

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 12 - 18, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:01 AM	03:10 PM	09:31 PM	11%
Tuesday	09:27 AM	04:00 PM	10:45 PM	20%
Wednesday	09:54 AM	04:50 PM	11:58 PM	30%
Thursday	10:24 AM	05:41 PM		40%
Friday	10:58 AM	06:34 PM	01:10 AM	1st Quarter
Saturday	11:38 AM	07:29 PM	02:20 AM	62%
Sunday	12:25 PM	08:24 PM	03:26 AM	71%



Crocuses are blooming, as are the other early spring ornamental snowdrops. Looking higher up, look on top of maples and elms and you'll see the blooming buds that open on warm days and stay closed on cold ones. These flowers turn into maple and elm seeds, known as samara, in April.



Sun

Jupiter SW at dusk; Venus low E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:18 AM	07:16 AM	05:54 PM	06:52 PM
Tuesday	06:17 AM	07:14 AM	05:56 PM	06:53 PM
Wednesday	06:16 AM	07:13 AM	05:57 PM	06:54 PM
Thursday	06:15 AM	07:12 AM	05:58 PM	06:55 PM
Friday	06:14 AM	07:11 AM	05:59 PM	06:56 PM
Saturday	06:13 AM	07:10 AM	06:00 PM	06:57 PM
Sunday	06:11 AM	07:08 AM	06:01 PM	06:58 PM

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

§ With over 600,000 snow geese reported last Tuesday at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge and numbers increasing daily, this week might be a great week to catch the peak of northward migration of the snow geese, which occasionally exceeds over a million birds there.

§ Don't be surprised if you see a few moths come out after dark as they are some of the first insects to take a chance. I've already seen lady bugs stirring on warm days and some green stink bugs are already out, too.

§ It's also a great time to order your garden seeds, or if you are in the Lawrence area, Saturday, Feb. 17 8am-2:30 pm is the annual Seed Fair at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, where seeds are brought, swapped and traded, along with vendors of all kinds of homemade foods as well as commercial garden supplies, organizations and free presentations. Feel free to take in the monthly prairie walk at Prairie Park Nature Center at 2pm the same day.

§ When it's still warm at night in the evening, listen for earthworms rustling the leaves. During the day, if you are near a female cedar, listen for the rain of juniper berries and some of their green leaves dropping off. Look for cedar waxwings and other birds who love to eat the berries, too.

§ Deer are munching on tree twigs and green bunches of wild onions; so are rabbits and some rodents.