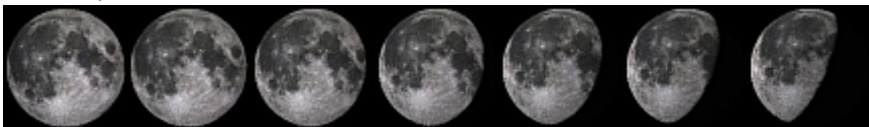


# Kaw Valley Almanac

February 6 - 12, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:45 PM	01:04 AM	08:13 AM	100%
Tuesday	07:45 PM	01:47 AM	08:39 AM	98%
Wednesday	08:45 PM	02:28 AM	09:01 AM	95%
Thursday	09:46 PM	03:09 AM	09:23 AM	89%
Friday	10:48 PM	03:50 AM	09:45 AM	83%
Saturday	11:52 PM	04:33 AM	10:08 AM	74%
Sunday		05:17 AM	10:34 AM	65%



You can identify many more prairie plants than you might suspect by their leaves. Wild indigo, featured in this photo, for instance keeps its leaves on all winter long. It's fun to take photos of a plant now, make a guess, and go back to it later in the spring to see if you are right. Winter leaves, seed heads and dormant grasses all have their own beauty and colors, which are brighter after a rain, which is predicted this week.



## Sun

Venus W, Jupiter SW, Mars S after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:24 AM	07:22 AM	05:48 PM	06:46 PM
Tuesday	06:23 AM	07:21 AM	05:49 PM	06:47 PM
Wednesday	06:22 AM	07:20 AM	05:50 PM	06:48 PM
Thursday	06:21 AM	07:19 AM	05:51 PM	06:49 PM
Friday	06:20 AM	07:18 AM	05:52 PM	06:50 PM
Saturday	06:19 AM	07:16 AM	05:53 PM	06:51 PM
Sunday	06:18 AM	07:15 AM	05:55 PM	06:52 PM

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

§ Lichens and mosses are growing this time of year: to reproduce, mosses are putting out little thread-like stalks with spore-filled capsules called sporophytes, and some lichens also produce spores in structures called asococarps.

§ Did you know you can see snow most days? All you have to do is look up in the sky and look for wispy cirrus clouds, which are made of ice crystals. They can be found pretty most any time of the year: at the tops of a summer thunderstorms, or by themselves like horse tails whipped in the wind. During this time of the year, they commonly let the sunlight through and reflect the sun's images in little rainbow images to its right and left called sun dogs. Check [here](#) for other things you might see.

§ Cardinals are beginning to sing their spring song in the mornings even though winter flocks of mixed species are still visiting area bird feeders. Keep watering and feeding birds as both continue to be in short supply.

§ There are plenty of gulls, geese, ducks and an occasional eagles around area reservoirs and rivers. Robin flocks, crows, hawks and owls are all busy looking for food. The coming month can be the hardest time of year for many animals to find food. Squirrels are eating the last of the hedge apples and acorns, so don't get too upset if they start raiding the bird feeders.