

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:23 PM	06:56 PM	12:36 AM	1st Quarter
Tuesday	12:54 PM	07:43 PM	01:37 AM	64%
Wednesday	01:30 PM	08:34 PM	02:41 AM	74%
Thursday	02:11 PM	09:30 PM	03:47 AM	83%
Friday	03:01 PM	10:29 PM	04:54 AM	91%
Saturday	03:59 PM	11:32 PM	06:01 AM	96%
Sunday	05:06 PM		07:04 AM	Full Moon



The same wet snow that accumulated on branches and power lines, weighing down and breaking some, bringing power outages primarily to the east of us, also has brought an extended winter wonderland to the area. These snowy highlights to tree and shrub branches have created fantastical abstractions and transformed the landscape for anyone who cares to take a walk outside. This photograph not only highlights this; it is a snow maze: see if you can find a path in the snow from the vertical vine on the right all the way to the left edge of the photo!



Sun

Mars SW at dusk,
Jupiter, Venus in the east before sunrise

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:21 PM	06:23 PM
Tuesday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:22 PM	06:24 PM
Wednesday	06:37 AM	07:37 AM	05:24 PM	06:25 PM
Thursday	06:36 AM	07:37 AM	05:25 PM	06:25 PM
Friday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:26 PM	06:26 PM
Saturday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:27 PM	06:27 PM
Sunday	06:35 AM	07:35 AM	05:28 PM	06:28 PM

Nature Notes

§ Look out for black ice at night/in the morning: melting ice along the roadside during the day freezes overnight, turning that wet pavement into a skating rink. Road curves are often banked allowing melting roadside snow to flow downhill across the road, setting up a black ice scenario—be careful!

§ As always after a snow, a hike will show you where there are wild animals by their tracks. Now is the perfect time for learning animal tracks, which are also left in the mud by day.

§ Be sure to put on your calendar this Saturday's Eagles Day, held from 8:30 – 4pm at Billy Mills Middle School. Lots of kid activities, great speakers, environmental group information tables, walks in the wetlands and more. This Jayhawk Audubon-organized event is free and open to the public—don't miss it!

§ Speaking of calendar events, on Sunday night we will join the rest of North America for a total lunar eclipse. Local times: partial eclipse begins at 9:34pm, with totality between 10:41 and 11:44pm, with the partial eclipse ending at 12:51am. Highs will only be in the 20s on Sunday, so bundle up! And while you're at it, the nearly full moon rises at 5:05pm, which should be a wonderful thing to watch as the sun sets in the west.

§ Birds have trouble finding food with snow cover, so keep them well fed this week or buy a feeder at Eagles Day!