

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 22 - 28, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:29 PM	10:28 PM	05:31 AM	91%
Tuesday	03:25 PM	11:23 PM	06:27 AM	96%
Wednesday	04:27 PM		07:15 AM	99%
Thursday	05:30 PM	12:15 AM	07:54 AM	Full Moon
Friday	06:33 PM	01:03 AM	08:26 AM	99%
Saturday	07:34 PM	01:48 AM	08:53 AM	96%
Sunday	08:34 PM	02:30 AM	09:16 AM	92%



This turkey will get warmer if cloudier weather this week, and perchance the opportunity to find more bugs and scraps to eat as the crusty snow softens and melts away in the predicted rain. We also gain 13 additional minutes of sunlight this week, and I've heard some chickdees switch from their winter "chickadee-dee-dee" call to their mating "fee-bee" song.



Sun

Jupiter SE, Saturn SW at dusk; Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:34 AM	07:34 AM	05:30 PM	06:30 PM
Tuesday	06:34 AM	07:34 AM	05:31 PM	06:31 PM
Wednesday	06:33 AM	07:33 AM	05:32 PM	06:32 PM
Thursday	06:33 AM	07:32 AM	05:34 PM	06:33 PM
Friday	06:32 AM	07:32 AM	05:35 PM	06:34 PM
Saturday	06:32 AM	07:31 AM	05:36 PM	06:36 PM
Sunday	06:31 AM	07:30 AM	05:37 PM	06:37 PM

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§ Many mammals are pretty active right now, cottontail rabbits included. Rabbits don't hibernate or store food caches like many other mammals. They find nourishment this time of year by eating twigs, buds and bark from trees and shrubs or eating their own droppings, covering a wider area now than in the spring and summer in their search for nourishment. Of course owls, hawks and other raptors as well as coyotes and foxes are on the lookout for this mobile food source, too!

§ Snow drifts occur when the snow driven by the wind loses its momentum as the wind is slowed as it goes through some brush, across a ditch, or through a snow fence. In recent snows, the prevailing winds from the north/northwest drifted the north sides of east-west roads, followed a few days later by winds from the south, drifting ditches on the south side of the road, followed by another northerly wind, adding height and heft to the drifts on the north. With warming temperatures, all will be melting, but even though the north ditches are fuller, they are more exposed to the sun, so it will be interesting to see which side of the road has the last drifts.

§ True to its Osage name Frost on the Inside of Lodge Moon, the waxing moon becomes full this week, and even behind the clouds, it will likely light up the night, especially if there is snow on the ground. Might be a good time for a night walk to see and hear what all you can hear.

§ Free prairie walk at Prairie Park this Saturday at 2pm.