

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:41 AM	07:09 AM	11:35 AM	39%
Tuesday	03:42 AM	08:09 AM	12:37 PM	28%
Wednesday	04:36 AM	09:10 AM	01:49 PM	19%
Thursday	05:21 AM	10:10 AM	03:07 PM	10%
Friday	05:59 AM	11:08 AM	04:27 PM	4%
Saturday	06:30 AM	12:02 PM	05:46 PM	1%
Sunday	07:59 AM	01:55 PM	08:03 PM	New Moon



This is a good time of year to look for heron nests, which are located in giant, white-barked sycamores, located along creekbeds in valleys across much of the eastern half of the state. This heronry, photographed by [Stephen Locke](#), has 15 nests, and if you look closely, you can see 3 herons standing in their nests. As you may have suspected, egg laying has begun.



Sun

Jupiter high west at dusk; Venus low E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:51 AM	06:47 AM	06:17 PM	07:14 PM
Tuesday	05:50 AM	06:46 AM	06:18 PM	07:15 PM
Wednesday	05:48 AM	06:44 AM	06:19 PM	07:16 PM
Thursday	05:47 AM	06:43 AM	06:20 PM	07:17 PM
Friday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	06:21 PM	07:18 PM
Saturday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	06:22 PM	07:19 PM
Sunday	06:42 AM	07:38 AM	07:23 PM	08:20 PM

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

§ Things are starting to green up in area woods, but it's too early for native woodland wildflower blooms. Nevertheless, gooseberry as well as the invasive privet and honeysuckle plants are leafing out, as well as the wildflower plants emerging from the leaf litter, blooming later in early April. Elm and maple blossoms will be soon be turning into seeds that will provide a light green sheen to the tops of those trees.

§ If you see a female mammal this time of year, chances are pretty good that she's pregnant or will soon be. Bobcats are in the midst of their mating season right now.

§ Some years, groups or “kettles” of turkey vultures return this week from the Gulf of Mexico and Venezuela where they spend the winter months. Will they this year?

§ What do the planted wheat fields look like in your area? They are mixed in Douglas County, but if you get rain this week, see how quickly they green up in the days that follow.

§ Don't forget that we lose an hour Saturday night/Sunday morning as we Spring Forward into Daylight Savings Time. But at the same time, we gain 15 minutes of additional daylight this week due to earlier sunrise and later sunsets.

§ March is Severe Weather Awareness Month as well, covering not only tornadoes, but also floods, lightning and hail/winds. Check <https://www.weather.gov/top/swaw> for more info.