

Kaw Valley Almanac

July 22 - 28, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:02 PM	02:20 AM	07:22 AM	98%
Tuesday	10:32 PM	03:15 AM	08:38 AM	93%
Wednesday	10:58 PM	04:07 AM	09:54 AM	86%
Thursday	11:23 PM	04:57 AM	11:07 AM	77%
Friday	11:49 PM	05:45 AM	12:20 PM	66%
Saturday		06:34 AM	01:32 PM	3rd Quarter
Sunday	12:17 AM	07:25 AM	02:45 PM	43%



A snowberry clearwing moth landed on my leg while at the Prairie Park prairie, a timely reminder that this week is National Moth Week. The clearwing, also known as a hummingbird moth, is capable of flying sideways and backwards and creates a humming noise similar to a hummingbird. You too, can celebrate Moth Week by taking your own photos of moths this week and submit them to <https://nationalmothweek.org/> all week long!



Sun

Jupiter E, Mars SE, Saturn S at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:11 AM	06:13 AM	08:40 PM	09:51 PM
Tuesday	05:12 AM	06:14 AM	08:39 PM	09:50 PM
Wednesday	05:13 AM	06:15 AM	08:39 PM	09:49 PM
Thursday	05:15 AM	06:16 AM	08:38 PM	09:48 PM
Friday	05:16 AM	06:17 AM	08:37 PM	09:47 PM
Saturday	05:17 AM	06:18 AM	08:36 PM	09:46 PM
Sunday	05:18 AM	06:19 AM	08:35 PM	09:45 PM

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

§ Kansas gayfeather, *Liatris pycnostachya*, is currently blooming at Prairie Park, 28th and Harper as well as other area prairies. Unlike many other flowers, new gayfeather blossoms grow and open up BELOW the current blossoms. Other wildflowers to look for include showy partridge pea, butterfly milkweed, field mint, illinois bundleflower, compassplant, black eyed susan, sweet and gray coneflowers, St. John's wort, wild alfalfa, whorled milkweed, slender mountain mint, moth mullein, prairie petunia, lead plant, and rattlesnakemaster.

§ Check native woodlands for ripe gooseberries and blackberries and bladders on the American bladdernut. Check out a pond or crick to listen to bullfrogs, watch dragonflies and watch for snapping turtles and water snakes.

§ Snakes, turtles and rabbits are in the grass, some birds are having a second clutch of eggs, fawns are beginning to wander a bit in with the shade, and foxes are teaching their pups how to behave. Life is very full nowadays!

§ Michael Haddock's *Wildflowers and Grasses of Kansas* is one of the better plant guides to have, and it has just been updated with an additional 99 species. This coming Saturday, you can meet the author at 4pm at the Lawrence Public Library, where he will give a brief presentation, followed by autographing the new edition that will be available.