

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 3 - 9, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:43 AM	10:42 AM	05:53 PM	10%
Tuesday	04:14 AM	11:35 AM	07:08 PM	4%
Wednesday	04:51 AM	12:32 PM	08:23 PM	1%
Thursday	05:36 AM	01:31 PM	09:32 PM	New Moon
Friday	06:30 AM	02:31 PM	10:32 PM	2%
Saturday	07:31 AM	03:29 PM	11:21 PM	6%
Sunday	08:36 AM	04:23 PM		11%



Put this on your bucket list: visit Ivan Boyd Prairie Preserve in June!

Located on the south side of Hiway 56 approx. 3 miles east of Baldwin, it's bursting with blooming prairie wildflowers next to well maintained trails, some labeled, has multiple sets of ruts from the Santa Fe Trail you can easily see, and is adjacent to the site of the Battle of Blackjack, the first battle of the civil war. Carpe diem!



Sun

Mars, Saturn low east/southeast before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM
Wednesday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM
Thursday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:58 PM
Friday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:59 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Sunday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	10:00 PM

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

§ Wildflowers blooming this week include echinacea, cinquefoil, sensitive brier, delphinium, penstemons, spiderwort, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, evening primrose, prairie rose, prairie phlox, white and blue wild indigo, deptford pink, many milkweed species, euphorbia, blackeyed susan, and many, many others, with fritillaries and other butterflies, bumblebees and other pollinators busy drinking nectar and pollinating on the side. The next few weeks are the best time of year to check out a native prairie for the wildflowers, birds and insects.

§ Wetlands are full of life with snapping turtles, frogs, herons, ibis, redwinged blackbirds, meadowlarks and dozens of other songbirds to listen to. Slightly lowering water levels have given many species of shorebirds a better habitat as well.

§ 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.

§ The pink blooming groundcover found along some roadsides is crown vetch. It is easy to propagate but can be quite aggressive and is considered to be a noxious weed. Other noxious weeds worth plucking right now include musk thistle, honeysuckle and sericea lespedeza.

§ Brome fields may start being baled for hay if weather is dry; watch how quickly the row crops are growing.