## Kaw Valley Almanac

June 24 - 30, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:30 PM	03:35 AM	08:24 AM	91%
Tuesday		04:31 AM	09:40 AM	84%
Wednesday	12:02 AM	05:23 AM	10:54 AM	74%
Thursday	12:30 AM	06:12 AM	12:06 PM	64%
Friday	12:55 AM	07:00 AM	01:17 PM	3rd Quarter
Saturday	01:20 AM	07:48 AM	02:29 PM	41%
Sunday	01:46 AM	08:37 AM	03:41 PM	30%





This Snowberry clearwing, a member of the sphinx moth family, is attracted by the beautiful purple prairie clover flower found blooming in area prairies this time of year. Other blooming wildflowers include many milkweed species, Culver's root, beebalm, black eyed susan, lead plant, gray, columnar, and sweet coneflower, compassplant and prairie rose.



Mars, Saturn low east/southeast before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark		
Monday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Wednesday	04:51 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Thursday	04:51 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Friday	04:52 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Saturday	04:52 AM	05:58 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Sunday	04:53 AM	05:59 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM		
Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon						
data where you live at: https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy						

This last week of June is already showing signs of July, with the dog day cicadas already droning, tree frogs and crickets at night--can the katydids be far behind? Lightning bugs and night hawks continue to ply the night, and you can hear a whippoorwill or chuck will's widow if you are lucky. The bullfrog's "jug-o-rum" calls out around ponds, and mammals cross the road after dark as much of wildlife has become nocturnal to beat the heat.

Sycamores are shedding their bark while their seedheads are beginning to turn reddish brown and Kansas dogwood berries are green, beginning to turn white. Hedge balls are growing and black walnuts are the size of shelled pecans. Sticktite seeds are maturing and look out for more spiderwebs.

Hear a cricket? Count the "chirps" in a minute, add 37 and you should have the rough temperature in Fahrenheit.

This coming Saturday, June 29, consider joining in on the final Topeka Riverbank restoration and bioblitz event, 10am to noon, sponsored by Native Lands Restoration Collaborative and Friends of the Kaw-check out their websites/Facebook pages for registration, details.

§ Galls have formed on many leaves and stems on area plants, caused by plants responding to viruses, bacteria, protozoa, oomycetes, fungi, parasitic plants, animals, including rotifers, nematodes, insects, and mites.