

# Kaw Valley Almanac

March 13 - 19, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:01 AM	05:55 AM	10:42 AM	70%
Tuesday	02:12 AM	06:51 AM	11:26 AM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday	03:20 AM	07:51 AM	12:21 PM	48%
Thursday	04:23 AM	08:53 AM	01:26 PM	37%
Friday	05:16 AM	09:56 AM	02:40 PM	26%
Saturday	06:01 AM	10:55 AM	03:58 PM	16%
Sunday	06:37 AM	11:52 AM	05:16 PM	9%



Blue sky above, dormant land below: be sure to take in all of the changes that are going to take place in the coming weeks as the days lengthen and warm, triggering an ancient response of renewal. Look closely at the bottom of the photo: edible wild onions.



## Sun

Venus, Jupiter W, Mars SSW at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:39 AM	07:35 AM	07:26 PM	08:22 PM
Tuesday	06:37 AM	07:33 AM	07:27 PM	08:23 PM
Wednesday	06:36 AM	07:32 AM	07:28 PM	08:24 PM
Thursday	06:34 AM	07:30 AM	07:29 PM	08:25 PM
Friday	06:33 AM	07:29 AM	07:30 PM	08:26 PM
Saturday	06:31 AM	07:27 AM	07:31 PM	08:27 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:26 AM	07:32 PM	08:28 PM

§ With the dark moonless evening skies, lovely Venus and Jupiter in the west as we approach spring equinox on March 20, this is a good time to observe the “zodiacal light,” a faint column of light reaching up along the zodiac, or path of the planets and sun. It is actually dust in the disk of the solar system that becomes more visible in the night sky when we are around either the spring or fall equinoxes.

§ Spring migration continues; as more and more snow geese depart along the Missouri River in the east to head north, sandhill cranes and whooping cranes are crossing central Kansas into Nebraska along the Platte River in increasing numbers in coming weeks, reaching 4-600,000 in total.

§ Start keeping track of the green spreading across the landscapes on your walks: from lush mosses, mosses, plant rosettes, wild onions, and cool season grasses, spreading along the native woodland floors as spring wildflowers. Watch elm and maple flowers transform into winged seeds, daffodils and forsythia reflecting back the yellow sun, and verbena and spring beauties blooming next to still dormant prairie grasses.

§ In addition to wild onions, stinging nettles are an early spring edible plant if steamed or boiled to remove the stinging hairs and will be emerging in coming weeks--look for them under last year's stalks. They are found along rivers and elsewhere where there are rich deep soils.

§ Boreal chorus frogs announce where it's still wet!