

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 6 - 12, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:15 AM	11:59 AM	06:57 PM	3%
Tuesday	05:44 AM	12:53 PM	08:14 PM	New Moon
Wednesday	06:18 AM	01:49 PM	09:31 PM	0%
Thursday	06:59 AM	02:48 PM	10:44 PM	3%
Friday	07:48 AM	03:48 PM	11:50 PM	9%
Saturday	08:45 AM	04:46 PM		16%
Sunday	09:48 AM	05:42 PM	12:45 AM	24%



The blues and pinks of the spiderwort are a welcome site in prairies this time of year, something well worth finding. While you're there, look for starry eyed grass, wild hyacinth and the beginning of oxeye daisies, antelopehorn milkweeds, and prairie phlox. Puccoons, creamy wild indigo and wood betony are wrapping up, and Scribner's panicum and bluegrass have seeded out.



Sun

Mars, Saturn low east/southeast at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:17 AM	06:16 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM
Tuesday	05:15 AM	06:15 AM	08:19 PM	09:27 PM
Wednesday	05:14 AM	06:14 AM	08:20 PM	09:29 PM
Thursday	05:13 AM	06:13 AM	08:21 PM	09:30 PM
Friday	05:12 AM	06:12 AM	08:22 PM	09:31 PM
Saturday	05:10 AM	06:11 AM	08:23 PM	09:32 PM
Sunday	05:09 AM	06:10 AM	08:24 PM	09:33 PM

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§ This week in area woodlands, black locust trees have started blooming, while choke cherry and wild cherry have finished. May apple blossoms are transitioning from flowers to growing May apples, while gooseberries are growing. Hackberry caterpillars have begun to munch on leaves, invasive honeysuckle is beginning to bloom its fragrant blossoms and garlic mustard still is putting out little white flowers and developing seeds--now is a good time to remove both.

§ It's a super busy time for birds; most songbirds have returned, with many warblers, blue grosbeaks, yellow billed cuckoos, vireos, parula, baltimore orioles, indigo buntings, and phoebes reported by area birders. Expect the crescendo to continue, overseen by the majestic turkey vultures spiraling on convection currents.

§ With recent rains and storms predicted this week, hillside springs are waking up again in many areas. Settlers used to plant edible watercress next to the more active springs and you can still find patches of watercress in some places. In addition to planting watercress, some seeps were enlarged and the holes were lined with rocks for creating natural pools.

§ Yellow sweet clover has begun blooming, while wheat and cool season grasses are beginning to send up seedheads. Pines are shooting up new growth, or "candling," and cottonwoods are getting ready to open their cotton pods.