

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 4 - 10, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:38 PM	03:14 AM	07:43 AM	95%
Tuesday		04:05 AM	08:32 AM	90%
Wednesday	12:28 AM	04:56 AM	09:27 AM	83%
Thursday	01:11 AM	05:47 AM	10:27 AM	76%
Friday	01:47 AM	06:35 AM	11:29 AM	67%
Saturday	02:18 AM	07:22 AM	12:33 PM	3rd Quarter
Sunday	02:45 AM	08:07 AM	01:38 PM	47%



Photo courtesy Daniel Lassman

This carpenter bee is enjoying the nectar from the spider milkweed in Lexington Park in Johnson County. Only large bees and wasps are strong enough to pull their legs out of slits in the flower that at the same time attach pollen bundles on their legs. Smaller bees and insects can lose a leg or get trapped!



Sun

Venus lower, Jupiter higher west after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:21 AM	06:19 AM	08:16 PM	09:22 PM
Tuesday	05:20 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:23 PM
Wednesday	05:18 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM
Thursday	05:17 AM	06:15 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM
Friday	05:16 AM	06:14 AM	08:20 PM	09:27 PM
Saturday	05:14 AM	06:13 AM	08:21 PM	09:28 PM
Sunday	05:13 AM	06:12 AM	08:22 PM	09:29 PM

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

§ The warmer weather is making prairie wildflowers grow quickly with penstemon, daisy fleabane, echinacea, salsify starting to bloom. The freeze may have eliminated the wild strawberry harvest--now is the time to check.

§ You can turn on apps like Merlin on your phone and hang out on the porch to listen to the bird songs to identify how many different species are around. Then with a pair of binoculars you can see if any of them are trying to make nests in your area/in your yard.

§ See if you can begin to smell the fragrance of honey/black locust blossoms. Wild raspberries are beginning to bloom, cherries are forming as are gooseberries, May apples and wild plums. Invasive honeysuckle is blooming and garlic mustard is spreading as well--now is a good time to remove both.

§ Many local fish also starting to spawn, including carp, sunfish and many types of shiners. Wasps are building nests and bumblebees are out.

§ Now is a good time to collect wild edibles. Nettles can be harvested for steaming and garlic mustard for making pesto. Other edible plants include poke, wild onions, lambsquarter, watercress, chickweed, plantain, and, yes, dandelion.

§ It's still a great time for outdoor events. Check out

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

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