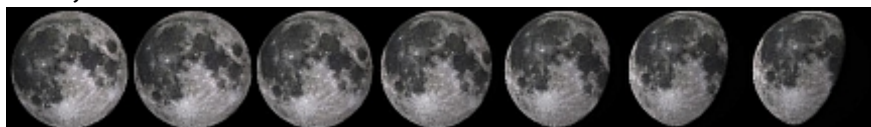


# Kaw Valley Almanac

## April 29 - May 5, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:24 AM	05:52 AM	10:22 AM	69%
Tuesday	02:13 AM	06:50 AM	11:32 AM	59%
Wednesday	02:53 AM	07:46 AM	12:45 PM	3rd Quarter
Thursday	03:27 AM	08:39 AM	02:00 PM	36%
Friday	03:56 AM	09:30 AM	03:14 PM	25%
Saturday	04:23 AM	10:19 AM	04:27 PM	16%
Sunday	04:48 AM	11:09 AM	05:42 PM	8%



Even though woods are closing in as oaks and hickories are unfurling new leaves, there are still some woodland wildflowers surprises to be found, such as this showy orchid, found adjacent to an eastern Kansas creek's rich soil. Other woodland draws, if you are protected from ticks, include jack in the pulpit, papaw, buckeye, May apple and woodland phlox blossoms, and woodland mushrooms.



## Sun

Jupiter, low west at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:26 AM	06:24 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM
Tuesday	05:25 AM	06:23 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Wednesday	05:24 AM	06:22 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM
Thursday	05:22 AM	06:21 AM	08:15 PM	09:21 PM
Friday	05:21 AM	06:20 AM	08:16 PM	09:23 PM
Saturday	05:19 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:24 PM
Sunday	05:18 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM

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

§ It's been one year since the Prairie Park Nature Center prairie was sprayed with herbicides; visit this remnant prairie to see how much it has recovered and look at the unsprayed margins to see what has changed since that fateful day. Come help prairie restoration efforts in adjacent land Tues. at 5pm: sign up at <https://forms.gle/X7GXgXFe1RC7BH197>

§ In area prairies, look for the purple blossom of spiderworts, which will continue to bloom all month. In addition, start looking for oxeye daisy, salsify, and soon antelopehorn milkweed, and New Jersey Tea, joining the already-blooming verbena, starry eyed grass, spring beauty, and lingering puccoons, creamy wild indigo and wood betony.

§ With more 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 orange-yellow gelatinous "horns" that look like something from another planet.

§ Coyotes, turkeys, skunks, opossums, turkey vultures, swallows, foxes, copperheads and rabbits are raising young right now. Roadkills this time of year are often mothers who have gone foraging and deers killed in May and June can exceed the number of deer killed in November during rutting season.

§ Hay, pasture and wheat fields are growing quickly with recent rains, with some cool season grasses such as bluegrass and fescue already going to seed.