

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Mercury, Jupiter and Mars east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:23 PM	06:23 PM
Tuesday	06:37 AM	07:37 AM	05:24 PM	06:24 PM
Wednesday	06:37 AM	07:37 AM	05:25 PM	06:25 PM
Thursday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:26 PM	06:26 PM
Friday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:27 PM	06:27 PM
Saturday	06:36 AM	07:35 AM	05:28 PM	06:28 PM
Sunday	06:35 AM	07:35 AM	05:29 PM	06:29 PM

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	06:25 AM	11:26 AM	04:26 PM	3%	New Moon
Tuesday	07:12 AM	12:14 PM	05:17 PM	1%	
Wednesday	07:55 AM	01:01 PM	06:11 PM	0%	
Thursday	08:34 AM	01:48 PM	07:07 PM	1%	
Friday	09:09 AM	02:34 PM	08:05 PM	4%	
Saturday	09:43 AM	03:20 PM	09:03 PM	9%	
Sunday	10:14 AM	04:05 PM	10:03 PM	15%	



Nature Notes

§ Eagles Day is an annual celebration of our national bird which has graced the Kaw Valley every winter for thousands and thousands of years. Come to Free State High School between 8:30 and 4pm this coming Saturday, Jan. 20, with featured speakers Marty Birrell from Prairie Park Nature Center and Clinton Park's Mike Watkins. There will be many great organizations participating as well, with lots of activities for adults AND kids. It also happens to be free--don't miss it!

§ If you hear a woodpecker knocking on a metal gutter in coming weeks, it hasn't gone crazy looking for overwintering bugs; it's noisily staking out its breeding territory for all other woodpeckers to hear. This is also owl mating season, so don't be surprised if you hear them as well. It's also mating season for beavers, red foxes and opossums, timing childbearing for the spring when there is plentiful food.

§ The wood rat, or packrat, passes down its home made of sticks and leaves from generation to generation, each one adding on an addition to what was already there. Rabbits, mice, insects, spiders and shrews can spend the winter in the nest, making them quite congested places. In addition to generations of pack rats and various other animals, a packrat's nest typically starts the winter filled with several gallons of cached nuts, berries and seeds.



The wetland waters south of the South Lawrence Trafficway and west of Haskell/E 1500 Road are frozen and capped in white snow, creating a silhouetting background for the tallgrasses and forbs that line the shoreline. It's a beautiful time of year to enjoy a walk in so many places in our area—take advantage of it!