Kaw Valley Almanac

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		Moon			
Day	Moon rises	south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	07:31 PM	12:44 AM	06:49 AM	100%	
Tuesday	08:28 PM	01:28 AM	07:20 AM	100%	Full Moon
Wednesday	09:25 PM	02:13 AM	07:51 AM	98%	
Thursday	10:09 PM	02:57 AM	08:24 AM	94%	
Friday	11:15 PM	03:42 AM	09:00 AM	89%	
Saturday		04:28 AM	09:39 AM	82%	
Sunday	12:08 AM	05:15 AM	10:21 AM	75%	





Trout lilies, with their trout-like mottled leaves and the reflexed-back blossoms are peaking this week, as are papaw blossoms. Buckeye blossoms might start blooming this week, too. An event to check out this week is the Baker Wetland's Family Fun Day this Saturday from 9am - 12. It's free, there are canoes and there's lots to see both inside and outside at the Discovery Center.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:56 AM	06:51 AM	07:54 PM	08:56 PM
Tuesday	05:55 AM	06:50 AM	07:55 PM	08:57 PM
Wednesday	05:53 AM	06:48 AM	07:56 PM	08:58 PM
Thursday	05:51 AM	06:47 AM	07:57 PM	08:59 PM
Friday	05:50 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:00 PM
Saturday	05:48 AM	06:44 AM	07:58 PM	09:01 PM
Sunday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	07:59 PM	09:03 PM

Nature Notes

Papaws are pollinated by flies drawn to smells that, well, attract flies. Most of the time the blossom does not smell much, but it reportedly is stronger at around dusk. If you really want to see what it smells like, this is probably the week to find out.

Morel season could use a boost of a rain to extend the season--the windy weekend dried things out a bit more than is ideal. If you are hunting this week, you'll no doubt familiarizew yourself with another springtime happening: ticks! Pick them off as soon as you can, taking a shower after your hunt.

Frog songs are more varied with the American toad joining spring's progress and recent rains. A good place to identify amphibian calls is http://www.leaps.ms/soundpage.htm

Wild turkeys are sitting on eggs, warblers are coming back and you can put out a hummingbird feeder to see if they have returned. Look at dusk for bats and in addition to most birds, know that most mammals are ready to/raising young right now.

Native or replanted prairies are mostly dormant and this is the most common time of year for burning them. There are a few prairie wildflowers including hoary puccoon, lousewort, verbena, prairie violet and maybe spring beauty.