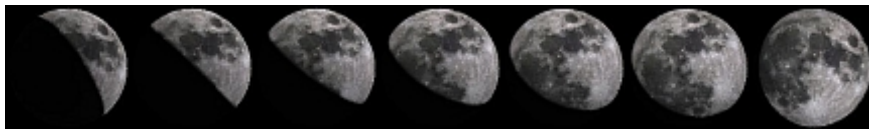


Kaw Valley Almanac

July 20 - 26, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:12 PM	06:44 PM		37%
Tuesday	02:15 PM	07:28 PM	12:07 AM	1st Quarter
Wednesday	03:18 PM	08:14 PM	12:33 AM	57%
Thursday	04:21 PM	09:02 PM	01:03 AM	67%
Friday	05:20 PM	09:51 PM	01:38 AM	75%
Saturday	06:16 PM	10:43 PM	02:20 AM	83%
Sunday	07:05 PM	11:34 PM	03:09 AM	89%



July 18 - 25 is [National Moth Week](#), and this pawpaw webworm moth was found in all of its dotted-wing glory under a porch light over the weekend. The website recommends hanging a white sheet with a black light or any bright light underneath to see what you can attract, photograph and submit to this fun activity. Or just leave the porch light on works, too!



Sun

Venus west at dusk, Saturn SE, Mars E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:07 AM	06:11 AM	08:42 PM	09:55 PM
Tuesday	05:08 AM	06:12 AM	08:41 PM	09:54 PM
Wednesday	05:09 AM	06:13 AM	08:41 PM	09:53 PM
Thursday	05:11 AM	06:14 AM	08:40 PM	09:52 PM
Friday	05:12 AM	06:14 AM	08:39 PM	09:51 PM
Saturday	05:13 AM	06:15 AM	08:38 PM	09:50 PM
Sunday	05:14 AM	06:16 AM	08:37 PM	09:49 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ This time of year, thunderstorms seem to get lazy and forget how to move, so that some folks can get drenched while just a few miles away it's as dry as a bone. If you are lucky enough to receive the rain, notice a huge uptick in insect activity, judging by the noisiness of the day and the continuation of lightning bugs (and moths!) at night.

§ Sunflower tribe species blooming now include sweet coneflower, compassplant, black eyed susan, gray coneflower, and ashy sunflower. Look for purple Liatris/gayfeather, ironweed, and prairie petunias, white prairie clover, Queen Anne's lace, slender mountain mint, whorled milkweed, illinois bundleflower and rattlesnakemaster; red cardinal flower; and blue bellflowers and chickory.

§ Slow drives in the country after dark can be a good way to see snakes, frogs and young mammals who are most active after dark for protection and avoid the hottest part of the day.

§ Prairie grasses are shooting up their seedheads, including big and little bluestem, Indiangrass and switchgrass. Sideoats grama grass and foxtails have already seeded out, as have many rushes and sedges.

§ Snakes, turtles and rabbits are in the grass, some birds are having a second clutch of eggs, fawns are beginning to wander a bit in with the shade, and foxes are teaching their pups how to behave. Life is very full nowadays!