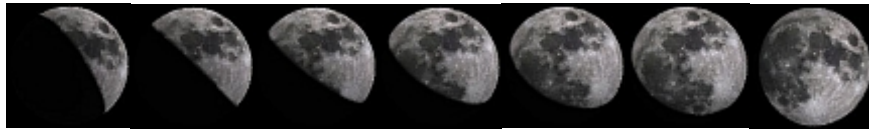


Kaw Valley Almanac

March 27 - April 2, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:43 AM	06:35 PM	01:32 AM	32%
Tuesday	11:31 AM	07:28 PM	02:32 AM	1st Quarter
Wednesday	12:25 PM	08:19 PM	03:25 AM	52%
Thursday	01:23 PM	09:09 PM	04:10 AM	61%
Friday	02:24 PM	09:56 PM	04:47 AM	70%
Saturday	03:25 PM	10:41 PM	05:19 AM	78%
Sunday	04:27 PM	11:24 PM	05:46 AM	86%



Spring wildflowers have been slow to emerge in most of the state, however it has begun, as evidenced by this false rue anemone in a native oak hickory woodland. This week should see many more join in, including rue anemone, dutchman's breeches and cutleaf toothwort. Look for swelling papaw and hickory buds as well.



Sun

Venus, W, Mars SSW at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:20 AM	07:13 AM	07:39 PM	08:40 PM
Tuesday	06:19 AM	07:12 AM	07:40 PM	08:41 PM
Wednesday	06:17 AM	07:10 AM	07:41 PM	08:42 PM
Thursday	06:15 AM	07:08 AM	07:42 PM	08:43 PM
Friday	06:14 AM	07:07 AM	07:43 PM	08:44 PM
Saturday	06:12 AM	07:05 AM	07:44 PM	08:45 PM
Sunday	06:10 AM	07:04 AM	07:45 PM	08:47 PM

§ Other trees to watch for opening buds: redbuds, wild plum, and crabapple. Elm, box elder and maple blossoms will begin to transition to grow into winged seeds.

§ Migratory bats should be showing up; it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers skunks and woodchucks, while squirrels and foxes are bearing young.

§ The season for songbirds to build their nests is beginning. To help songbirds build their nests, put out hair, thread, ribbons and string to help them out!

§ Why do ranchers burn prairies? Grasses and forbs bounce back from burns since growing tips are underground, unlike woody plants whose buds are on the twigs that are singed by the flames, which helps grasslands from being encroached by woody growth. Fire is a normal and necessary part of the prairie ecosystem and is essential for maintaining good diversity. Expect more prairies burned in coming weeks.

§ April begins next weekend, which the Osage called Planting Moon. Greenhouses and nurseries are busy across the state selling tree saplings, garden plants and flowers, although be sure to only plant frost-tolerant species until it is past your local average last frost date. The Lawrence Public Library has a presentation on using Native Plants on Mon. March 27 at 5:30, and Kaw Valley Herb Society has a workshop on how to start herbs from seeds Tues. March 28 at 6pm at the Sunrise Project, 1501 Learnard in Lawrence.