

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 17 - 23, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:36 AM	11:25 AM	05:24 PM	11%
Tuesday	06:01 AM	12:13 PM	06:36 PM	5%
Wednesday	06:27 AM	01:00 PM	07:46 PM	New Moon
Thursday	06:53 AM	01:49 PM	08:57 PM	0%
Friday	07:22 AM	02:39 PM	10:06 PM	1%
Saturday	07:56 AM	03:31 PM	11:14 PM	5%
Sunday	08:35 AM	04:24 PM		11%



This luna moth was seen on April 15 two years ago and I've seen them in the morning dew or around dusk, sitting on house siding, on car tires and trees. These beautiful moths, who in the caterpillar stage feed on but don't harm walnuts and hickories, probably gain protection from toxic juglone present in the sap of the tree.



## Sun

Venus, Mars SSW at dusk, Saturn ESE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:46 AM	06:41 AM	08:00 PM	09:03 PM
Tuesday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	08:00 PM	09:04 PM
Wednesday	05:43 AM	06:38 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM
Thursday	05:41 AM	06:37 AM	08:02 PM	09:07 PM
Friday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:03 PM	09:08 PM
Saturday	05:38 AM	06:34 AM	08:04 PM	09:09 PM
Sunday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:05 PM	09:10 PM

§ The landscape celebrates Earth Day with newborn coyotes, rabbits, foxes, muskrats, birds, tadpoles and fish eggs. Listen for plentiful bird songs around sunrise and sunset (this is a good time to learn their songs using free apps like BirdNET), an increasing number of frog and toad species, and lots more insects including a variety of caterpillars, bees, increasing numbers of butterflies and mosquito-eating dragonflies.

§ With warmer temperatures and some rain, the next few weeks may be the perfect time to check your haunts where morel mushrooms have been seen in previous years. Some places to look for the first time include looking under dead trees, silver maples, cottonwoods, and, well, pretty much anywhere. I've even found them in native prairies. If you find one, chances are good that you'll find more nearby. Don't forget to wear tick repellent and check yourself over after you get home--hopefully with more than some ticks!

§ Rains and cool weather have also created ideal conditions for apple cedar rust galls—those orange gelatinous balls--to form on area eastern red cedar trees. It does not harm junipers but it wreaks havoc on apple trees, which need fungicidal applications to combat the infection.

§ This is a good time for gathering wild edibles besides morels, including chickweed, stinging nettles, emerging poke, wild asparagus, wild garlic and onions, redbud flowers, dandelion leaves, plantain, garlic mustard and more.

§ Help plant native trees at Hidden Valley Camp Sun. April 23 Volunteer Day 1-4pm [www.friendshv.org](http://www.friendshv.org) for details!