

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 22 – 28, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:57 PM	08:43 PM	03:35 AM	63%
Tuesday	01:56 PM	09:36 PM	04:25 AM	72%
Wednesday	03:01 PM	10:30 PM	05:10 AM	81%
Thursday	04:10 PM	11:23 PM	05:50 AM	89%
Friday	05:22 PM		06:25 AM	95%
Saturday	06:34 PM	12:15 AM	06:57 AM	99%
Sunday	07:48 PM	01:06 AM	07:27 AM	Full Moon



This false rue anemone is announcing the beginning of the woodland wildflower season in Douglas County. Soon to be joined by spring beauty, rue anemone, dutchman's breeches, cutleaf toothwort and trout lily, these native woodland wildflowers bloom before trees leaf out, so enjoy them now!



Mars southwest after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:28 AM	07:20 AM	07:35 PM	08:36 PM
Tuesday	06:26 AM	07:19 AM	07:36 PM	08:37 PM
Wednesday	06:24 AM	07:17 AM	07:37 PM	08:38 PM
Thursday	06:23 AM	07:15 AM	07:38 PM	08:39 PM
Friday	06:21 AM	07:14 AM	07:39 PM	08:40 PM
Saturday	06:19 AM	07:12 AM	07:40 PM	08:41 PM
Sunday	06:18 AM	07:11 AM	07:41 PM	08:42 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ It is easy to find “vernal pools” now. These temporary puddles last long enough to attract amphibians, so all you have to do is listen to the racket from western chorus frogs who will guide you right to them—until you arrive and they fall silent! Wait a few minutes and they’ll start their mating call again.

§ If you have itchy eyes, it’s probably the eastern red cedar pollen. Look at this evergreen and if it’s orange-yellow, it’s a pollen producing male tree, whereas if it’s greener and has berries, it’s a female tree. Elm and maple trees are contributing their own pollen, as their tiny flowers are blooming and will transform into seeds that fall down sometime in April.

§ The busy mating/birthing season for many animals continues. Beavers are staking their territories by making scent mounds, while many birds have already staked out their territories, are pairing up, nesting and laying eggs. Look for those little volcanoes of mud made by crawdads. It’s mating season for moles, woodchucks and wood rats, while squirrels and foxes are bearing their young.

§ We gain 15 minutes of daylight this first week of spring; evening walks get easier with each day, especially since bugs aren’t bad yet. Now’s a great time to check out Baker Wetlands.

§ It’s too early for morels, but with more rain, keep an eye out for another edible fruiting fungus: pleurotis/oyster mushroom.