

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 29 – May 5, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:09 AM	09:36 AM	03:09 PM	25%
Tuesday	04:38 AM	10:19 AM	04:07 PM	18%
Wednesday	05:06 AM	11:01 AM	05:05 PM	11%
Thursday	05:33 AM	11:44 AM	06:04 PM	5%
Friday	06:01 AM	12:28 PM	07:04 PM	2%
Saturday	06:30 AM	01:14 PM	08:07 PM	New Moon
Sunday	07:03 AM	02:03 PM	09:11 PM	1%



Prairies are starting to show spring flowers including yellow wood betony on the left, yellow puccoon and purple prairie violet in the center and white wild strawberry blossoms on the upper right. These are at Prairie Park Nature Center—check them out this week rain or shine!



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	05:27 AM	06:25 AM	08:11 PM	09:17 PM
Tuesday	05:26 AM	06:24 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM
Wednesday	05:24 AM	06:23 AM	08:13 PM	09:20 PM
Thursday	05:23 AM	06:21 AM	08:14 PM	09:21 PM
Friday	05:21 AM	06:20 AM	08:15 PM	09:22 PM
Saturday	05:20 AM	06:19 AM	08:16 PM	09:23 PM
Sunday	05:19 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:24 PM

§ Trees have mostly leafed out in area woodlands but there are still plenty of things to see in a native woodland including the chocolaty papaw blossom, gooseberries beginning to transition from blooming to growing berries, May apples still blooming, emerging jack in the pulpit, and of course reddish new leaves on poison ivy. Redbud trees are transitioning from blossoms to growing seedpods. Did you know the young redbud leaves, flowers and seedpods are all edible? Try them in a salad. Female osage orange trees are beginning to bloom.

§ In addition to the prairie wildflowers mentioned under the picture, other blossoms can be found including verbena, yellow star grass, white eyed grass, creamy wild indigo, pussy toes and bluegrass is beginning to shoot up its seedheads.

§ With rain predicted this week, look out for turtles and frogs on the move, mushrooms popping up, and apple-cedar rust balls or galls growing their yellow gelatinous “horns” that look like something from another planet.

§ Mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians are all birthing, breeding, or raising young now as April showers will be bringing May flowers!

§ Audubon’s Birdathon fundraiser is May 4-5. See [www.jayhawkaudubon.org](http://www.jayhawkaudubon.org) for more details.