

# Kaw Valley Almanac

June 3 - 9, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:17 AM	01:39 PM	09:08 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	07:05 AM	02:37 PM	10:12 PM	2%
Wednesday	08:01 AM	03:37 PM	11:11 PM	6%
Thursday	09:04 AM	04:36 PM		13%
Friday	10:12 AM	05:34 PM	12:03 AM	22%
Saturday	11:22 AM	06:30 PM	12:48 AM	32%
Sunday	12:33 PM	07:23 PM	01:28 AM	43%



This blue heron has had plenty of water to go to, thanks to recent rains. Baker/Haskell/Wakarusa wetlands are full of life with snapping turtles, frogs, redwinged blackbirds, meadowlarks and dozens of other songbirds to listen to/spot. Slightly lowering water levels have given shorebirds a better habitat as well. Penstemons, false wild indigo and yellow sweet clover blooms abound; the wooded trails along the Wakarusa just east of Haskell/E1500 Road were clipped by the tornado, but all-in-all, the wetlands and wildlife have taken the recent severe weather in stride.



## 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	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:55 PM
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM
Wednesday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM
Thursday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:43 PM	09:58 PM
Friday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:58 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	10:00 PM

§ Hopefully a few more fields will dry out enough to get some crops planted before the rains start up again later in the week-- only 22% of soybean fields have been planted and 70% of corn fields, compared to 63% and 91% respectively for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. It's also been too wet to cut hay.

§ Newly open/ing wildflowers for this week include echinacea, cinquefoil and delphinium, joining penstemons, spiderworts, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, evening primrose, prairie rose and prairie phlox, white and blue wild indigo, deptford pink, antelopehorn milkweed and many others. Salsify is beginning to dot area fields with their giant dandelion-like seedheads. Will sensitivebrier or prickly pear cactus start to bloom this week?

§ Catalpa has had a great blooming year, while cottonwoods are shedding lots of cotton onto area creeks and rivers to disseminate their seed. Roughleafed/Kansas dogwoods have begun blooming and maybe some gooseberries are ripe now; mulberries are certainly ripening, which hackberry butterflies love to eat almost as much as we do.

§ Water striders, spittle bugs and lightning bugs abound. June bugs beat against the screen door and moths beat against windows after dark, with tree frogs hanging onto the glass, waiting for a bug to come close enough to eat.