

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 23 - 29, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:15 AM	02:31 PM	07:57 PM	3%
Tuesday	09:46 AM	03:24 PM	09:12 PM	8%
Wednesday	10:14 AM	04:13 PM	10:23 PM	16%
Thursday	10:39 AM	05:00 PM	11:31 PM	25%
Friday	11:04 AM	05:45 PM		36%
Saturday	11:30 AM	06:31 PM	12:38 AM	1st Quarter
Sunday	11:59 AM	07:19 PM	01:44 AM	56%



Even though the snow was short lived most places, it can record much animal activity that would otherwise go unseen. See if you can figure out which tracks were made by birds and which by mice. Hint: there are some feather marks visible right center, created when a bird flew away.



Sun

Venus, Saturn W, Jupiter S, Mars E after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:34 AM	07:33 AM	05:32 PM	06:32 PM
Tuesday	06:33 AM	07:33 AM	05:33 PM	06:33 PM
Wednesday	06:33 AM	07:32 AM	05:34 PM	06:34 PM
Thursday	06:32 AM	07:31 AM	05:35 PM	06:35 PM
Friday	06:32 AM	07:31 AM	05:36 PM	06:36 PM
Saturday	06:31 AM	07:30 AM	05:37 PM	06:37 PM
Sunday	06:30 AM	07:29 AM	05:38 PM	06:38 PM

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

- § With temperatures above freezing during the day, dropping below 32 at night, be alert for "black ice," formed from wet spots that develop during the day and then freeze at night.
- § Something good also begins to happen on days when temps swing above and below freezing on a regular basis. Look at buds on the top of maples and elms; if they are swelling during the day, then you can tap sap from them if the tree is at least 10 inches in diameter. Yes, you can get sap for syrup from elms too tho the sap is thinner than maple syrup so needs to be boiled down even longer. Sap tapping season happens when temps are above freezing days and below at night.
- § Cottontail rabbits don't hibernate or store food caches like many other mammals. They find nourishment this time of year by eating twigs, buds and bark from trees and shrubs or eating their own droppings, covering a wider area than in the spring and summer in their search for nourishment.
- § If you find your thoughts drifting toward the upcoming planting season, you may enjoy a zoom presentation on Native Plants in the City by K State landscape architect Katie Kingery-Page on Monday night, 7-8pm. See www.jayhawkadubon.org for details on how to participate.
- § Muskrats, cottontails and redtailed hawks are beginning their mating season now, triggered by the lengthening daylight.