

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 4 - 10, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:50 AM	04:06 PM	11:32 PM	14%
Tuesday	09:22 AM	04:54 PM		21%
Wednesday	09:59 AM	05:43 PM	12:33 AM	29%
Thursday	10:43 AM	06:33 PM	01:32 AM	38%
Friday	11:32 AM	07:24 PM	02:26 AM	47%
Saturday	12:28 PM	08:15 PM	03:14 AM	1st Quarter
Sunday	01:28 PM	09:04 PM	03:55 AM	66%



The northern part of the state is getting ready for redbud season, which is coming a little later than most years. This native "understory tree" is a legume: it has pea-like flowers that produce seeds in a pod, although its roots apparently do not fix nitrogen like many other legumes. On the positive side, the beautiful red, pink or occasionally white blossoms are edible: try them and if you like them, sprinkle them on your next salad. Bees also benefit from this early bloomer.



Sun

Venus, Saturn, Mars in east before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:07 AM	07:00 AM	07:47 PM	08:49 PM
Tuesday	06:05 AM	06:59 AM	07:48 PM	08:50 PM
Wednesday	06:03 AM	06:57 AM	07:49 PM	08:51 PM
Thursday	06:02 AM	06:56 AM	07:50 PM	08:52 PM
Friday	06:00 AM	06:54 AM	07:51 PM	08:53 PM
Saturday	05:58 AM	06:53 AM	07:52 PM	08:54 PM
Sunday	05:57 AM	06:51 AM	07:53 PM	08:55 PM

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

§ Every other week, starting this Wednesday is a free zoom webinar called the KState Gardening Hour: the first "class" is going to be on good pollinator plants for this area. Google it to register.

§ Now that it's rained, check native woodlands for emerging wildflowers: rue anemone, false rue anemone, cutleaf toothwort, dutchman's breeches and spring beauties are some of my favorites, and check those papaw buds to see if they are swelling into those interesting chocolate blossoms.

§ Once redbuds are really out, it's a good time to start checking those favorite spots for morels. They've been spotted in the Ozarks/southern Missouri and maybe into southern Kansas as of April 3, so....spray your clothes with Permethrin to keep those ticks at bay!

§ With the rain, cool season grasses (bluegrass, brome, fescue) have greened up, with flowering plums and even some wild cherries beginning to bloom. Cottonwood leaf buds are opening look for hoary puccons and pussytoes on the prairie. Butterflies are on flowers already; nighttime moths are out.

§ Migratory bats should be showing up; it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers skunks and woodchucks, while squirrels and foxes are bearing young. Many songbirds are starting to build nest; keep an eye out to see if any nearby trees are home for them. Mornings still noisy with bird songs.