

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:00 PM	02:26 AM	06:56 AM	98%
Tuesday	11:55 PM	03:31 AM	08:04 AM	94%
Wednesday		04:34 AM	09:19 AM	87%
Thursday	12:38 AM	05:33 AM	10:36 AM	78%
Friday	01:14 AM	06:28 AM	11:52 AM	68%
Saturday	01:43 AM	07:19 AM	01:04 PM	3rd Quarter
Sunday	02:09 AM	08:06 AM	02:14 PM	45%



The hackberry butterfly can be found near many woodlands that contain hackberry trees right now. The little green *Asterocampa celtis* caterpillar's exclusive diet is the hackberry tree, and can rarely defoliate an entire tree, but does not kill them and is considered harmless: enjoy them, don't kill them! In the morning, they warm themselves by opening their wings to the sunlight, as seen on the rails of this ramp. Alternatively, if you walk very slowly to where they are congregating, they are happy to sun themselves on your body! They also like to lick salt from your skin but they don't bite.



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM
Wednesday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:58 PM
Thursday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:59 PM
Friday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	10:00 PM
Sunday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM

§ It's worth noting that the hackberry butterfly is no newcomer and the population explosion is a normal spectacular early June event. Brush footed butterflies, which hackberry butterflies are an example of, have been found in the Florissant Fossil beds in Colorado and are estimated to be 34 million years old!

§ There are many, many wildflowers to enjoy this coming week in area prairies, including sensitivebrier, prickly pear cactus, white wild indigo, penstemons, delphinium, oxeye daisy, cinquefoil, prairie phlox, spiderwort, prairie rose, yarrow, various milkweeds, evening primrose, dogbane, blackberry and Deptford pinks.

§ There are many roadside blossoms blooming, including yellow sweet clover. Some less desirables include musk thistle and Queen Anne's Lace, both of which have just started blooming. If you've received rains, look for worms on the ground, and water bugs, spittle bugs, and lightning bugs are easily found. And of course, ticks and chiggers are also out!

§ Speaking of water, frogs are in their prime, turtles are laying eggs, and many fish species are spawning. Look for crawdads and their little volcano-like nests, and waterfowl are raising their young amongst cattails and marshy backwaters.

§ Mammals are super busy this time of year as birthing season for bats, muskrats, skunks, bobcats, woodchucks and beavers continue while deer are also raising young.