

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 20 - 26, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	04:19 PM	09:19 PM	01:35 AM	68%	
Tuesday	05:10 PM	10:08 PM	02:18 AM	77%	
Wednesday	05:57 PM	10:56 PM	03:06 AM	84%	
Thursday	06:40 PM	11:43 PM	03:57 AM	90%	
Friday	07:18 PM		04:50 AM	95%	
Saturday	07:53 PM	12:30 AM	05:46 AM	98%	
Sunday	08:25 PM	01:16 AM	06:43 AM	100%	Full Moon



With such a nice weekend rain, expect more flowers to belatedly pop out, and look closely for insects busily eating, mating or stalking on the flowers such as is found on this blooming compassplant. Note how the insects often have markings whose colors blend perfectly with the flower.



Sun

Saturn, Jupiter SW at dusk,
Mars SE after dark;
Venus west just after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:41 AM	06:38 AM	08:09 PM	09:15 PM
Tuesday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	08:07 PM	09:14 PM
Wednesday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	08:06 PM	09:12 PM
Thursday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	08:04 PM	09:11 PM
Friday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	08:03 PM	09:09 PM
Saturday	05:47 AM	06:43 AM	08:01 PM	09:07 PM
Sunday	05:48 AM	06:44 AM	08:00 PM	09:06 PM

Nature Notes

§ Spiders are thick once again, requiring you to carry a stick if you are walking down a path, especially after dark. If you find yourself out after dark, take a flashlight to see if you can see the light reflected back in the eyes of many spiders.

§ With the rain, box turtles can be on the move, so be careful when driving down the road, and if it's safe, you can help one survive by helping it across.

§ With the full moon this week, it's a good time to see animals who use the extra light to get around. A slow drive on quiet country roads can be a good way to see mammals, and reptiles who prefer cooler nights over days to get around. And roll down your window to hear the katydids, tree frogs and other night singers, which at times can be almost deafening.

§ The daylight is noticeably shortening—we're losing 14 minutes of light this week alone, with increasing amounts each week until the fall equinox in September.

§ There are many hummingbirds who have arrived in the area, and it's not too late to put out a feeder to attract some. Even tho we've had rain, many birds like a little water in a bird bath or water feeder, and it's fun to see who shows up to use it.

§ With rain, the ragweeds are growing their flower heads, which means pollen—and allergies can't be too far away. When it begins, the ragweed pollen will continue until first frost.