

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 24 - 30, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:10 AM	06:52 AM	12:41 PM	57%
Tuesday	01:36 AM	07:33 AM	01:38 PM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday	02:03 AM	08:15 AM	02:36 PM	38%
Thursday	02:30 AM	08:59 AM	03:36 PM	29%
Friday	02:59 AM	09:44 AM	04:38 PM	20%
Saturday	03:32 AM	10:33 AM	05:43 PM	12%
Sunday	04:09 AM	11:26 AM	06:49 PM	6%



This is sensitive brier, which in addition to its fireworks-like blossom has rows of leaflets which if you brush them with your finger, will close together like praying hands right before your eyes. Go to the nearest native prairie, find one and try it for yourself!



Sun

Jupiter, Saturn rise in east at dusk

Nature Notes

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

§ June is continuing its spectacular ways, with, among other things, a bunch of prairie wildflowers, including butterfly, common and other milkweeds, beebalm, slender mountain mint, spiderwort, echinacea, blackeyed susan, prairie rose, daisy fleabane, lead plant, elderberry, dogbane, Culver's root and yarrow just for starters. Good places to see them include Prairie Park Nature Center, Fitch Nature Preserve or Akin Prairie

§ White roadside flowers? Probably white sweet clover, Queen Anne's lace, poison hemlock or hedge parsley. Red/orange flowers? Possibly butterfly milkweed or trumpetvine. Pink? Try crown vetch or echinacea. Yellow? Blackeyed susans or gray coneflower. In other words, even road cuts are blooming.

§ 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 will soon be singing after dark.

§ Other characteristic June natural happenings this week include the continuation of lightning bug season and tree frogs calling at night and hanging onto your windows. 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.