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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Hello August

Today is the first day of the month of August.

August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the fifth month to have the length of 31 days.
In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers.



Certain meteor showers take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids take place in August with the dates varying each year, the Alpha Capricornids meteor shower takes place as early as July 10 and ends at around August 10, and the Southern Delta Aquariids take place from mid-July to mid-August with the peak usually around July 28–29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 - August 24, with the peak being August 12 this year.
The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.

This month was originally named *Sextilis* in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 45 BC giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus (despite common belief, he did not take a day from February. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.

Summer declines and roses have grown rare,
But cottage crofts are gay with hollyhocks,
And in old garden walks you breathe an air
Fragrant of pinks and August-smelling stocks.
—John Todhunter (1839-1916)



August’s zodiac signs are Leo (July 23–August 22) and Virgo (August 23–September 22).



AUGUST FACTS & FOLKLORE

On August 17, the Cat Nights begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches and the belief that a witch could turn herself into a cat eight times, but on the ninth time (August 17), she couldn't regain her human form. This bit of folklore also gives us the saying, "A cat has nine lives." Because August is a yowly time for cats, this may have prompted the speculation about witches on the prowl in the first place!



As August, so February.



Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.



If the first week of August is unusually warm, The winter will be white and long.



So many August fogs, so many winter mists.

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*When it rains
in August,
It raises honey
and wine.*

~ ~ ~

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.



The gladiolus means strength and sincerity.



A red poppy symbolizes pleasure or consolation; scarlet, extravagance; white, sleep.

August's birthstone is peridot, which is said to symbolize strength.



The peridot is a gem form of the mineral olivine that appears in various shades of green, sometimes with a brown or yellow tinge. Called "evening emerald," the peridot was often mistaken for that other gem. It symbolizes strength and was said to protect the wearer from nightmares.

A previous birthstone for this month was sardonyx, which is characterized by alternating bands of sard and onyx, both forms of chalcedony. Although it can appear in several colors, it is usually reddish and white. It is thought to bring courage, happiness, and eloquence.



Legend says that Queen Elizabeth I once gave the Earl of Essex a ring made of sardonyx, pledging her aid if he was ever in need. Later on, when accused of treason and scheduled for execution, he tried to send the ring to her but an enemy intercepted it. The queen learned of his plea only years later, after he had been beheaded.



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:

August 1st – International Mahjong Day. National Raspberry Cream Pie Day. National Girlfriends Day. National Minority Donor Awareness Day. Respect for Parents Day, American Family Day, National Friendship Day, National Sisters Day

August 2nd – National Coloring Book Day, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

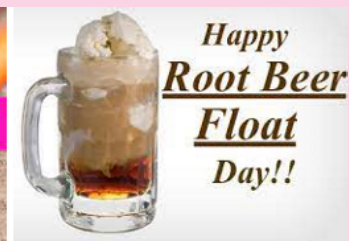
August 3rd – National Georgia Day. National Watermelon Day. National Grab Some Nuts Day, National Night Out Day (except Texas)

August 4th – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, National Coast Guard Day

August 5th – National Underwear Day. National Work Like A Dog Day, National Oyster Day, National IPA Day

August 6th – National Root Beer Float Day. National Fresh Breath Day. National Wiggle Your Toes Day, International Beer Day, National Water Balloon Day

August 7th – Purple Heart Day. National Lighthouse Day. National Raspberries N' Cream Day, National Play Outside Day. National Disc Golf Day. National Jamaican Patty Day, National Mustard Day, Mead Day



Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department

Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

Thursday, August 5th

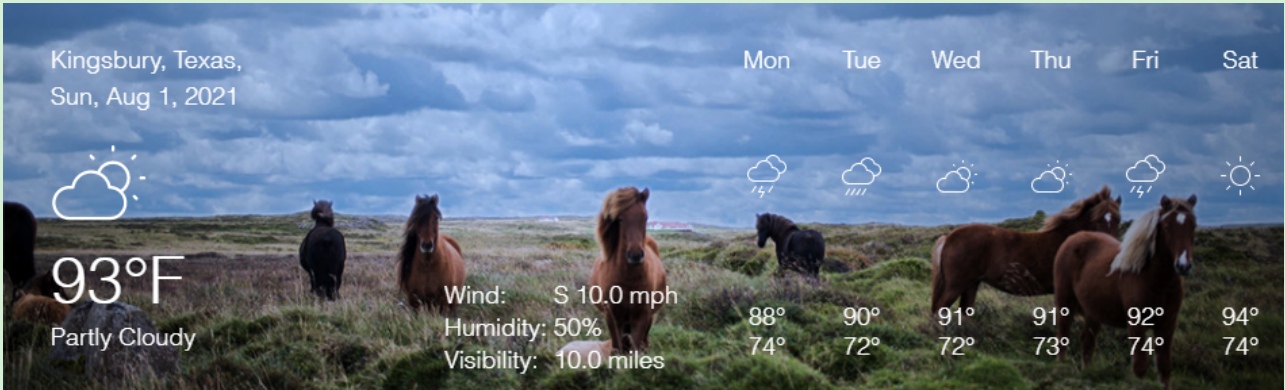
Stop by to learn what you can do to help your community as a firefighter, a **supporter**, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2021 will be Thursday, August 5th and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the awesome KVFD 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.



[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

Purple Heart Created

This week in history, on August 7, 1782, in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, creates the “Badge for Military Merit,” a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with a narrow binding of silver, with the word Merit stitched across the face in silver. The badge was to be presented to soldiers for “any singularly meritorious action” and permitted its wearer to pass guards and sentinels without challenge. The honoree’s name and regiment were also to be inscribed in a “Book of Merit.”

Washington’s “Purple Heart” was **awarded** to only three known soldiers during the Revolutionary War: Elijah Churchill, William Brown and Daniel Bissell, Jr. The “Book of Merit” was lost, and the decoration was largely forgotten until 1927, when General Charles P. Summerall, the U.S. Army chief of staff, sent an unsuccessful draft bill to Congress to “revive the Badge of Military Merit.” In 1931, Summerall’s successor, General Douglas MacArthur, took up the cause, hoping to reinstate the medal in time for the bicentennial of George Washington’s

birth. On February 22, 1932, Washington's 200th birthday, the U.S. War Department announced the creation of the "Order of the Purple Heart."

In addition to aspects of Washington's original design, the new Purple Heart also displays a bust of Washington and his coat of arms. The Order of the Purple Heart, the oldest American military decoration for military merit, is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who have been killed or wounded in action against an enemy. It is also awarded to soldiers who have suffered maltreatment as prisoners of war.



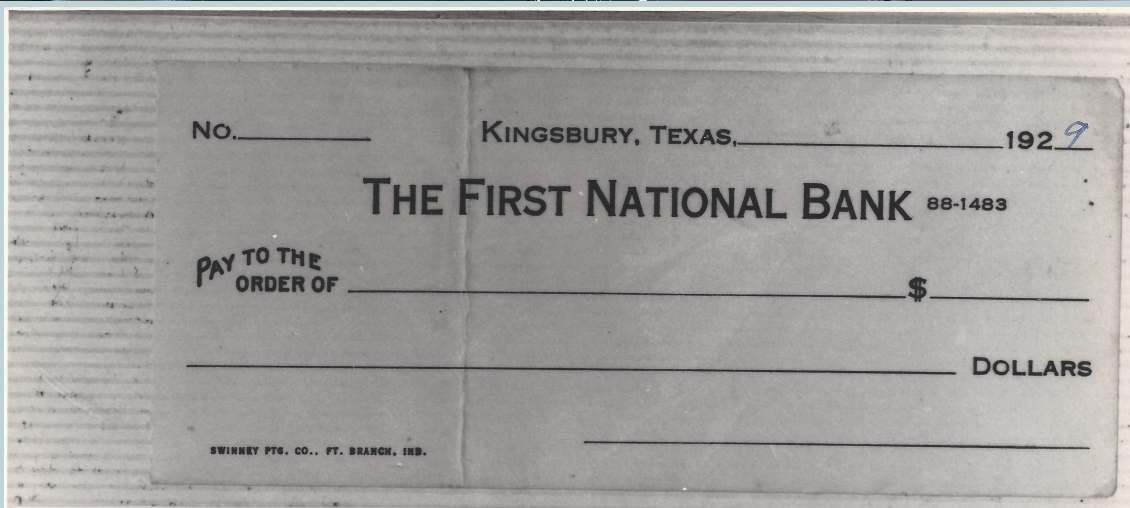
Kingsbury Bank - Behind the Counter

To go with the picture of the inside of the Kingsbury First National Bank a couple of newsletters ago, here are a couple more!

The employees of the bank at work. The gentleman at right is Mr. Jesse Augustus Lynch who was the bank President when it opened in 1912. The gentleman working the adding machine (I think that's what that contraption is!) is the same man from the previous "inside the bank" picture that was posing as a customer at the teller window. He is wearing the same high boots and his hat is on the floor beneath the adding machine.

There is a **Remington** typewriter on the desk pull-out at the right, and the employee at the stand up work counter is entering data into a large ledger book. In the background is a wood burning stove and the bank vault.

The counter check from the bank is from the 1920s and had a "9" written in at some point on the picture. 1929 was the last year of the bank.



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