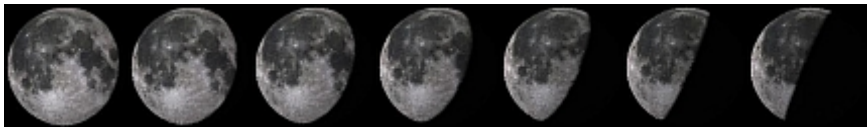


Kaw Valley Almanac

February 26 - March 3, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:23 PM	01:48 AM	08:03 AM	96%
Tuesday	09:21 PM	02:27 AM	08:22 AM	91%
Wednesday	10:22 PM	03:07 AM	08:43 AM	85%
Thursday	11:24 PM	03:48 AM	09:06 AM	78%
Friday		04:32 AM	09:33 AM	69%
Saturday	12:29 AM	05:20 AM	10:05 AM	60%
Sunday	01:35 AM	06:12 AM	10:45 AM	3rd Quarter



Sunsets and sunrises are so worth spending some time with. Kansas is blessed with some of the best ones, so hang out and enjoy the minute-by-minute changes that take place in our not-cloudy-all-day skies this week--you won't regret it!



Sun

Jupiter high west at dusk; Venus low E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:01 AM	06:58 AM	06:10 PM	07:06 PM
Tuesday	06:00 AM	06:56 AM	06:11 PM	07:08 PM
Wednesday	05:58 AM	06:55 AM	06:12 PM	07:09 PM
Thursday	05:57 AM	06:53 AM	06:13 PM	07:10 PM
Friday	05:56 AM	06:52 AM	06:14 PM	07:11 PM
Saturday	05:54 AM	06:50 AM	06:15 PM	07:12 PM
Sunday	05:53 AM	06:49 AM	06:16 PM	07:13 PM

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

§ Morning bird songs continue with the lengthening days, meaning that now you can learn/re-learn your bird calls. After dark, I'm already hearing the American woodcock's "peent" calls along with the croaks of the boreal chorus frog. Click on the [frog](#) and [bird](#) links on the .pdf version of this almanac on the website to hear recordings of their calls.

§ Elms, maples and cedars continue to bloom, multiflora roses and honeysuckle shrubs and vines are leafing out, henbit and other ground covers are greening while cool season grasses and wheat being slowed by the dry weather.

§ Cottontail, mole, mourning dove, cardinal, redtail hawk mating seasons are happening and coyotes are still nursing their young. Look for crawdad mounds along shorelines of ponds and creeks.

§ Underneath and between dormant prairie grasses you can often find a mix of soil lichens, fungi and mosses, that create a "biocrust." This protects the exposed soil from erosion and helps retain moisture. These important structures are sensitive to being disturbed by walking on them, and grow very slowly so treat them with respect!

§ This is a good week to look for the [zodiacal light](#), now that the early-evening sky is moonless. Look upward from the western horizon at nightfall/the very end of twilight for a faint cone of pearly light.