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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Hello August

This Thursday will be 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.

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

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

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*So many August fogs, so many winter mists.*

~ ~ ~

*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:

**July 28th** - National Parents' Day, National Waterpark Day, Buffalo Soldiers Day, National Milk Chocolate Day

**July 29th** - National Lipstick Day, National Chicken Wing Day, National Lasagna Day

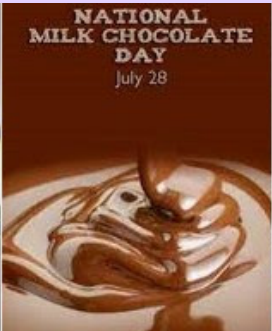
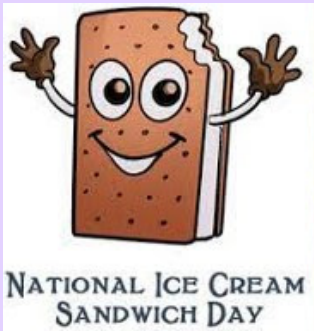
**July 30th** - National Climb A Mountain Day, National Whistleblower Day, National Father-In-Law-Day, National Cheesecake Day

**July 31st** - National Avocado Day, National Mutt Day, National Raspberry Cake Day

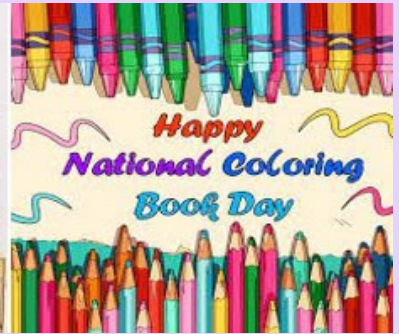
**August 1st** - International Mahjong Day, National IPA Day, Respect For Parents Day, Minority Donor Awareness Day, Raspberry Cream Pie Day, National Girlfriends Day

**August 2nd** - National Water Balloon Day, International Beer Day, National Coloring Book Day, Ice Cream Sandwich Day

**August 3rd** - National Play Outside Day, Sandcastle Day, National VFR Day, National Sunflower Day, National Hair Gloss Day, National Summit Day, International Hangover Day, National Georgia Day, National Disc Golf Day, National Jamaican Patty Day, Mead Day, National Grab Some Nuts Day, National Watermelon Day







## Disaster Assistance

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representatives were in town last month to offer assistance to anyone affected by recent storms.

If your household suffered **damages** between April 26th and June 5th this year from "severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding", you can go to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster) to see about assistance. You can also download the FEMA app on your phone, or call FEMA at 800-621-3362.

This time range includes the May 9th storms that did so much damage around here.



## 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, Jul 28, 2024

83°F

Sunny

Wind: S 11.0 mph

Humidity: 78%

Visibility: 10.0 miles

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

94°

94°

95°

96°

96°

98°

77°

77°


74°

74°

75°

75°

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](#)

## Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday starting this week, July 18th.

These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!



## National Catfish Month

Yes, **August** is National Catfish Month!

In addition, it is also:

National Dog Month

National Wellness Month

Children's Eye Health And Safety Month

Black Business Month

National Immunization Awareness Month

International Peace Month

National Panini Month

National Sandwich Month

National Back To School Month

National Golf Month

National Catfish Month

Romance Awareness Month

National Hair Loss Awareness Month

Medicalert Awareness Month

National Brownies At Brunch Month

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

Motorsports Awareness Month

Get Ready For Kindergarten Month

National Goat Cheese Month

Happiness Happens Month

National Crayon Collection Month

National Eye Exam Month

National Water Quality Month

Family Fun Month



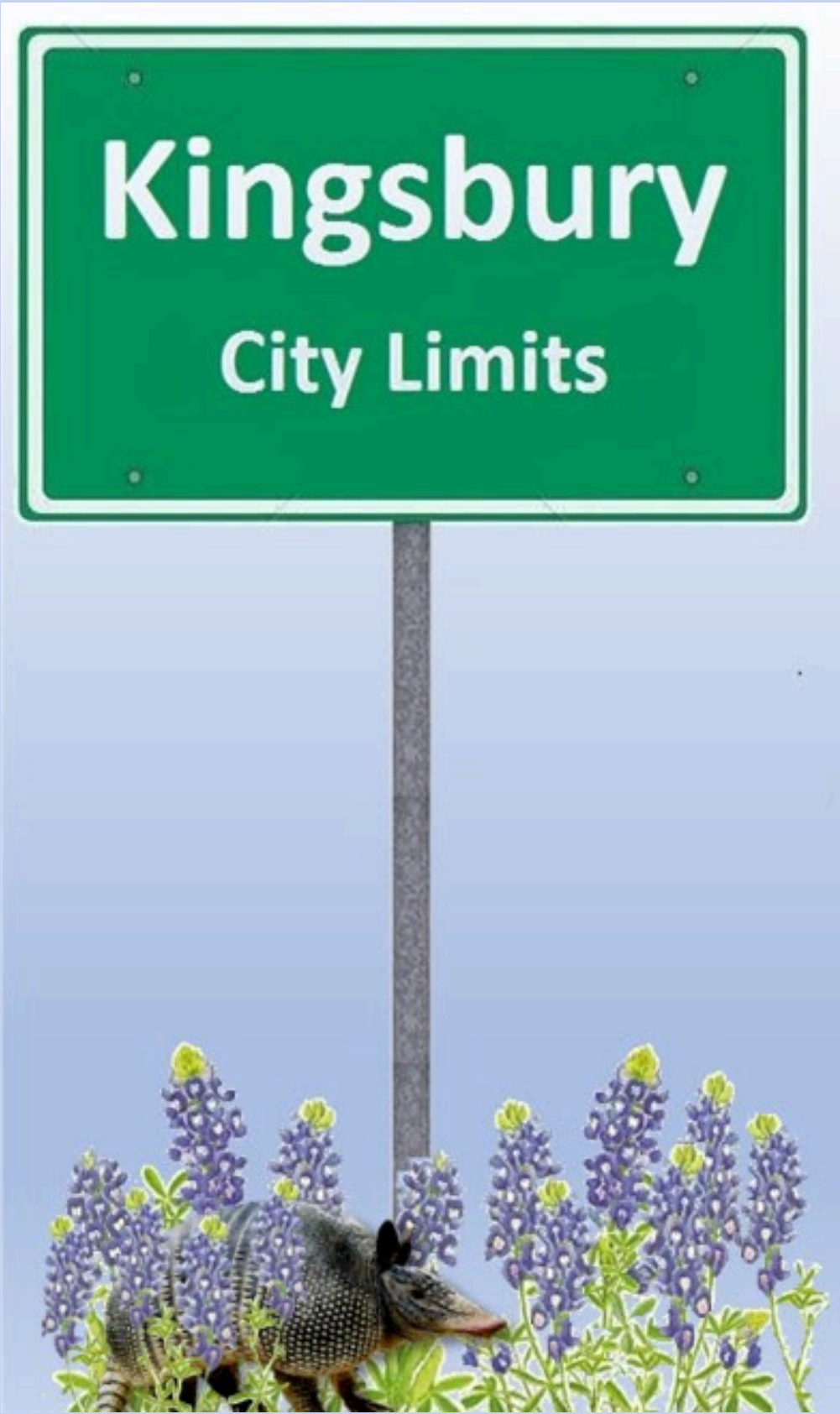


## Kingsbury City Limits

Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of out Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

Also, check out the Kingsbury "[Blog](#)" to see pictures of the first voluntary annexations! Need more information? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!






Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of [kingsburytexas.org](#)!

Get in touch by replying to this email or by going to the Contact page on the Kingsbury [website](#).

It's a great way to find out what's going on around town and to let others know what meetings or events you have planned that your friends and neighbors might like to attend.

## KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) 



July 2024



Today

| Sun                  | Mon                     | Tue                    | Wed | Thu                                         | Fri | Sat                    |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| 30                   | 1                       | 2<br>  KVFD Auxilia... | 3   | 4<br>Independenc...<br>  KFVD Fire Fi...    | 5   | 6                      |
| 7                    | 8                       | 9<br>  Developmen...   | 10  | 11                                          | 12  | 13<br>Volunteer Wo...  |
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| 21<br>Full Buck Moon | 22                      | 23                     | 24  | 25                                          | 26  | 27<br>Kingsbury Vol... |
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### Kingsbury VFD

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, June 6th**

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 each month. The next meeting of 2024 will be Thursday, August 1st 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!



## 1926 Oil Field

Another awesome picture of the very early days of oil production in the Kingsbury area.

The year is 1926 and even from a still picture, it's easy to imagine how dangerous life was in oil fields 100 years ago. Back then, this work was often done in **remote** areas and there was a network of unnamed dirt roads with small eateries and beer joints all along them.

In the picture, two men are working on a big ol' wooden oil derrick. There is equipment and lines and stuff everywhere! Regardless of the apparent chaos, I'm sure these guys knew exactly what they were doing and how to get the job done.





## 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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