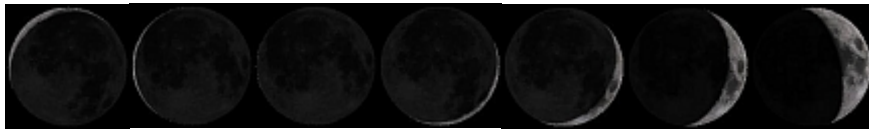


Kaw Valley Almanac

August 14 - 20, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:33 AM	12:17 PM	07:52 PM	4%
Tuesday	05:34 AM	01:03 PM	08:22 PM	1%
Wednesday	06:35 AM	01:47 PM	08:48 PM	New Moon
Thursday	07:36 AM	02:29 PM	09:11 PM	1%
Friday	08:35 AM	03:09 PM	09:32 PM	3%
Saturday	09:34 AM	03:48 PM	09:53 PM	7%
Sunday	10:33 AM	04:28 PM	10:14 PM	13%



Giant ragweed is truly becoming giant this time of year, ready to pollinate much to the chagrin of allergy sufferers. Douglas County creatively hired some goats to eat down the ragweed on a very steep slope that has been planted back to prairie at Wells Overlook Park. They should have the offending weeds eaten down in 4-7 days.



Sun

Saturn rises E at dusk; Jupiter rises around midnight

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:17 PM	09:23 PM
Tuesday	05:37 AM	06:34 AM	08:15 PM	09:22 PM
Wednesday	05:38 AM	06:35 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM
Thursday	05:39 AM	06:36 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Friday	05:40 AM	06:37 AM	08:11 PM	09:17 PM
Saturday	05:42 AM	06:38 AM	08:10 PM	09:15 PM
Sunday	05:43 AM	06:38 AM	08:09 PM	09:14 PM

§ Almost the entire state has seen rain this past week. After some cooler weather and breezy north winds, the heat will be returning, so see if you can see an increase in insect/tree frog singing later this week. Spider webs will be returning in increasing in numbers with increasing warmth, too.

§ Alas, with moisture and increased insects, chiggers are back in the eastern part of the state, and seed ticks, some almost too small to see, are multiplying in many areas. Take a shower and check yourself carefully after a walk in the fields and woods.

§ Notice a number of bird flocks may be taking advantage of the free ride on the north winds, including wending rivers of blackbirds. Many birds have lost their colorful feathers through molting and some have also begun southern migration in small groups as the beginning of migratory bird season across the state has begun.

§ This has been a nice August for observing wildflowers, which continue to bloom including evening primrose, whorled milkweed, wild petunia, ashy, maximillian and sawtooth sunflowers, slender mountain mint, boneset and joepyee weed, sweet coneflower, rosinweed, and gayfeathers.

§ This is a great time to observe some pretty special insects: butterflies. One of the more common groups of butterflies this time of year are called skippers: there are many species and it's fun to try to sort them out using your favorite app.