

# Kaw Valley Almanac

January 29 – Feb. 4, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	03:48 PM	11:14 PM	05:38 AM	92%	
Tuesday	04:56 PM		06:37 AM	97%	
Wednesday	06:07 PM	12:16 AM	07:30 AM	100%	Full Moon
Thursday	07:19 PM	01:16 AM	08:16 AM	99%	
Friday	08:28 PM	02:12 AM	08:56 AM	96%	
Saturday	09:35 PM	03:05 AM	09:32 AM	91%	
Sunday	10:39 PM	03:54 AM	10:06 AM	83%	



Because there are no leaves this is a good time to spot last year's animal homes such as this songbird bird nest on a young tree sapling. Other nests you can spot are heron nests in large sycamore trees, squirrel nests, packrat nests which are mostly on the ground or in the crotch of trees, coyote dens, beaver mounds, owl and hawk nests, etc. Once you spot one, see if you can see if it is still being used, or will be used by some other animal this year.



## Sun

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:31 AM	07:29 AM	05:39 PM	06:37 PM
Tuesday	06:30 AM	07:28 AM	05:40 PM	06:38 PM
Wednesday	06:29 AM	07:27 AM	05:41 PM	06:39 PM
Thursday	06:29 AM	07:27 AM	05:42 PM	06:40 PM
Friday	06:28 AM	07:26 AM	05:43 PM	06:41 PM
Saturday	06:27 AM	07:25 AM	05:44 PM	06:42 PM
Sunday	06:26 AM	07:24 AM	05:45 PM	06:43 PM

## Nature Notes

§ Wednesday morning before sunrise is a total lunar eclipse! Look to the west: 5:49am the partial phase begins, with totality at 6:52am. Note that dawn begins at 6:29am.

§ 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. If you cut a grape vine, you may find it will 'bleed sap' and maples and elms are beginning to fatten up their flower buds at the tops of the trees. Watch them to see when the first ones open up. It means you can begin to tap their sap!

§ 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. Dress for wind, bring a friend and a camera and have a good hike wherever you go!

§ Geese and ducks can be found enjoying the reconstructed swales and lakes in the wetlands between 31<sup>st</sup> Street and the Wakarusa south of Lawrence, which also attracts many other birds, including hawks, eagles, gulls, doves, owls, kingfishers, sparrows, woodpeckers, crows, meadowlarks, and the usual winter flock suspects. Park at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, or north of the Wakarusa River on either E 1400 or E 1500 Roads in the designated parking areas to follow the trails.