

# Kaw Valley Almanac

March 18 - 24, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:11 PM	09:07 PM	04:12 AM	66%
Tuesday	02:13 PM	09:57 PM	04:56 AM	74%
Wednesday	03:16 PM	10:44 PM	05:32 AM	82%
Thursday	04:18 PM	11:28 PM	06:01 AM	89%
Friday	05:19 PM		06:26 AM	94%
Saturday	06:18 PM	12:09 AM	06:48 AM	98%
Sunday	07:16 PM	12:48 AM	07:09 AM	100%



Redbuds have begun to open a little early in northeast Kansas, as evidenced by these flowers poking out the ends of the clusters of red buds, ready to unfurl its pea-like flowers, even before all of last year's seed pods have fallen. If you live further south, and in coming weeks across the state, you can enjoy the fully opened pink, red or white blossoms, which are also edible.



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:30 AM	07:26 AM	07:31 PM	08:28 PM
Tuesday	06:28 AM	07:24 AM	07:32 PM	08:29 PM
Wednesday	06:30 AM	07:23 AM	07:33 PM	08:34 PM
Thursday	06:29 AM	07:21 AM	07:34 PM	08:35 PM
Friday	06:27 AM	07:20 AM	07:35 PM	08:36 PM
Saturday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:36 PM	08:37 PM
Sunday	06:24 AM	07:17 AM	07:37 PM	08:38 PM

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

§ Sandhill crane season along the Platte River in Nebraska is halfway through with the Crane Trust ([www.cranetrust.org](http://www.cranetrust.org)) reporting 429,000 cranes, plus or minus 81,000 last weekend between Overton and Chapman, Nebraska.

§ Tuesday is the spring equinox, so if you can spot the sunrise or sunset point on the horizon, return to that location and you'll be amazed at how fast the sun moves north in coming weeks. As a result, in the month after equinox, we gain 47 minutes of morning light and 38 minutes of evening light for a total of 1 hour and 25 min. of additional light by Apr. 20.

§ If you are not aware of invasive woody plants on your land, this is a good time to find them: callery pears are covered with white blooms and if its a shrub that already has its leaves out, it's probably bush honeysuckle. Both should be removed due to their habit of taking over and killing out most other species.

§ I've seen pussytoes blooming on area prairies already, and with wood betony, puccoon and verbena emerged, these will be blooming on prairies, while in the oak-hickory woodlands, look for woodland violets, rue anemone & dutchman's breeches.

§ Of course, this time of year is not just being celebrated by emerging early spring plants: migratory bats should be showing up in coming weeks, there are plenty of pregnant mammals, it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers skunks and woodchucks, and squirrels and foxes are bearing young.