

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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| Monday    | 07:24 AM | 02:02 PM | 08:48 PM | 0%  |             |
| Tuesday   | 08:01 AM | 02:54 PM | 09:56 PM | 2%  |             |
| Wednesday | 08:41 AM | 03:49 PM | 11:04 PM | 6%  |             |
| Thursday  | 09:28 AM | 04:47 PM |          | 12% |             |
| Friday    | 10:20 AM | 05:46 PM | 12:11 AM | 21% |             |
| Saturday  | 11:18 AM | 06:45 PM | 01:13 AM | 31% |             |
| Sunday    | 12:21 PM | 07:43 PM | 02:09 AM | 42% | 1st Quarter |



Despite the freezing temperatures, the area native oak hickory woodland wildflowers have emerged and some are even flowering, like these cutleaf toothworts and false rue anemones. Hickory buds have opened; some papaws and gooseberries will likely be nipped by the late freezes.



Saturn, Jupiter and Mars SSW at dawn;  
Venus, west just after sunset

| Day       | Gets light | Sunrise  | Sunset   | Gets dark |
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| Monday    | 05:48 AM   | 06:42 AM | 07:59 PM | 09:01 PM  |
| Tuesday   | 05:47 AM   | 06:41 AM | 08:00 PM | 09:02 PM  |
| Wednesday | 05:45 AM   | 06:39 AM | 08:01 PM | 09:03 PM  |
| Thursday  | 05:44 AM   | 06:38 AM | 08:02 PM | 09:05 PM  |
| Friday    | 05:42 AM   | 06:37 AM | 08:03 PM | 09:06 PM  |
| Saturday  | 05:40 AM   | 06:35 AM | 08:04 PM | 09:07 PM  |
| Sunday    | 05:39 AM   | 06:34 AM | 08:05 PM | 09:08 PM  |

## Nature Notes

- § May apples are up but have not begun to bloom, as are trout lilies in area oak hickory woods. A few buckeyes have their flowering stalks emerging and violets have started blooming. See if you can see any ferns unfurling and woodland phlox blooming this week.
- § Red buds are opening up, as are wild plums and invasive pears which are virulent hybrids between the ornamental Bradford and other fruiting pear trees. Because of this unfortunate characteristic, consider replacing any Bradford pear you might have in your yard with another species such as a native oak, basswood, tulip tree, hickory, or maple.
- § Spring and April is planting time for many native plants, too. Check out: "Native Plants for Your Yard or Garden," hosted by the Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition on Monday, April 16, 7:00 pm, Lawrence Public Library. Or: "Landscaping with Native Plants" with Patti Ragsdale and the Grassland Heritage Foundation on Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm at the Carnegie Building, 200 W. 9 th St. And finally, don't forget that Lawrence Earth Day is celebrated this Saturday, April 21, 11:00 am- 4:00 pm in South Park.
- § Look for more area prairies being burned this week if winds are light enough even though it is still very dry.