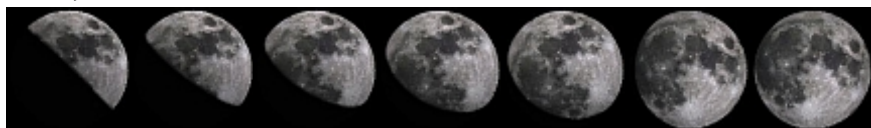


Kaw Valley Almanac

August 12 - 18, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:26 PM	07:19 PM		1st Quarter
Tuesday	03:31 PM	08:10 PM	12:07 AM	61%
Wednesday	04:36 PM	09:05 PM	12:44 AM	70%
Thursday	05:38 PM	10:04 PM	01:32 AM	80%
Friday	06:33 PM	11:04 PM	02:31 AM	88%
Saturday	07:19 PM		03:40 AM	94%
Sunday	07:58 PM	12:04 AM	04:55 AM	98%



American lotus, the largest flower in North America, is currently blooming on waterways in the eastern 3/5 of Kansas. In addition to having an edible tuber and seeds, its showerhead-like seed pod can enhance dried flower arrangements.



Sun

Jupiter, Mars SE, Saturn S at dawn, Venus low W at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:35 AM	06:32 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM
Tuesday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:17 PM	09:24 PM
Wednesday	05:37 AM	06:34 AM	08:16 PM	09:22 PM
Thursday	05:38 AM	06:35 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM
Friday	05:39 AM	06:36 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Saturday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:12 PM	09:17 PM
Sunday	05:41 AM	06:37 AM	08:10 PM	09:16 PM

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

§ Various species of perennial sunflower/silphium blooms continue to increase and are being joined by the goldenrods, as the Yellow Flower Moon waxes toward full this week. Other prairie wildflowers currently blooming include ironweed, blue sage, St. John's wort, gayfeather, various Eupatorium and Euphorbia species.

§ August 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. Another great insect group are the dragonflies and darners, of which there are also many species, and it's great fun to try to have one land close to you long enough to take a picture so you can identify it: good luck!

§ Many birds have lost their colorful feathers through molting and some are quietly beginning southern migration in small groups. Watch the rising moon when it is near the horizon with a pair of binoculars and you might spot a flock crossing the moon. Larger flocks of starlings and blackbirds are beginning to gather as well around sunset.

§ There will be a bird walk at the Clinton Bloomington East Wakarusa Museum at 7:30am this Saturday. A little later, there will be a free prairie walk at Prairie Park Nature Center at 9am.