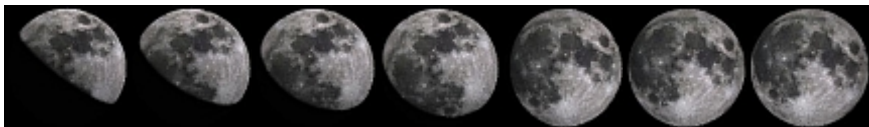


Kaw Valley Almanac

May 25 - 31, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:26 PM	09:24 PM	02:51 AM	68%
Tuesday	04:28 PM	10:06 PM	03:13 AM	77%
Wednesday	05:29 PM	10:49 PM	03:36 AM	84%
Thursday	06:32 PM	11:34 PM	04:01 AM	91%
Friday	07:34 PM		04:29 AM	96%
Saturday	08:35 PM	12:20 AM	05:02 AM	99%
Sunday	09:32 PM	01:10 AM	05:41 AM	Full Moon



The common milke weed is under-rated as a spectacular wildflower, with its fireworks-like spray of incredibly fragrant flowers that attract a wide variety of bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Reward yourself by smelling their fragrant aroma and check out the other milkweed species while you're at it, many of which are also blooming in coming weeks.



Sun

Venus lower, Jupiter higher west after dusk, Saturn E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:57 AM	06:00 AM	08:35 PM	09:46 PM
Tuesday	04:56 AM	06:00 AM	08:36 PM	09:47 PM
Wednesday	04:56 AM	05:59 AM	08:37 PM	09:48 PM
Thursday	04:55 AM	05:59 AM	08:38 PM	09:49 PM
Friday	04:54 AM	05:58 AM	08:38 PM	09:50 PM
Saturday	04:54 AM	05:58 AM	08:39 PM	09:51 PM
Sunday	04:53 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:52 PM

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

§ The invasive Canadian musk thistle is already blooming and can still be removed before they go to seed. Roughleaved/Kansas dogwoods continue to bloom their white blossoms on the shrubs along roadsides, along with white blooming poison hemlock. Check the woods for ripe gooseberries; mulberries are ripening--check, too for wild strawberries!

§ Go to your favorite prairie in the next 2-3 weeks to witness blooming echinacea, cinquefoil and delphinium, penstemons, spiderworts, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, sensitivebrier, evening primrose, prairie rose and prairie phlox, white and blue wild indigo, deptford pink, antelopehorn milkweed and many others. This is the best time to see many native prairie wildflowers.

§ Lightning bugs are going strong in many hay fields and pastures after dark; look for spittle bugs on growing grasses. Take pictures of moths fluttering against your windows after dark to identify them, and hang out next to clover or a wildflower in the day to see what butterfly or other pollinator shows up. Remember: chiggers and ticks are out!

§ Blue herons are in area ponds, creeks and can be seen flying back to their nests in the evening. Wetlands are full of life with snapping turtles, frogs, redwinged blackbirds, meadowlarks and dozens of other songbirds to listen to/spot. Now is a good time to see crawdads and their little volcano-like nests, and waterfowl are raising their young amongst the cattails.