

# Kaw Valley Almanac

Aug. 24 - 30, 2020

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:05 PM	06:28 PM	11:43 PM	41%
Tuesday	02:16 PM	07:22 PM		1st Quarter
Wednesday	03:24 PM	08:18 PM	12:23 AM	64%
Thursday	04:28 PM	09:14 PM	01:08 AM	75%
Friday	05:25 PM	10:10 PM	01:59 AM	84%
Saturday	06:15 PM	11:04 PM	02:56 AM	91%
Sunday	06:57 PM	11:56 PM	03:57 AM	96%



Poke is a beautiful plant, whose distinctive red stems and deep purple berry clusters are commonly found this time of year in disturbed and untended landscapes. While the newly emerging plants in spring are edible if parboiled, the leaves, berries and roots are all very poisonous this time of year, especially to children and animals. Another smaller berry of the same color that is ripe right now is elderberry—know the difference!



## Sun

Venus E at dawn, Mars E, Jupiter, Saturn S after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:47 AM	06:43 AM	08:02 PM	09:07 PM
Tuesday	05:49 AM	06:43 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM
Wednesday	05:50 AM	06:44 AM	07:59 PM	09:03 PM
Thursday	05:51 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:02 PM
Friday	05:52 AM	06:46 AM	07:56 PM	09:00 PM
Saturday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:55 PM	08:58 PM
Sunday	05:54 AM	06:48 AM	07:53 PM	08:57 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

## Nature Notes

§ More and more perennial sunflowers are beginning to bloom in the area, including sawtooth, Maximilian, stiff leafed, sweet coneflower and bidens, with a few annual sunflowers joining the already blooming compassplant, cup plant, and jerusalem artichoke. Goldenrods are also beginning to bloom, and this coming week is the traditional beginning of ragweed season, with windblown pollen drifting off giant and western ragweed and their cousin, marsh elder.

§ Many birds are in the area, including shorebirds, owls, hummingbirds, turkey vultures, ducks, nighthawks, and myriad other species, some of which are gathering in flocks. So many insects and seed-producing plants have kept area birds happy.

§ Swallowtails, monarch, fritillaries, hairstreaks, skippers and morpho butterflies; sphinx, cecropia, hawk and hummingbird moths; skimmers, darners, 10 spot and bluet

lacewings/dragonflies; hosts of beetles, ants, grasshoppers, katydids, flies and bugs—bugs are probably the dominant life form on the planet and August in Kansas is a fantastic time to familiarize yourself with some of the most spectacular insects around. It's easier than ever to identify them with your smart phone camera and websites like insectidentification.org, iNature, or apps that are gradually getting more accurate.