

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 10 - 16, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:50 AM	12:35 PM	07:30 PM	1%
Tuesday	06:15 AM	01:18 PM	08:29 PM	New Moon
Wednesday	06:45 AM	02:02 PM	09:28 PM	1%
Thursday	07:18 AM	02:49 PM	10:27 PM	4%
Friday	07:57 AM	03:39 PM	11:24 PM	8%
Saturday	08:43 AM	04:30 PM		15%
Sunday	09:36 AM	05:21 PM	12:16 AM	22%



Spiderworts are beginning to open and will continue to grace area prairies for the next month. Warm season grasses are growing, so the next round of prairie wildflowers will be taller than the first round of spring wildflowers: enjoy their beauty!



Sun

Mars W, Venus, Merc NW after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:12 AM	06:12 AM	08:22 PM	09:31 PM
Tuesday	05:11 AM	06:11 AM	08:23 PM	09:32 PM
Wednesday	05:10 AM	06:10 AM	08:24 PM	09:33 PM
Thursday	05:08 AM	06:09 AM	08:25 PM	09:34 PM
Friday	05:07 AM	06:09 AM	08:26 PM	09:35 PM
Saturday	05:06 AM	06:08 AM	08:27 PM	09:36 PM
Sunday	05:05 AM	06:07 AM	08:28 PM	09:37 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ In addition to spiderworts, start looking for oxeye daisy, salsify, and soon antelopehorn milkweed, joining the already-blooming verbena, starry eyed grass, prairie parsley, New Jersey Tea and lingering puccoons, creamy wild indigo and wood betony. Milkweeds and dogbane are getting taller.

§ This may be the time of year with the most variety of bird species easily visible or heard. Songbirds and shorebirds have been returning, decked out in their most colorful feathers of the year, and whippoorwills and other nightjars fill the nights with their songs as well. Smartphone apps BirdNET or BirdGenie records birds and IDs them by their song.

§ 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. Deer road kills increase in May and June due to does going out foraging to keep producing milk for their fawns.

§ Bluegrass and most sedges have produced seed heads, with brome and fescue not far behind. Soon these cool season grasses will begin pollinating, creating itchy eyes and runny noses for those with pollen allergies.

§ Invasive honeysuckle currently has wonderfully fragrant flowers that are a joy to smell, but they'll take over a woodland in short order. Use their aroma to locate them, cut and spray the stumps or pull them up.