

# Kaw Valley Almanac

July 31 - August 6, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:20 PM		04:30 AM	96%
Tuesday	09:05 PM	01:01 AM	05:48 AM	Full Moon
Wednesday	09:41 PM	02:03 AM	07:10 AM	100%
Thursday	10:12 PM	03:00 AM	08:29 AM	97%
Friday	10:39 PM	03:53 AM	09:46 AM	91%
Saturday	11:04 PM	04:43 AM	10:59 AM	83%
Sunday	11:30 PM	05:31 AM	12:11 PM	73%



As July moves into August, many warm season grasses and wildflowers have shot up their seedheads, as is captured in this sunset silhouette shot. To the left of the sun is some early purple top, then several big bluestems with their characteristic turkeyfoot-like seedheads. To the right of the sun is the seedhead of the mare's tail, whose loose seedhead can look a little like a grass. Other seedheads can be found on little bluestems, sideoats grama, switchgrass, buffalograss, and later, indiagrass.



## Sun

Jupiter, Saturn south at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:13 AM	06:14 AM	08:39 PM	09:50 PM
Tuesday	05:14 AM	06:15 AM	08:38 PM	09:49 PM
Wednesday	05:15 AM	06:16 AM	08:38 PM	09:48 PM
Thursday	05:16 AM	06:17 AM	08:37 PM	09:47 PM
Friday	05:17 AM	06:18 AM	08:36 PM	09:46 PM
Saturday	05:18 AM	06:19 AM	08:35 PM	09:45 PM
Sunday	05:19 AM	06:20 AM	08:34 PM	09:44 PM

§ Prairie wildflowers this week are much like last week, with increasing numbers of ironweed and more species of gayfeather/liatris, several species of perennial sunflowers including ashy, stiff, compassplant and gray coneflower. Euphorbia corollata, rattlesnakemaster, vervain and slender mountain mint. Along roadsides, the invasive teasel seedheads are prominent in the eastern part of the state. Look for increasing numbers of goldenrods blooming in coming weeks.

§ Along with the full moon this week, katydids, crickets and treefrogs, spiders, nighthawks and moths continue to dominate the nights, as well as raccoons, opossums, skunks and the like while dragonflies, grasshoppers, flies and beetles are easy to find in daylight. If you think you see a really big dragonfly, look again; praying mantises are out and fly too.

§ Some morning you can see what looks like little clouds of mist hanging along the roadside, especially in low lying areas. Look again: they may be clouds of gnats! If you are driving east or west, see if you notice any monarchs crossing the road from north to south, and you might also notice a few early flocks of blackbirds beginning to gather.

§ Fairs have begun in many places across the state. Some have already occurred, so if you missed the one nearest you, check out the list of fairs here: <https://festivalnet.com/fairs-festivals/Kansas>

§ Make plans to watch the Perseid Meteor Shower Aug. 13-14.