

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 22 – 28, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:47 PM	03:53 AM	08:58 AM	88%
Tuesday		04:46 AM	09:43 AM	80%
Wednesday	12:45 AM	05:38 AM	10:31 AM	72%
Thursday	01:37 AM	06:30 AM	11:24 AM	62%
Friday	02:23 AM	07:19 AM	12:18 PM	3rd Quarter
Saturday	03:03 AM	08:07 AM	01:15 PM	43%
Sunday	03:38 AM	08:52 AM	02:12 PM	34%



Prairies are starting to show some green grass and some early spring wildflowers including prairie violets, wood betony, verbena, spring beauty and these yellow hoary puccoons, one of the easiest to find due to their bright yellow color. Stick around a short while at any prairie flower and you're sure to see a hungry pollinating bee, fly or butterfly drop in.



Sun

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

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:38 AM	06:34 AM	08:04 PM	09:09 PM
Tuesday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:05 PM	09:10 PM
Wednesday	05:35 AM	06:32 AM	08:06 PM	09:11 PM
Thursday	05:33 AM	06:30 AM	08:07 PM	09:13 PM
Friday	05:32 AM	06:29 AM	08:08 PM	09:14 PM
Saturday	05:30 AM	06:28 AM	08:09 PM	09:15 PM
Sunday	05:29 AM	06:26 AM	08:10 PM	09:16 PM

§ It's still not too late for a quick woodland wildflower foray, but the oaks and hickories will join others this week and begin to leaf out, spelling the end to the "spring ephemerals" which time their blossoms to take advantage of the "prevernal" sun before taller tree leaves shade them out. Folks have been finding morels aplenty, but the hot, windy weather will hasten the end of the season as the morels dry up and shrubs leaf out, making it difficult to find them—and easier to find ticks!

§ Redbuds continue to bloom as are wild plums and cherries, whose white blossoms are well worth pulling off the road and smelling: they're intoxicating!

§ Bats have been spotted returning to the area: keep an eye out around dusk/dawn. Songbirds continue to return, including orioles, yellow throated warblers, yellow bellied sapsuckers, flycatchers and even some hummingbirds have been spotted. Look for migrant shorebirds along water's edges, too.

§ There are plenty of little western chorus frogs around, but the American toad has taken over as the main voice in these parts—listen to their call online and see if you recognize their call in your neighborhood.

§ Family Fun Day is April 28 from 1-4pm at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, telescope open after dark.