

# Kaw Valley Almanac

May 27 – June 2, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:40 AM	08:14 AM	01:55 PM	41%
Tuesday	03:08 AM	08:56 AM	02:52 PM	32%
Wednesday	03:35 AM	09:39 AM	03:51 PM	23%
Thursday	04:02 AM	10:22 AM	04:50 PM	15%
Friday	04:30 AM	11:07 AM	05:52 PM	9%
Saturday	05:01 AM	11:54 AM	06:56 PM	4%
Sunday	05:36 AM	12:45 PM	08:02 PM	1%



## Sun

Mars low west at dusk,  
Saturn south, Jupiter SW, Venus low east at dawn

## Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:55 AM	05:59 AM	08:37 PM	09:49 PM
Tuesday	04:54 AM	05:59 AM	08:37 PM	09:50 PM
Wednesday	04:54 AM	05:58 AM	08:38 PM	09:51 PM
Thursday	04:53 AM	05:58 AM	08:39 PM	09:52 PM
Friday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:53 PM
Saturday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:54 PM
Sunday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:41 PM	09:55 PM

§ It's official: lightning bugs have begun and will continue to increase in numbers with the warmer days. With all the humid evenings ahead, this should be a banner year for them: grab a kid and a jar: what are you waiting for? And of course release them after admiring their cool, green glowing up close.

§ Brome pollen typically starts up during the last week of May in northeast Kansas, but this week it might be a little later. But if you see yellow clouds coming off hay fields and start getting itchy eyes and runny noses, that's probably the cause for the next several weeks.

§ Even though it's been very wet, wild strawberries are ripening in area prairies and hay fields: yet another reason to get out there to admire the wildflowers currently blooming, which include spiderworts, blue and white wild indigo, oxeye daisy and daisy fleabane, deptford pink, antelopehorn milkweed, evening primrose, delphinium, prairie phlox, wild four-o'clock and many more on the cusp. The next few weeks are the best time of year to see prairie wildflowers!

§ June 1<sup>st</sup> is National Trails Day and there are a bunch of them going on this coming weekend in the area including Hidden Valley, Buck Creek, Burroughs Creek and others. Check the Jayhawk Audubon calendar for details.



This is the chaotic Kaw river below the Bowersock dam in Lawrence, a must-walk-across-the bridge if you are in the area. In 1993, the river rose so much that the dam caused only a few standing waves in the volume of water that went over the top. With releases scheduled in upstream reservoirs and more rain, we'll have to see what happens. Regardless of where you live, chances are there is a creek or river out of its banks. It's good to know that the flood waters increase floodplain soil fertility, will provide great conditions for shorebirds and provide other wildlife benefits.