Kaw Valley Almanac March 6 - 12, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:38 PM		06:43 AM	98%
Tuesday	06:38 PM	12:27 AM	07:06 AM	Full Moon
Wednesday	07:39 PM	01:08 AM	07:28 AM	100%
Thursday	08:41 PM	01:50 AM	07:50 AM	97%
Friday	09:45 PM	02:32 AM	08:13 AM	93%
Saturday	10:52 PM	03:16 AM	08:38 AM	87%
Sunday		04:03 AM	09:07 AM	79%
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After a grassland burn, rodent trails under the grasses become visible, such as these vole trails. It's interesting to see where they go, including holes that go to burrows and nests. If you have a chance to walk a burned prairie, you can also find bones, antlers and turtle carapaces.



Sun

Venus, Jupiter very close to each other W, Mars S at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:49 AM	06:46 AM	06:18 PM	07:15 PM
Tuesday	05:48 AM	06:44 AM	06:19 PM	07:16 PM
Wednesday	05:47 AM	06:43 AM	06:21 PM	07:17 PM
Thursday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	06:22 PM	07:18 PM
Friday	05:43 AM	06:40 AM	06:23 PM	07:19 PM
Saturday	05:42 AM	06:38 AM	06:24 PM	07:20 PM
Sunday	06:40 AM	06:37 AM	06:25 PM	08:21 PM

S Recent mild temperatures mean that boreal chorus frogs have emerged in most parts; you can hear their collective calls along creeks, marshy areas and ponds. Go to the Herpetofaunal

atlas online to listen to a recording of them. The American woodcock's distinctive peent can be heard in area woodlands around dawn or dusk if you're lucky. Go to

bird-sounds.net to listen to this bird's call. There are still waterfowl to observe in lakes near you, which in the Lawrence area include: Clinton, Perry, Hillsdale, Pomona, Douglas County State Lake, or a quick trip up to Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge. But they are moving quickly north, with most eagles you might see now being the ones who are

sticking around and are sitting on their eggs. The Osage who lived in eastern Kansas had the perfect name for March: Just Doing That Moon. Is it sunny and mild? Just doing that. Is it cold, rainy/snowy and blustery? Just doing that. With this week's forecast, you may have to wait until next

weekend to see the moon, though, which is Full on Monday/Tuesday. Predicted rain should make it another good week for spotting animal tracks.

For northeast Kansas, recent and upcoming rains have eliminated the drought. Southwest Kansas is still in the midst of an exceptional drought, the most severe category, characterized by widespread crop losses, low water table and lakes. This week's rain won't change that.