

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 28 - May 4, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:40 AM	02:09 PM	09:52 PM	0%
Tuesday	07:22 AM	03:12 PM	11:11 PM	3%
Wednesday	08:15 AM	04:17 PM		9%
Thursday	09:17 AM	05:20 PM	12:21 AM	16%
Friday	10:26 AM	06:20 PM	01:19 AM	26%
Saturday	11:36 AM	07:14 PM	02:05 AM	36%
Sunday	12:44 PM	08:03 PM	02:41 AM	1st Quarter



Verbena is a showy prairie wildflower blooming right now, with purple *V. canadensis* in the eastern parts of the state, shown here, and the lighter *V. bipinnatifida* in western parts. Flower clusters start blooming around the edges and work their way toward the center as the season progresses.



## Sun

Venus E at dawn, Jupiter W, Mars SW after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:28 AM	05:26 AM	07:11 PM	08:17 PM
Tuesday	04:26 AM	05:25 AM	07:12 PM	08:18 PM
Wednesday	04:25 AM	05:23 AM	07:13 PM	08:19 PM
Thursday	04:24 AM	05:22 AM	07:14 PM	08:20 PM
Friday	04:22 AM	05:21 AM	07:15 PM	08:21 PM
Saturday	04:21 AM	05:20 AM	07:16 PM	08:23 PM
Sunday	04:19 AM	05:19 AM	07:16 PM	08:24 PM

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§ Insects are increasingly busy, as mud daubers, paper and wood wasps and carpenter bees look for good places to build, moths look for mates, and gnats cluster into flying clouds, typically over a white object in a field of green, trying to attract a mate. Look for ants on peony buds, lapping up nectar they love and protect the plant from aphids and others pests. Ticks and grasshoppers are out, too, and look for lightning bugs!

§ If you are visiting a native woodland, look for jack-in-the-pulpit, late blooming May apples, woodland phlox, buckeye, papaw, gooseberry blossoms & Kentucky coffee tree flowers.

§ If you are visiting a native prairie, look for prairie violets, wood betony, puccoon, wild indigo, verbena, stargrass, oxalis, New Jersey tea, spring beauty and hoary puccoon.

§ There are many wild edible plants this time of year, including nettles, poke, mustard garlic, wild onions, lambs-quarter, watercress, chickweed, plantain, and, yes, dandelion.

§ Most mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians are in some stage of birthing, egg laying or raising young right now.

Roadkills this time of year are often mothers who have gone foraging and deer killed in May and June can exceed the number of deer killed in November during rutting season, so drive carefully in coming weeks.

§ Watch the crescent moon grow bigger each day this week.