

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 7 - 13, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:58 PM	06:19 AM	01:20 PM	63%
Tuesday		07:08 AM	02:29 PM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday	12:29 AM	07:58 AM	03:37 PM	41%
Thursday	01:05 AM	08:50 AM	04:41 PM	32%
Friday	01:48 AM	09:43 AM	05:40 PM	23%
Saturday	02:38 AM	10:35 AM	06:32 PM	15%
Sunday	03:33 AM	11:27 AM	07:16 PM	9%



The Osage Indians who lived in this area called the Moon of August Yellow Flower Moon, and these sweet coneflowers, *Rudbeckia subtomentosa*, attest to the ongoing unfolding of yellow perennial flowers which will increase in numbers well into September.



Sun

Saturn rises E at dusk; Jupiter rises around midnight

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:28 AM	06:27 AM	08:25 PM	09:33 PM
Tuesday	05:29 AM	06:28 AM	08:24 PM	09:32 PM
Wednesday	05:30 AM	06:28 AM	08:23 PM	09:30 PM
Thursday	05:32 AM	06:29 AM	08:22 PM	09:29 PM
Friday	05:33 AM	06:30 AM	08:21 PM	09:28 PM
Saturday	05:34 AM	06:31 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM
Sunday	05:35 AM	06:32 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM

§ This Saturday night-Sunday morning before sunrise is the peak of the Perseid meteor shower, and with the slender crescent moon not rising until after 3:30am, skies should be dark and hopefully mostly free of clouds. In other words, it's going to be a good year to find a place free of city lights to spread out a blanket, put on some bug spray, and enjoy up to 100 meteors an hour after midnight, one of the best meteor showers of the year. Bring some binoculars too and enjoy looking at the summer Milky Way: the haze turns into thousands of beautiful stars through a good pair of binoculars.

§ In addition to the ongoing wildflower parade, it is common to find galls on oak and hackberry leaves, stems of goldenrods and sunflowers. These bumps and even large round balls are plant tissue that has grown around an insect egg that acts as an irritant, a kind of organic pearl response that creates an insulated house for the egg to hatch and the larva to grow.

§ Area wetlands, ponds, creeks, rivers and reservoirs are full of life this time of year, ranging from duckweed, algae, lotuses, cattails, a variety of frogs, aquatic turtles, snakes, fish, dragonflies, darners, and, of course, mosquitoes.

§ Summer mushroom season is in full swing. There are over 800 species native to Kansas, and while spring morel season gets most of the attention, now through fall is the time to see the greatest number of species.

§ Carry a stick while walking in woods to catch spider webs.