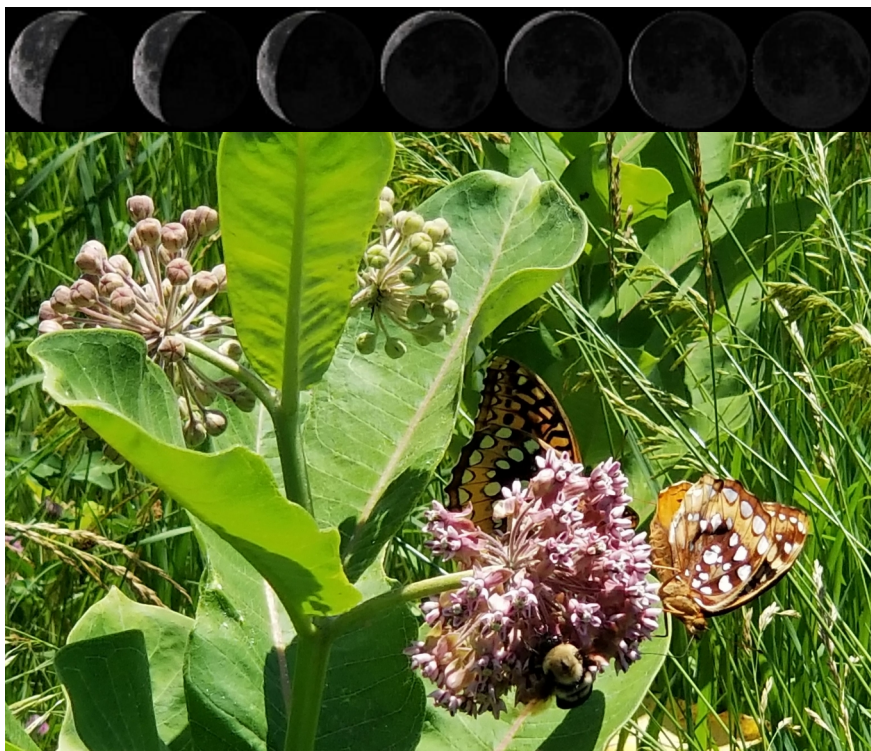


Kaw Valley Almanac

June 12 - 18, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:34 AM	08:52 AM	03:22 PM	34%
Tuesday	02:58 AM	09:38 AM	04:30 PM	24%
Wednesday	03:24 AM	10:25 AM	05:37 PM	16%
Thursday	03:53 AM	11:14 AM	06:45 PM	9%
Friday	04:27 AM	12:05 PM	07:51 PM	4%
Saturday	05:08 AM	12:58 PM	08:53 PM	New Moon
Sunday	05:55 AM	01:52 PM	09:49 PM	0%



Look closely and you'll see a pair of great spangled fritillary butterflies and also a bumblebee. Milkweeds are pollinator magnets, with 9 butterfly species that eat leaves as caterpillars and drink the nectar as adults, pollinating the flowers in the process. Similarly, there are 2 fly, 6 bee, 3 bug, and 18 beetle species who consume parts of the plant, to say nothing of the predatory wasps and bugs that hunt and pollinate the flowers by sticking their feet into slits that contain "pollinaria," bundles of pollen that are then carried to another flower, eventually turning into milkweed seeds.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Saturday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM

§ Peak spring wildflower season continues as we approach the summer solstice next week. Plants are busy turning sunlight into a profusion of blossoms, including a profusion of flowers, including echinacea, blackeyed susan, coreopsis, prairie clovers, sensitivebrier, yarrow, daisy fleabane, Culver's root, lead plant dogbane, hedge parsley, elderberry, oxeye daisy, beebalm, and milkweeds. Yellow sweet clover is being joined by white sweet clover, while chickory, crown vetch and Queen Anne's lace and dogwoods can be found blooming along roads. Eastern gamagrass and canada wild rye are seeding out.

§ The energy from the sun isn't just growing plants; it's growing animals who eat those plants and each other. Deer bucks are beginning to grow velvety antlers this time of year, for instance. Keep an eye out for them and blue herons, bats, bobcats and red or gray foxes around sunset or sunrise, and drive carefully after dark. This time is the second highest annual peak for road kills

§ Did you know that there are almost 100 Farmer's Markets in Kansas? Why not gather some of the local bounty from the sun for yourself? Here's where you can find a list of local [Farmer's Markets](#).

§ Speaking of food, have you checked the woods to see if there are any mulberries left, and whether gooseberries and wild raspberries are ripe? Summer mushroom season has begun but don't harvest edibles unless you are absolutely sure!