

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:03 PM		06:34 AM	99%
Tuesday	06:18 PM	12:16 AM	07:20 AM	Full Moon
Wednesday	07:33 PM	01:14 AM	08:00 AM	98%
Thursday	08:46 PM	02:10 AM	08:37 AM	94%
Friday	09:56 PM	03:03 AM	09:11 AM	87%
Saturday	11:04 PM	03:54 AM	09:44 AM	79%
Sunday		04:44 AM	10:18 AM	69%



This deer was checking out the bird feeder just out of sight of the picture, ready to run at the slightest provocation. Deer, birds and other critters have been having to look extra hard for enough food to eat due to recent snow, ice and cold temperatures. Snow continues to make it easy to see where they are active—take a hike to see the details yourself!



Sun

Mars SW at dusk,

Saturn, Jupiter, Venus in the east before sunrise

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:11 AM	07:08 AM	06:01 PM	06:58 PM
Tuesday	06:10 AM	07:07 AM	06:02 PM	07:00 PM
Wednesday	06:09 AM	07:06 AM	06:03 PM	07:01 PM
Thursday	06:07 AM	07:04 AM	06:05 PM	07:02 PM
Friday	06:06 AM	07:03 AM	06:06 PM	07:03 PM
Saturday	06:05 AM	07:01 AM	06:07 PM	07:04 PM
Sunday	06:04 AM	07:00 AM	06:08 PM	07:05 PM

§ This Wednesday's Science on Tap at Free State Brewery at 7:30pm is featuring Roger Boyd discussing the expansion of the Baker/Wakarusa Wetlands and the impact the restoration project has had on wildlife habitat in the area. I've noticed folks cross country skiing there this weekend: come to the talk to find out what other animals are passing through.

§ On days that the sun comes out, the snow melts and then re-freezes at night, making this black ice weather. Be careful driving, especially in the mornings!

§ In addition to animal tracks, snow reveals which trees birds perch in overnight by the droppings left behind. Feathers strewn about mark where a fox or other animal has caught a bird. Berries and leaves are falling off eastern red cedars now; look underneath to see the pretty patterns created when they drop onto the snow. Grasses can make snow angel-like sweeps in the snow if the wind is strong enough and changes directions.

§ Many species winter bird flocks persist: keep refilling those feeders. There are lots of robins in the area, attracted by the profusion of the invasive honeysuckle bush berries. It's pretty and sounds wonderful to witness these flocks; it's not fun to ponder how they help spread this invasive plant by eating the seed and carrying it to other woods for it to proliferate.