

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 13 - 19, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:00 AM	06:06 AM	11:05 AM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	02:11 AM	07:00 AM	11:44 AM	44%
Wednesday	03:22 AM	07:59 AM	12:33 PM	33%
Thursday	04:31 AM	09:03 AM	01:34 PM	22%
Friday	05:33 AM	10:08 AM	02:46 PM	13%
Saturday	06:25 AM	11:11 AM	04:05 PM	6%
Sunday	07:07 AM	12:12 PM	05:25 PM	2%



Superbowl sunset: the sky tipped us off who it was rooting for by flashing Chiefs colors right before the game began Kansas time. Several flocks of geese honked in their support, too!



Sun

Venus, Jupiter W, Mars S after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:17 AM	07:14 AM	05:56 PM	06:53 PM
Tuesday	06:16 AM	07:13 AM	05:57 PM	06:54 PM
Wednesday	06:15 AM	07:12 AM	05:58 PM	06:55 PM
Thursday	06:13 AM	07:10 AM	05:59 PM	06:56 PM
Friday	06:12 AM	07:09 AM	06:00 PM	06:58 PM
Saturday	06:11 AM	07:08 AM	06:01 PM	06:59 PM
Sunday	06:10 AM	07:07 AM	06:02 PM	07:00 PM

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

§ Check your snowdrop and crocus flowers: they have started blooming in Douglas County in northeast Kansas, while roughleaved dogwood shoots are turning red and willow shoots are turning yellow. These are signs of flowing sap, as are elm and maple buds on the tops of the trees swelling and even opening on warm days.

§ Even though prairies and woodlands aren't showing much signs of life, raccoons, coyotes, muskrats and cottontail rabbits can be mating this time of year already. Their young are born later when the spring food supply is most plentiful for the mothers to be able to eat enough to feed their young.

§ This week will be blustery, but by next weekend, the warming days will return. Don't be surprised if you see a few moths come out after dark as they are some of the first insects to take a chance. I've already seen lady bugs stirring on warm days and some green stink bugs are already out, too.

§ This week gains 13 minutes of sunlight and some songbirds are starting to stake out their territories by singing in the morning and evening. See if you can identify them by their songs before you see them. With branches still bare, it's easier to see wildlife and if you dress well, a great week for hiking, especially around sunrise/sunset. Grab a friend and go to your favorite/new area to explore--you won't regret it!