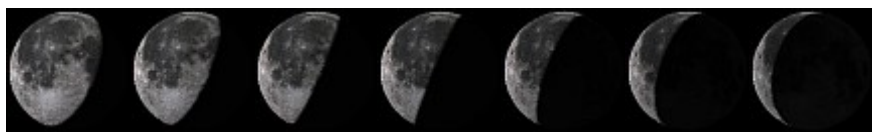


Kaw Valley Almanac

March 25 - 31, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday		05:14 AM	10:26 AM	75%
Tuesday	01:01 AM	06:06 AM	11:07 AM	65%
Wednesday	02:00 AM	06:57 AM	11:52 AM	3rd Quarter
Thursday	02:54 AM	07:48 AM	12:42 PM	45%
Friday	03:42 AM	08:37 AM	01:34 PM	36%
Saturday	04:25 AM	09:25 AM	02:29 PM	27%
Sunday	05:03 AM	10:12 AM	03:25 PM	19%



What is that dust in the foreground? It's pollen coming off a male eastern red cedar tree a few springs back. The wind and rain have kept the pollen down even though the trees are full of the yellow stuff, but with winds picking up later this week, it might be pretty bad for allergy sufferers. Elms and maples are blooming too: look for their tiny flowers that will later turn into winged seeds called samara.



Sun

Mars west at dusk,

Saturn, Jupiter south, Venus in the east at dawn

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:23 AM	07:16 AM	07:37 PM	08:38 PM
Tuesday	06:22 AM	07:15 AM	07:38 PM	08:39 PM
Wednesday	06:20 AM	07:13 AM	07:39 PM	08:40 PM
Thursday	06:19 AM	07:12 AM	07:40 PM	08:41 PM
Friday	06:17 AM	07:10 AM	07:41 PM	08:42 PM
Saturday	06:15 AM	07:08 AM	07:42 PM	08:43 PM
Sunday	06:14 AM	07:07 AM	07:43 PM	08:44 PM

§ It's still too early for spring wildflowers to be blooming as the week starts, with only their leaves pushing aside the dead tree leaves, but with warm temperatures and rain predicted by mid-late week, this may be the week when the first ones begin to bloom. Expect the peak native woodland wildflowers to be a few weeks away.

§ We're in the flush of "First of Season" bird sightings as turkey vultures have returned, many songbirds are returning after the winter's absence and resident eagles are nesting while owls hoot at night. It's a busy time for birds as they get more and more territorial and musical by the day.

§ March's mud will be refreshed after our rains, which will be ideal for spotting and identifying animal tracks. If you don't know what animal it is, take a picture and compare it to tracks on the internet.

§ Warmth and rain means keep your eyes open for edible pleurotis/oyster and puffball mushrooms. It's still a little early for the first flush of morels, which will come next month, and hopefully with all the moisture this should be a good year.

§ Time to brush up on thunderstorms: you can calculate the distance of lightning by counting the time when thunder arrives: 5 seconds for every mile.