

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 22 - 28, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	10:45 AM	04:50 PM	11:04 PM	23%	1st Quarter
Tuesday	11:16 AM	05:37 PM		32%	
Wednesday	11:49 AM	06:25 PM	12:06 AM	42%	
Thursday	12:24 PM	07:17 PM	01:10 AM	53%	
Friday	01:05 PM	08:12 PM	02:17 AM	64%	
Saturday	01:52 PM	09:10 PM	03:25 AM	75%	
Sunday	02:46 PM	10:11 PM	04:33 AM	84%	



Even though plants are dormant this time of year, you can identify most of them from their dried out growth from the previous growing season. This compassplant's distinctive if not dried out leaves is a fine example of this. It's fun to watch the newly emerging growth in the spring next to last year's growth and watch the leaves often emerging as pale, folded up delicacies, greening and plumping up after a few days of exposure to warmth and sunlight.



Sun

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars east at dawn

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

Nature Notes

§ Many mammals are pretty active right now, cottontail rabbits included. They don't hibernate or store food caches like many other mammals. They find nourishment this time of year by eating twigs, buds and bark from trees and shrubs or eating their own droppings, covering a wider area than in the spring and summer in their search for nourishment.

§ Keep an eye on the Kaw river: the ice should be breaking up and when it does it can be quick—and noisy! In the meantime, eagles continue to fish around Bowersock Dam on the Kaw

§ Look at buds on the top of maples and elms; if they are swelling during the day, then you can tap sap from them if the tree is at least 10 inches in diameter. Yes, you can get sap for syrup from elms too tho the sap is thinner than maple syrup so needs to be boiled even longer. Sap tapping season happens when temps are above freezing days and below at night.

§ If you have time this Saturday, I'll be leading a walk starting at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center from 1-2:30pm. If the weather is too bad, we'll stay in the Center. If it's nice enough, I plan to walk on the Wakarusa River trail on the east side of E. 1500 Road. The is part of the Lawrence Public Library's Local

Authors Outside series—check out other events here:
www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/news-events/events/local-authors-outside-4/