

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:41 PM	09:25 PM	03:25 AM	68%
Tuesday	03:51 PM	10:16 PM	04:00 AM	79%
Wednesday	05:00 PM	11:07 PM	04:32 AM	87%
Thursday	06:09 PM	11:57 PM	05:04 AM	94%
Friday	07:18 PM		05:37 AM	98%
Saturday	08:25 PM	12:48 AM	06:12 AM	Full Moon
Sunday	09:30 PM	01:41 AM	06:51 AM	99%



This prairie phlox is just opening and will be opening up into bright fuschia pink clusters of flowers for the next month or so. The cooler, wetter conditions has led to an extended early spring flower display of puccoons, wood betony, oxalis, creamy wild indigo, wild hyacinth, verbena, prairie violet and star eyed grass, all which continue to bloom at Prairie Park.



Sun

Mars low west at dusk,
Saturn, Jupiter south, Venus low east at dawn

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:09 AM	06:10 AM	08:25 PM	09:34 PM
Tuesday	05:07 AM	06:09 AM	08:25 PM	09:35 PM
Wednesday	05:06 AM	06:08 AM	08:26 PM	09:36 PM
Thursday	05:05 AM	06:07 AM	08:27 PM	09:37 PM
Friday	05:04 AM	06:06 AM	08:28 PM	09:38 PM
Saturday	05:03 AM	06:05 AM	08:29 PM	09:40 PM
Sunday	05:02 AM	06:04 AM	08:30 PM	09:41 PM

§ Nighthawks are beginning to return to Kansas evening displays in well lit downtowns across the state. With their distinctive “peent” calls, wobbly flights punctuated by dramatic swooping dives to catch flying insects mid-air, they are a welcome addition to spring and summer evenings. And while you’re at it, look for the chatterings of chimney swifts and their dramatic dives into prominent chimneys during late dusk-- almost like a living whirlpool of movement.

§ Black locust trees are full of fragrant white flowers this week: see if you can smell them by rolling down your window as you drive by, or better yet, take a walk nearby. Look for blooms on the Kentucky coffee tree as well, and the woodland flowers jack-in-the-pulpit and may apples are transitioning into berries while gooseberries continue to grow bigger as well.

§ Warblers have returned in force and the days are full of bird songs of every flavor. Nests with eggs and young ones are in the trees; see if you can find one in your back yard or where you take walks by watching the bird activities.

§ Most years corn planting would be finished and soybean/milo well under way. It’s getting too late for much corn and soybean planting hasn’t begun either due to the wet fields. Look for long days in the field if it gets dry enough!