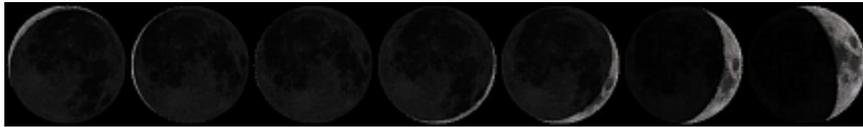


Kaw Valley Almanac

March 16 - 22, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:20 AM	11:39 AM	05:08 PM	10%
Tuesday	06:46 AM	12:26 PM	06:16 PM	4%
Wednesday	07:10 AM	01:12 PM	07:26 PM	New Moon
Thursday	07:34 AM	01:59 PM	08:37 PM	0%
Friday	08:00 AM	02:49 PM	09:50 PM	2%
Saturday	08:29 AM	03:41 PM	11:06 PM	6%
Sunday	09:04 AM	04:38 PM		13%



What is that dust in the foreground? It's pollen coming off a male eastern red cedar tree last week. The wind has been strong enough recently to strip off the pollen, but there's more where that came from, so expect male cedar trees to replenish and send out enough pollen to make it miserable for allergy sufferers in coming days. Look for cedar waxwings eating the blue berries on the female trees.



Sun

Venus, Jupiter S in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:35 AM	07:30 AM	07:29 PM	08:24 PM
Tuesday	06:34 AM	07:28 AM	07:30 PM	08:25 PM
Wednesday	06:32 AM	07:27 AM	07:31 PM	08:26 PM
Thursday	06:30 AM	07:25 AM	07:32 PM	08:27 PM
Friday	06:29 AM	07:24 AM	07:33 PM	08:28 PM
Saturday	06:31 AM	07:22 AM	07:34 PM	08:33 PM
Sunday	06:30 AM	07:20 AM	07:35 PM	08:34 PM

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§ Elms and maples have been blooming; it will be interesting to see if the cold snap will prevent them from producing their winged seeds called samara. Unfortunately many peach and apricot trees were also blooming, which will stop fruiting.

§ Turkey vultures are returning from as far south as Venezuela already, so look for increasing numbers of them in coming weeks. They help keep our landscapes clean and are very social animals, with multiple generations migrating in their "kettles" as they head north/south together.

§ Friday is the spring equinox, and we gain 16 minutes of additional daylight this week, the fastest gains of the year. The invasive callery pear is beginning to bloom, so it's a good time to cut them out and treat their stumps lest they quickly take over. The Kansas Forest Service is sponsoring callery pear buyback programs in Wichita, Ellsworth and Manhattan on May 11--sign up for their [newsletter](#) for details!

§ It's mating season for moles, wood rats, pocket gophers, and skunks. It's also birthing season for squirrels, foxes and woodchucks. Most other animals you might see are likely pregnant as they will give birth later in the spring when food is plentiful. Look for crawdad volcanoes in wet areas, too!

§ Woodcocks continue to "peent" in their early springtime courting rituals: [here's](#) what they sound like.