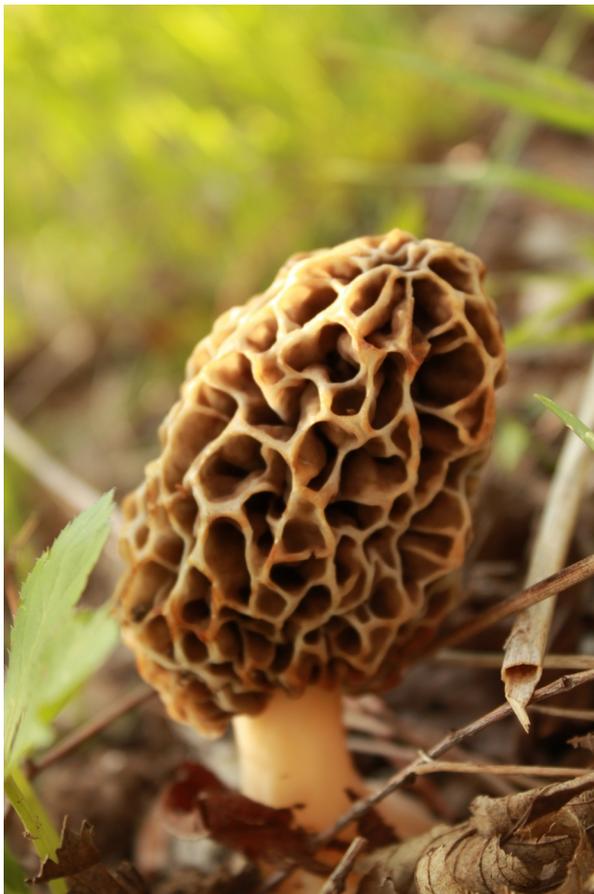


Kaw Valley Almanac

April 26 – May 2, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:51 PM	12:34 AM	06:23 AM	Full Moon
Tuesday	09:09 PM	01:29 AM	06:56 AM	99%
Wednesday	10:28 PM	02:26 AM	07:34 AM	95%
Thursday	11:43 PM	03:26 AM	08:18 AM	89%
Friday		04:28 AM	09:11 AM	81%
Saturday	12:51 AM	05:31 AM	10:11 AM	71%
Sunday	01:48 AM	06:31 AM	11:16 AM	60%



This morel was starting to dry out, a reflection of significant rain not materializing this past week in many parts of northeast Kansas (photo: Daniel Lassman). Warmer temperatures predicted for this week may end morel season unless we get more rain, which might actually happen: hope springs eternal! Oyster mushrooms, another delectable edible found in the winter and spring months are still fruiting on dead wood, so keep an eye out for them too.

Sun

Mars west after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn low east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:42 AM	06:38 AM	08:02 PM	09:06 PM
Tuesday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:03 PM	09:07 PM
Wednesday	05:39 AM	06:35 AM	08:04 PM	09:08 PM
Thursday	05:37 AM	06:34 AM	08:05 PM	09:09 PM
Friday	05:36 AM	06:32 AM	08:06 PM	09:11 PM
Saturday	05:34 AM	06:31 AM	08:07 PM	09:12 PM
Sunday	05:33 AM	06:30 AM	08:08 PM	09:13 PM

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- § Woodland phlox is still blooming in area woodlands. This native wildflower, like it's cousin prairie phlox, has 5 lobes that resemble petals, but are joined at the base to a tube or corolla. A similar flower is Dame's Rocket, a European escapee that is in the mustard family, and it has 4 true petals of a similar color as the woodland phlox. Smell either species and you will understand why butterflies love both of these plants.
- § Some years the first lightning bugs start flashing during the last week of April in the northern half of Kansas, and it will be warm enough, though a little on the dry side. Keep an eye out for them in rapidly growing hay fields next weekend, especially if it warms up after the rains during the week.
- § 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. Cool season grasses are beginning to grow quickly and warm season grasses are greening up.
- § 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.
- § Coyotes, turkeys, skunks, opossums, turkey vultures, swallows, foxes, copperheads and rabbits are raising young right now.