

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 25 - 31, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:15 PM	01:27 AM	07:28 AM	Full Moon
Tuesday	09:15 PM	02:06 AM	07:49 AM	98%
Wednesday	10:17 PM	02:47 AM	08:11 AM	95%
Thursday	11:21 PM	03:30 AM	08:36 AM	90%
Friday		04:17 AM	09:06 AM	83%
Saturday	12:26 AM	05:07 AM	09:43 AM	75%
Sunday	01:32 AM	06:01 AM	10:29 AM	65%



This time of year it is easy to spot redbuds in our landscapes. The greening of other trees is not caused by unfurling leaves but by green seeds or "samara" on elm trees, and some maples, as their early blooms turn into winged seeds that ripen and are carried off by the wind as the real leaves unfold. Redbud flowers turn into seed pods that stay on the tree.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:22 AM	07:15 AM	07:38 PM	08:39 PM
Tuesday	06:21 AM	07:13 AM	07:39 PM	08:40 PM
Wednesday	06:19 AM	07:12 AM	07:40 PM	08:41 PM
Thursday	06:17 AM	07:10 AM	07:41 PM	08:42 PM
Friday	06:16 AM	07:09 AM	07:42 PM	08:43 PM
Saturday	06:14 AM	07:07 AM	07:43 PM	08:44 PM
Sunday	06:12 AM	07:06 AM	07:44 PM	08:45 PM

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- § With blustery and below freezing temperatures a few days this week, it is good to remember that in 2013 northeast Kansas had more than 4 inches of snow, which made for interesting photos of woodland wildflowers topped with snow! "Average" last frost comes in April, and while that date has shifted earlier due to the changing climate, Kansas has huge ranges from year to year that makes that "average."
- § If you have a clear northwest horizon, with binoculars you might be able to see faint comet Pons Brooks in the constellation Aries above and to the right of Jupiter.
- § Brome and other cool season grasses are greening up, spring prairie burning continues when it is not too windy or wet, and the moisture will green up the wheat fields.
- § Continue to look for early spring woodland wildflowers, and once it warms up, recent rains may start the morel season. Another edible mushroom this time of year is the pleurotis or oyster mushroom, and if you catch it early, the puffball. While you are there, if you nick a grapevine, it will drip sap, gooseberries have leafed out and will start blooming as well, and papaw buds are swelling their chocolate buds.
- § In the prairie, if it's too early for spring wildflowers, it's not too early to find green yarrow leaves, wild onions, mullein rosettes, violet leaves and if you're lucky you will indeed find some prairie violets and spring beauties starting to bloom.