

# Kaw Valley Almanac

August 29 - Sept. 4, 2016

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	04:01 AM	11:12 AM	06:17 PM	12%	New Moon
Tuesday	05:02 AM	12:03 PM	06:57 PM	6%	
Wednesday	06:02 AM	12:51 PM	07:34 PM	2%	
Thursday	07:02 AM	01:38 PM	08:07 PM	0%	
Friday	08:01 AM	02:23 PM	08:38 PM	0%	
Saturday	08:59 AM	03:07 PM	09:09 PM	3%	
Sunday	09:55 AM	03:50 PM	09:40 PM	7%	



Pitcher's sage, *Salvia azurea*, has started blooming with its small but beautiful blue/purplish blossoms that attract a wide variety of pollinators including hummingbirds, bumblebees, monarch butterflies and other insects. In the spring, livestock love to eat the vegetation so much that it's considered a "decreaser," i.e. its numbers decrease relative to other species with heavy grazing.



## Sun

Mars, Saturn SW, Venus, Jupiter low W in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:52 AM	06:47 AM	07:55 PM	09:00 PM
Tuesday	05:53 AM	06:48 AM	07:54 PM	08:58 PM
Wednesday	05:54 AM	06:49 AM	07:52 PM	08:57 PM
Thursday	05:55 AM	06:50 AM	07:51 PM	08:55 PM
Friday	05:56 AM	06:51 AM	07:49 PM	08:53 PM
Saturday	05:57 AM	06:52 AM	07:48 PM	08:52 PM
Sunday	05:58 AM	06:53 AM	07:46 PM	08:50 PM

### Nature Notes

- § Boneset and false boneset are starting to bloom, stiff goldenrod is joining other goldenrods and the profusion of annual and perennial sunflower species. Euphorbia corollata, mare's tail, purple fall thistles are still going strong and take time to see if you can find a pretty gentian in area prairies.
- § The rains have created a healthy amount of ragweed pollen, which will have been semi-tolerable due to high humidity and low wind. But expect that to change when things dry out and it gets windy. Look for the greenish flowers of the western ragweed, giant ragweed and marsh elder and look for yellow clouds of pollen if you walk through them.
- § With cool mornings and fog rising off of ponds and rivers, now is a good time to get a great picture of a spiderweb bejeweled with drops of dew.
- § What frog are you hearing? Check them out here: <http://www.leaps.ms/soundpage.htm> That sound could of course be an insect, which you can check out here: <http://songsofinsects.com/thumbnail-guide-to-species>
- § In the woods, the first white blossoms of snakeroot are starting, poke is ripening as are elderberries and hedge apples are the size of baseballs. Ticks and chiggers are thriving.