

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:53 AM	08:38 AM	01:26 PM	34%
Tuesday	04:36 AM	09:31 AM	02:32 PM	25%
Wednesday	05:12 AM	10:21 AM	03:37 PM	17%
Thursday	05:42 AM	11:07 AM	04:40 PM	10%
Friday	06:09 AM	11:51 AM	05:41 PM	5%
Saturday	06:34 AM	12:33 PM	06:40 PM	1%
Sunday	06:57 AM	01:13 PM	07:39 PM	New Moon



This beautiful woodland wildflower, *Erythronium albidum* is called “trout” or “fawn” lily because of the mottled leaves. It is also known as “dogtooth violet” because of the shape of its white, re-curved petals that superficially look like canine teeth. Most plants don’t bloom, so this should be a good week to find one of the few blooming in native woodlands.



Mars high west after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:05 AM	06:58 AM	07:48 PM	08:50 PM
Tuesday	06:03 AM	06:57 AM	07:49 PM	08:51 PM
Wednesday	06:01 AM	06:55 AM	07:50 PM	08:52 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM	06:54 AM	07:51 PM	08:54 PM
Friday	05:58 AM	06:52 AM	07:52 PM	08:55 PM
Saturday	05:56 AM	06:51 AM	07:53 PM	08:56 PM
Sunday	05:55 AM	06:49 AM	07:54 PM	08:57 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon

data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Migratory bats should be showing up; it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers skunks and woodchucks, while squirrels and foxes are bearing young.

§ With early spring flowers blooming, there are increasing numbers of solitary bees, bumblebees and butterflies, which keep an amazingly close eye on the progress of each blossom, ready to start collecting nectar and pollen the moment they appear. In native woodlands, papaw blossoms are swelling and beginning to unfurl to also be pollinated, but don't expect a bee or butterfly: their blossom stinks to attract pollinating flies!

§ Water striders can be found skimming along the surface of still pools of water these days. These 6 legged predators are our friends as they eat mosquito larvae. They stay on top of the water with fine hairs on their legs that trap bubbles of air that allow them to ride on the surface tension of the water. Their hind legs act like steering rudders, the middle legs act like oars and the front legs grab and hold their prey. They communicate and locate things by using ripples on the water's surface: watch them for a while to see how they do it.

§ Cool season grasses (bluegrass, brome, fescue) have greened up; redbuds, flowering plums and even some wild cherries are beginning to bloom. Cottonwood leaf buds are opening; look for hoary puccoons and verbena on the prairie.