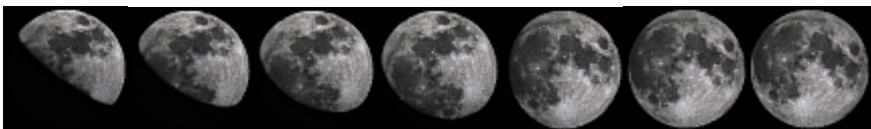


Kaw Valley Almanac

May 29 - June 4, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:02 PM	09:17 PM	03:00 AM	65%
Tuesday	04:04 PM	09:59 PM	03:21 AM	74%
Wednesday	05:09 PM	10:43 PM	03:44 AM	83%
Thursday	06:17 PM	11:32 PM	04:09 AM	90%
Friday	07:29 PM		04:38 AM	95%
Saturday	08:43 PM	12:25 AM	05:14 AM	Full Moon
Sunday	09:55 PM	01:23 AM	05:59 AM	100%



Here is the wonderful zebra swallowtail, found in the eastern tier of counties in Kansas, including Douglas County where this photo was taken. This species come in a spring and summer form, which is larger than the spring form shown here. Its host plant is the papaw, tho it eats nectar from many other plants. We are on also on the verge of the copious hackberry butterfly season.



Sun

Venus, Mars SSW at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn ESE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:54 AM	05:58 AM	08:38 PM	09:51 PM
Tuesday	04:53 AM	05:58 AM	08:39 PM	09:51 PM
Wednesday	04:53 AM	05:58 AM	08:39 PM	09:52 PM
Thursday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:53 PM
Friday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:41 PM	09:54 PM
Saturday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:41 PM	09:55 PM
Sunday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM

§ Blooming flower species continue to increase, with wild indigo, daisy fleabane, spiderwort, prairie phlox and oxeye daisy, while a profusion of others are joining them, including the milkweeds. Keep your eyes looking for delphinium, echinacea, coreopsis, deptford pink, leadplant, penstemon, black eyed susan, St. Johnswort, yarrow, scurfpea and many more, with salsify turning into its giant dandelion-like seedheads.

§ The white blossomed shrubs on area roadsides are Kansas dogwoods. Clusters of white blooming annuals "weeds," 4-5 ft. tall with purple blotches on its stems is poison hemlock. Look for the first blue chicory blossoms along roadsides, joining the still-blooming yellow sweet clover.

§ Frogs are in their prime, turtles are laying eggs, lightning bugs are coming out 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.

§ Deer roadkills this time of year are almost as high as in November, due to their raising young fawns. There aren't many bison around these days, but the Osage called this moon Buffalo Pawing Moon because of their rutting season now.

§ This is the time of year to learn your bird songs, best heard before 10am mornings. And with songbirds busy raising their young, you may see smaller birds attacking larger hawks, vultures and even herons if they get too close to their nests.