

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

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

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	03:51 AM	10:29 AM	05:15 PM	17%	New Moon
Tuesday	04:27 AM	11:21 AM	06:24 PM	10%	
Wednesday	05:08 AM	12:18 PM	07:35 PM	4%	
Thursday	05:56 AM	01:18 PM	08:44 PM	1%	
Friday	06:52 AM	02:21 PM	09:50 PM	0%	
Saturday	07:55 AM	03:24 PM	10:49 PM	3%	
Sunday	09:03 AM	04:25 PM	11:40 PM	8%	



One of the prettiest prairie wildflowers, the sensitive brier is currently blooming. It is so named because if you brush your finger on the compound leaflets, they will close up like hands in prayer before your eyes. Echinacea, milkweeds, deptford pinks, penstemons, delphinium, prairie phlox & wild indigos bloom too.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:47 PM	10:01 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:48 PM	10:02 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Saturday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM

Nature Notes

- § White sweet clover is beginning to bloom as the closely related yellow sweet clover is finishing flowering. Elderberry is also covered with white flowers, while some white dogwood blossoms linger. Ripe mulberries are falling for the taking, drawing everything from humans to the hackberry butterfly. Blackberries and other berries sometimes ripe this week, are still ripening and still need some time to be ready to pick.
- § Birds are raising young all over the place; this is the time of year that you might see a black snake in a tree, looking for young nestlings to eat. You can also see little songbirds using their superior maneuvering to attack larger hawks and even herons in mid-air if they get too close to their nests.
- § You can hear bullfrogs singing their “jug-o-rum” calls around area ponds, as they eat mosquitoes and other flying insects. Dragonflies seem to be doing well this year as well.
- § The hotter drier weather not only is making cool season grasses go dormant earlier than usual; birds are raising young and so in addition to a well stocked bird feeder, consider a bird bath and a water dispenser. You can make your own out of soda bottles with a little ingenuity: get some ideas by searching youtube videos.