

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

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

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	01:27 PM	08:39 PM	02:59 AM	53%	
Tuesday	02:35 PM	09:32 PM	03:43 AM	64%	
Wednesday	03:41 PM	10:23 PM	04:22 AM	75%	
Thursday	04:47 PM	11:12 PM	04:57 AM	84%	
Friday	05:52 PM		05:29 AM	91%	
Saturday	06:55 PM		06:01 AM	96%	
Sunday	07:57 PM	12:48 AM	06:33 AM	99%	Full Moon



On Saturday, April 28, 10am – noon, KU is leading a woodland wildflower walk in the Breidenthal Woods, one of the best examples of native oak hickory woodlands in our area. For details, to to the biosurvey.ku.edu website and click on their events tab. This picture was taken on April 1, 2012, which is likely what the woods will look like next weekend due to the late spring we've had this year.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:37 AM	06:33 AM	08:06 PM	09:09 PM
Tuesday	05:36 AM	06:31 AM	08:07 PM	09:10 PM
Wednesday	05:34 AM	06:30 AM	08:08 PM	09:12 PM
Thursday	05:33 AM	06:29 AM	08:09 PM	09:13 PM
Friday	05:31 AM	06:27 AM	08:10 PM	09:14 PM
Saturday	05:30 AM	06:26 AM	08:10 PM	09:15 PM
Sunday	05:28 AM	06:25 AM	08:11 PM	09:16 PM

Nature Notes

§ This week will hopefully be a catch-up week for many area plants and crops, which have been slowed by a very dry winter that was coupled with cool temperatures of late. In area native prairies, expect a few early spring wildflowers to begin to pop up and bloom, including buttercups, lousewort, spring beauty and prairie violets. Because the prairie grasses are also late, expect a few prairie burns to take place this week as well as it has been too windy/dry to burn earlier.

§ This Friday, be sure to check out the “Trails that Connect Us,” sponsored by the Free State Brewery along Burroughs Creek in east Lawrence, starting at 10th and Moodie Drive from 5pm-8pm. Activities include a “Hike Through History” and a table with Yours Truly with information about the Kaw Valley Almanac and my book *Wild Douglas County*.

§ The next 3 weeks or so is the busiest time of year for nesting birds and new arrivals of songbirds who have come from points south to spend their breeding season in our area. Birder extraordinaire, Chuck Otte, challenges you to close your eyes in the morning and listen to the bird songs to see how many different ones you can identify, and learn by using apps with their songs, because often a song is all you will ever see of a very cool bird that you share space with.