

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 23 - March 1, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:04 AM	05:44 PM	12:20 AM	35%
Tuesday	10:49 AM	06:45 PM	01:35 AM	1st Quarter
Wednesday	11:45 AM	07:48 PM	02:46 AM	58%
Thursday	12:50 PM	08:50 PM	03:50 AM	69%
Friday	02:02 PM	09:49 PM	04:43 AM	79%
Saturday	03:17 PM	10:45 PM	05:26 AM	87%
Sunday	04:30 PM	11:35 PM	06:00 AM	94%



This blackbird leafed elm tree is shedding its bird leaves in a gust of spring migration, as the moon waxes toward a full Light of Day Returns Moon this week. We will gain 14 minutes of daylight, and the western chorus frogs have started to sing out their celebratory song in wet areas across the state.



Sun

Venus, Mercury, Saturn W, Jupiter S in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:06 AM	07:01 AM	06:07 PM	07:03 PM
Tuesday	06:04 AM	07:00 AM	06:08 PM	07:04 PM
Wednesday	06:03 AM	06:58 AM	06:09 PM	07:05 PM
Thursday	06:02 AM	06:57 AM	06:10 PM	07:06 PM
Friday	06:00 AM	06:55 AM	06:11 PM	07:07 PM
Saturday	05:59 AM	06:54 AM	06:12 PM	07:08 PM
Sunday	05:58 AM	06:53 AM	06:13 PM	07:09 PM

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

§ Tufts of wild onion make for tasty deer snacks this time of year. If you find some, chances are the tops will be nibbled on, but if they haven't, grab some tops to nibble on for yourself or chop them up to throw into a dish that asks for shallots.

§ If you see a flock of noisy crows, look around for an owl, which crows harass due to the owl's habit of raiding crow nests.

§ Another sign of spring will be appearing across the state: Severe Weather Preparedness Week is next week, and Storm Spotter Classes start across the state as soon as March 2. To find out the date of one closest to you go to <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c82156f248964163b87ff425aad288d1>

§ The green hedge apples of late summer and fall have faded to shades of rotting brown. But they are still mined by squirrels for their edible seeds, as the dissected apple on the right shows. The remains of these fruit lie in little piles this time of year on woodland floors wherever the osage orange grows. Most other nuts have been harvested by now, leaving the hedge apple as a February staple.

§ Snow geese numbers have swollen from just over 50,000 to over 200,000 last week at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge. How many more will show up there this week?