

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	08:58 PM	01:35 AM	07:06 AM	100%	
Tuesday	09:58 PM	02:22 AM	07:41 AM	99%	
Wednesday	10:55 PM	03:11 AM	08:20 AM	95%	
Thursday	11:48 PM	03:59 AM	09:01 AM	90%	
Friday		04:48 AM	09:47 AM	84%	
Saturday	12:38 AM	05:36 AM	10:36 AM	76%	
Sunday	01:23 AM	06:24 AM	11:28 AM	68%	



The Prairie Park Nature Center native prairie at 27th and Harper was mowed this year instead of burning, a legitimate management technique for keeping woody plants from taking over. As a result it is easier to see the new spring prairie wildflowers emerging late this spring including the wild strawberries, buttercups, lousewort and wild indigo captured in this photo

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:27 AM	06:24 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM
Tuesday	05:25 AM	06:22 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Wednesday	05:24 AM	06:21 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM
Thursday	05:23 AM	06:20 AM	08:15 PM	09:21 PM
Friday	05:21 AM	06:19 AM	08:16 PM	09:22 PM
Saturday	05:20 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:23 PM
Sunday	05:18 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM

Nature Notes

§ The first wave of woodland and prairie wildflowers is in full swing this week. Also known as “spring ephemerals,” they are short in stature, putting their energy into flowering close to the ground and getting pollinated and seeds produced before the leaves come out in the trees and tallgrasses of native woodlands and prairies that would otherwise capture the light before it gets to the ground. Take time to see these beautiful little flowers before they disappear for another year!

§ Yes, it is time for the annual morel season, with these tender, edible morsels emerging for humans to join deer and other animals in their harvest. Time to check your favorite morel haunts, and be assured that ticks will be there ready and waiting for you too, so check yourself over afterwards!

§ This week sounds like there might be a good chance of severe weather at midweek, another rite of spring for our area as warmer, moister gulf air gets pumped in from the south, building up pressure as it heats up and pops through the stable layers of air ahead of a cold or warm front, producing thunderstorms, hail and tornadoes.

§ Mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians are all birthing, breeding, or raising young now as the wild cherry blooms.