

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 22 - 28, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:16 PM	09:01 PM	03:51 AM	79%
Tuesday	02:12 PM	09:55 PM	04:45 AM	86%
Wednesday	03:15 PM	10:50 PM	05:34 AM	93%
Thursday	04:24 PM	11:44 PM	06:17 AM	97%
Friday	05:34 PM		06:55 AM	100%
Saturday	06:46 PM	12:37 AM	07:29 AM	Full Moon
Sunday	07:58 PM	01:29 AM	08:00 AM	97%



Carpe fructum! This opossum took advantage of the sun and warmer temperatures to grab an orange from the compost pile. With even warmer temperatures predicted this coming week, expect an increase in wildlife activities, reinforced by 15 more minutes of sunlight this week and a full moon on Friday/Saturday.



Mars southwest after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:05 AM	07:02 AM	06:06 PM	07:03 PM
Tuesday	06:04 AM	07:01 AM	06:07 PM	07:04 PM
Wednesday	06:03 AM	06:59 AM	06:09 PM	07:05 PM
Thursday	06:02 AM	06:58 AM	06:10 PM	07:06 PM
Friday	06:00 AM	06:57 AM	06:11 PM	07:07 PM
Saturday	05:59 AM	06:55 AM	06:12 PM	07:08 PM
Sunday	05:57 AM	06:54 AM	06:13 PM	07:09 PM

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- § Mornings continue to have some auditory premonitions of spring, with some birds trying out their territorial songs and woodpeckers knocking out territorial rhythms for the same purpose, both triggered by the increasing daylight.
- § This will be a good week to watch for ice breaking up on area rivers, which have frozen more than they have in years. Seagulls, eagles and other fishing birds are still concentrated by the lack of open water, so it will be also a good week for watching them below dams and in other areas still unfrozen in areas where the current is strong enough.
- § Look for sap flow to return again in earnest in area maples and elms, with buds swelling and even opening in the treetops and moving down with consistently warmer days. This is the time to tap that sap if the tree diameter is more than 10".
- § Crocuses and snowdrops are the first flowers to bloom; look for emerging daffodil and tulip leaves, reddening dogwood and yellowing willow twigs in this prevernal season.
- § With full moon this weekend, nights will be lit and a good time for after dark walks. You might see the first moth of the year on your window. Listen for coyotes, who are in the midst of their mating season. Do they howl at the rising moon?
- § If you see a flock of noisy crows, look around for an owl, which crows harass due to the owl's habit of raiding crow nests.