

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 6 - 12, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday		04:30 AM	09:03 AM	85%
Tuesday	12:52 AM	05:20 AM	09:47 AM	78%
Wednesday	01:46 AM	06:12 AM	10:38 AM	69%
Thursday	02:34 AM	07:03 AM	11:35 AM	60%
Friday	03:14 AM	07:53 AM	12:37 PM	3rd Quarter
Saturday	03:49 AM	08:42 AM	01:42 PM	41%
Sunday	04:19 AM	09:29 AM	02:48 PM	31%



A sure sign of spring is when the delicately lobed dutchman's breeches leaves are joined by those white, upside down row white pants/flowers, with a yellow belt at the bottom, signaling the queen bumblebee where to poke her long tongue for nectar, or for other insects to rob by chewing thru the flower.



## Sun

Venus W, Jupiter overhead in the evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:05 AM	06:57 AM	07:49 PM	08:50 PM
Tuesday	06:03 AM	06:56 AM	07:50 PM	08:51 PM
Wednesday	06:01 AM	06:54 AM	07:51 PM	08:52 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM	06:53 AM	07:52 PM	08:53 PM
Friday	05:58 AM	06:51 AM	07:53 PM	08:55 PM
Saturday	05:57 AM	06:50 AM	07:54 PM	08:56 PM
Sunday	05:55 AM	06:48 AM	07:55 PM	08:57 PM

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

§ Other woodland wildflowers are quickly emerging as well, including woodland phlox, spring beauties, cutleaf toothwort and soon, trout lilies/dogtooth violets. Notice also the bell-like flowers of the papaw, the spectacular buckeye leaves emerging, and the shooting star-like blossom of the gooseberry. Check a native oak hickory woodland now or join the Kansas Land Trust tour of spring ephemerals this [Saturday near Baldwin City](#).

§ With recent rains, not only has plant activity increased: spiders, moths, ladybugs, box elder beetles, are increasing their activity levels, western chorus frogs have resumed singing in wet areas, and wood rats, squirrels, foxes and muskrats are bearing young around now. Migratory bats should be showing up; it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers and skunks.

§ Water striders can be found skimming along the surface of still pools of water these days. These 6 legged predators are our friends as they eat mosquito larvae. They stay on top of the water with fine hairs on their legs that trap bubbles of air that allow them to ride on the surface tension of the water. Their hind legs act like steering rudders, the middle legs act like oars and the front legs grab and hold their prey. They communicate and locate things by using ripples on the water's surface: watch them for a while to see how they do it.

§ And of course, now is a great time to see which red bud tree survived the freeze. Remember: the blossoms are edible!