

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 6 - 12, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:40 AM	02:54 PM	10:16 PM	3%
Tuesday	08:23 AM	03:49 PM	11:20 PM	8%
Wednesday	09:13 AM	04:46 PM		15%
Thursday	10:10 AM	05:44 PM	12:20 AM	24%
Friday	11:14 AM	06:42 PM	01:15 AM	34%
Saturday	12:21 PM	07:38 PM	02:04 AM	1st Quarter
Sunday	01:31 PM	08:33 PM	02:47 AM	57%



These wild hyacinths are currently blooming at Prairie Park Nature Center and other native prairies. Most of them have a purplish-blue shade, with some pure white and a few with a pinkish tinge. They are accompanied by blooming puccoons, prairie violets, oxalis, creamy wild indigo, wood betony, verbena, yellow and white eyed grass, wild strawberry and bastard toadflax for starters—check them out this week rain or shine!



Sun

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

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:17 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:26 PM
Tuesday	05:16 AM	06:16 AM	08:19 PM	09:27 PM
Wednesday	05:15 AM	06:15 AM	08:20 PM	09:28 PM
Thursday	05:13 AM	06:14 AM	08:21 PM	09:29 PM
Friday	05:12 AM	06:13 AM	08:22 PM	09:30 PM
Saturday	05:11 AM	06:12 AM	08:23 PM	09:31 PM
Sunday	05:10 AM	06:11 AM	08:24 PM	09:33 PM

§ With recent heavy rains and storms predicted this week, hillside springs have become active. Settlers used to plant edible watercress next to the more active springs and you can still find patches of watercress in some places. In addition to planting watercress, some seeps were enlarged and the holes were lined with rocks for creating natural pools.

§ The invasive honeysuckle currently has wonderful fragrant flowers that are a joy to smell, but also helpful in finding the plants and rooting them out, cutting and spraying the stumps and otherwise removing them. They'll take over a woodland in short order if you don't. Don't forget to check for ticks and wash off for chiggers if you're in the woods.

§ May was known by the Osage as Little Flower Killer Moon, and the shorter spring prairie wildflowers will soon be replaced in a few weeks by taller species, continuing to be replaced by taller and taller species to keep up with the competing tallgrasses that culminates with the sunflowers in August.

§ If you see a cottontail rabbit this time of year, chances are that there is a nest of baby rabbits somewhere nearby. Most mammals are raising young right now whether they are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores.