

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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Saturn, Jupiter and Mars south at dawn; Venus, Mercury low west just after sunset

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	08:52 AM	03:20 PM	09:55 PM	3%	
Tuesday	09:26 AM	04:09 PM	11:01 PM	8%	
Wednesday	10:03 AM	05:01 PM		15%	
Thursday	10:45 AM	05:56 PM	12:07 AM	24%	
Friday	11:32 AM	06:52 PM	01:13 AM	34%	
Saturday	12:25 PM	07:51 PM	02:17 AM	45%	1st Quarter
Sunday	01:25 PM	08:49 PM	03:17 AM	56%	

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:31 AM	07:25 AM	07:32 PM	08:27 PM
Tuesday	06:29 AM	07:24 AM	07:33 PM	08:28 PM
Wednesday	06:31 AM	07:22 AM	07:34 PM	08:33 PM
Thursday	06:30 AM	07:21 AM	07:35 PM	08:34 PM
Friday	06:28 AM	07:19 AM	07:36 PM	08:35 PM
Saturday	06:26 AM	07:17 AM	07:37 PM	08:36 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:16 AM	07:38 PM	08:37 PM



Spring woodland wildflowers are emerging from the leaf litter in area native woodlands and will begin to bloom in earnest in a week or two depending on the amount of rain we get and how much it warms up. Look in Wild Douglas County for maps showing the location of some of these woodlands, including at Clinton.

## Nature Notes

§ Prospects look good for taking the edge off the drought, and plants will spring into action, especially with some warmer days toward the end of the week. Listen for the emergence of the western chorus frog as well, emerging from the mud around ponds and creeks to call for a mate.

§ Watch elms and maples transition from flowers into samara, or winged seeds. Just as the pollen for these trees are wind blown, so are the seed dispersion strategies.

§ Woodcocks continue to "peent" in their early springtime courting rituals: here's what they sound like:  
[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American\\_Woodcock/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American_Woodcock/sounds)

§ The rain will make conditions ideal for spotting and identifying animal tracks. If you don't know what animal it is, take a picture and compare it to tracks on the internet. Scat identification is another good way to ID animals this time of year because not enough insects have come out to decompose these so they stick around a little longer this time of year.

§ Tuesday is the spring equinox, so if you can spot the sunrise or sunset point on the horizon, return to that location and you'll be amazed at how fast the sun moves north in coming weeks. As a result, in the month after equinox, we gain 47 minutes of morning light and 38 minutes of evening light for a total of 1 hour and 25 min. of additional light by Apr. 20.