

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 15 - 21, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:02 AM	02:04 PM	10:02 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	07:16 AM	03:09 PM	10:53 PM	2%
Wednesday	08:35 AM	04:10 PM	11:33 PM	6%
Thursday	09:52 AM	05:04 PM		13%
Friday	11:04 AM	05:54 PM	12:05 AM	22%
Saturday	12:12 PM	06:39 PM	12:31 AM	32%
Sunday	01:17 PM	07:22 PM	12:55 AM	1st Quarter



Daniel Lassman photo This margined leatherwing beetle, *Chauliognathus marginatus*, is a cousin of the lightning bug and is munching on the yellow pollen of a blooming leadplant. The leadplant improves the prairie by fixing nitrogen into the soil for other plants, while the leatherwing beetle is a desirable predator who feasts on things like the corn borer and corn earworm.



Sun

Venus, Jupiter, Mercury west at dusk, Saturn E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Saturday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:05 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ The crescendo of prairie wildflowers continues in your neighborhood native prairie--take the time to check it out this week if you can. Look for blooming echinacea, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, sensitive brier, evening primrose, prairie rose, purple and white prairie clover, yarrow, lead plant, beebalm, white and blue wild indigo, deptford pink, prairie petunia, coreopsis, black eyed susans, and many others.

§ Next Sunday is the summer solstice, so find a place with a good view of the horizon and see where the sun rises/sets because you will never see it as far north as it is right now. Make a mental note of that spot on the horizon from where you are standing and return there on the winter solstice to compare it to where you see it now and you'll be amazed at how far the sun has moved!

§ There are lots of butterflies from now through the rest of the summer. One you may see is the Great Spangled Fritillary butterfly. This beautiful butterfly does not migrate like the Monarchs; instead it lives all summer long here, laying eggs on native violets toward the end of its life. The eggs hatch into caterpillars at the end of summer. But instead of growing, pupating and migrating, the young caterpillar goes underground to overwinter in the soil, emerging in the spring to eat violet leaves and then pupate and turn into butterflies next June, starting the cycle over again.