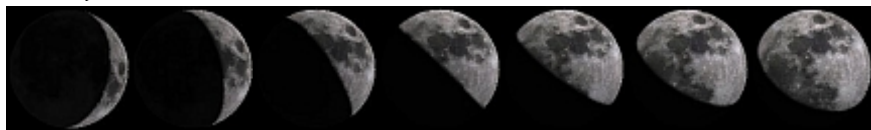


Kaw Valley Almanac

August 17 - 23, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:01 PM	05:21 PM	10:33 PM	22%
Tuesday	01:06 PM	06:07 PM	11:02 PM	32%
Wednesday	02:09 PM	06:55 PM	11:36 PM	41%
Thursday	03:11 PM	07:45 PM		1st Quarter
Friday	04:08 PM	08:36 PM	12:16 AM	60%
Saturday	05:00 PM	09:27 PM	01:02 AM	69%
Sunday	05:45 PM	10:18 PM	01:56 AM	78%



This gray hairstreak butterfly, feeding at a showy partridge pea flower, has its head on top of the wing, with the orange patch at the bottom serving as a decoy so a predator might bite off its tail, not its head. Hairstreak caterpillars have a close relationship with ants, who, protect them from parasitic wasps and other predators, and in exchange the ants get fed nectar.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:38 AM	06:36 AM	08:13 PM	09:20 PM
Tuesday	05:39 AM	06:37 AM	08:11 PM	09:18 PM
Wednesday	05:41 AM	06:38 AM	08:10 PM	09:17 PM
Thursday	05:42 AM	06:39 AM	08:08 PM	09:15 PM
Friday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	08:07 PM	09:14 PM
Saturday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	08:06 PM	09:12 PM
Sunday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	08:04 PM	09:11 PM

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

§ Whorled milkweed, wild petunia, ashly and stiff sunflowers, sweet coneflower, euphorbia, and boneset continue to bloom, while increasing numbers of goldenrod species, and Pitcher's/azure sage, are beginning to flower. Seeds are forming on gayfeather, rattlesnakemaster, water hemlock, and culver's root. A few purple asters have begun/will start blooming.

§ With rain, the ragweeds are growing their flower heads, which means pollen—and allergies will be arriving sometime soon if it hasn't already started. The ragweed pollen will continue until first frost.

§ You might start noticing monarch butterflies beginning to fly from north to south as you drive on an east-west road, as the annual migration is beginning. To see how it is progressing, check out: <https://www.wildfactszone.com/monarch-migration-map-tracker-live-hotspots-start-end-points-and-2026-counts/>

§ The daylight is noticeably shortening—we're losing 16 minutes of light this week alone, with increasing amounts each week until the fall equinox in September.

§ Orb weaving spiders are very common these days, so carry a stick if you are walking down a path, especially after dark. If you find yourself out after dark, take a flashlight to see if you can see the light reflected back in the eyes of the spiders.

§ Warm season prairie grasses continue to shoot up seed heads, as well as crabgrass, foxtail and other so-called weeds.