

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:02 AM	11:15 AM	04:32 PM	4%
Tuesday	06:35 AM	11:59 AM	05:29 PM	1%
Wednesday	07:05 AM	12:43 PM	06:27 PM	New Moon
Thursday	07:33 AM	01:25 PM	07:24 PM	1%
Friday	08:00 AM	02:07 PM	08:22 PM	4%
Saturday	08:28 AM	02:50 PM	09:21 PM	8%
Sunday	09:56 AM	04:35 PM	11:21 PM	14%



As the daylight increases, so does the amount of snow we've received this winter, as the county has seen 24 to 27 inches of snow this winter so far according to 3 stations in Douglas County that form part of the CoCoRaHS weather station network (www.cocorahs.org) This stands for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, which you can join even if you don't have one of those high tech mini-weather stations—go to the website for details. Judging from this grass-created snow angel, the local wind on this hillside was coming out of the southwest!



Sun

Mars west at dusk,

Saturn, Jupiter, Venus in the east before sunrise

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:52 AM	06:49 AM	06:16 PM	07:13 PM
Tuesday	05:51 AM	06:47 AM	06:17 PM	07:14 PM
Wednesday	05:49 AM	06:46 AM	06:18 PM	07:15 PM
Thursday	05:48 AM	06:44 AM	06:19 PM	07:16 PM
Friday	05:46 AM	06:43 AM	06:20 PM	07:17 PM
Saturday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	06:21 PM	07:18 PM
Sunday	06:43 AM	07:40 AM	07:22 PM	08:19 PM

§ With 16 additional minutes of daylight this week as we approach the spring equinox later this month, some birds are trying their best to stake out their nesting territories by singing their morning songs in the snow covered hills of this late winter. Toward the end of the week it might warm up enough to see a return to swelling buds on maple and elm trees, and since it's above freezing during the day you could even try to tap some sap on any sugar maple that's larger than 10 inches in diameter. Some folks have also tapped elms!

§ Large flocks of snow geese have been spotted in the Kaw River valley and even in surrounding fields since so much of the area's reservoirs are still frozen. In fact the last large flock I saw was heading south again, perhaps to retreat back a ways to wait for warmer weather. Don't be surprised to see large flocks again by the end of the week.

§ In wetter years, there is typically more severe weather than in drier years like 2018, and while there is no guarantee for a wetter 2019, this week is a good week to check out the resources at weather.gov Topeka station for Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week, and maybe even attend one of the various spotter classes held in counties all over the state this month that you can find out about at the same website.