

# Kaw Valley Almanac

May 30 - June 5, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:55 AM	01:31 PM	09:13 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	06:34 AM	02:20 PM	10:11 PM	2%
Wednesday	07:19 AM	03:11 PM	11:03 PM	6%
Thursday	08:11 AM	04:02 PM	11:49 PM	11%
Friday	09:07 AM	04:51 PM		17%
Saturday	10:07 AM	05:39 PM	12:29 AM	25%
Sunday	11:08 AM	06:25 PM	01:03 AM	34%



It's been a good year for blooming spiderworts, and you might still see a few of these, joined this week by echinacea, penstemons, daisy fleabane, and delphiniums, along with already blooming yarrow, oxeye daisy, and yellow sweet clover.



Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:53 AM	05:58 AM	08:39 PM	09:52 PM
Tuesday	04:53 AM	05:57 AM	08:39 PM	09:53 PM
Wednesday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:53 PM
Thursday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:41 PM	09:54 PM
Friday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:55 PM
Saturday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM
Sunday	04:50 AM	05:56 AM	08:43 PM	09:57 PM

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

§ The next couple of weeks are prime prairie wildflower viewing season, so do yourself a favor and take advantage of the good weather and check them out. In the Lawrence area, the Baker wetlands, Prairie Park Nature Center, the Akin Prairie, KU Field Station Rockefeller Prairie Trail, Clinton Sanders Mound and Grant-Bradbury Park in Topeka are a few options.

§ Most peonies planted in cemeteries may have finished blooming; as the seasons shift with climate change, maybe we need a new Memorial Day flower: echinacea? sensitive brier? yarrow? Take a walk in a prairie and pick out one that has just started blooming in your area.

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

§ Thunderstorm season peaks around now: it is truly awe inspiring to watch a cloud appear out of nowhere to being twice as tall as Mount Everest. Who says we don't have mountains?

§ If it's clear, go outside around midnight Monday night and see if you see shooting stars. There might not be anything special, but there's a chance for a HUGE meteor shower.