

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:28 PM	09:04 PM	03:55 AM	66%
Tuesday	02:31 PM	09:52 PM	04:31 AM	75%
Wednesday	03:36 PM	10:39 PM	05:03 AM	84%
Thursday	04:42 PM	11:25 PM	05:31 AM	91%
Friday	05:49 PM		05:57 AM	96%
Saturday	06:58 PM	12:11 AM	06:22 AM	99%
Sunday	08:09 PM	12:58 AM	06:48 AM	Full Moon



Look closely and you'll see a flock of turkeys picking over the newly burned prairie. Turkeys eat lots of bugs, spiders, and even snakes, as well as new sprouts, seeds, nuts and grains, but in a newly burned field? Maybe they were picking up small pebbles, a bug or critter that didn't get away from the fire, or a seedhead that was too tall to reach before it burned off.



Sun

Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Mars in east before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:55 AM	06:50 AM	07:54 PM	08:57 PM
Tuesday	05:54 AM	06:48 AM	07:55 PM	08:58 PM
Wednesday	05:52 AM	06:47 AM	07:56 PM	08:59 PM
Thursday	05:50 AM	06:45 AM	07:57 PM	09:00 PM
Friday	05:49 AM	06:44 AM	07:58 PM	09:01 PM
Saturday	05:47 AM	06:42 AM	07:59 PM	09:02 PM
Sunday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	08:00 PM	09:03 PM

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§ It is always interesting to poke around a burned prairie: cool season grasses including brome and eastern gamagrass as well as some forbs will almost immediately sprout new growth, while the warm season prairie grasses will take a while to begin to grow. Some common things you can find include snail shells, animal bones, rodent trails and mounds/holes in the soil, maybe an antler or two, some interesting rocks or even an arrowhead/flint flakes and other rocks.

§ In unburned prairies, the grasses are mostly still dormant, but you might be able to locate early spring wildflower plants growing, and if you're lucky, a blossom or two, including hoary puccoons, verbena, prairie violets and spring beauties.

§ It should be a good week to start looking for woodland wildflowers and maybe a morel or two, along with increasing spring blossoms on redbuds, flowering cherries and plums.

§ The first woody plants to leaf out are close to the ground: coralberry, privet and honeysuckle have started, soon to be followed by skunkbush and dogwood. Elms and maples are growing their windblown seeds, or samara. Honey locusts, cottonwoods and hackberries are some of the first trees to unfurl their leaves; oaks, hickories and walnuts come later.

§ It's still not too late to pick off bagworms; the larvae have not yet come out of the cocoons.