

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:48 PM	11:41 PM	03:42 AM	93%
Tuesday	07:32 PM		04:36 AM	97%
Wednesday	08:10 PM	12:30 AM	05:32 AM	99%
Thursday	08:44 PM	01:18 AM	06:30 AM	Full Moon
Friday	09:14 PM	02:03 AM	07:27 AM	99%
Saturday	09:41 PM	02:46 AM	08:24 AM	96%
Sunday	10:08 PM	03:28 AM	09:21 AM	91%



The perennial ash sunflowers at the Prairie Park Nature Center prairie have begun blooming and the numbers will increase to a spectacular number in the coming couple of weeks. They are joining already blooming compassplant, stiff sunflower and sweet sunflower in a rainy year that boosts the number of blossoms. If you like the Grinter sunflower farm, you owe it to yourself to see the perennial sunflowers at Prairie Park, planted and maintained by nature, blooming there continuously for thousands of years!



Sun

Jupiter S, Saturn SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:33 AM	06:31 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM
Tuesday	05:34 AM	06:32 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM
Wednesday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:17 PM	09:23 PM
Thursday	05:37 AM	06:34 AM	08:16 PM	09:22 PM
Friday	05:38 AM	06:35 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM
Saturday	05:39 AM	06:35 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Sunday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:12 PM	09:17 PM

Nature Notes

§ This week's Perseid meteor shower peaks on Tuesday morning/Monday night after midnight, but light from the near-full moon will wash out the night sky and all but the brightest meteors from this dependable summer meteor shower. With the moon near full all week, it's a fine time for watching moonrise/set (check the times above) or for taking a night walk or slow drive on a country road to see wildlife activity, from animals who are out at night in order to beat the daytime heat.

§ Several species of liatris/gayfeather are in bloom; it's a great time to appreciate their purple flowering stalks that add new blossoms to the BOTTOM of the flower stalk, unlike most other flowers. Other wildflowers currently blooming include ironweed, showy partridge pea, perennial sunflowers, wild petunia, gentians, rattlesnakemaster, whorled and swamp milkweeds, slender mountain mint and euphorbia corollata.

§ Shorebirds are in peak fall migration right now; good places to spot them include the Baker wetlands, along the Kaw and in shallows around slowly receding area reservoirs. Look for blooming american lotus plants floating in the water, too!

§ Seen any mushrooms lined up in a curve or circle? It's probably the fairy ring mushroom, *Chlorophyllum molybdites*, which also happens to be one of the most common sources of mushroom poisoning in the US.