

Kaw Valley Almanac

January, 27 – February 2, 2020

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:23 AM	02:50 PM	08:23 PM	8%
Tuesday	09:50 AM	03:32 PM	09:21 PM	14%
Wednesday	10:16 AM	04:13 PM	10:18 PM	22%
Thursday	10:41 AM	04:54 PM	11:14 PM	30%
Friday	11:06 AM	05:35 PM		40%
Saturday	11:33 AM	06:17 PM	12:12 AM	1 st Quarter
Sunday	12:02 PM	07:02 PM	01:10 AM	59%



On your winter hikes, keep an eye out for piles of sticks, stalks and leaves at the base or crotch of a tree: a packrat nest. These homes often house more than one kind of animal and are well stocked with seeds, acorns and other edibles.



Sun

Venus low SW at dusk; Mars E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:32 AM	07:31 AM	05:36 PM	06:35 PM
Tuesday	06:31 AM	07:30 AM	05:37 PM	06:36 PM
Wednesday	06:30 AM	07:30 AM	05:38 PM	06:37 PM
Thursday	06:30 AM	07:29 AM	05:39 PM	06:38 PM
Friday	06:29 AM	07:28 AM	05:40 PM	06:39 PM
Saturday	06:28 AM	07:27 AM	05:41 PM	06:41 PM
Sunday	06:28 AM	07:26 AM	05:43 PM	06:42 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

Nature Notes

- § Another 13 minutes of daylight as we enter the month that the Osage called Light of Day Returns Moon. We could still get big snowstorms, but the ornamental snowdrop flower is sending leaves above ground many years this week.
- § Another way to notice the longer days is to watch the east and west horizons at sunrise/set and watch the sun move north in coming weeks. If you look at a fence post or flag pole shadow at high noon and leave a pebble at the end of the shadow, the shadow will move away from the pebble as the shadow grows shorter as the sun cuts an arc higher in the sky.
- § This is a good time of year to identify plants by their seed heads, dried leaves and stalk shapes. Take photos of last year's growth once a week, watching the stalks fall down and decompose, and if it's a perennial, watching next year's plant emerge from the leaf litter.
- § Deer, wild turkeys, coyotes, raccoons and other wild animals can be seen from the roadside this time of year as vegetation is dormant and animals are hungry. Because most are creatures of habit, note the time and return the same time another day to try your luck seeing them again.
- § Speaking of hungry, stock up on bird seed at the Audubon Bird Seed sale at the DG County Senior Center Sat. 10-1pm