

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:36 AM	07:27 AM	12:23 PM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	03:15 AM	08:19 AM	01:29 PM	39%
Wednesday	03:47 AM	09:06 AM	02:33 PM	29%
Thursday	04:14 AM	09:50 AM	03:34 PM	21%
Friday	04:39 AM	10:32 AM	04:34 PM	13%
Saturday	05:02 AM	11:13 AM	05:33 PM	8%
Sunday	05:26 AM	11:54 AM	06:31 PM	3%



There are an increasing number of spring wildflowers visible at Prairie Park in Lawrence, including creamy wild indigo, puccoon, prairie violet, wild hyacinth, and these wood betony flowers, which have tubular flowers spiraling out clockwise from the central stem. I wonder if they spiral counterclockwise if planted in the southern hemisphere? Just kidding....



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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:21 AM	06:20 AM	08:15 PM	09:22 PM
Tuesday	05:20 AM	06:19 AM	08:16 PM	09:24 PM
Wednesday	05:18 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:25 PM
Thursday	05:17 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:26 PM
Friday	05:16 AM	06:15 AM	08:19 PM	09:27 PM
Saturday	05:15 AM	06:14 AM	08:20 PM	09:28 PM
Sunday	05:13 AM	06:13 AM	08:21 PM	09:29 PM

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§ In area woodlands, black locusts and May apples are blooming as are strawberries, while wild cherry blossoms are winding down—see if you can still find some to smell their amazing aroma. Meanwhile, gooseberries and wild plums are beginning to set on fruit. Invasive honeysuckle is blooming and garlic mustard is spreading as well--now is a good time to remove both.

§ Brome hay fields are growing rapidly, with some seed heads beginning to emerge. Soybeans and milo planting is in full swing, while wheat is commonly a foot tall already while corn has popped up and will grow noticeably each day for the next few months.

§ Chiggers have emerged in tall grasses, joining the ticks; June bugs should begin to hit windows after dark soon, and bees, beetles, butterflies and moths continue to be drawn to the growing number of spring blooming flowers.

§ Many local fish have started spawning, including carp, sunfish and many types of shiners. Tadpoles are signs of earlier breeding by frogs and toads. Many songbirds are returning, including many warblers, vireos, parula, baltimore orioles, indigo buntings, cowbirds and thrashers. Chimney swifts are back in downtown Lawrence and many other Kansas towns, figuring out if they can use their favorite chimneys again for roosting.