

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 17 - 23, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday		04:29 AM	09:46 AM	92%
Tuesday	12:05 AM	05:12 AM	10:11 AM	87%
Wednesday	01:07 AM	05:57 AM	10:41 AM	80%
Thursday	02:09 AM	06:46 AM	11:18 AM	72%
Friday	03:10 AM	07:37 AM	12:02 PM	63%
Saturday	04:07 AM	08:31 AM	12:56 PM	3rd Quarter
Sunday	04:58 AM	09:27 AM	01:58 PM	43%



The past week has been so crazy, with statewide dust storms, red flag fire warnings and grassland fire danger high, its good to remember the Osage name for March: It's "Just Doing that Moon". With the dry weather across the state, that winter mushroom, the puffball, is fully mature and dried out, looking a little like a biscuit on the ground (left). Step on it, (right) and you'll see the "puff" of spores. With some rain predicted this week, (keep your fingers crossed!) you might see some new white, edible puffballs emerge, along with oyster/Pleurotis mushrooms, before the legendary morel mushroom season that begins in April.



Sun

Venus W, Jupiter SW, Mars S after dusk

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:32 AM	06:28 AM	06:30 PM	07:27 PM
Tuesday	05:30 AM	06:26 AM	06:31 PM	07:28 PM
Wednesday	05:28 AM	06:25 AM	06:32 PM	07:29 PM
Thursday	05:31 AM	06:23 AM	06:33 PM	07:34 PM
Friday	05:29 AM	06:22 AM	06:34 PM	07:35 PM
Saturday	05:28 AM	06:20 AM	06:35 PM	07:36 PM
Sunday	05:26 AM	06:19 AM	06:36 PM	07:37 PM

§ Thursday is the spring equinox, a word that means "equal night." 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night occurred last week, however, on March 15-16. The same occurs in the fall, with the equinox being September 22nd this year but equal day and night occurring September 25-26. Make a mental note where it rises/sets on the horizon and watch it move north from that spot in coming weeks. If you're driving into the sunrise/set on an east-west road, you'll be very aware of where the sun is this time of year....be careful!

§ Boreal forest frogs and American woodcocks continue to bring in the spring equinox, particularly if we get some rain. Check out how they sound at the Kansas Herpetofaunal Atlas (online) and here allaboutbirds.org. And yes, you should be seeing groups of turkey vulture plying the area above you, having returned from their winter stays to the south.

§ The rain will make conditions ideal for spotting and identifying animal tracks. If you don't know what animal it is, take a picture and compare it to tracks on the internet. Scat identification is another good way to ID animals this time of year because not enough insects have come out to decompose these so they stick around a little longer this time of year.

§ Itchy nose/throat/eyes? Take your pick: eastern red cedar, elm, or maple pollen, most likely cedar. Or dust. Or smoke.