

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

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

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	02:03 AM	07:11 AM	12:23 PM	59%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	02:40 AM	07:58 AM	01:19 PM	49%	
Wednesday	03:14 AM	08:43 AM	02:18 PM	40%	
Thursday	03:46 AM	09:29 AM	03:18 PM	30%	
Friday	04:17 AM	10:14 AM	04:19 PM	21%	
Saturday	04:49 AM	11:02 AM	05:23 PM	13%	
Sunday	05:21 AM	11:50 AM	06:29 PM	7%	



If you see a cottontail rabbit this time of year, chances are that there is a nest of baby rabbits somewhere nearby. Most mammals are raising young right now whether they are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:17 AM	06:15 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM
Tuesday	05:16 AM	06:14 AM	08:20 PM	09:27 PM
Wednesday	05:14 AM	06:13 AM	08:21 PM	09:28 PM
Thursday	05:13 AM	06:12 AM	08:22 PM	09:29 PM
Friday	05:12 AM	06:11 AM	08:23 PM	09:31 PM
Saturday	05:11 AM	06:10 AM	08:24 PM	09:32 PM
Sunday	05:09 AM	06:09 AM	08:25 PM	09:33 PM

Nature Notes

§ While the spring woodland flowers are wrapping up as the oaks and hickory trees unfurl their new leaves, the prairies are just getting started and the first wave of short prairie wildflowers will be replaced with a newer wave of wildflowers that is taller than the last, keeping up with the growing grasses. This culminates in August and September with the sunflowers, goldenrods and thistles that are as tall as the tallest grasses, thereby getting their share of solar energy. As the grasses begin to thin in the fall, there are a few short wildflowers that mimic the spring ones: the short but beautiful gentians and lady's tresses.

§ Keep an eye out for the late morel, which deer also love to eat. Deer are also vulnerable to being hit on the roads right now, with May being the most car-deer accidents outside the mating season, due to the parental demands of newborn fawns this time of year. Be especially careful when you're driving.

§ Some bluegrass is beginning to put out seedheads, the same time as last year. But strawberries were starting to ripen this week last year while they are still blooming this year. Expect things to catch up quite a bit this week with warm temperatures and maybe some rain, too—we still need it!