

# Kaw Valley Almanac

May 26 - June 1, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:11 AM	12:51 PM	08:42 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	05:58 AM	01:55 PM	09:58 PM	0%
Wednesday	06:57 AM	03:01 PM	11:03 PM	2%
Thursday	08:05 AM	04:04 PM	11:56 PM	6%
Friday	09:17 AM	05:03 PM		13%
Saturday	10:29 AM	05:55 PM	12:37 AM	21%
Sunday	11:37 AM	06:42 PM	01:10 AM	31%



*Echinacea pallida*, seen in eastern Kansas, is emerging at various rates: The pink-purple ray flowers begin by shooting straight up in a circle from the edge of the flower disk, then they flatten into a horizontal disk, then curve around and down. You can see the flowers in all stages in this photo.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	03:55 AM	04:59 AM	07:36 PM	08:48 PM
Tuesday	03:55 AM	04:59 AM	07:37 PM	08:49 PM
Wednesday	03:54 AM	04:58 AM	07:38 PM	08:50 PM
Thursday	03:53 AM	04:58 AM	07:38 PM	08:51 PM
Friday	03:53 AM	04:57 AM	07:39 PM	08:52 PM
Saturday	03:52 AM	04:57 AM	07:40 PM	08:53 PM
Sunday	03:52 AM	04:57 AM	07:41 PM	08:54 PM

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§ It's a wonderful time to go visit an area native prairie, as the parade of new flowers continues to unfold in a sequence that will be changing every week. Look for oxeye daisy, and daisy fleabane, prairie phlox, several types of milkweeds, spiderwort, verbena, prairie parsley, Missouri evening primrose, white wild false indigo, deptford pink, cat claw sensitivebrier, and goat's rue; lead plant will soon be joining them and others.

§ Brome, the primary hay grass in Kansas is an imported cool season grass and, like fescue, is beginning to pollinate. Look for yellow clouds of the copious pollen billowing up on a hot, sunny day in coming weeks; those suffering pollen allergies will not need to see these to feel the effects in their eyes and sinuses!

The native Eastern gamagrass is starting to set seed while other native grasses are starting to grow more quickly.

§ Frogs and toads are proliferating wherever there is water, and this is the middle of birthing season for bats, muskrats, skunks, bobcats, woodchucks and beavers. Turtles are laying eggs, skinks and snakes are breeding, and chigger season is beginning. Look for more lightning bugs and butterflies, too!

§ Mulberries are ripening, and if you walk under a hackberry, listen for the rain of the hackberry butterfly caterpillar poop. They can defoliate a tree, which doesn't seem to hurt them, as a prelude to millions of hackberry butterflies in June.