

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Mars, Venus, SW in evening;
Jupiter south, Saturn, Mercury low E at dawn

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	02:58 PM	10:13 PM	04:26 AM	90%	Full Moon
Tuesday	03:53 PM	11:14 PM	05:33 AM	96%	
Wednesday	04:54 PM		06:35 AM	99%	
Thursday	05:58 PM	12:14 AM	07:33 AM	100%	
Friday	07:04 PM	01:13 AM	08:22 AM	98%	
Saturday	08:09 PM	02:08 AM	09:06 AM	93%	
Sunday	09:12 PM	03:00 AM	09:44 AM	87%	



Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:38 AM	07:40 AM	05:17 PM	06:18 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:40 AM	05:18 PM	06:19 PM
Wednesday	06:38 AM	07:40 AM	05:19 PM	06:20 PM
Thursday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:20 PM	06:21 PM
Friday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:21 PM	06:22 PM
Saturday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:22 PM	06:23 PM
Sunday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:24 PM	06:24 PM

Nature Notes

§ This time of year, migrating geese ply area skies, as do bald eagles, ducks, hawks, robins, owls and other flying creatures-- look up! Bird feeders continue to be a popular hangout for winter songbird flocks despite the melting thaw we'll be having. If you want to become a "citizen scientist" and submit bird counts from your backyard feeder, check out details at www.feederwatch.org which is run by Cornell University.

§ Snow is disappearing except where protected from the sun on the north side of things. With the thaw, you can switch from tracks in the snow to animal tracks along paths and near water.

Take a picture to identify them later.

§ Even though things are thawing some, the low waters of the Kaw make exploring exposed sandbars a good pastime this time of year if it's not too windy or cold. Driftwood, interesting rocks, watching eagles and maybe unearthing a fossil are all good reasons to take a hike along the Kaw.

§ This is a great time to look at interesting tree trunks, different bark textures and patterns, It can help you learn how to identify species, by bark colors, tree shapes, bud arrangements and shapes.



This bald eagle liked to walk on the bumpy river ice, as did a nearby crow. With recent cold weather, it might be worth checking an area pond before it warms too much to see if there is 4-5 inches of ice, the standard for safe skating. Don't forget: the Jayhawk Audubon Eagles Day is January 21, 8:30am - 4pm at Free State HS.