

# Kaw Valley Almanac

May 31 – June 6, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:13 AM	06:11 AM	11:16 AM	65%
Tuesday	01:48 AM	07:02 AM	12:23 PM	54%
Wednesday	02:18 AM	07:48 AM	01:26 PM	3rd Quarter
Thursday	02:44 AM	08:31 AM	02:27 PM	34%
Friday	03:08 AM	09:13 AM	03:26 PM	26%
Saturday	03:31 AM	09:53 AM	04:25 PM	18%
Sunday	03:54 AM	10:34 AM	05:23 PM	11%



Prairie roses are blooming and well worth getting on your knees to smell their overpoweringly fragrant perfume. Look closely and you'll see that there are TWO meadow katydid nymphs drawn to this one. Since they eat grass and don't mate as nymphs, it is unclear why they are drawn to the rose, except perhaps due to its wonderful aroma!



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:53 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:53 PM
Tuesday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:54 PM
Wednesday	04:51 AM	05:57 AM	08:41 PM	09:54 PM
Thursday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:55 PM
Friday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM
Saturday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM
Sunday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:43 PM	09:58 PM

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

§ June 5 is National Trails Day; I'm one of the folks leading hikes at Hidden Valley Camp in Lawrence—sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a4a92aabfcce9-trails> or take a hike wherever you live and take a friend! Options to check out in the Lawrence area include Baker Wetlands, Prairie Park Nature Center, Akin Prairie, KU Field Station Rockefeller Prairie Trail, Clinton Sanders Mound and Grant-Bradbury Park in Topeka.

§ Prairie wildflowers currently blooming include penstemons, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, yarrow, clovers, spiderwort, echinacea, wild indigo, salsify, delphinium, cinquefoil, prairie phlox, evening primrose, blackberries, and common milkweed is about to join antelopehorn milkweed. The next 3 - 4 weeks are the best time of year to see the most variety of wildflowers.

§ Chimney swifts are always fun to watch at dusk as they whirl around and then dive into area prominent chimneys in your downtown or school—you can find them by listening at dusk to their cacophony. Nighthawks carry on the evening serenades with their calls and dives, and if you are in quieter suburbs or the country, listen for the whippoorwill, chuck will's widow or various owls, coyotes, frogs, crickets and the like.

§ Many mammals continue to raise young; drive carefully especially at night in order to keep the parents safe!