

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Venus, Mercury very low SW in evening;
Jupiter southwest, Saturn south at dawn

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	02:15 AM	07:21 AM	12:27 PM	49%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	03:04 AM	08:10 AM	01:16 PM	40%	
Wednesday	03:51 AM	08:59 AM	02:09 PM	30%	
Thursday	04:35 AM	09:49 AM	03:06 PM	21%	
Friday	05:17 AM	10:39 AM	04:07 PM	13%	
Saturday	05:55 AM	11:30 AM	05:10 PM	7%	
Sunday	06:32 AM	12:21 PM	06:16 PM	2%	



Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:31 AM	07:24 AM	07:34 PM	08:33 PM
Tuesday	06:29 AM	07:23 AM	07:34 PM	08:34 PM
Wednesday	06:28 AM	07:21 AM	07:35 PM	08:36 PM
Thursday	06:26 AM	07:19 AM	07:36 PM	08:37 PM
Friday	06:24 AM	07:18 AM	07:37 PM	08:38 PM
Saturday	06:23 AM	07:16 AM	07:38 PM	08:39 PM
Sunday	06:21 AM	07:15 AM	07:39 PM	08:40 PM

Nature Notes

§ Monday is the spring equinox, so it is a good time to go to a place where you can note where the sun rises/sets on the horizon, then watch how quickly it moves to the north in the coming weeks. Days are rapidly getting longer, with 17 additional minutes of daylight just this week alone. Look very carefully Monday and Tuesday at sunset and you might see the very slender crescent Venus before it slips into the morning sky.

§ With continued moderate drought conditions and a warm, windy weekend, we desperately need rain to move our spring ahead. Moisture shortages have largely stopped spring flowers from progressing, and frogs from coming out, so keep your fingers crossed that we get significant rain this Wednesday.

§ This is a good time to identify some invasive plants: Bradford pears are blooming white, and honeysuckle shrubs are green with leaves. Both should be removed due to their habit of taking over and killing out most other species.

§ Turkey vultures are due back in the area, migrating back north from overwintering in South America. Look for groups of up to 30 at a time wending their way through the area.



Even though sandhill crane breeding along the Platte River is not in our watershed, it is only 5 or so hours away. People from all over the world come to see this spectacle, and with over 400,000 cranes last weekend, this is a great spring break option.