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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Happy New Year!

We have successfully completed another orbit around the sun! The new year begins today and while celebrations vary all over the world, common traditions include:



Making resolutions or goals to improve one's life. Common resolutions concern diet, exercise, bad habits, and other issues concerning personal wellness.

A common view is to use the first day of the year as a clean slate to improve one's life.



A gathering of loved ones: Here you'll typically find champagne, feasting, confetti, noise makers, and other methods of **merriment**. Fireworks, parades, concerts.



Famous parades include London's New Year's Day Parade and the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.



Superstitions concerning food or visitors to bring luck. This especially includes circle-shaped foods, which symbolize cycles.

The reasoning behind superstitions is that the first day of the year sets precedent for the following days.



A common superstition specific to New Year's Day concerns a household's first visitor of the year—tradition states that if a tall, dark-haired stranger is the first to walk through your door, called the First Footer or Lucky Bird,

you'll have good luck all year.



Also, if you want to subscribe to superstition, don't let anything leave the house on New Year's Day, except for people. Tradition say's: don't take out the trash and leave anything you want to take out of the house on New Year's outside the night before. If you must remove something, make sure to replace it by bringing an item into the house. These policies of balance apply in other areas as well—avoiding paying bills, breaking anything, or shedding tears.



The first of January was a highly significant day in medieval superstitions regarding prosperity, or lack of it, in the year ahead. A flat cake was put on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard. The farmer and his workers would then sing a song and dance around the cow until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow, that signified good luck; to fall behind indicated the opposite.



I think it is much easier to eat some black-eyed peas and cabbage and just ensure a lucky and prosperous new year!

NEW YEAR'S WEATHER FOLKLORE

In particular, weather folklore often looks to the wind.

Try this. Step outside as the sun sets on New Year's Eve. Feel the wind and recite:

If New Year's Eve the wind blows south
It betokens warmth and growth.
If west, much milk and fish in the sea.
If north, cold and storms there will be.
If east, the trees will bear much fruit.
If north east, then flee it, man and brute.



Others believed the time to check out the wind was at sunrise on New Year's Day, but if you had any fun the night before, it will be hard to wake up at dawn.

If you forgot to check the wind, don't worry.

Other lore says that the first 12 days of the year are just as useful. The weather on the first, good or bad, will reflect how January will feel. The second day forecasts February and so on.

Here's to having a much better year than 2022 was. Everyone needs to eat lots of black-eyed peas and cabbage!



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:

January 1st - Apple Gifting Day, Ellis Island Day, National Bloody Mary Day, National First-Foot Day, National Hangover Day, National Shepherd Day, Polar Bear Plunge Day, Ring a Bell Day

January 2nd - 55 mph Speed Limit Day, Ancestry Day, Happy Mew Year for Cats Day, National Buffet Day, National Cream Puff Day, National Pet Travel Safety Day, National Science Fiction Day, Run Up the Flagpole and See If Anyone Salutes Day, Swiss Cheese Day

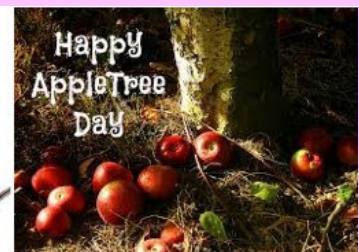
January 3rd - Drinking Straw Day, Festival of Sleep Day, Fruitcake Toss Day, Humiliation Day, National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

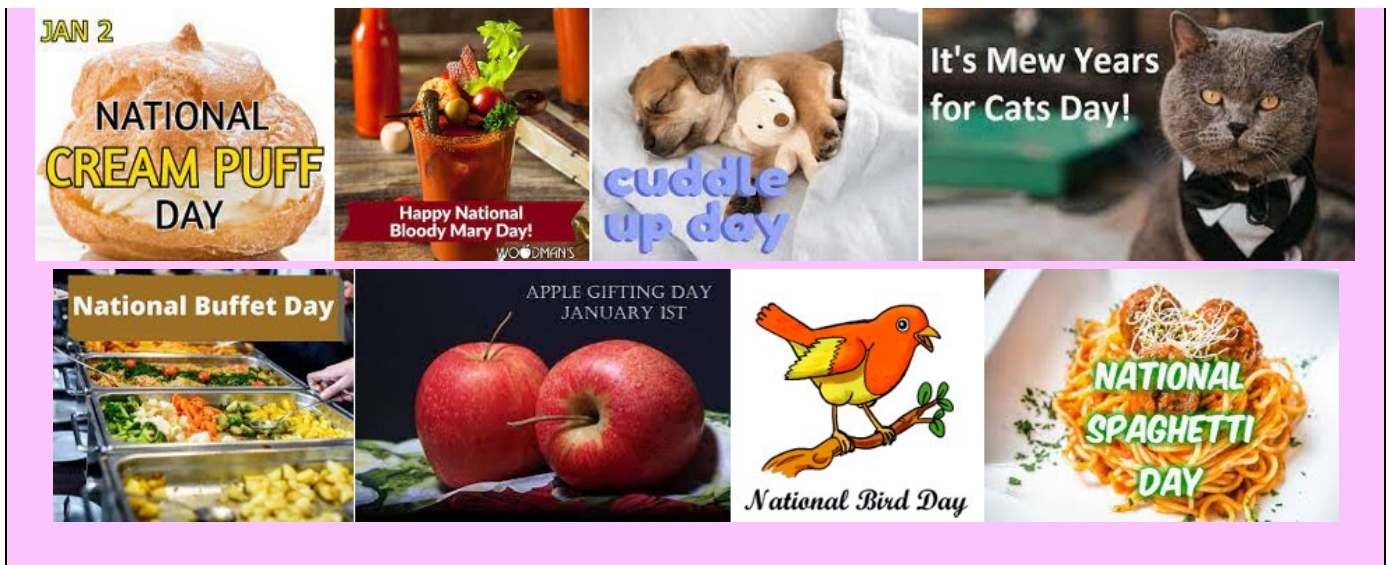
January 4th - National CanDo Day, National Spaghetti Day, National Trivia Day, Tom Thumb Day, World Braille Day

January 5th - National Bird Day, National Whipped Cream Day

January 6th - Apple Tree Day, National Bean Day, National Cuddle Up Day, National Shortbread Day, National Take Down the Christmas Tree Day,

January 7th - Harlem Globetrotter's Day, I'm Not Going To Take It Anymore Day, National Bobblehead Day, National Tempura Day, Old Rock Day





Hello January

In addition to the first of the new year, today sees the first day of the new month of January.

January was originally the eleventh month, not the first, until at least 153 B.C.

January is named after the Roman god *Janus*, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year **festival** was called the *Calends*, and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts.



*Janus am I; oldest of potentates;
Forward I look, and backward, and below
I count, as god of avenues and gates,
The years that through my portals come and go.*

---- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807–82)



The January birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets were also thought to prevent nightmares. If you dream of losing a garnet necklace, unexpected good fortune is in your future.

The January birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means 'I love you.' White carnations mean pure love, striped carnations mean regret that a love is not shared, and yellow means rejection or disappointment.



The snowdrop used to be considered bad luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

*The new year opens—old is past,
Stern winter comes with its rough blast:
See the farmer shivering with cold,
Driving his flocks and herds to fold.*

—The 1793 Old Farmer's Almanac



Kingsbury Items For Sale

Looking for a neat little Kingsbury gift or want to support your location Kingsbury VFD? The KVFD Auxiliary has tea towels, stemless wine glasses, and coasters available for sale in the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street.

Tea towels wine glasses are \$10 and coasters are \$5 and all **proceeds** go to the KVFD Auxiliary for support of our firefighters and first responders.

Come check it all out!





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](#)

Full Wolf Moon

The first full moon of the new year rises this Friday, January 6th.

In Native American and early Colonial times, the Full Moon for January was often called the Full Wolf Moon. It appeared when wolves howled in **hunger** outside the villages.

Traditionally, the January Moon is also known as the Old Moon (oddly enough since it is the first full moon of the new year) or the Moon After Yule.

To some Native American tribes, this was the Snow Moon, but most applied that name to the next Full Moon, in February.

MOON FOLKLORE:



A bright first Moon promises rain and a bountiful harvest; a red-tinted Moon means a dry year.



A growing Moon and a flowing tide are lucky times to marry.



A halo around the Moon predicts wet or stormy weather.

Every full moon has gone by many names. Some of the names for the January full moon are:

Sioux – Moon When Wolves Run Together
Shawnee – The Severe Moon
Mohawk – Moon Of The Big Cold
Hopi – Moon of Life At It's Height
Cree – Moon When the Old Fellow Spreads the Brush
Choctaw – Moon of Little Famine
Cherokee – The Cold Moon
Wishram – Her Cold Moon
Arapaho – Moon When Snow Blows Like Spirits In The Wind
Apache – Time of Flying Ants Moon
Cheyenne – Moon Of The Strong Cold
Ponca – Snow Thaws Moon
Comanche – The Year Moon
Creek – Winter's Younger Brother Moon
Lakota – The Hard Moon
Omaha – Moon When Snow Drifts Into Tipis
Shoshone – The Freezing Moon
Zuni – Moon When Limbs Of Trees Are Broken By Snow
Dakotah Sioux – Moon of the Terrible
Algonquin - Sun Has Not The Strength To Thaw Moon
Chippewa - Great Sprits Moon
Haida - Bear Hunting Moon

Celtic – Quiet Moon
Medieval English – Wolf Moon
Neo Pagan – Ice Moon
Chinese – Holiday Moon



Kingsburty 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, January 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 2023 will be Thursday, March 2nd 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!



Fill 'Er Up!

This was the scene in Kingsbury a few years back. "Pumping gas" is Fred Jones. The buggy riders are (left to right) Minnie Lehman, Margaret Schmidt, Jake Imhoff, (unknown), Mrs. Jackie Schmidt (driving - always driving!), (unknown), and Leonora Schmidt. Frances Hurt is on the pony. This picture was taken at the Texaco station around 1945.

Luckily Mr. Jones is "filling up" the **buggy**, not the horse!



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Thanks!

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