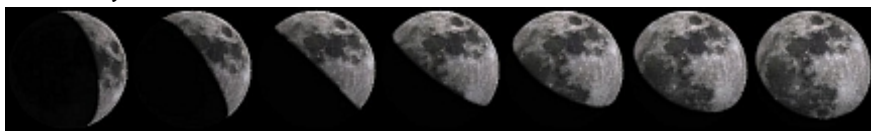


# Kaw Valley Almanac

June 30 - July 6, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:31 AM	06:02 PM	12:00 AM	26%
Tuesday	12:32 PM	06:42 PM	12:22 AM	35%
Wednesday	01:32 PM	07:22 PM	12:43 AM	1st Quarter
Thursday	02:32 PM	08:03 PM	01:04 AM	54%
Friday	03:32 PM	08:45 PM	01:25 AM	63%
Saturday	04:34 PM	09:29 PM	01:50 AM	72%
Sunday	05:36 PM	10:17 PM	02:19 AM	80%



It's been raining a lot in much of Kansas, not necessarily what wheat harvest and haying needs, but less than a quarter of the state is currently in some sort of drought, which is a considerable improvement overall. Moisture has been pumped up from both the Pacific south of Mexico and from the Caribbean: the central US has atmospheric rivers, too.



## Sun

Saturn SE, Venus east at dawn, Mars low west after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:52 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Tuesday	04:53 AM	05:59 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Wednesday	04:53 AM	05:59 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Thursday	04:54 AM	06:00 AM	08:50 PM	10:04 PM
Friday	04:55 AM	06:00 AM	08:50 PM	10:04 PM
Saturday	04:55 AM	06:01 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Sunday	04:56 AM	06:01 AM	08:49 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/>

§ Butterfly milkweed provides the floral fireworks for the 4th in many areas, with echinacea, delphiniums and sensitivebrier starting to fade Compassplant has started to shoot up its flower stalk, with oxeye daisy, blackeyed susan, coreopsis, leadplant, dogbane, deptford pink and beebalm still going strong. The most noticeable tallgrass seeding out is eastern gamagrass in the east and buffalograss out west. Most prairie grasses won't shoot up seed heads until later in July.

§ As the heat of the day recedes in the evening, listen for katydids and see if you can identify which one you hear at <https://songsofinsects.com/>, which can help you identify other insects as well. Many other animals are nocturnal this time of year whom you can identify by their calls; it's also a great time to enjoy the natural fireworks of the firefly and heat lightning while you're at it, and all that night activity seems more interesting while eating some ice cold watermelon!

§ Sycamores are shedding their bark while their seed balls are beginning to turn reddish brown and Kansas dogwood berries are emerging green, soon to turn white. Osage orange balls are growing and black walnuts are the size of shelled pecans.

Dragonflies are becoming more prolific: they eat lots of mosquitoes. National moth week starts July 19 this year.

§ It's hard to believe, but July 3rd is the point in the Earth's elliptical orbit that is farthest from the sun, or aphelion.