

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:19 AM	08:37 AM	04:03 PM	29%
Tuesday	01:53 AM	09:24 AM	05:02 PM	20%
Wednesday	02:32 AM	10:13 AM	05:59 PM	13%
Thursday	03:18 AM	11:05 AM	06:52 PM	7%
Friday	04:12 AM	11:58 AM	07:40 PM	3%
Saturday	05:12 AM	12:51 PM	08:22 PM	0%
Sunday	06:16 AM	01:42 PM	08:59 PM	New Moon



This whorled milkweed was attracting a lot of butterflies and if you look closely you will see flowers at every stage: some flower clusters are not yet open, others are fully open or wrapping up, while between the two sets of clusters you can see several seed pods have already formed, looking almost like green beans pointed at the sky.



Sun

Venus sets WNW at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn rise in SE.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:23 AM	06:23 AM	08:30 PM	09:39 PM
Tuesday	05:24 AM	06:24 AM	08:29 PM	09:38 PM
Wednesday	05:25 AM	06:24 AM	08:28 PM	09:37 PM
Thursday	05:26 AM	06:25 AM	08:27 PM	09:35 PM
Friday	05:28 AM	06:26 AM	08:26 PM	09:34 PM
Saturday	05:29 AM	06:27 AM	08:25 PM	09:33 PM
Sunday	05:30 AM	06:28 AM	08:24 PM	09:31 PM

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§ The hot, dry weather is causing flowering to slow down in many areas, but many yellow flowers can be seen: gray coneflower, stiff or ashy or hairy sunflowers, cup plant, and rosinweed, while other colors are abound including red cardinalflower, blue wild petunia, purple gayfeathers and ironweed, white illinois bundleflower, bindweed, Euphorbia corollata and white prairie clover.

§ Big bluestem is sending up and opening its seedheads, joining switchgrass, sideoats grama, cordgrass and eastern gamagrass, while indiangrass continues to get taller in this time of warm season growth.

§ Katydids, crickets and treefrogs, spiders, lightning bugs and moths continue to dominate the nights, while dragonflies, grasshoppers and beetles are easy to find in daylight. Robber flies are also out and if you think you see a really big dragonfly, look again; praying mantises are out and fly too.

§ When it gets too hot and dry, some animals aestivate, a type of summer hibernation where they typically hole up in the ground and wait for cooler, moister conditions. Salamanders, snails, worms, frogs and maybe even some ground squirrels have been known to hunker down in this manner.

§ Hedge parsley and tick trefoil seeds have matured into pervasive “sticktites” that get in dog fur, socks and pants.