

# Kaw Valley Almanac

June 10 - 16, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:43 AM	05:13 PM	12:01 AM	19%
Tuesday	10:47 AM	05:58 PM	12:32 AM	27%
Wednesday	11:49 AM	06:40 PM	12:58 AM	36%
Thursday	12:48 PM	07:20 PM	01:21 AM	45%
Friday	01:47 PM	07:59 PM	01:42 AM	1st Quarter
Saturday	02:45 PM	08:38 PM	02:02 AM	64%
Sunday	03:45 PM	09:19 PM	02:22 AM	73%



There are many species of echinacea currently blooming across the state. In the east, the taller pallida species pictured above predominates, while further west, the shorter angustifolia is more common. All are valued for their medicinal properties, which includes making your mouth numb if you chew on seeds plucked from the seedhead.



## Sun

Mars, Saturn low east/southeast before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 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	08:48 PM	10:03 PM

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

§ Wildflowers blooming this week include echinacea, cinquefoil, sensitivebrier, delphinium, penstemons, spiderwort, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, evening primrose, prairie rose, prairie phlox, white and blue wild indigo, deptford pink, many milkweed species, euphorbia, blackeyed susan, and many, many others, with fritillaries and other butterflies, bumblebees and other pollinators busy drinking nectar and pollinating on the side. The next few weeks are the best time of year to check out a native prairie for the wildflowers, birds and insects.

§ White sweet clover is beginning to bloom as the closely related yellow sweet clover is finishing flowering. Elderberry is finishing blooming its clusters of white flowers, as is poison hemlock, while some white dogwood blossoms linger. Ripe mulberries are falling for the taking, drawing everything from humans to the hackberry butterfly. Blackberries and gooseberries are often ripe, too, with chiggers waiting for unprepared berry pickers.

§ I will be leading the free monthly prairie walk at Prairie Park on Saturday, June 15, meeting at 9am for the summer months instead of 2pm, in order to beat the heat!

§ Enjoy lightning bugs, nighthawks, whippoorwills, bullfrogs and snakes crossing roads after dark, and be careful for other animals crossing at night, too, including deer, bobcats, raccoons, possums, red or gray foxes and maybe an armadillo.