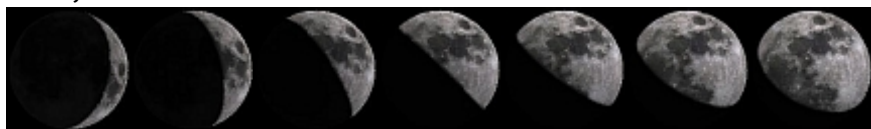


Kaw Valley Almanac

March 3 - 9, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:41 AM	04:46 PM		14%
Tuesday	10:14 AM	05:41 PM	12:05 AM	23%
Wednesday	10:53 AM	06:40 PM	01:22 AM	34%
Thursday	11:40 AM	07:40 PM	02:36 AM	1st Quarter
Friday	12:36 PM	08:40 PM	03:43 AM	56%
Saturday	01:40 PM	09:37 PM	04:41 AM	66%
Sunday	02:47 PM	10:31 PM	05:28 AM	76%



This crocus was photographed on February 21, 2016, and I have photos of the same crocus in the warm, dry year of 2012 on February 5. This year it was March 1. Frank Gates at K-State kept phenological records 1926-1955 & found that year to year variation at the beginning of the year could be a month, too.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:53 AM	06:49 AM	06:16 PM	07:12 PM
Tuesday	05:52 AM	06:48 AM	06:17 PM	07:13 PM
Wednesday	05:50 AM	06:46 AM	06:18 PM	07:14 PM
Thursday	05:49 AM	06:45 AM	06:19 PM	07:15 PM
Friday	05:47 AM	06:43 AM	06:20 PM	07:16 PM
Saturday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	06:21 PM	07:17 PM
Sunday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	06:22 PM	07:18 PM

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

§ There was such a rapid switch from cold to mild that the sap tapping season is probably shorter than usual. But it also means that maples and elms have blooming buds, with the most advanced being at the top of the tree, moving down to the bottom, perhaps to catch the most sunlight. These are not leaf buds, rather they will develop into the flat/whirling seeds that take to the wind in April or earlier.

§ Another sign of spring: this week is statewide Severe Weather Preparedness Week--download a [2025 Severe Weather Awareness Packet](#) that includes a summary of the 2024 storm statistics: over half of our tornadoes for the year came in April!

§ Listen for the start of an occasional western chorus frog call from wet areas, and if you're lucky maybe you'll hear the peenting call of the American woodcock.

§ Northward waterfowl migration has begun, with the past week at Loess Bluffs recording 126,000 snow geese, but some years there are over a million. It will be interesting to see if they stop over to wait for the midweek storm to blow over before heading further north.

§ Keep an eye out for "kettles" of turkey vultures returning from the Gulf of Mexico and Venezuela where they spend the winter months.

§ Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour this Sunday as Daylight Savings Time begins.