

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 20 - 26, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:32 AM	04:31 PM		10%
Tuesday	09:33 AM	05:36 PM	12:33 AM	19%
Wednesday	10:43 AM	06:38 PM	01:35 AM	28%
Thursday	11:56 AM	07:36 PM	02:24 AM	39%
Friday	01:09 PM	08:28 PM	03:03 AM	1st Quarter
Saturday	02:19 PM	09:16 PM	03:35 AM	62%
Sunday	03:25 PM		04:01 AM	72%



Prairies have spring ephemerals too, as evidenced by this lovely wild hyacinth/*Camassia scilloides*, which is in the lily family in the eastern quarter of the state. Other prairie ephemerals, which do their thing before the warm season grasses grow and shade them out include lousewort, spring beauty, starry eyed grass, prairie violet, gromwell and creamy wild indigo.



## Sun

Venus W, Jupiter overhead after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:42 AM	06:37 AM	08:03 PM	09:06 PM
Tuesday	05:40 AM	06:35 AM	08:04 PM	09:07 PM
Wednesday	05:39 AM	06:34 AM	08:05 PM	09:08 PM
Thursday	05:37 AM	06:32 AM	08:06 PM	09:09 PM
Friday	05:36 AM	06:31 AM	08:07 PM	09:10 PM
Saturday	05:34 AM	06:30 AM	08:08 PM	09:12 PM
Sunday	05:33 AM	06:29 AM	08:09 PM	09:13 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ With the waxing moon this week, there's lots going on after dark. Many different frogs are now singing as well as different types of owls and coyotes. Keep an eye out for moths, and if you're lucky you'll get to see the green wings of the luna moth. Look for them in the morning, waiting to warm up in the sun.

§ The woods are full of birds-- the males have on their most colorful plumage of the year, with songbird migration continuing. Now is a great time to learn their songs in the field with free apps such as Cornell Lab's Merlin. Online, check out Cornell's excellent [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org) site, which includes great recordings. But use headphones if you have a cat in the house; otherwise you'll drive it crazy!

§ There are lots of hikes, plant sales, clean up and other group outings this time of year; a couple of good online places to find out about them are

<https://www.nativelandsks.org/calendar>,

<https://gpnc.org/programs-events/> or check out the nature center/museum/local birding group or city program nearest you--it's a wonderful time to be outside and going with others

who share your interest can make it even more gratifying.

§ Insects will be busy this week, with paper and wood wasps and carpenter bees looking for good places to build, and gnats clustering into flying clouds, typically over a white object in a field of green, trying to attract a mate. Ticks are out too!