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# **Kingsbury Texas**

News & Information Newsletter



#### Dear Shirley & Laddy,

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

# Memorial Day Monday, May 29th, is Memorial Day where Americans remember those who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The first time we honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice was May 30, 1868, when, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, the first major Memorial Day observance is held to honor those who died "in defense of their country during the late rebellion." Known to some as "Decoration Day," mourners honored the Civil War dead by decorating their graves with flowers. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. By the late 1800's, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day, and after World War I, observers began to honor the dead of all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. It is customary for the president or vice president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

#### 90 Miles On 90

Ready to look for those Hidden Riches? Do you believe in the old adage "One man's trash is another man's treasure?" If so, 90 Miles on 90 is your kind of event.

The 2023 "90 Miles On 90" is an extended yard sale going down **miles** and miles of Hwy 90 and through Kingsbury.

This concept, started back in 1987 by Mike Walker, was to get people to move off of the Interstates and take a journey onto the smaller, less traveled highways through the small towns.

This year's event will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd & 3rd.

Set up a table in downtown Kingsbury or just cruise Hwy 90 looking for those things you can't live without!

#### 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:

May 28th – National Family Fun Day, National Beef Burger Day, National Hamburger Day, National Brisket Day

May 29th – National 529 Day. International Day Of UN Peacekeepers, National Coq Au Vin Day, National Paperclip Day, Memorial Day

May 30th - World Multiple Sclerosis Dav. National Creativity Dav. Loomis Dav. National Mint Julep Day, National Hole In My Bucket Day, National Water A Flower Day

May 31st – World Parrot Dav. World No Tobacco Dav. National Utah Dav. Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Dav. National Smile Dav. National Autonomous Vehicle Dav. National Flip Flop Day, National Senior Health & Fitness Dav. National Macaroon Dav. National Speak In Complete Sentences Day, National Save Your Hearing Day

**lune 1st** – National Game Show Dav. World Milk Dav. Global Dav Of Parents. World Reef Awareness Dav. National Nail Polish Dav. National Hazelnut Cake Dav. National Pen Pal Dav. National Say Something Nice Day, National Go Barefoot Day, National Heimlich Maneuver Day

June 2nd – International Volkswagen Bus Dav. National Rotisserie Chicken Dav. National Bubba Day, National Leave The Office Early Day, National Doughnut Day, National Rocky Road Day

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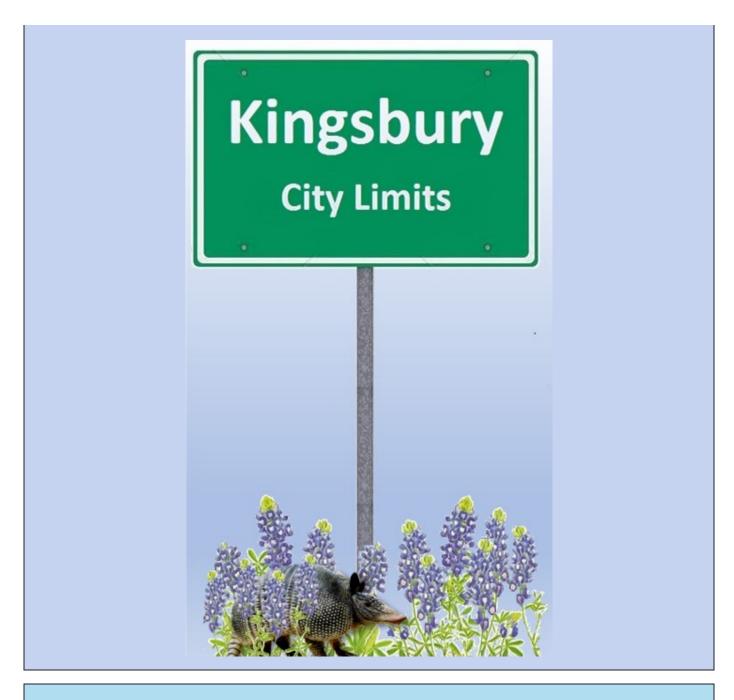
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# Kingsbury City Limits

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 <u>website</u> to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

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



### Here Comes June!

Thursday is the first day of the month of June!

The Latin name for June is *Junius*. June is named after the Roman goddess Juno, the goddess of marriage and the wife of the supreme deity Jupiter.

In ancient Rome, the period from mid-May through mid-June was considered inauspicious for marriage. Ovid says that he consulted the *Flaminica Dialis*, the high **priestess** of Jupiter, about setting a date for his daughter's wedding, and was advised to wait till after June 15. Plutarch, however, implies that the entire month of June was more favorable for weddings than May.

It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses,



A rose in general indicates love or desire. Specific roses may relate other messages. For example, a white rose may mean "silence" or "I am worthy of you," while a yellow rose signifies "jealousy."



The honeysuckle denotes the bonds of love, or generous and devoted affection.

June's Birthstone - The Pearl



The pearl is the only organic birthstone, formed by a living organism. Pearls are associated with purity, honesty, and calmness. If you dream of a pearl ring, expect romance.

#### WEATHER LORE

A good leak in June, sets all in tune.

When it is hottest in June, it will be coldest in the corresponding days of the next February.



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Rain on St. John's Day, and we may expect a wet harvest.

The entire month of June is also:

National Give a Bunch of Balloons Month National DJ Month African-American Music Appreciation Month National Zoo and Aquarium Month LGBTOIA Pride Month Men's Health Month National Accordion Awareness Month National Adopt a Cat Month National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month National Candy Month National Camping Month National Caribbean American Month National Country Cooking Month National Dairy Month National Headache and Migraine Awareness Month National Great Outdoors Month National Homeownership Month National Iced Tea Month National Papaya Month National Pollinators Month National PTSD Awareness Month National Safety Month National Soul Food Month Rose Month **Turkey Lovers Month** 

# **Kingsbury Planning and Zoning Committee**

The City of Kingsbury is forming a Planning and Zoning Committee. The P&Z Committee will be comprised of the Kingsbury City Commission and other members of our **community** both inside and outside the official Kingsbury city limits.

The working Mission Statement of the P&Z Committee is:

"The mission of our small city planning and zoning committee is to promote and facilitate responsible development, while preserving the character and charm of our community. We strive to create a balanced approach to growth that considers the needs of current and future residents, businesses, and visitors. We are committed to providing fair and efficient zoning regulations and land-use policies that promote sustainability, accessibility, and safety for all. Through collaboration with community members and local stakeholders, we aim to create a vibrant, livable, and resilient city that reflects the values and aspirations of our community."

The Kingsbury City Commission is forming this committee to protect our community and is looking for people that are interested in the same. If you would like to be considered for the P&Z Committee, please contact City Commissioner Frank Ignasiak. He can be reached at commissioner2@kingsburytexas.org.

You can also call the City number at 323-KINGSBURY (323-546-4728) or email us at kingsburytexas@gmail.com.

#### **Full Strawberry Moon**

This Saturday, June 3rd, is the Full Strawberry Moon.

June's Full Strawberry Moon got its name because the Algonquin tribes knew it as a signal to gather ripening fruit. In Europe, strawberries aren't native and it was known as the Full Rose Moon. Europeans also often called it the Honey Moon because its position is low in the sky (in our hemisphere at least) and the earth's atmosphere can give it a warm tint.

JUNE MOON FOLKLORE

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

Days following both the New and Full Moons are most likely to be rainy or stormy.

Crabbing, shrimping, and clamming are best when the Moon is full.

Other names for the June full moon:

Algonquin tribes - Strawberry Moon or Moon When They Hill Indian Corn Arapaho - Moon When the Buffalo Bellows Cherokee - Green Corn Moon Choctaw - Moon of Peach Comanche - Leaf Moon Wishram - Fish Spoils Easily Moon Creek - Blackberry Moon Hopi - Moon of Planting Lakota - Moon When the Berries Are Good Mohawk - Ripening Time Moon Omaha - Moon When The Buffalo Bulls Hunt the Cows Algonquin - Moon When They Hill Indian Corn Ponca - Hot Weather Begins Moon Pueblo - Moon When the Leaves Are Dark Green Cree - Moon When Leaves Come Out Tlingit - Birth Moon Shawnee - Raspberry Moon Zuni - Turning Moon Shoshone - Summer Starting Moon Sioux - Strawberry Moon Dakotah Sioux - Moon When June Berries Are Ripe Haida - Berries Ripen Moon Potawatomi (Great Lakes) - Moon Of The Turtle

> Celtic - Moon of Horses Chinese - Lotus Moon Colonial American - Rose Moon Neo-Pagan - Planting Moon English Medieval - Dyan Moon Europeans - the Rose Moon

# Kingsbury Calendar

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under <u>Calendar</u>.

#### **Hurricane Season Starts**

Thursday, June 1st, is the start of the 2023 hurricane season!

NOAA forecasters with the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, predict nearnormal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season, which goes from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 40% chance of a near-normal season, a 30% chance of an abovenormal season and a 30% chance of a below-normal season.

NOAA is forecasting a range of 12 to 17 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 5 to 9 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has a 70% confidence in these ranges.

Full-blown hurricanes have winds capable of removing shingles and taking down power lines. So-called "major" hurricanes have winds strong enough to **snap** trees and tear off roofs.

After three hurricane seasons with La Nina present, NOAA scientists predict a high potential for El Nino to develop this summer, which can suppress Atlantic hurricane activity. El Nino's potential influence on storm development could be offset by favorable conditions local to the tropical Atlantic Basin. Those conditions include the potential for an above-normal west African monsoon, which produces African easterly waves and seeds some of the stronger and longer-lived Atlantic storms, and warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea which creates more energy to fuel storm development. These factors are part of the longer term variability in Atlantic atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are conducive to hurricane development — known as the high-activity era for Atlantic hurricanes — which have been producing more active Atlantic hurricane seasons since 1995.

While Kingsbury is well inland of any direct hit from a hurricane, we all know that the massive storms can create weather havoc across the state.



And Texas has had some of the biggest storms ever to make landfall:

**1900 Galveston Hurricane** - The deadliest natural disaster in United States history to this day. More than 8,000 people lost their lives when surprise hurricane storm tides of 8 to 15 feet inundated the entire island city of Galveston. The damage from that storm can still be seen today.

Hurricane Audrey - June 27, 1957 - Made landfall near the Texas-Louisiana border with a storm surge in excess of 12 feet.

Hurricane Carla - September 10, 1961 - Carla was the largest and most intense Gulf Coast hurricane in decades and caused the largest mass evacuation to that date as one-half million residents were evacuated to higher ground.

**Hurricane Beulah** - September 20, 1967 - Along with an 18 foot storm surge that created 31 new channels through Padre Island, Beulah spawned an unsurpassed number of tornadoes.

Hurricane Celia - August 3, 1970 - Celia was one of the most destructive storms to ever hit Texas. As it moved over land after hitting Corpus Christi, spectacular damage occurred from a cluster of powerful downbursts or microbursts with winds as high as 160 mph.

Hurricane Allen - August 9-10, 1980 - The first male-named storm to hit Texas, Allen was one of the most intense hurricanes ever, reaching Category 5 status three times before it made landfall north of Brownsville.
 Hurricane Alicia - August 18, 1983 - Alicia was the first hurricane to strike the Continental U.S. since Allen in 1980. It was the longest period that the U.S. mainland had gone without a hurricane landfall.

**Hurricane Ike** - September 13, 2008 - Ike made landfall at Galveston as a large Category 2 hurricane with a storm surge as high as 20 feet which inundated many of the barrier islands. On the Bolivar peninsula, in the town of Gilchrist, all but one house is destroyed by the surge. It is one of the deadliest storms to ever hit Texas, causing 84 deaths.

Hurricane Harvey - August 25–28, 2017 – Hurricane Harvey makes landfall near the coast of Rockport as a Category 4 hurricane and later stalls just inland, producing extreme and unprecedented amounts of rainfall in the vast majority of southern Texas. The resulting catastrophic flooding in most of Houston and Harris County as well as in dozens of other surrounding counties causes an estimated \$125 billion in damage, making Harvey the costliest tropical cyclone worldwide, as well as the costliest tropical cyclone in Texas history.



#### 2023 Hurricane Names

Arlene	Bret	Cindy
Don	Emily	Franklin
Gert	Harold	Idalia
Jose	Katia	Lee
Margot	Nigel	Ophelia
Philippe	Rina	Sean
Tammy	Vince	Whitney

If more than 21 storms are named this year, the next storms will take names from an alternate list of names instead of going through the Greek alphabet as has historically been done.

Although we can get hit by the storm bands here in Kingsbury, and hurricane-spawned tornadoes have occurred in central Texas, we escape the brunt of any Gulf storm.

Here's hoping for an uneventful tropical season this year!

**Kingsbury Calendar** 

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

# Kingsbury VFD and Auxiliary

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 1st

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, June 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!

Vacation Bible School

# Working in Darst Field

A picture taken in the Darst Creek oil field arount 1945. The picture description tells who is in the picture (Dee Perryman, Henry Freeman, Jesse Scarborough, and B.H. Chamness), where it is, and that the equipment is overturned. But what the **heck** happened to turn it over? By the size of the tires it appears to be a big, hefty piece of equipment, a tractor maybe. Big enough to warrant posing in front of it for a picture!

These men worked for the Magnolia Petroleum Company which became Mobil Oil. The men are all wearing overalls and Mr. Freeman has quite the jaunty tilt to his hardhat!

## Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the <u>Kingsbury website</u>, 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.



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