

# Kaw Valley Almanac

June 25 – July 1, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	06:39 PM	11:49 PM	04:18 AM	92%	
Tuesday	07:35 PM		04:56 AM	96%	
Wednesday	08:28 PM	12:38 AM	05:38 AM	99%	Full Moon
Thursday	09:16 PM	01:26 AM	06:24 AM	100%	
Friday	10:01 PM	02:15 AM	07:14 AM	99%	
Saturday	10:40 PM	03:02 AM	08:07 AM	97%	
Sunday	11:16 PM	03:49 AM	09:02 AM	92%	



Butterfly milkweeds are in full bloom these days, ranging from light orange to deep red in color. It joins blooming common milkweed, Sullivant's milkweed and green milkweeds while antelopehorn milkweeds are already going to seed. Keep an eye open for monarch and fritillary butterflies while the milkweed tussock moth caterpillars are also skeletonizing their leaves.



## Sun

Saturn, Jupiter SE at dusk,  
Mars rises in E before midnight;  
Mercury, Venus, west just after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:49 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM
Wednesday	04:50 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM
Thursday	04:50 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM
Friday	04:51 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM
Saturday	04:51 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Sunday	04:52 AM	05:59 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM

## Nature Notes

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

§ Wildflowers to look for include echinacea, blackeyed susan, coreopsis, prairie clovers, yarrow, daisy fleabane, Culver's root, gray coneflower, lead plant, dogbane, oxeye daisy, beebalm, chickory, white sweet clover, mullein, Queen Anne's lace, trumpetvine and hedge parsley, whose seeds are beginning to turn into "sticktites."

§ Park under an elm this time of year and your car might get drops of sticky honeydew from the elm leaf aphid. Park near a pond and you might hear the "jug-o-rum" call of the bullfrog.

§ Hear a cricket? Count the "chirps" in a minute, add 37 and you should have the rough temperature in Fahrenheit. Listen for the beginning of cicada singing during the day and katydids should be starting to sing at night.

§ With the full moon this week, you can see lots of animals out after dark, especially on country roads—drive slowly!