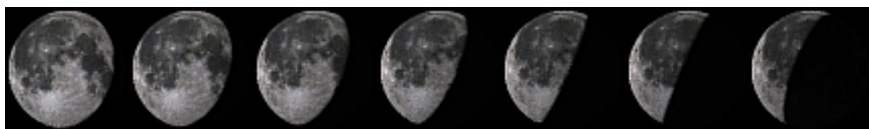


Kaw Valley Almanac

June 12 - 18, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	11:10 PM	03:32 AM	08:39 AM	91%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	11:50 PM	04:20 AM	09:34 AM	84%	
Wednesday		05:08 AM	10:30 AM	77%	
Thursday	12:26 AM	05:55 AM	11:30 AM	68%	
Friday	01:01 AM	06:43 AM	12:31 PM	58%	
Saturday	01:35 AM	07:30 AM	01:34 PM	47%	
Sunday	02:08 AM	08:19 AM	02:38 PM	36%	



The beautiful purple blossom of leadplant is happening in area prairies right now, as are a host of other summer prairie forbs. Even though this dragonfly looks like it is getting pollen from the leadplant, dragonflies are predatory, territorial carnivores so it is



just waiting for a mosquito or other insect to fly by to eat, or another dragonfly to challenge and defend his territory from.



Sun

Venus E, Saturn SW at dawn;
Jupiter south after dusk

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

Nature Notes

§ Check out native prairies for blooming wildflowers such as leadplant, oxeye daisy, sensitivebrier, black eyed susan, beebalm, culver's root, white wild indigo, echinacea, and many others. Where can you do this? Try for starters Prairie Park Nature Center, the Kansas Land Trust Akin Prairie, KU Field Station Rockefeller Prairie Trail, Clinton Sanders Mound and Grant-Bradbury Park in Topeka.

§ Roadsides are another place to find wildflowers and not-so-wildflowers, including invasive weeds such as crown vetch and canada musk thistle, both of which are blooming right now. Imports such as the fading yellow sweet clover and the newly blooming white sweet clover and Queen Anne's lace are easy to spot in ditches, as well as rough leafed dogwood which continues to bloom.

§ Birthing and raising young continue to be the major activities of area mammals and birds; roadkills are a real issue this time of year, affecting entire families, so drive carefully!

§ Dry, windy weather is reducing lightning bugs but increasing dragonfly and grasshopper activity, as warm nights increase insect activity, especially after rains, which we'll hopefully get soon!