

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 23 - 29, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:47 AM	05:39 PM	12:23 AM	21%
Tuesday	10:40 AM	06:42 PM	01:38 AM	32%
Wednesday	11:43 AM	07:44 PM	02:44 AM	1st Quarter
Thursday	12:53 PM	08:44 PM	03:41 AM	54%
Friday	02:05 PM	09:39 PM	04:26 AM	65%
Saturday	03:17 PM	10:30 PM	05:02 AM	75%
Sunday	04:26 PM	11:17 PM	05:31 AM	84%



The turkey vultures are arriving, with many spotted moving north into Kansas last week. Coming from points as far south as Venezuela, they clean up carcasses that have accumulated over the winter, and keep up this service all through the summer and fall, heading south as the leaves fall. The morning is becoming more full of the songs of birds with each passing day, with courting season in full swing for many songbirds.



Sun

Venus west, Jupiter overhead in the evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:28 AM	07:19 AM	07:36 PM	08:35 PM
Tuesday	06:26 AM	07:17 AM	07:37 PM	08:36 PM
Wednesday	06:25 AM	07:16 AM	07:38 PM	08:37 PM
Thursday	06:23 AM	07:14 AM	07:39 PM	08:38 PM
Friday	06:21 AM	07:13 AM	07:40 PM	08:39 PM
Saturday	06:20 AM	07:11 AM	07:41 PM	08:41 PM
Sunday	06:18 AM	07:09 AM	07:41 PM	08:42 PM

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- § Some fruit trees escaped total devastation from recent freezes, especially pears, and, unfortunately the invasive callery pear, which is blooming its white blossoms.
- § Bush honeysuckle is one of the first shrubs to green up in the woods. Now is a good time to remove it due to its habit of taking over and killing out most other species.
- § The combination of very dry soil and cold snaps have delayed prevernal blooming prairie wildflowers as well as "spring ephemerals" in many native woods, as well as created red flag conditions not conducive to controlled burns. If we get rain this week, expect substantial progress on all fronts as nature--and ranchers--play catch up!
- § It looks like red bud flower buds survived the freezes, at least in the northern part of the state. Look for the first signs of reddening and even opening buds, a process that will continue into April.
- § Spiders are plentiful this time of year and even after a prairie burn, the ashes are covered by webs in just a few minutes. Another arachnid, the tick, is also out, so be sure to check yourself over carefully after being outside.
- § Look for dragonflies--they're back too, and most mammals are gestating young, to be born later this spring.