

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 21 - 27, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:38 PM	04:12 AM	09:46 AM	71%
Tuesday		05:01 AM	10:17 AM	61%
Wednesday	12:49 AM	05:54 AM	10:52 AM	3rd Quarter
Thursday	02:02 AM	06:51 AM	11:36 AM	38%
Friday	03:13 AM	07:52 AM	12:29 PM	27%
Saturday	04:19 AM	08:55 AM	01:32 PM	18%
Sunday	05:16 AM	09:57 AM	02:42 PM	10%



Ever see a big flock of seagulls fishing right below the Bowersock Dam on the Kaw River this time of year? Well this Saturday, Feb. 26, the Jayhawk Audubon Field Trip will meet on the north side of Bowersock Dam at 8:30 to identify the different species, and maybe an eagle, then proceed to Bismark Lake located on the west side of E 1600 Rd, about ¼ mile north of N 1700 Rd. where there are typically hundreds of gulls. Come join in the fun--it's lee-gull to boot!



Sun

Venus, Mars, Mercury in east before dawn

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

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

§ Monday is going to be warm, followed by a return to cold temps.

Look on the tops of elms and maple trees to see if the buds are swelling or even opening when it's warm, then see if they shut back down once the temperatures drop for most of the rest of the week.

§ 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.

Notice that in mornings, more and more birds are singing and woodpeckers are rapping on gutters to tell other woodpeckers that this is their territory, so other woodpeckers stay away!

§ With mostly moonless nights and clear skies predicted for part of the week, this is a great time to enjoy some of the best constellations of the year, including Orion, Taurus, Gemini and Canis Major, which includes the brightest star in the heavens:

Sirius--also known as the Dog Star.

§ If you get some rain, perhaps as soon as this weekend if you listen carefully you might hear some of the first western chorus frogs beginning their mating calls after emerging from their winter slumber. You might also listen for the rustling of leaves after dark—the sound of emerging earthworms.

§ If you see a female mammal this time of year, chances are pretty good that it's pregnant or will soon be. Bobcats, raccoons, skunks and coyotes are in the midst of their mating season right now.