

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 30 - February 5, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:31 PM	08:08 PM	02:49 AM	66%
Tuesday	01:10 PM	08:58 PM	03:51 AM	75%
Wednesday	01:55 PM	09:49 PM	04:51 AM	83%
Thursday	02:46 PM	10:40 PM	05:44 AM	89%
Friday	03:43 PM	11:30 PM	06:31 AM	94%
Saturday	04:43 PM		07:11 AM	98%
Sunday	05:44 PM	12:18 AM	07:45 AM	Full Moon



This bald eagle was photographed hanging out in a cottonwood tree below the Bowersock Dam that is located on the Kaw River in Lawrence. Eagles overwinter up and down the Kaw and Missouri Rivers and around area reservoirs, and quite a few of them now make their nests in Kansas, so keep an eye to the sky and you might just see one flying overhead or perched in a cottonwood tree looking for a meal.



Sun

Venus, Saturn W, Jupiter S, Mars E after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:29 AM	07:28 AM	05:40 PM	06:39 PM
Tuesday	06:29 AM	07:27 AM	05:41 PM	06:40 PM
Wednesday	06:28 AM	07:27 AM	05:42 PM	06:41 PM
Thursday	06:27 AM	07:26 AM	05:43 PM	06:42 PM
Friday	06:26 AM	07:25 AM	05:44 PM	06:43 PM
Saturday	06:26 AM	07:24 AM	05:45 PM	06:44 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:23 AM	05:47 PM	06:45 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy>

§ If you want to see Comet ZTF, the best days to see it are Mon-Wed due to the brightening moon which is full on Sunday.

The best time of day to see it is before it gets light, around 6am: look between the North Star, Polaris, and the two "pointer stars" of the Big Dipper, and don't bother unless you have a pair of binoculars or a telescope: it's faint!

§ Kansas is currently the center of the most severe drought in North America, with exceptional drought conditions present in southwestern, western and a southern tier of southern counties in the state. In addition to seed, consider putting out water for overwintering birds if surface water is hard to find.

§ Looking for some green this time of year? Your best bet is to look for some moss, bristly greenbriar vines; daisy, mullein, dandelion and thistle rosettes; yarrow, wild onions, some cool season grasses and sedges.

§ If you want to learn how to identify overwintering/migrating waterfowl this week, join Jayhawk Audubon members at 8:30am on Wednesday in the Baker Wetlands parking lot off of HASKELL AVENUE/E 1500 and N 1250 Roads intersection, and bring your binoculars if you have some! Expect a variety of ducks, geese and gulls, and along the roadside a variety of sparrows, woodpeckers, and wrens.