

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 17 - 23, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:17 PM	01:17 AM	06:12 AM	Full Moon
Tuesday	10:09 PM	02:10 AM	07:02 AM	98%
Wednesday	10:55 PM	03:02 AM	07:55 AM	95%
Thursday	11:35 PM	03:52 AM	08:51 AM	90%
Friday		04:40 AM	09:49 AM	83%
Saturday	12:10 AM	05:26 AM	10:46 AM	75%
Sunday	12:41 AM	06:09 AM	11:44 AM	67%



This Saturday is the annual Kansas Land Trust walk in the Akin prairie, located just southeast of Lawrence. Join Kelly Kindscher and many other prairie enthusiasts at 10am for this free event in one of the more diverse prairies of the region. Visit the <http://www.klt.org/event> website for details. Blooming wildflowers to expect include butterfly, common and other milkweeds, sensitivebrier, beebalm, slender mountain mint, spiderwort, echinacea, blackeyed susan, prairie rose, daisy fleabane and oxeye daisy, and scores more. It's one of the best weeks of the year to visit a prairie!



Sun

Mercury low west at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn rise in east
Venus low east at dawn

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:05 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:05 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Saturday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Sunday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM

§ June is truly busting out all over, with every field and woods lush with life of every size and shape right now. As the sun stops its northward drift on Friday's summer solstice, pick a place to watch the sunrise/sunset and make a mental note where on the horizon it rises/sets. The sun will begin to drift south from that point until the winter solstice in December, when it finally starts to head north again in our annual cycle of the seasons. Everything falls into place from these two points!

§ Look at how far south the full Moon is on Monday and successive nights. It roughly follows the same path as the sun does in the winter since it is now opposite the sun, rising only 31 degrees up from the south horizon at its highest point.

§ Have you checked your wild berry patches? There might still be some left if the deer and other critters haven't beat you to the punch.

§ Eastern gamagrass, a wonderful tallgrass native is fully blooming and producing seedheads right now, while brome is finishing pollinating. It's a good time to dig up musk thistle with their purple flowers before their seedheads turn white and they spread their seeds. Continue to watch out for deer jumping in front of your car this time of year, especially after dark!