

# Kaw Valley Almanac

February 9 - 15, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:16 AM	06:09 AM	10:55 AM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	02:18 AM	06:56 AM	11:31 AM	44%
Wednesday	03:17 AM	07:46 AM	12:13 PM	35%
Thursday	04:13 AM	08:38 AM	01:04 PM	26%
Friday	05:03 AM	09:31 AM	02:01 PM	18%
Saturday	05:46 AM	10:23 AM	03:05 PM	11%
Sunday	06:22 AM	11:13 AM	04:11 PM	6%



This yellow crocus began blooming at the end of last week in Douglas County; if you are south of there, they may have started earlier, or perhaps this week if north. Sunny locations also bloom earlier. The ornamental snow drops are also likely blooming, with daffodil leaves beginning to poke up.



## Sun

Saturn SW, Jupiter E in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:22 AM	07:18 AM	05:51 PM	06:48 PM
Tuesday	06:21 AM	07:17 AM	05:53 PM	06:49 PM
Wednesday	06:20 AM	07:16 AM	05:54 PM	06:50 PM
Thursday	06:19 AM	07:15 AM	05:55 PM	06:52 PM
Friday	06:18 AM	07:14 AM	05:56 PM	06:53 PM
Saturday	06:16 AM	07:13 AM	05:57 PM	06:54 PM
Sunday	06:15 AM	07:11 AM	05:58 PM	06:55 PM

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

§ This is a great time to start thinking about starting seed flats of garden plants--the perfect time to check out the Kaw Valley Seed Fair at the Douglas County Fairgrounds this Saturday 9am-2pm. Come buy plants and seeds, or partake in the free seed exchange: bring some to share, take some freebies home. In addition to plants there are other supplies, workshops and good food to boot.

§ This is a good time to clean out bluebird boxes as the birds will soon be inspecting homes for the spring to lay their eggs. Listen in the morning for mating songs of several songbirds -- see if you can pick out cardinals, chickadees, phoebe and various owls.

§ This month's moon Osage name is Light of Day Returns Moon, and true to form, this week gains 14 minutes of sunlight and some songbirds are starting to stake out their territories by singing in the morning and evening. See if you can identify them by their songs before you see them.

§ With warming temperatures, don't be surprised if you see a few moths come out after dark as they are some of the first insects to take a chance. I've already seen lady bugs, box elder beetles and green stink bugs stirring in recent sunny days, and you gossamer in the brush is a sign that some spiders are becoming active. Start checking your dogs for ticks....