

# Kaw Valley Almanac

January 29 - February 4, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:32 PM	03:11 AM	09:37 AM	86%
Tuesday	10:30 PM	03:49 AM	09:57 AM	79%
Wednesday	11:29 PM	04:28 AM	10:18 AM	71%
Thursday		05:08 AM	10:39 AM	62%
Friday	12:30 AM	05:51 AM	11:04 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Saturday	01:34 AM	06:37 AM	11:33 AM	43%
Sunday	02:42 AM	07:28 AM	12:08 PM	33%



This is a wonderful time of year to take walks in area prairies and take photos of abstract patterns of touseled grasses and dried flowers such as the dark ashy sunflower amidst the native dormant grass with a hint of remnant snow pictured here. Having a friend along makes it even nicer.



## Sun

Jupiter S, Saturn WSW at dusk; Venus low E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:30 AM	07:29 AM	05:38 PM	06:38 PM
Tuesday	06:30 AM	07:29 AM	05:39 PM	06:39 PM
Wednesday	06:29 AM	07:28 AM	05:41 PM	06:40 PM
Thursday	06:28 AM	07:27 AM	05:42 PM	06:41 PM
Friday	06:27 AM	07:26 AM	05:43 PM	06:42 PM
Saturday	06:27 AM	07:25 AM	05:44 PM	06:43 PM
Sunday	06:26 AM	07:24 AM	05:45 PM	06:44 PM

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

§ We leave January, Frost on the Inside of the Lodge Moon, for February, Light of Day Moon this week, and fittingly, while we gain 12 additional minutes of daylight this week, we gain 65 minutes of daylight for the month of February, as we increase the crescendo of light gain towards the spring equinox on March 20 this year, when we are gaining 16 minutes of sunlight in just one week. But the Osage wisely acknowledge that we notice the lengthening days more in February than in March because we are looking more intensely for more light then!

§ Another way to notice the longer days is to watch the east and west horizons at sunrise/set and watch the sun move north on the horizon in coming weeks. If you look at a fence post or pole shadow at noon and leave a pebble at the end of the shadow, the shadow will move away from the pebble at noon as the sun cuts an arc higher in the sky.

§ Leafless trees and brush means this is a good time to spot last year's animal homes: songbird nests, heron nests in large sycamore trees, leafy squirrel nests, packrat nests which are mostly on the ground, around the roots or in the crotch of trees, coyote dens in the ground, beaver mounds sticking out of the water, owl, eagle and hawk nests. Once you spot one, see if you can see if it is still being used, or will be used by some other animal this year.

§ The moon rises later and later, and sunny skies means that it's a good week to admire winter star constellations.