

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 30 - Feb. 5, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	09:03 AM	02:50 PM	08:43 PM	8%	
Tuesday	09:39 AM	03:39 PM	09:48 PM	15%	
Wednesday	10:13 AM	04:29 PM	10:53 PM	24%	
Thursday	10:48 AM	05:08 PM	12:00 AM	35%	
Friday	11:26 AM	06:12 PM		46%	1st Quarter
Saturday	12:06 PM	07:07 PM	01:07 AM	57%	
Sunday	12:52 PM	08:03 PM	02:13 AM	68%	



This is a good time to visit pretty much any natural area of our state as it is a good time to observe wildlife, not have to worry about ticks, chiggers and other nuisances, and as evidenced by this photo taken at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve near Strong City. Dress for wind, bring a friend and a camera and have a good hike wherever you go!



Sun

Venus, Mars SW in evening;
Jupiter south, Saturn E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:29 AM	07:29 AM	05:41 PM	06:39 PM
Tuesday	06:29 AM	07:28 AM	05:42 PM	06:40 PM
Wednesday	06:28 AM	07:27 AM	05:43 PM	06:41 PM
Thursday	06:27 AM	07:26 AM	05:44 PM	06:42 PM
Friday	06:26 AM	07:25 AM	05:45 PM	06:43 PM
Saturday	06:25 AM	07:24 AM	05:46 PM	06:44 PM
Sunday	06:24 AM	07:23 AM	05:47 PM	06:45 PM

Nature Notes

§ The first leaves of the ornamental flower snowdrop, are emerging from the ground. If weather does not turn too cold, the first blossoms could be opening in the next few weeks. In similar fashion, the invasive honeysuckle has started to send out a few tiny leaves and/or growth buds near the ground to test the waters. If you cut a grape vine, you may find it will 'bleed sap' and maples are definitely fattening up their flower buds at the tops of the trees.

§ Deer, wild turkeys, coyotes, raccoons and other wild animals can be seen from the roadside this time of year as vegetation is dormant and animals are hungry. Because most are creatures of habit, note the time and return the same time another day to try your luck seeing them again.

§ Geese and ducks can be found enjoying the reconstructed wetlands along the Wakarusa south of Lawrence, which have also attracted many other birds, including ducks, hawks, eagles, gulls, doves, owls, kingfishers, woodpeckers, crows, meadowlarks, and the usual winter flock suspects. Go south on Michigan street from 31st and either park at the Baker wetlands Discovery Center or park near the Wakarusa River and take a nice long hike there. You can also park in areas to the east by going south on Haskell.