

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - June 27, 2021

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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Here Comes July!

Ready or not, Thursday is the very first day of July.

July is the seventh month of the year (between June and August) in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the fourth month to have the length of 31 days. It was named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Cæsar, it being the month of his birth. Prior to that, it was called Quintilis.

It is on average the warmest month in most of the Northern hemisphere.

"Dog days" are considered to begin in early July, when the hot sultry weather of summer usually starts.

JULY SYMBOLS:

July's birthstone is the ruby, which symbolizes contentment. It was regarded by ancient Hindus and the "king of gems" and was believed to protect its wearer from evil. The ruby's deep-red color signifies love and passion.

July birth flowers are the Larkspur or the Water Lily.



Each color variation of the larkspur has a different meaning: Pink means fickleness; White conveys a happy nature; and, Purple normally represents a first love. Generally, larkspur indicates strong bonds of love.



The water lily signifies purity and majesty.

Aside from being lovely in their own right, water lilies are often used in ponds to deter the growth of algae and to shade and cool the water for resident fish and frogs.

JULY FOLKLORE



If the 1st of July be rainy weather, it will rain more or less for three weeks together.

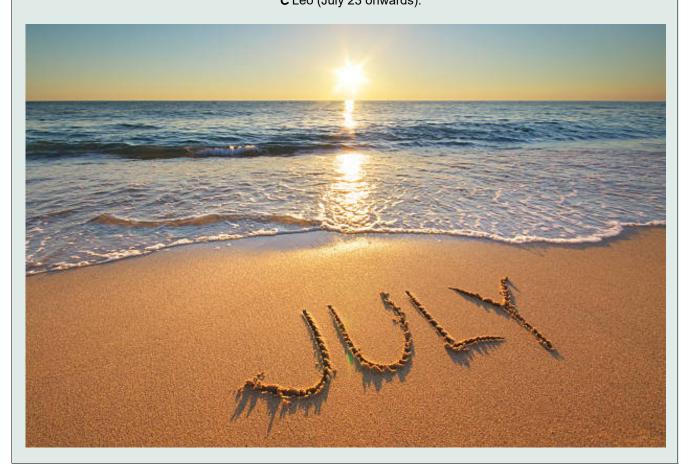
Ne'er trust a July sky.



Dog days bright and clear, indicate a happy year.

The zodiac signs for the month of July are

Cancer (until July 22) and $\Omega_{\text{Leo (July 23 onwards)}}$.



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:

June 27th - National Onion Day, National HIV Testing Day, National Ice Cream Cake Day, National Sunglasses Day, National Orange Blossom Day, National PTSD Awareness Day

June 28th - National Logistics Day, National Paul Bunyan Day, National Insurance Awareness Day, National Alaska Day

June 29th - National Camera Day, National Waffle Iron Day, National Almond Buttercrunch Day

June 30th - National Meteor Watch Day, Social Media Day, National Parchment Day

July 1st - National Postal Worker Day, National U.S. Postage Stamp Day, National Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, National Gingersnap Day

July 2nd - National Anisette Day

July 3rd - National Fried Clam Day, National Eat Your Beans Day, National Chocolate Wafer Day, Hop-a-Park Day







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Kingsbury Market

There will be a Market in downtown Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



Downtown Kingsbury From noon to 3 Every Sunday



You'll be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Plant starts, handcrafted items, homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also available.





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July Night Skies

For you night sky watchers out there, multiple meteor showers start or peak in the month of July!

Southern delta Aquariids

Next period of activity: July 12th, 2021 to August 23rd, 2021

The Delta Aquariids are a strong shower best seen from the southern tropics. North of the equator the radiant is located lower in the southern sky and therefore rates are less than seen from further south. These meteors produce good rates for a week centered on the night of maximum. These are usually faint meteors that lack both persistent trains and fireballs.

Next Peak - The Southern delta Aquariids will next peak on the Jul 28-29, 2021 night.

On this night, the moon will be 74% full.



alpha Capricornids

Next period of activity: July 3rd, 2021 to August 15th, 2021

The Alpha Capricornids are active from July 3 through August 15 with a "plateau-like" maximum centered on July 30. This shower is not very strong and rarely produces in excess of five shower members per hour. What is notable about this shower is the number of bright **fireballs** produced during its activity period. This shower is seen equally well on either side of the equator.

Next Peak - The alpha Capricornids will next peak on the Jul 28-29, 2021 night.

On this night, the moon will be 74% full.



Perseids

Next period of activity: July 17th, 2021 to August 26th, 2021

The Perseids are the most popular meteor shower as they peak on warm August nights as seen from the

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northern hemisphere. The Perseids are active from July 17 to August 24. They reach a strong maximum on August 12 or 13, depending on the year. Normal rates seen from rural locations range from 50-75 shower members per hour at maximum. The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system. They are called Perseids since the radiant (the area of the sky where the meteors seem to originate) is located near the prominent constellation of Perseus the hero when at maximum activity. Parent Object: 109P/Swift-Tuttle.

Next Peak - The Perseids will next peak on the Aug 11-12, 2021 night.

On this night, the moon will be 13% full.





Kingsbury VFD Fundraiser

We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 31st!

This is the annual benefit Bar-B-Q which is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Department, and held each year on the last Saturday in July.

The day starts with DJ Bo Peep doing his thing from 1 to 5. There will be great food and homemade desserts, Raffle for great prizes, games for the kids, Country Store, **Live Auction**, amusements, Silent Auction, and then a fee Dance Under The Stars.

Bar-B-Q plates are \$11 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world famous potato salad! Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until 9:00. Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxilary will be getting together a great group of volunteers to help pull off this event. They will need people to work the serving lines, and to donate items to the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, and the Country Store. Bring a dessert, slice up meat, cook potatoes, there's so much that you can do! Volunteer and be part of a great organization and a great group of people!

Contact kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com for more information.





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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.



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, July 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 2020 will be Thursday, June 6th 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!

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School Days In Kingsbury

A school photo when the Kingsbury School occupied the building that is now the Methodist Church. The school is the building just behind the group to the right and they are gathered on south Center Street, now known as FM-2438 on that side of the railroad tracks.

The photo is in the late 1800s (the building was used as the school from 1879 to 1917) and the children appear to be holding bundles of books and drawings on paper. The boys aren't wearing shoes, but he girls are wearing wonderful **bonnets**. The little girl standing in the middle of the front row is wearing a bonnet meant for a much larger person but she is proudly showing her drawing. There are no names associated with this group except for John Schmidt - the young man in the buggy on the right in the white shirt and holding the reins.

Click on the picture to enlarge and see all the bonnets and bows and hats and the beautiful dress the lady at the far left is wearing. Picture taking was very dignified and serious business then and there aren't a lot of smiles, but I'm sure they were very proud of their school!



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