

# Kaw Valley Almanac

May 19 - 25, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:49 AM	06:50 AM	11:59 AM	64%
Tuesday	02:18 AM	07:39 AM	01:09 PM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday	02:44 AM	08:26 AM	02:19 PM	42%
Thursday	03:09 AM	09:13 AM	03:30 PM	31%
Friday	03:34 AM	10:02 AM	04:44 PM	21%
Saturday	04:01 AM	10:54 AM	06:01 PM	12%
Sunday	04:32 AM	11:50 AM	07:21 PM	5%



The 3 petaled triangular blue spiderwort blooms for a day, but there is another bud below it, ready to step up and open the next day, which makes it a favorite for gardeners. Another plus: deer leave this plant alone, but butterflies and hummingbirds love it. Visit your local native prairie to see them!



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:02 AM	05:04 AM	07:30 PM	08:41 PM
Tuesday	04:01 AM	05:03 AM	07:31 PM	08:42 PM
Wednesday	04:00 AM	05:03 AM	07:32 PM	08:43 PM
Thursday	03:59 AM	05:02 AM	07:33 PM	08:44 PM
Friday	03:58 AM	05:01 AM	07:34 PM	08:45 PM
Saturday	03:57 AM	05:01 AM	07:35 PM	08:46 PM
Sunday	03:56 AM	05:00 AM	07:35 PM	08:47 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Other wildflowers gracing native prairies right now include oxeye daisy, prairie phlox, salsify, antelopehorn and common milkweeds, verbena, prairie parsley, Missouri evening primrose and blue/white indigo, while roadsides are blooming with yellow sweet clover, crown vetch and the Canadian musk thistles are getting ready to bloom, too.

§ The catalpa trees are blooming, with their clusters of white flowers that will later turn into the long, slender catalpa bean. Cottonwoods are beginning to shed their cotton, floating in the wind to pile up in the grass as thick as snow sometimes, or float on top of bodies of water, where they float to the edge to take root. Walk in the woods to see the progress of wild cherries, plums, raspberries, mayapples, papaws and gooseberries. Looks to be a very good year for wild and domestic fruit.

§ Snakes and turtles are laying eggs, and you can observe and hear a wide variety of songbirds. Set up the free app Merlin and it will identify the birds by their song in real time.

§ May has the highest average number of tornadoes for Kansas; time will tell if this year will be average or not. Make sure you have a safe plan for severe weather--once you've gone out on the porch to see what's going on, of course!

§ Have you checked your wild strawberry patch yet?