

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 26 - July 2, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:50 PM	07:52 PM	01:24 AM	1st Quarter
Tuesday	02:52 PM	08:34 PM	01:45 AM	59%
Wednesday	03:57 PM	09:20 PM	02:08 AM	69%
Thursday	05:06 PM	10:10 PM	02:35 AM	78%
Friday	06:19 PM	11:06 PM	03:07 AM	86%
Saturday	07:32 PM		03:47 AM	93%
Sunday	08:42 PM	12:07 AM	04:39 AM	98%



Sphinx moths are typically most active around dusk or even at night; this one was caught gathering nectar from the blossoms of the late blooming Sullivant's milkweed in broad daylight. Many common milkweeds are transitioning into making their seed pods, while antelopehorn and spider milkweed pods can be found already releasing their fluffy seeds (photo courtesy Daniel Lassman).



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:50 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Tuesday	04:51 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Wednesday	04:51 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Thursday	04:52 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Friday	04:52 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Saturday	04:53 AM	05:59 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Sunday	04:53 AM	05:59 AM	08:50 PM	10:04 PM

§ Wildflowers to look for this week include echinacea, blackeyed susan, coreopsis, prairie clovers, yarrow, daisy fleabane, green milkweed, gray coneflower, lead plant, dogbane, oxeye daisy, beebalm, chickory, white sweet clover, mullein, Queen Anne's lace, trumpetvine and hedge parsley, whose flowers are ready to start turning into "sticktite" seeds.

§ Eastern gamagrass seedheads are ripening, as are sideoats grama. You can still find ripening wild raspberries and check to see if gooseberries and currants are turning color. Skunk bush and sumac berries are ripening for harvesting if you like their sweet-tart flavor when you suck on the seeds or make sumac-ade by crushing and soaking them, straining the water.

§ Park under an elm this time of year and your car might get sticky from drops of honeydew from the elm leaf aphid. Park near a pond and you might hear the "jug-o-rum" call of the bullfrog or some crickets. Count the "chirps" in a minute, add 37 and you should have the rough temperature in Fahrenheit.

§ With the waxing moon and hot temperatures predicted this week, expect a shift to more night wildlife activity as many species shift into nocturnal mode to beat the heat. That means drive more carefully at night!

§ In the sky, the moon moves east a bit each night, as it rotates counterclockwise around the earth, waxing toward full moon next week. Venus rotates counterclockwise around the sun and it's turning into a thinner and thinner crescent as it passes between the sun and us.