

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Venus east at dawn;
Jupiter SW, Saturn S after dusk

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	07:39 AM	02:44 PM	09:43 PM	3%	
Tuesday	08:46 AM	03:38 PM	10:22 PM	8%	
Wednesday	09:53 AM	04:29 PM	10:57 PM	14%	
Thursday	10:56 AM	05:16 PM	11:30 PM	23%	
Friday	11:57 AM	06:02 PM		32%	
Saturday	12:56 PM	06:47 PM	12:01 AM	42%	
Sunday	01:54 PM	07:31 PM	12:31 AM	52%	1st Quarter



This whorled milkweed adds new blossoms to the top, with older flowers underneath; gayfeather, which is now in its prime this week at Prairie Park, is opposite, with the oldest flowers on top.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:13 AM	06:15 AM	08:39 PM	09:50 PM
Tuesday	05:14 AM	06:16 AM	08:38 PM	09:49 PM
Wednesday	05:15 AM	06:17 AM	08:37 PM	09:48 PM
Thursday	05:16 AM	06:17 AM	08:37 PM	09:47 PM
Friday	05:17 AM	06:18 AM	08:36 PM	09:46 PM
Saturday	05:18 AM	06:19 AM	08:35 PM	09:44 PM
Sunday	05:19 AM	06:20 AM	08:34 PM	09:43 PM

Nature Notes

- § More varieties of perennial sunflowers and goldenrods are beginning to bloom this week, as prairie grasses continue to send up more and more seedheads. Other blooming wildflowers include whorled milkweed, gray coneflower, yarrow, daisy fleabane, oxeye daisy, beebalm, slender mountain mint, sweet coneflower, rosinweed, gayfeathers, compassplant, and ironweed. Look for all kinds of insects and spiders working over the flowers while you admire these blossoms.
- § Recent rain will make the already active nighttime katydid, cricket and tree frogs louder than ever, while in the day, cicadas will crank it up a notch or two as well. Look for cicada killers, dragonflies, lacewings, beetles and other 6 leggeds as we approach the peak insect activity period of the year. Don't forget to wash off after being outside: chiggers and ticks are plentiful, too!
- § Snakes are in the grass, some birds have a second clutch of eggs, fawns are blending in with the shade, and foxes are teaching their pups how to behave. Life is very full nowadays!
- § We are now less than a month away from the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 just a short distance to our north--don't miss it!