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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Hurricane Season Begins Again!

Tuesday, June 1st, is the start of the 2021 hurricane season!

Yet another above-normal Atlantic hurricane season is expected this year, according to forecasters with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service. The outlook predicts a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season and only a 10% chance of a below-normal season. However, experts do not anticipate the historic level of storm activity we saw last year in 2020. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a likely range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 5 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. An average hurricane season produces 12 named storms, of which 6 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

**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.

The combination of several climate factors is driving the strong likelihood for above-normal activity in the Atlantic this year. El Nino conditions are expected to either remain neutral or to trend toward La Nina, meaning there will not be an El Nino present to suppress hurricane activity. Also, warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, coupled with reduced vertical wind shear, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds, and an enhanced west African monsoon all increase the likelihood for an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season.

That suggests increasing hurricane risk, as big, wet storms become more likely.

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.

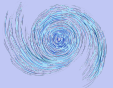
**Hurricane Alicia** - August 18, 1983 - Alicia was the first hurricane to strike the Continental U.S. since Allen in 1980. It was the longest period that the U.S. mainland had gone without a hurricane landfall.

**Tropical Storm Allison** - June 5, 2001 - Although not a hurricane, Alison made landfall near Freeport and stalled over eastern Texas for several days, dropping extreme amounts of rain which lead to catastrophic flooding. Allison caused 23 deaths in the state, and is the only non-hurricane strength storm to have its name retired.

**Hurricane Rita** - September 24, 2005 - Rita made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane on the border between Louisiana and Texas. In preparation of its landfall, the largest evacuation in U.S. history takes place, with over 3 million people evacuating inland.

**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.



2021 Hurricane Names

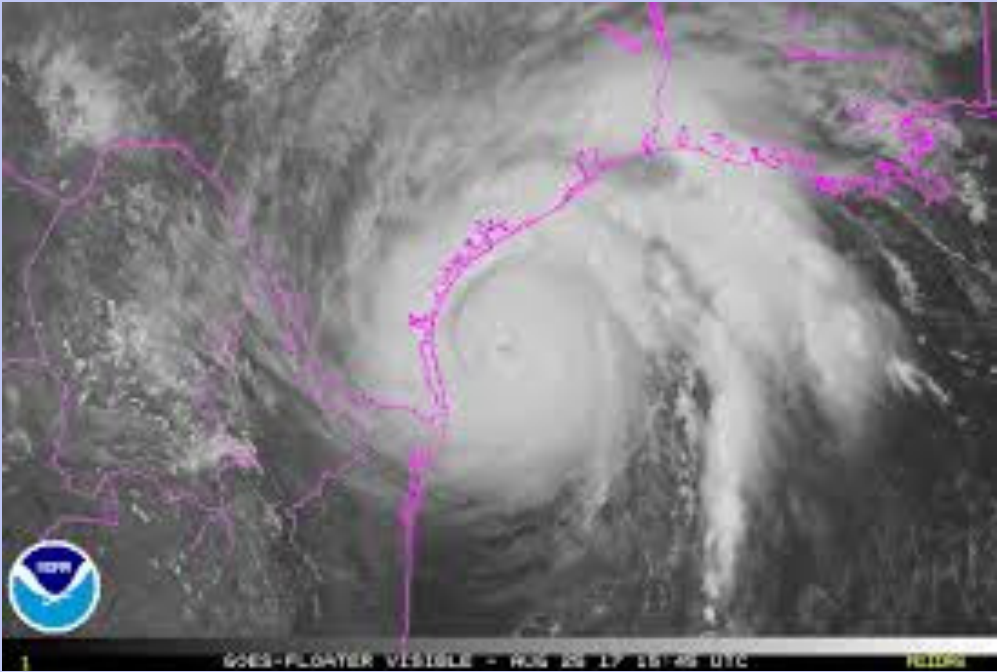
There hase already been a named hurricane this year before the season even officially started!

(Ana)	Bill	Claudette
Danny	Elsa	Fred
Grace	Henri	Ida
Julian	Kate	Larry
Mindy	Nicholas	Odette
Peter	Rose	Sam
Teresa	Victor	Wanda

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!



Hurricane Harvey nearing the Texas coast in 2017.



## Memorial Day

Monday, May 31st, 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.



## Here Comes June

Tuesday 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.

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*It is the month of June,  
The month of leaves and roses,  
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,  
And pleasant scents the noses.  
—N. P. Willis (1807-67)*

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*June's Birth Flowers - Rose or Honeysuckle*



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.



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

The entire month of June is also:

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| National Aquarium Month                  | National Accordion Awareness Month        |
| National Adopt a Cat / Shelter Cat Month | National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month |
| National Candy Month                     | National Camping Month                    |
| National Country Cooking Month           | National Dairy Month                      |
| National Great Outdoors Month            | National Iced Tea Month                   |
| National Papaya Month                    | National Safety Month                     |
| Turkey Lovers Month                      | National Soul Food Month                  |
| National Rose Month                      |   |





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 3rd**

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!



### 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 30th** - National Creativity Day, National Water a Flower Day, National Hole In My Bucket Day, National Mint Julep Day, Loomis Day, World Multiple Sclerosis Day

**May 31st** - Autonomous Vehicle Day, National Save Your Hearing Day, National Speak in Sentences Day, National Macaroon Day, National Utah Day, National Smile Day, Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Day, National Memorial Day

**June 1st** - World Reef Awareness Day, National Olive Day, National Heimlich Maneuver Day, National Go Barefoot Day, National Nail Polish Day, National Say Something Nice Day, National Penpal Day, National Hazelnut Cake Day

**June 2nd** - National Rotisserie Chicken Day, National Rocky Road Day, National Bubba Day, National First Ladies Day, National Leave The Office Early Day, National Running Day

**June 3rd** - National Egg Day, National Repeat Day, National Chocolate Macaroons Day

**June 4th** - National Clean Beauty Day, National Old Maid's Day, National Cheese Day, National Cognac Day, National Hug Your Cat Day, National SAFE Day, National Doughnut Day

**June 5th** - National Gingerbread Day, National Moonshine Day, National Veggie Burger Day, National Black Bear Day, National Bubbly Day, National Prairie Day, National Trails Day







Kingsbury Market Days

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.





### 90 Miles On 90

The 90 Miles On 90 Event is more than 90 miles of yard sales and farmers **markets** set up for browsing and shopping along US 90 from Sealy to McQueeney and all towns in between—Columbus, Glidden, Weimar, Schulenburg, Flatonia, Waelder, Harwood, Luling, McQueeney, ... and Kingsbury!

It's coming up Friday and Saturday June 4-5. There will be booths set up in the downtown Kingsbury area and all up and down Hwy 90.

So get ready for some shopping and bargain hunting with over 90 miles of "stores" to check out!





### Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q

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!

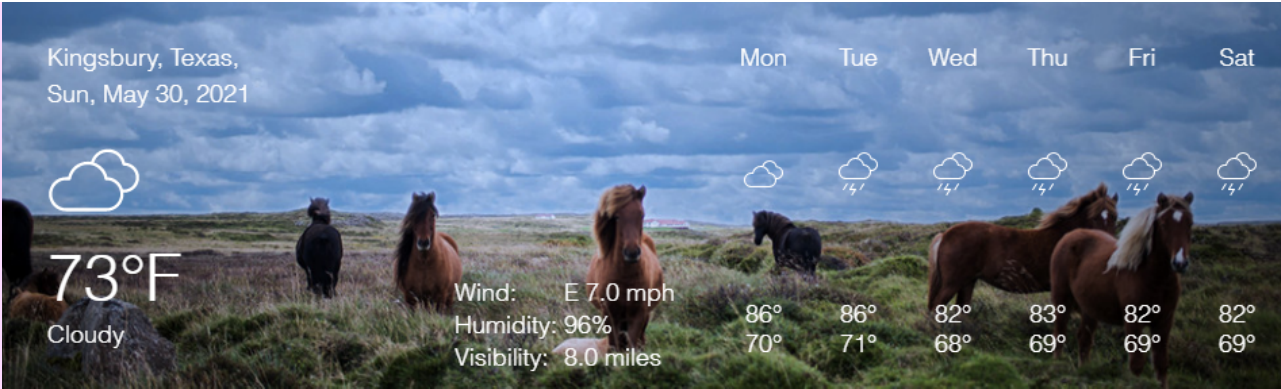
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### Kingsbury Weather

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.

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

### Kingsbury Bloomer Girls

The 1929 Kingsbury Girls Basketball Team. The picture is labeled "Bloomer Girls" on the back and lists those pictured as:

Back row: Nelia Fischer Owen, Norma Chuter, Bessie Brown, Esther Wolfshohl  
Sitting: Agnes Maurer, Ruby Halm, Alleen Jones

Apparently, belts were a part of the **uniform**. Probably not the easiest thing to play in! The 1929 team would have played in the old red brick schoolhouse, shown here in snow (year unknown). The people in the snow are unknown, but also appear to be wearing "bloomers" (probably knickers or riding pants with tall socks or boots).





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Thanks!

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