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News & Information Newsletter







Dear Kingsbury,

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

Welcome 2021! (Good Riddance 2020)

We have successfully completed another orbit around the sun! The new year begins this week 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 says: 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 2020 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:

December 27 - National Fruitcake Day

December 28 - National Short Film Day, National Chocolate Candy Day, National Card Playing Day, Holy Innocents Day, Pledge of Allegiance Day

December 29 - National Hero Day, National Pepper Pot Day, Tick Tock Day

December 30 - National Bicarbonate of Soda Day, Falling Needles Family Fest Day, Bacon Day

December 31 - National Champagne Day, No Interruptions Day, Make Up Your Mind Day, New Year's Eve, Universal Hour of Peace

January 1 - New Year's Day, National Bloody Mary Day, National Hangover Day

January 2 - National Buffet Day, National Cream Puff Day, National Personal Trainer Awareness Day, National Science Fiction Day



Here Comes January

In addition to the first of the new year, this is the first week of the new month of January.

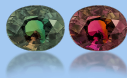
January was originally the eleventh month, not the first, until at least 153 B.C.

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



Full Cold Moon

This week, on Wednesday, December 30th, the Full Cold Moon rises.

In Native American cultures which tracked the calendar by the Moons, December's Full Moon was known as the Full Cold Moon. It is fittingly associated with the month when winter cold fastens its grip and the nights become long and **dark**.

This Full Moon is also called the Long Nights Moon by some Native American tribes because it occurs near the winter solstice—the night with the least amount of daylight.

As with all full moons, the December full moon is known by many names:

Zuni - Moon Where Sun Has Traveled Home To Rest

Lakota - Moon When The Deer Shed Their Antlers

Comanche - Evergreen Moon

Choctaw - Moon Of Sassafras

Arapaho - Popping Trees Moon

Cherokee - Snow Moon

Cheyenne - Moon When The Wolves Run Together

Hopi - Moon of Respect

Shawnee - Eccentric Moon

Dakotah Sioux - Twelfth Moon

Chippewa - Small Spirits Moon

Cree - Young Fellow Spread The Brush Moon

Creek - Big Winter Moon

Mohawk - Time of Cold Moon

Shoshone - Winter Moon

Tlingit (Alaska) - Unborn Seals Are Getting Hair Moon

Winnebago - Big Bear's Moon

Colonial American - Christmas Moon

Chinese - Bitter Moon

Celtic - Cold Moon

Medieval English - Oak Moon

Neo Pagan - Long Night Moon



NIGHT SKY FOLKLORE

If a snowstorm begins when the Moon is young, it will cease at moonrise.

The Shoshone tribe of Wyoming and Southern Idaho tell of the beginnings of the Milky Way, so visible on a dark winter's night. A grizzly bear (Cygnus) climbed up a tall mountain to go hunting in the sky. As he climbed, snow and ice clung to the fur of his feet and legs. Crossing the sky the ice crystals trailed behind him forming the Milky Way.



Market Days Hiatus

Most vendors that sell their wares during the Kingsbury Market Days will be taking a **hiatus** for the winter and returning in February.


Any vendors are still welcome to set up and sell items so there may be some booths throughout the next few weeks.



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 27, 2020



47°F
Sunny

Mon


Tue

Wed


Thu

Fri


Sat




77°
60°




77°
63°




71°
36°



51°
29°



61°
35°




61°
33°

Wind: S 4.0 mph

Humidity: 89%

Visibility: 8.0 miles

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 Post Office and Drug Store

A picture taken in front of the Kingsbury Post Office and Drug Store in 1912.

In the picture are Jeptha White, Jeptha's sister, Edna White Beaty, Edna's husband Van Beaty, and George Smith.

Jeptha Conrad White (1888-1962) was the pharmacist at the drug store (the "J.C.WHITE" painted on the front window). Edna, Van, and George were all mail carriers in 1912. The door to the left of the Post Office says "DENTIST" above the door. Can you imagine what **dentistry** was like in 1912?!

When this picture was taken in 1912 (and prior to the fire of 1929), the Post Office and Drug Store were in the middle of downtown east of Kingsbury Road about where the KVFD Station #2 currently is.

There are nine people in the photo. Can you spot them all?



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