

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 24 - 30, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday		05:27 AM	11:16 AM	57%
Tuesday	12:36 AM	06:14 AM	11:44 AM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday	01:46 AM	07:05 AM	12:16 PM	34%
Thursday	02:59 AM	08:00 AM	12:54 PM	24%
Friday	04:14 AM	09:00 AM	01:42 PM	14%
Saturday	05:26 AM	10:04 AM	02:41 PM	7%
Sunday	06:31 AM	11:09 AM	03:49 PM	2%



These sawtooth sunflowers stand tall above the dried prairie grasses, providing chipping sparrows and other overwintering songbirds some seeds of nourishment in this dry, cool at times very cold January. Please consider supplementing the shrinking food and water supplies with a birdseed feeder and some water for the next month or so; this is typically the hardest time of the year for many birds--give them a hand!



Sun

Jupiter SW after dusk, Venus, Mars E before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:33 AM	07:33 AM	05:33 PM	06:33 PM
Tuesday	06:33 AM	07:32 AM	05:34 PM	06:34 PM
Wednesday	06:32 AM	07:31 AM	05:35 PM	06:35 PM
Thursday	06:31 AM	07:31 AM	05:36 PM	06:36 PM
Friday	06:31 AM	07:30 AM	05:38 PM	06:37 PM
Saturday	06:30 AM	07:29 AM	05:39 PM	06:38 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:28 AM	05:40 PM	06:39 PM

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

- § A month ago, there were over 400,000 snow geese at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge near the Missouri River; last week there were 10. The difference? Ice. Recent subfreezing weather has iced over the lakes and most waterfowl have moved further south. The peak of over 800 eagles there has shunk to less than 200, as they have followed the food.
- § You may have noticed that the days are getting longer, with a gain of 12 minutes of sunlight this week alone. This trend that will become even more pronounced next month, as evidenced by the Osage Indian name given to February: Light of Day Returns Moon. Many animal endocrine systems are synchronized with the length of day, so as a result, you may notice in coming weeks the breaking up of winter flocks, the knocking of woodpeckers on gutters and the like as they stake out their nesting/territory claims, and so on.
- § On warm days in coming weeks, look for the first maple and elm flowers, which open up at the tops of the trees, working their way down. Of course that means that sap is rising and on days that the temperature is above freezing during the day, but below at night, these trees can be tapped if the diameter of the tree is more than 10". The drought may affect this though.
- § Even though they are ornamentals, if you have snowdrops or crocuses planted in protected, sunny areas, you might see them sending up some leaves in the next few weeks.