

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 28 - March 6, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:03 AM	10:56 AM	03:56 PM	4%
Tuesday	06:41 AM	11:51 AM	05:10 PM	1%
Wednesday	07:13 AM	12:42 PM	06:21 PM	New Moon
Thursday	07:41 AM	01:30 PM	07:29 PM	2%
Friday	08:06 AM	02:15 PM	08:35 PM	6%
Saturday	08:31 AM	03:00 PM	09:38 PM	12%
Sunday	08:56 AM	03:44 PM	10:41 PM	19%



The junco on the left happily ate seeds off the deck, while the female redbellied woodpecker was much quicker, looking out the flower pot after grabbing a seed, then flying off to a nearby cottonwood, hopping up the trunk. Winter is transitioning.



Sun

Venus, Mars, Mercury in east before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:58 AM	06:54 AM	06:12 PM	07:09 PM
Tuesday	05:56 AM	06:53 AM	06:14 PM	07:10 PM
Wednesday	05:55 AM	06:51 AM	06:15 PM	07:11 PM
Thursday	05:54 AM	06:50 AM	06:16 PM	07:12 PM
Friday	05:52 AM	06:48 AM	06:17 PM	07:13 PM
Saturday	05:51 AM	06:47 AM	06:18 PM	07:14 PM
Sunday	05:49 AM	06:45 AM	06:19 PM	07:15 PM

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



§ The portion of northeast Kansas that got snow is the only part of the state that is not somewhere between abnormally dry and being in severe drought, which means that warm, windy days pose a real fire risk. March is also when most parts of the state hosts an in-person or virtual severe weather spotter program: what to look for and what to do if severe weather including tornadoes shows up. Check the National Weather Service page for Kansas to see the schedule.

§ 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?

§ If skies are clear, and with New Moon this week, look to the west after twilight ends or to the east before sunrise and you might be able to see the zodiacal light, a faint pyramid of light that is reflected off of dust in our solar system well outside our atmosphere. It's most visible in the spring and fall.

§ Birds continue to herald the transition between winter and spring, and so they the winter flocks of multiple species foraging together for food are breaking up, setting up territories--unless, of course if we get another snow storm, which will bring them all back together again!