

# Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - December 11, 2022

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## Kingsbury Texas

*News & Information Newsletter*



*Dear Kingsbury,*

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

### Kingsbury VFD

Saturday, December 3rd, the Kingsbury VFD and Auxiliary had their annual Christmas Party where **outstanding** members were recognized, the 2023 officers were sworn in, and they celebrated the Christmas season.

The new KVFD Auxiliary officers are:

President -- Gail Younger   Vice President -- Janet Reeves  
Treasurer -- Beth Pirtle   Secretary -- Chelsea Commings   Chaplain -- Doris Jefferies

The 2022 KVFD officers:

Fire Chief -- David Larison  
First Assistant Chief -- Shane Heinimeier  
Second Assistant Chief -- Bill Harborth  
President -- Sara Reid   Vice President -- Jack Brosius  
Treasurer -- Bonnie Dvorak   Secretary -- Bonnie Dvorak  
Chaplain -- Steve Rainbolt  
Trustee -- Steve Rainbolt   Trustee -- James Harborth  
Trustee -- Cameron Brent Bertling

Firefighter of the year -- Gary Dvorak

The event took place in the fire station and due to the large size of the group, was held in the bay area. The station was all decked out for Christmas, the food was awesome, and everyone had a great time! The City of Kingsbury presented the KVFD with a check for \$800 to backfill funding from the county and the Auxiliary presented them with a check for \$5,000 for the items that a fire station might need.

Firefighter of the Year, Gary Dvorak, was presented with a one-of-a-kind, personalized belt buckle and display case for his many, many contributions and efforts to the Kingsbury VFD and to our community.

Congratulations to the new officers and a big "Thank You" to the KVFD and Auxiliary for all the support you provide to our community!



## 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:

**December 11th** - National Stretching Day, National App Day, National Noodle Ring Day

**December 12th** - National Ambrosia Day, National Ding-a-Ling Day, Gingerbread House Day, Poinsettia Day

**December 13th** - National Cocoa Day, National Violin Day, National Day of the Horse, Pick a Pathologist Pal Day, National Guard Birthday

**December 14th** - National Bouillabaisse Day, National Alabama Day, Monkey Day

**December 15th** - National Cupcake Day, Bill of Rights Day, Cat Herders Day, National Wear Your Pearls Day

**December 16th** - National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day, Barbie and Barney Backlash Day, National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Underdog Day

**December 17th** - National Maple Syrup Day, Wright Brothers Day, National Wreaths Across America Day

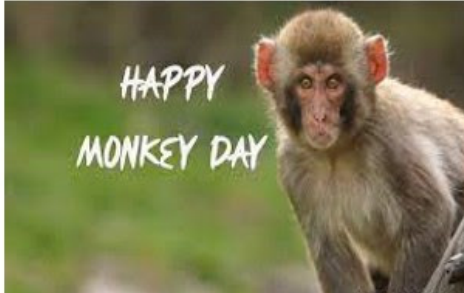
National Ambrosia Day



National Cocoa Day!



December 13

HAPPY  
MONKEY DAYNational  
Maple Syrup DayNATIONAL  
VIOLIN DAY

Bill of Rights Day

National  
Gingerbread  
House Day

December 12th

WRIGHT BROTHERS  
DAY

National Poinsettia Day

December 12

Happy National  
Noodle Ring Day

December 11



Happy National Day of the Horse!



December 13

HorseChannel.com/DayOfTheHorse

National  
Cupcake Day

## Meteors!

The Geminid meteor shower peaks this week!

The Geminids occur every year from about December 4 to 16, peaking the night of December 13 into the morning of December 14. This is the shower's "maximum"—the time when the most meteors fall per hour. Given that the Geminid meteor shower is the most active shower of the year, expect to see an average of 75 meteors per hour during the Geminids' peak! The show typically starts as early as 9 P.M., peaks around 2 A.M., and lasts into the morning hours of the next day.

In 2022, the moon will be 77% full on December 13th which means that the Geminids' peak will be washed out to some extent by a waxing gibbous Moon. Geminid meteors tend to be bold, white and quick. The brightest ones will overcome the light of the moon.

The Geminid meteor shower is one of the most active and reliable meteor showers of the year! They **streak** through the sky every minute or two all night.

It is unique because the meteors are visible all night long, since the constellation Gemini arises just an hour or two after nightfall. Most meteor showers require you to wait until midnight or pre-dawn for the best viewing.

The constellation Gemini is the radiant of the Geminid meteor shower, which means that it is the meteor shower's point of origin. The Geminid meteors will appear to fall away from the constellation Gemini.

Geminid meteors can be seen all night long because Gemini rises so early, though Gemini is at its highest point (offering optimal viewing) around 2 A.M. However, because the sun sets so early in December, the meteor shower is usually in full swing by 9 P.M.

Meteors occur when the Earth rushes through a stream of dust and debris left behind by a passing comet. When the bits strike the Earth's upper atmosphere, friction with the air causes each particle to heat and burn up. We see the result as a meteor.

Interestingly, Geminid meteors didn't seem to be associated with a comet until recently. The Geminid meteor shower was thought to be caused by an asteroid called 3200 Phaethon, which was first detected by NASA in 1983. The odd part of this is that asteroids don't disintegrate in the same way that comets do to produce meteor showers. Phaethon has therefore been reclassified as an extinct comet that has lost its outer covering. This helps explain why the Geminids are so bright. They're little pieces of mostly rocky material which take longer to burn up as they fall into the atmosphere, whereas most meteor showers are caused by the softer, icier debris from comets.

The Geminid meteors also move more slowly than other meteors, such as the Perseids. The decrease in speed makes viewing much easier. The Geminid meteor shower is also relatively new. All other major meteor showers have been observed for centuries, but the Geminids were first observed in 1862 in Manchester, England. The Geminid meteor shower was at first very modest, but it now delivers one to two meteors a minute.



## New Year's Eve In Kingsbury Hall

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A cluster of yellow and silver balloons with streamers trailing off to the left, framing the top and left side of the poster.

# New Year's Eve

In



# Kingsbury Hall

Food by Manny's

Live Music

Complimentary

Champagne

BYOB

Fun Starts At 9

\$10 Cover



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](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,  
Sun, Dec 11, 2022

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



68°F

Mostly Cloudy

Wind: N 13.0 mph

Humidity: 76%

Visibility: 10.0 miles



73°

68°



79°

53°



69°

40°



63°

40°



59°

39°



55°

41°

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](#)

## Christmas Boxes

Every year the Kingsbury VFD Auxiliary puts together and delivers some awesome gift boxes/baskets/bags for the people in their fire district that are shut-in or at least 85 years young. The Auxiliary delivered to over 40 people this past Saturday with Christmas bags that included fruit, candy, snacks, fun Christmas items, chargers, puzzle books, calendars, and homemade cookies. Each bag also included a beautiful Christmas card.

It's a wonderful Christmas **tradition** that means so much to both the givers and receivers!

It's just one of the many things that the KVFD Auxiliary does for our community. Thank you for all you do Auxiliary!



## Days Till Christmas



## The Jones Family

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A picture of four **generations** of the Jones Family in Kingsbury in 1933.

James "Jim" Jones is on the left, and Lester Jones is on the right. Harriet Newman Jones is seated with little Colleen Jones on her lap.

Don't you love that wicker chair and those great hats?



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**Thanks!**

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