

# Kaw Valley Almanac

March 10 - 16, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:55 PM		07:05 AM	84%
Tuesday	06:01 PM	12:21 AM	07:35 AM	91%
Wednesday	07:04 PM	01:06 AM	08:01 AM	96%
Thursday	08:05 PM	01:49 AM	08:23 AM	99%
Friday	09:05 PM	02:29 AM	08:43 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	10:04 PM	03:09 AM	09:03 AM	99%
Sunday	11:04 PM	03:48 AM	09:24 AM	97%



You're probably noticing plumes of smoke on days with light wind and not too dry. Conservation Reserve Program grasslands require periodic burns to slow woody plant incursion, as well as in native prairie remnants and brome pastures. This photo shows how young cedars are most often killed by fire. Burning is sometimes done in late summer for even greater impacts; prairie burns have occurred for thousands of years.



## Sun

Venus, Mercury W, Jupiter S, Mars SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	06:23 PM	07:19 PM
Tuesday	05:41 AM	06:37 AM	06:24 PM	07:20 PM
Wednesday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	06:25 PM	07:21 PM
Thursday	05:38 AM	06:34 AM	06:26 PM	07:22 PM
Friday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	06:27 PM	07:23 PM
Saturday	05:35 AM	06:31 AM	06:28 PM	07:24 PM
Sunday	05:33 AM	06:30 AM	06:29 PM	07:25 PM

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

§ The Osage call this moon "Just Doing That Moon" because of the changeability of the weather this time of year, which ranges from sunny warmth to cold bluster and snow. This year, the name could also refer to the changes in the moon itself: there's a total lunar eclipse Thursday night/Friday morning, and with mostly clear skies predicted, it's worth checking out--if you are a night owl! The eclipse begins at 12:09am, becoming total between 1:26am and 2:31am, then becoming whole again by 3:47am. I plan to set my alarm for a couple times leading up to and during totality--the moon turns a beautiful shade of red.

§ Listen for the sounds of boreal forest frogs in wet areas and ponds (check out how it sounds at the Kansas Herpetofaunal Atlas [online](http://www.ksherpetofaunalatlas.org)) and after dark, listen for the "peent" of the American woodcock (listen at the [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org) website).

§ After/during a rain, salamanders are on the move this time of year. Keep your eyes open for early mushrooms: pleurotis/oyster mushrooms and puffballs will lead the way for next month's prize: the morel.

§ The middle of March marks the northward migration of thousands and thousands of sandhill cranes (and the small flock of whooping cranes) across Kansas through places like Quivira National Wildlife Refuge on their way to the Platte River in Nebraska. People from all over the world come to see it.