

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 27 - April 2, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	07:08 AM	01:12 PM	07:24 PM	0%	New Moon
Tuesday	07:45 AM	02:05 PM	08:33 PM	1%	
Wednesday	08:22 AM	02:59 PM	09:44 PM	4%	
Thursday	09:03 AM	03:55 PM	10:54 PM	10%	
Friday	09:47 AM	04:52 PM		18%	
Saturday	10:35 AM	05:50 PM	12:03 AM	28%	
Sunday	11:28 AM	06:48 PM	01:09 AM	39%	



These 8 pussytoes (can you find them all?) are emerging in the short grasses; they will get several inches tall before going to seed in coming weeks. Their white flower heads resemblance to miniature cat paws gives this early spring wildflower its common name.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:19 AM	07:13 AM	07:40 PM	08:41 PM
Tuesday	06:18 AM	07:11 AM	07:41 PM	08:42 PM
Wednesday	06:16 AM	07:10 AM	07:42 PM	08:43 PM
Thursday	06:14 AM	07:08 AM	07:43 PM	08:44 PM
Friday	06:13 AM	07:07 AM	07:44 PM	08:45 PM
Saturday	06:11 AM	07:05 AM	07:45 PM	08:46 PM
Sunday	06:09 AM	07:04 AM	07:46 PM	08:47 PM

Nature Notes

§ Spiders, moths, ladybugs, box elder beetles, are all active again; wood rats, foxes and muskrats are bearing young around now.

§ We should finally be getting enough rain this week to really bring on the western chorus frog and start spring wildflower season moving ahead again. The dry weather has been putting most of these things on hold for a few weeks now.

§ With the rains, native prairies may be getting wet enough to begin the spring burning season, which has been on hold due to all of the red flag warning days of late. Research shows that April is the best time for the burns to kill woody plants which would otherwise encroach prairies in this part of the state.

§ Redbuds have been blooming for a week; most years they don't start until April, but their roots are reaching enough moisture to bloom despite the dry soils.

§ Wonder what the purple fields are in the area? It's caused by the small henbit wildflower, an annual "weed" that is in the mint family. It typically completes its life cycle before the fields are prepared for soybeans/corn.

§ Many songbirds are building nests--put out hair, thread, ribbons and string to help them out!