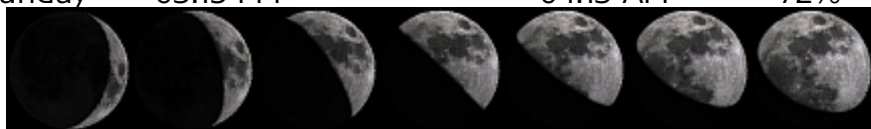


Kaw Valley Almanac

April 24 - 30, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:21 AM	05:17 PM	12:18 AM	18%
Tuesday	10:13 AM	06:10 PM	01:15 AM	26%
Wednesday	11:11 AM	07:01 PM	02:04 AM	35%
Thursday	12:11 PM	07:50 PM	02:45 AM	1st Quarter
Friday	01:13 PM	08:35 PM	03:19 AM	53%
Saturday	02:14 PM	09:19 PM	03:48 AM	63%
Sunday	03:15 PM		04:13 AM	72%



The buckeye is found in native oak hickory woodlands in the eastern third of the state and is now blooming. These pretty flowers will eventually produce hard black buckeye seeds that some people keep in their pocket for good luck. It's the state tree of Ohio of course!



Sun

Venus, Mars SSW at dusk, Saturn ESE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:35 AM	06:32 AM	08:06 PM	09:11 PM
Tuesday	05:33 AM	06:30 AM	08:07 PM	09:12 PM
Wednesday	05:32 AM	06:29 AM	08:08 PM	09:13 PM
Thursday	05:30 AM	06:28 AM	08:09 PM	09:15 PM
Friday	05:29 AM	06:27 AM	08:10 PM	09:16 PM
Saturday	05:27 AM	06:25 AM	08:11 PM	09:17 PM
Sunday	05:26 AM	06:24 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM

§ Most trees have begun or are finishing leafing out and now is a good time to look at the brand new tender leaves as they grow to full size and "toughen up," becoming stiffer and more bitter tasting as they need to stand up against the rigors of whatever the weather and predators throw at them for the next 5 1/2 months. Ash trees are some of the last to leaf out, and since the emerald ash borer has infested so many ashes that many will only partially leaf out or not leaf out at all.

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

§ If you are visiting a native woodland, looking for morels, keep an eye out for the end of the woodland spring wildflowers. Look for jack-in-the-pulpit, May apples, woodland phlox, buckeye, papaw and Kentucky coffee tree blossoms

§ In prairies, look for blooming wild strawberries, white eyed grass, verbena, oxalis, prairie violet, spring beauty, lousewort and hoary puccoon. You can identify many other plants by their leaves, including cinquefoil, goldenrod, nettles, poke and wild onion.

§ Shorebirds, warblers, bluebirds, sparrows and other songbirds are plentiful now, and chimney swifts are returning. Coyotes, turkeys, skunks, opossums, turkey vultures, swallows, foxes, copperheads and rabbits are raising young right now.