

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 13 - 19, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:45 AM	10:15 AM	03:55 PM	22%
Tuesday	05:10 AM	11:01 AM	05:03 PM	14%
Wednesday	05:34 AM	11:48 AM	06:13 PM	7%
Thursday	05:59 AM	12:36 PM	07:27 PM	2%
Friday	06:27 AM	01:29 PM	08:43 PM	New Moon
Saturday	07:00 AM	02:25 PM	10:03 PM	1%
Sunday	07:41 AM	03:26 PM	11:21 PM	4%



Recent rains have triggered morels, so go check your favorite haunts. Several have been seen under cedar trees this spring, something that only happens when conditions are just right. Some woodland flowers still blooming include rue anemone, false rue anemone, dutchman's breeches and violets.



## Sun

Venus W, Jupiter overhead after dusk, comet E before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:56 PM	08:58 PM
Tuesday	05:52 AM	06:45 AM	07:57 PM	08:59 PM
Wednesday	05:50 AM	06:44 AM	07:58 PM	09:00 PM
Thursday	05:48 AM	06:42 AM	07:59 PM	09:01 PM
Friday	05:47 AM	06:41 AM	08:00 PM	09:02 PM
Saturday	05:45 AM	06:39 AM	08:01 PM	09:04 PM
Sunday	05:44 AM	06:38 AM	08:02 PM	09:05 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ This week if you have a clear cloudless eastern horizon before dawn this week, look with a pair of binoculars just a little north of east for comet PanSTARRS in the square of Pegasus. Once you have found it, see if you can see it with your naked eye, and try a time exposure on your phone/camera and you should see a nice tail on the comet.

§ Cottonwood leaves are emerging, redbuds flowers, reduced by freeze, are wrapping up. Wild plums seem to have escaped the freeze and gooseberry bushes, ironwood and papaws are blooming. Buckbrush has leafed out, and you can pull small invasive honeysuckle plants up by hand right now due to recent rains that have softened the soil.

§ Many songbirds have returned and are laying eggs and wild turkeys have begun to sit on eggs. Some say it is not too early to put out your hummingbird feeders. Whippoorwills will soon arrive with their nighttime songs.

§ Notice that trees in the countryside are a little behind those in larger towns and cities, an effect of the "heat island" that gives urban trees and flowers an extra week jump on their country relatives. Maples and elms have mostly lost their seeds to the freeze, and are therefore switching to producing leaves.

§ In the prairie, look for spring beauties, verbena, hoary puccoon, prairie violets, yellow lousewort, the white, yellow and blue eyed grass blossoms.