

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:13 PM	03:37 AM	10:01 AM	81%
Tuesday	11:23 PM	04:26 AM	10:29 AM	71%
Wednesday		05:16 AM	10:59 AM	60%
Thursday	12:34 AM	06:06 AM	11:31 AM	3 rd Quarter
Friday	01:45 AM	07:00 AM	12:07 PM	37%
Saturday	02:57 AM	07:55 AM	12:49 PM	27%
Sunday	04:06 AM	08:54 AM	01:38 PM	17%



Dormant eastern gamagrass and ashy sunflower leaves provide abstract patterns that hearken back to memories of last summer like a fireworks burst that has frozen and fallen to the ground. With the coldest temperatures of the winter so far predicted for the end of the week, it's a good time to seek out other summer reminiscences in last year's dried leaves in your walks this week.



Sun

Mars south after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:28 AM	07:26 AM	05:43 PM	06:41 PM
Tuesday	06:27 AM	07:25 AM	05:44 PM	06:42 PM
Wednesday	06:26 AM	07:24 AM	05:45 PM	06:44 PM
Thursday	06:25 AM	07:23 AM	05:46 PM	06:45 PM
Friday	06:24 AM	07:22 AM	05:47 PM	06:46 PM
Saturday	06:23 AM	07:21 AM	05:48 PM	06:47 PM
Sunday	06:22 AM	07:20 AM	05:50 PM	06:48 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ So what is green this time of year? Moss, bristly greenbriar vines; daisy, mullein, dandelion and thistle rosettes; yarrow and poison hemlock leaves, onion and wild garlic tops and some cool season grasses and sedges.

§ Deer, wild turkeys, coyotes, raccoons and other wild animals can be seen from the roadside this time of year as vegetation is dormant, animals are hungry and may be looking for a potential partner for the upcoming mating season. Because most are creatures of habit, note the time and return the same time another day to try your luck at seeing them again.

§ In the wetlands along the Wakarusa south of Lawrence, now is a great time to see many species of birds including pelicans, ducks, hawks, eagles, gulls, doves, owls, kingfishers, woodpeckers, crows, meadowlarks, and winter songbirds.

§ Did you know that the seeds inside hedge apples are edible? The problem is that not only do you have to fish through rotting fruit flesh to pick them out, but each seed is encased in a shell like a sunflower seed, which is not easy to remove. Best to leave them for the squirrels to eat!

§ Some cardinals are singing their spring song in the mornings while winter flocks of mixed species are still visiting area bird feeders. Even with recent moisture, keep watering and feeding birds as both continue to be in short supply.