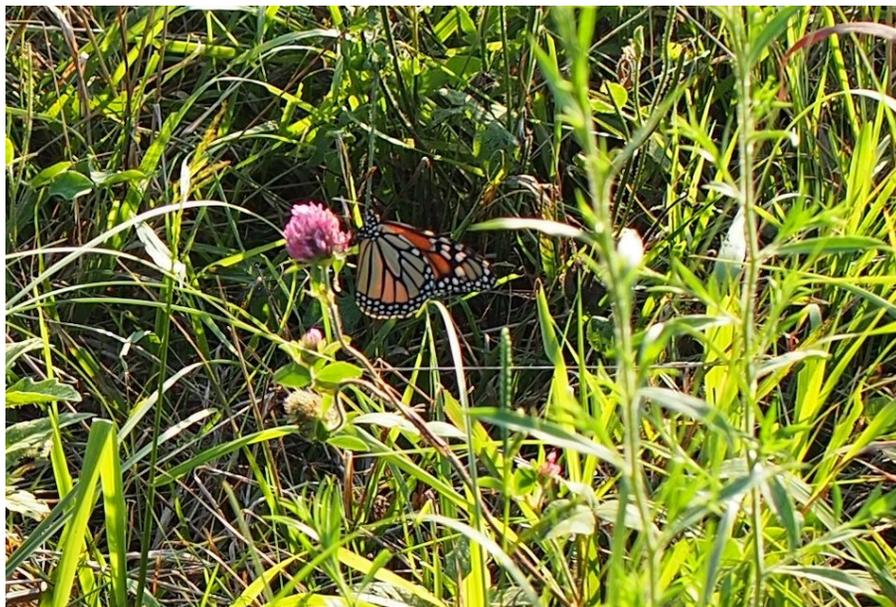


Kaw Valley Almanac

August 23 - 29, 2021

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Monday	09:11 PM	02:09 AM	07:42 AM	98%
Tuesday	09:37 PM	02:55 AM	08:48 AM	94%
Wednesday	10:01 PM	03:39 AM	09:50 AM	88%
Thursday	10:25 PM	04:21 AM	10:51 AM	80%
Friday	10:50 PM	05:03 AM	11:52 AM	72%
Saturday	11:18 PM	05:46 AM	12:52 PM	63%
Sunday	11:50 PM	06:30 AM	01:51 PM	54%



Monarch butterflies have benefitted from enough moisture and not too much heat to recolonize well in this region. The migration to Mexico has started well north of here at the Canadian border and local populations will join the migration south when it peaks in Kansas mid-late September. It is a good time to consider beginning to tag the local monarchs and you can learn how to do that by visiting www.monarchwatch.org. The Baker Wetlands will host a public tagging event near the peak of the migration on September 18--check Monarch Watch for details.

Sun

Venus sets WNW after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn rise in SE.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	08:04 PM	09:08 PM
Tuesday	05:47 AM	06:42 AM	08:02 PM	09:07 PM
Wednesday	05:49 AM	06:43 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM
Thursday	05:50 AM	06:44 AM	07:59 PM	09:03 PM
Friday	05:51 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:02 PM
Saturday	05:52 AM	06:46 AM	07:56 PM	09:00 PM
Sunday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:55 PM	08:59 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Prairie wildflowers continue blooming, with several species ready to start, including annual, maximilian and sawtooth sunflowers, fall blooming thistles, Pitcher's sage, and boneset. Others are already blooming including sweet coneflower, showy partridge pea, many goldenrods, Joe Pye weed, swamp milkweed, Euphorbia corollata, mare's tail and an occasional gentian. Ragweed is on the cusp of pollinating, joining already pollinating warm season grass big bluestem.

§ Gray/Cope's Tree frog can be found this time of year on trees and after dark on the outside of windows where they pick off bugs drawn by the indoor lights. Tree frogs change color depending on the color of the surrounding background, which makes them fun to follow as they try to blend in.

§ The Audubon Society is cautioning against filling bird feeders and bird baths this summer due to the eastern US songbird population being afflicted with diseases that can be spread in high densities of birds such as found around feeders. Humans are not the only ones who can benefit from social distancing right now!

§ Plant seeds are ripening and it's a great time to collect native seeds. The Grassland Heritage Foundation is sponsoring a seed collecting event at Black Jack Prairie this Saturday--see their website for details.