

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Venus E, Saturn SW at dawn;
Jupiter south after dusk

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	02:42 AM	09:10 AM	03:46 PM	25%	New Moon
Tuesday	03:19 AM	10:03 AM	04:55 PM	16%	
Wednesday	04:00 AM	11:00 AM	06:06 PM	8%	
Thursday	04:47 AM	11:59 AM	07:18 PM	3%	
Friday	05:41 AM	01:02 PM	08:25 PM	0%	
Saturday	06:40 AM	02:05 PM	09:28 PM	1%	
Sunday	07:46 AM	03:06 PM	10:22 PM	4%	



The blooming sensitivebrier is named for its ability to quickly fold up its leaflets when you brush your finger along the leaf.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:05 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Thursday	04:49 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Friday	04:49 AM	05:56 AM	08:50 PM	10:05 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM
Sunday	04:50 AM	05:57 AM	08:50 PM	10:06 PM

Nature Notes

§ The milkweeds continue to bloom, including the bright reds and oranges of the butterfly milkweed, joined by the emerging gray coneflowers, black eyed susans and many others, including echinacea, beebalm, culver's root, prairie rose, and others. This is the perfect time to make weekly jaunts to the Prairie Park Nature Center prairie to see what new flowers are blooming this week, or to try to photograph dragonflies, other bugs.

§ The longest day of the year coincides with the northernmost sunrise and sunsets during this week's summer solstice. Watch how far north the sun rises/sets on the horizon, and since the moon is almost new, it's a great time to enjoy the Milky Way, the summer constellations as well as the well-placed Jupiter and Saturn if you have a telescope. You can see the moons of Jupiter with a pair of binoculars, too.

§ Many birders are doing bird breeding census now because of the busy bird nesting season, and farmers are super-busy this time of year too, with hay season upon us, ripening wheat getting ready for harvest and finishing up soybean and milo planting. See if you can figure out what is happening/about to happen in fields as you drive by them in your car.