

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 25 - 31, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:06 AM	03:12 PM	09:09 PM	4%
Tuesday	10:07 AM	03:53 PM	09:30 PM	9%
Wednesday	11:08 AM	04:34 PM	09:53 PM	15%
Thursday	12:09 PM	05:17 PM	10:18 PM	23%
Friday	01:11 PM	06:02 PM	10:48 PM	31%
Saturday	02:13 PM	06:50 PM	11:23 PM	40%
Sunday	03:13 PM	07:41 PM		1st Quarter



Sun

Saturn E at dusk, Venus, Jupiter, Merc. E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:48 AM	06:43 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM
Tuesday	05:49 AM	06:44 AM	07:59 PM	09:04 PM
Wednesday	05:51 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:02 PM
Thursday	05:52 AM	06:46 AM	07:57 PM	09:00 PM
Friday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:55 PM	08:59 PM
Saturday	05:54 AM	06:48 AM	07:53 PM	08:57 PM
Sunday	05:55 AM	06:49 AM	07:52 PM	08:55 PM

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§ The annual sunflower, our state flower, is just starting to bloom around here, joining the perennial sawtooth, stiff and ashy sunflowers. Other wildflowers currently blooming: blue sage, false boneset, showy partridge pea, a few asters, wild petunia, gentians, whorled and swamp milkweed, slender mountain mint, some goldenrods, & euphorbia. Look for insect galls on plant leaves.

§ This should be a good week to see fog in the morning, as the warmed air over area ponds, rivers and streams become visible in the cooler temperatures around sunrise.

§ We are seeing the continuation of the activity peak for the Orthoptera order of insects. This includes grasshoppers, crickets, katydids, praying mantids and walking sticks. Of course there are plenty of Lepidoptera (butterflies/moths), Hemiptera (bugs), Diptera (flies), Hymenoptera (wasps/bees/ants) and Coleoptera (beetles) around too right now!

§ Deer bucks are growing their antlers right now. Dragonflies are swarming for migration; birds pick them off. Look for ever larger flocks of blackbirds/grackles gathering on power lines, and keep your eyes open for formations of pelicans passing through from the northern plains to coastal parts of the Gulf of Mexico. A white pelican can have a 9 ft. wingspan!



Controlled, summer burns are hotter and more effective in pushing back woody plants from prairie remnants. In this photo, the wind is from the left, and the flames are moving slowly against the wind, slow enough to allow insects and other animals to escape the flames. This is important because there are more animals out than in a spring burn in March or April. It's best for keeping a healthy ecosystem over time to have burns at different times of the year. (photo courtesy Daniel Lassman)