

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 27 - May 3, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:29 PM	10:43 PM	04:24 AM	81%
Tuesday	05:32 PM	11:25 PM	04:46 AM	88%
Wednesday	06:34 PM		05:08 AM	94%
Thursday	07:37 PM	12:07 AM	05:31 AM	98%
Friday	08:39 PM	12:51 AM	05:57 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	09:42 PM	01:36 AM	06:27 AM	100%
Sunday	10:42 PM	02:24 AM	07:02 AM	98%



Spiderworts are heralding the beginning of the next stage of prairie wildflowers, which the Osage nation called "Little Flower Killer Moon." This is when the small (woodland and) prairie wildflowers finish up and are replaced by taller wildflower species that stay above the newly greening prairie grasses, or are shaded out in the woods.



Sun

Venus lower, Jupiter higher west after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:31 AM	06:27 AM	08:10 PM	09:14 PM
Tuesday	05:30 AM	06:26 AM	08:11 PM	09:15 PM
Wednesday	05:28 AM	06:25 AM	08:11 PM	09:16 PM
Thursday	05:27 AM	06:24 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM
Friday	05:25 AM	06:22 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Saturday	05:24 AM	06:21 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM
Sunday	05:23 AM	06:20 AM	08:15 PM	09:21 PM

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

§ Other taller prairie wildflowers will be joining spiderworts in the first part of May, including penstemon, daisy fleabane, echinacea, salsify, and more. Start checking strawberry patches to see if they are ripe.

§ Many of the "little flower" prairie species can still be found including verbena, yellow star grass, white eyed grass, creamy wild indigo, pussy toes, while bluegrass is beginning to shoot up its seedheads, so hurry and check them out!

§ In a similar way, oaks and hickories are just leafing out, which will shade out the spring ephemeral native woodland wildflowers. 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, and of course morels. May apples are still blooming, jack in the pulpit is emerging, and of course poison ivy is leafing out.

§ Coyotes, turkeys, skunks, opossums, turkey vultures, swallows, foxes, copperheads and rabbits are raising young right now--drive carefully!

§ Look out for turtles and frogs on the move, mushrooms popping up, and apple-cedar rust galls growing their yellow gelatinous "horns" looking like something from another planet.

§ Interested in outdoor events? Check out

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

<https://gpnc.org/programs-events/>