That's just

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days from today  
so get involved and call now!





### Full Super Snow Moon

The Full Moon for February is the best supermoon of 2019. Traditionally, this Moon was called the Snow Moon.

This full Moon, which **peaks** on Tuesday, February 19, at 9:53 A.M. , will be the second of three supermoons to occur in 2019. Traditionally called the Snow Moon, it is being called the “Super Snow” Moon this year to reflect its status as a supermoon.

Although the full Moons of January, February, and March 2019 are all considered supermoons, February’s full Moon will actually be at the closest point in its orbit to Earth, making it the largest and brightest full Moon of the year.

Do supermoons truly appear brighter? Technically, yes. Practically, it depends on your point of comparison. The supermoon’s diameter is indeed about 7% greater than an ordinary full Moon and 14% greater than a full Moon when it’s at its furthest point in its orbit to Earth (a “micromoon”).

And a supermoon exceeds the brightness of an ordinary Moon by 15%! When compared to a micromoon, the supermoon is 30% brighter!

#### MOON FACTS AND FOLKLORE

- On February 6, 1971, Alan Shepard became the first man to hit a golf ball on the Moon.
- Did you know that the Moon’s diameter is 2,160 miles? This is less than the width of the United States (approximately 3,000 miles), and 0.27 of Earth’s diameter (7,926 miles).
- Wolves have howled at the Moon for centuries, yet it is still there.

*And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand, they danced by the light of the Moon.*  
—Edward Lear, English poet (1812-88)

Each full moon is known by many, many names.  
Here are a few that the February Moon goes by:

- Zuni - No Snow In Trails Moon*
- Sioux - Dark Red Calves Moon*
- Shawnee - Crow Moon*
- Omaha - Moon When Geese Come Home*
- Lakota - Moon When the Trees Crack Because of the Cold*
- Creek - Wind Moon*
- Comanche - Sleet Moon*
- Dakotah Sioux - Moon of the Raccoon*
- Cherokee - Bony Moon*
- Chippewa - Sucker Moon*
- Arapaho - Frost Sparkling in the Sun Moon*
- Choctaw - Moon of Winds*
- Cree - Old Moon*
- Hopi - Moon of Purification and Renewal*
- Mohawk - Lateness Moon*
- Pueblo - Moon of the Cedar Dust Wind*
- Shoshone - Coyote Moon*
  
- Colonial American - Trapper's Moon*

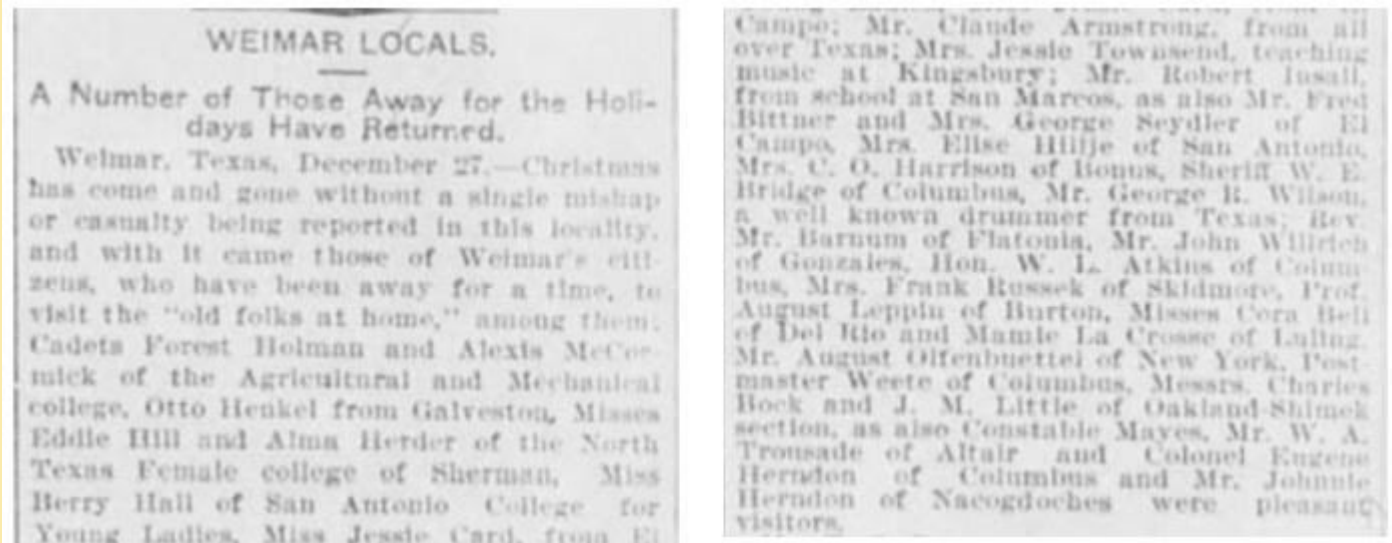
Celtic - Moon of Ice  
Medieval English - Storm Moon  
Neo Pagan - Snow Moon



### Kingsbury News Past

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

The December 28, 1902 edition of the *Houston Post* had a report from Weimar about the people who had come home during the recent Christmas holidays to "visit the 'old folks at home'". This included "Mrs. Jessie Townsend, teaching music at Kingsbury". I wonder if she taught at the Kingsbury School? A lot of college kids were also home for the holidays including a couple of cadets from the "Agricultural and Mechanical college" (Texas A&M), Misses Hill and Herder "of the North Texas Female college of Sherman", and Miss Hall from the "San Antonio College for Young Ladies". Also back was Mr. Armstrong "from all over Texas" - I wonder what he was up to?



Also in the *Post* that day was a beautiful ad for Engelin Stomach Powder that featured little cherubs, a photograph (very rare in newspapers of 1902) of a lady "watching the old year out", and an ad for Schlitz beer that lets you know its aged "so that it cannot cause biliousness" - doesn't *that* make you want to crack open a bottle? Elsewhere, the Oklahoma Territory is merging with the Indian Territory to become the state of Oklahoma (this wouldn't actually happen until 1907), Mr. Miller of Sublime (about 9 miles east of Hallettsville on Hwy 90) is missing his "roan buggy horse" (did he take his buggy all the way from Sublime to Houston? That's about 100 miles!), a ship reported that Mount Pelee in the "D.W.I" (Dutch West Indies) is erupting again (a big cause for alarm since the May 1902 eruption killed over 30,000 people), and Settegast & Kopf have a very fancy horse-drawn hearse.





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**OKLAHOMA AND STATEHOOD.**

Combination with the Indian Territory is the Desire of the People.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 28.—Samuel C. Massingale of Cordell, O. T., who defeated Jenkins, the republican nominee as representative to the territorial council by a majority of 1111, was in the city yesterday, and when asked for an expression on the Statehood question, said: "All business interests in the Territory seem to take the same view of Statehood that the Oklahoma democrats have declared for in their platform—that is, single Statehood, which means one State to be formed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Prior to

**\$10 REWARD** for recovery of my roan buggy horse, 16 hands high, not branded; about 8 years old; for particulars address Robert Miller, Sublime, Texas.

**Pelee Again in Eruption.**

St. Thomas, D. W. I., December 27.—The cable ship Newington, which arrived at St. Lucia, D. W. I., yesterday, reported having passed Mount Pelee at 1:30 a. m. Thursday. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of gray smoke and dust were pouring out of the crater and ascending to an enormous height. Other advices say the cone was luminous during the night.

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There was also a great sale Egyptian rugs, the Southern Pacific has "magnificent dining cars" going to all "Texas points" for the New Year holiday, explorer John Rouse died of starvation "in the wilds of Central Bolivia" in 1900 and the word is just now getting to the States, and a couple of bank robbers made off with quite a haul in Union, Missouri by blowing the safe with "nitro glycerine" which also demolished "the whole front of the bank".

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**JOHN H. ROUSE STARVED TO DEATH.**

Twenty-eight of His Companions Also Perished in Bolivia.

Seattle, Wash., December 27.—News has just reached here that John H. Rouse starved to death in the wilds of Central Bolivia in June, 1900, while on an exploring trip. But one man out of a party of thirty escaped. Rouse was one of the pioneer mining men of Washington, coming first to this section in 1878. On his last trip he was one of a party representing the Bolivian government. His friends will ask the department of state to investigate his death.

**BANK ROBBERY IN MISSOURI.**

The Bandits Secured Fifteen Thousand Dollars from the Safe.

Union, Mo., December 27.—The Bank of Union was burglarized between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, the vault being blown open with nitro glycerine and \$15,000, the entire contents of the safe, stolen. The robbers were two in number and are believed to be professionals. They escaped. A little after 1 o'clock a loud explosion was heard and several shots were fired around the public square. Most of the citizens who heard the noise supposed it was caused by some boys out on a lark, celebrating Christmas, and paid no attention to it. Oscar Busch, a hardware dealer, living across the street, realized that the bank was being robbed, but when he went to the window to look out was covered by a revolver. He then kept quiet. Others also were kept quiet by a display of revolvers. About fifty shots were fired to terrorize venture-some persons. Notwithstanding contrary reports, Mr. Busch says but two men left the bank after the robbery.

The wreck was complete, the vault door and the safe being completely demolished, as was the whole front of the bank. By 3 o'clock the men left town, walking toward the east. F. F. Richard, the president of the bank, was very sick at his home, and he was not told of the robbery. A. W. Hoffmann, the cashier, was called after it was all over. He estimates the loss at about \$15,000. The bank carried \$10,000 insurance against burglary. There is no clue to the robbers.

**"Transit" Art Show**

On Friday, February 22nd from 6pm to 9pm, the Habitable Spaces sustainable farm and artist residency will be hosting a group art show curated by artist Ronny Lischinski from Berlin.

The show will be at the Railway Lounge in downtown Kingsbury and feature artists from Berlin and the South Central Texas area. The theme is Transit - the migrational patterns of humans over the ages, specifically the migration of many **Germans** to the Kingsbury area with the promise of a "land of milk and honey."

The art opening is free and open to the public!





## Kingsbury City Commission

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The Kingsbury City Commission meets on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting is

Monday, February 18th at 6:30 pm

All meetings are now held at the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

The Commission enacts **policies**, adopts ordinances and resolutions, and establishes the annual budget to provide services to the public and conduct the city. All Commission meetings are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in City Government!

You can see the schedules and agendas for all Kingsbury City Commission workshops, public hearings, and regular and special meetings on the [Kingsbury website](#).



## Kingsbury Weather

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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

### It's Happenin' In Down Town!

It was a **busy** day in downtown Kingsbury in 1987!

Cars are lined up with people going to the Post Office, Ray's Cafe, and maybe the Fat Chance?

Do you recognize your car?



### 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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