

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 6 - 12, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	12:32 PM	07:53 PM	02:15 AM	65%	
Tuesday	01:31 PM	08:50 PM	03:13 AM	75%	
Wednesday	02:32 PM	09:45 PM	04:05 AM	84%	
Thursday	03:36 PM	10:38 PM	04:52 AM	91%	
Friday	04:39 PM	11:29 PM	05:34 AM	96%	
Saturday	05:41 PM		06:11 AM	99%	
Sunday	07:43 PM	01:17 AM	07:45 AM	100%	Full Moon



Dogbane seedheads, opened and curled up by the dry weather, lose the last of their fluffy seeds and create patterns reminiscent of chinese calligraphy in the still dormant March grasses.



Sun

Venus, Mars SW in evening;

Jupiter southwest, Saturn SSE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:49 AM	06:45 AM	06:19 PM	07:15 PM
Tuesday	05:47 AM	06:44 AM	06:20 PM	07:16 PM
Wednesday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	06:21 PM	07:17 PM
Thursday	05:44 AM	06:41 AM	06:22 PM	07:18 PM
Friday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	06:23 PM	07:07 PM
Saturday	05:41 AM	06:38 AM	06:24 PM	07:20 PM
Sunday	06:40 AM	07:37 AM	07:26 PM	08:21 PM

Nature Notes

§ If we get some rain Monday, be sure to watch the daily changes in vegetation and animal life that will take place for the rest of the week. Listen for western chorus frogs and woodcocks in the evening, Look for moths and a host of other insects, and rapidly greening brome and wheat fields. A perfect excuse for a walk with a friend(s)!

§ We enter the week listed as having moderate drought conditions, and even if we get some rains, the warm, windy conditions will require some really good rains to remove this issue. A variety of shrubs are leafing out ahead of schedule, and it's probably not too early to start watching redbuds, which typically don't start blooming until late March/early April. While you're at it, start checking native woodlands for early wildflowers and papaw blossoms.

§ There are still waterfowl to observe in places such as the Baldwin Woods or at area lakes: Clinton, Perry, Hillsdale, Pomona, Douglas County State Lake, or a quick trip up to Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge. But they are moving quickly north, with most eagles you might see now being the ones who are sticking around and are sitting on their eggs.

§ Another thing to look for on your walks this week if it rains are tracks in the mud which will give you a clue as to what pregnant mammals are up to these days.