

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 6 - 12, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:11 PM	07:10 PM	01:32 AM	44%
Tuesday	01:13 PM	07:54 PM	01:59 AM	1st Quarter
Wednesday	02:17 PM	08:37 PM	02:23 AM	64%
Thursday	03:23 PM	09:23 PM	02:47 AM	74%
Friday	04:33 PM	10:11 PM	03:12 AM	83%
Saturday	05:46 PM	11:04 PM	03:40 AM	91%
Sunday	07:03 PM		04:13 AM	97%



Many roadsides are currently showcasing clusters of white dogwood blossoms. These are not the showy dogwoods of the eastern US, but many pollinators love their 4 petaled flowers, including this summer azure butterfly. Chew on the end of a dogwood twig and it fans out to make a nice brush/toothpick.



Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:58 PM
Wednesday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Thursday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	10:00 PM
Friday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM

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

§ Now in the prime time for prairie wildflower season, the Kansas City Symphony is hosting their Symphony on the Prairie on Saturday, and in Lawrence, you can go bird watching at Mutt Park, sponsored by Jayhawk Audubon. Kansas Land Trust is having a fundraiser Tuesday night at J. Wilson's in Lawrence, and their annual Akin Prairie Walk is scheduled for June 18.

§ There are too many kinds of prairie wildflowers to count for the next few weeks: take a friend and find a native prairie near you, and pay attention to all the pollinators, spider predators and other critters on those flowers--it's fascinating!

§ With many ponds, creeks and rivers at or near full in the eastern half of the state, it's good to note that frogs are in their prime, turtles are laying eggs, and many fish species are spawning. Now is a good time to look for crawdads and their little volcano-like nests, and waterfowl are raising their young amongst cattails and marshy backwaters.

§ Birds are probably at their most vocal and colorful right now; the best time to hear and observe them is probably the early morning, with plentiful food to feed their young back at the nest. Speaking of which, the worms have been thick due to the recent rains, and waterbugs, spittle bugs, and lightning bugs are easily found. The first hackberry butterflies will be soon emerging and unfortunately, chiggers are also out!