

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 28 - April 3, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:40 AM	10:43 AM	03:54 PM	12%
Tuesday	06:14 AM	11:34 AM	05:04 PM	6%
Wednesday	06:42 AM	12:22 PM	06:12 PM	2%
Thursday	07:08 AM	01:08 PM	07:18 PM	0%
Friday	07:32 AM	01:52 PM	08:22 PM	New Moon
Saturday	07:56 AM	02:36 PM	09:26 PM	3%
Sunday	08:22 AM	03:20 PM	10:29 PM	8%



Here are some raccoon tracks in the wet creekside soils, one of their favorite haunts. Wet weather this week should enhance your ability to see animal tracks, and even if it doesn't rain where you are, the low water creek and ponds will provide you with an opportunity to see lots of tracks. Not sure what it is? Take a photo and look it up online/with an app like iNaturalist. If it can't identify your tracks, its thousands of users can.



Sun

Venus, Saturn, Mars in east before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:18 AM	07:11 AM	07:40 PM	08:41 PM
Tuesday	06:17 AM	07:10 AM	07:41 PM	08:43 PM
Wednesday	06:15 AM	07:08 AM	07:42 PM	08:44 PM
Thursday	06:13 AM	07:06 AM	07:43 PM	08:45 PM
Friday	06:12 AM	07:05 AM	07:44 PM	08:46 PM
Saturday	06:10 AM	07:03 AM	07:45 PM	08:47 PM
Sunday	06:08 AM	07:02 AM	07:46 PM	08:48 PM

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

§ Getting an itch for spring planting? Jayhawk Audubon is providing a zoom presentation about using native plants for landscaping your yard Monday, March 28, 7-9pm: www.jayhawkaudubon.org/events has the details--it's free and will share lots of resources/ideas.

§ Turkey vultures have returned across most of the state: look for groups plying the sky, taking advantage of warmer temperatures to ride the thermals, catching the scent of carcasses that have accumulated in the winter while they were vacationing in Latin America all the way down to Venezuela.

§ Prairie burning has begun in earnest across the state. Used as a management tool to kill off woody plant invasion and stimulate new grass growth, there is an increasing number of summer burns because of their effectiveness in killing invasive weeds and also to mimic fire ecology that is year-round.

§ Woodland ephemerals (wildflowers) continue to be a little slow to bloom due to the dry and recently cool conditions, with peak conditions looking to be in the first half of April--with morels following.

§ Other things to look for with rain and warmer temps: pussytoes and verbena blossoms, henbit turning crop fields purple, spider gossamer visible in grasses and twigs, moths, ladybugs, box elder beetles, turtles emerging, plus wood rats, foxes and muskrats all bearing young around now.