

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars SW at dawn;
Venus, west just after sunset

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	07:48 PM	12:17 AM	05:41 AM	98%	Full Moon
Tuesday	08:46 PM	01:05 AM	06:17 AM	100%	
Wednesday	09:41 PM	01:53 AM	06:57 AM	100%	
Thursday	10:32 PM	02:42 AM	07:41 AM	98%	
Friday	11:19 PM	03:30 AM	08:29 AM	94%	
Saturday		04:19 AM	09:20 AM	89%	
Sunday	12:02 AM	05:06 AM	10:13 AM	82%	

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:55 AM	05:58 AM	08:37 PM	09:49 PM
Tuesday	04:54 AM	05:58 AM	08:38 PM	09:50 PM
Wednesday	04:53 AM	05:57 AM	08:39 PM	09:51 PM
Thursday	04:53 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:52 PM
Friday	04:52 AM	05:57 AM	08:40 PM	09:53 PM
Saturday	04:52 AM	05:56 AM	08:41 PM	09:54 PM
Sunday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:55 PM



This is a view looking south from the new observation deck built southeast of the Discovery Center by Westar at the Baker Wetlands . There are ample trails, boardwalks over wetlands, bridges and blinds at the wetlands located between the south edge of town and the Wakarusa River—grab a friend, a bike, a leashed dog, a camera and binoculars and come enjoy the views.

Nature Notes

§ Salsify, white wild indigo, deptford pink, a few butterfly milkweeds, antelopehorn milkweeds, dogbane, sensitivebrier, cinquefoil, evening primrose: these are some of the newcomers joining the prairie wildflower parade this past week. See if you can make it out to see who else joins them!

§ Brome is heading out and has begun to pollinate—if your nose and eyes are itching/running, you could be allergic to this grass pollen that will be dominating the area in the next few weeks. Cheat grass has also headed out, and will quickly ripen in the heat and become a nuisance from the seeds getting caught in your socks. The noxious weed crown vetch is blooming along area roadsides and musk thistles will be shooting up their seedheads and going to seed as well. While we're at it, ticks and chiggers are in full swing as well so don't forget to take a shower after a hike.

§ Saturday, June 2, Kelly Kindscher is leading a 10am walk at the Kansas Land Trust's Akin Prairie southeast of town and the Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition will be doing a native plant planting at 8am at Oakhill Cemetery. 2 great excuses for getting outdoors next weekend.

§ Speaking of great excuses, the full moon and after dark temps are great reasons for enjoying a nighttime hike this week