

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:03 AM	07:23 AM	12:34 PM	38%
Tuesday	03:15 AM	08:15 AM	01:09 PM	28%
Wednesday	04:29 AM	09:14 AM	01:54 PM	18%
Thursday	05:43 AM	10:17 AM	02:50 PM	10%
Friday	06:51 AM	11:24 AM	03:59 PM	4%
Saturday	07:50 AM	12:31 PM	05:17 PM	New Moon
Sunday	08:37 AM	01:33 PM	06:37 PM	0%



Even though the ground is damp on the surface in many areas, this swale at the Wakarusa wetlands shows shrunken pools with brown dirt shores, as drought conditions persist. This week's rains, if you get some, will provide a chance to see fresh animal tracks along the receded muddy shoreline.



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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:37 AM	07:37 AM	05:24 PM	06:25 PM
Tuesday	06:36 AM	07:37 AM	05:25 PM	06:26 PM
Wednesday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:26 PM	06:27 PM
Thursday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:27 PM	06:28 PM
Friday	06:35 AM	07:35 AM	05:28 PM	06:29 PM
Saturday	06:35 AM	07:35 AM	05:29 PM	06:30 PM
Sunday	06:34 AM	07:34 AM	05:30 PM	06:31 PM

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

§ Sunrise moves 3 minutes earlier, while sunset gets 6 minutes later, for a total of 9 additional minutes of daylight this week -- see if you can detect it. We are getting closer to February, which the Osages called "Day of Light Returns Moon."

§ This week should be a great time for hiking and doing outdoor work, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s before the cold front and 30s and 40s afterward. One great thing about this time of year is that ticks, chiggers and other annoyances are absent and wildlife is more visible due to the lack of leaves.

Go for it!

§ Seen lots of geese, eagles, ducks and the like flying during the day? It's a great time to see all of these. If you want to do so with others, and see winter songbirds as well, Jayhawk Audubon is leaving for a field trip to Perry Lake this Saturday, leaving at 8am from the I-70 Business Park parking lot, 1035 N. 3rd in North Lawrence.

§ Keep an eye on the tops of elms and maples in coming weeks, whose topmost buds swell on warm days with the first stirring of sap in these earliest blooms of the season. Snowdrop and crocus flowers are worth watching as they also might start shooting up leaves if they are on the south side of a house, and watch dogwood twigs to see if they start getting redder, while willows twigs get yellower--both a sign of sap flow.