Kaw Valley Almanac

July 14 - 20, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:16 PM	04:21 AM	10:01 AM	88%
Tuesday	11:40 PM	05:08 AM	11:10 AM	80%
Wednesday		05:54 AM	12:19 PM	70%
Thursday	12:04 AM	06:41 AM	01:31 PM	3rd Quarter
Friday	12:31 AM	07:31 AM	02:44 PM	48%
Saturday	01:02 AM	08:25 AM	04:00 PM	37%
Sunday	01:40 AM	09:23 AM	05:16 PM	26%





Many people are familiar with varieties of wasps' nests, their practice of stinging and paralyzing caterpillars and insects to lay eggs into so their offspring will have something to eat, etc. But most wasps such as this Parazumia live by eating flower nectar!



Sun

Saturn S, Venus, Jupiter east at dawn, Mars low west after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:03 AM	06:07 AM	08:46 PM	09:59 PM
Tuesday	05:04 AM	06:08 AM	08:45 PM	09:58 PM
Wednesday	05:05 AM	06:08 AM	08:45 PM	09:57 PM
Thursday	05:06 AM	06:09 AM	08:44 PM	09:56 PM
Friday	05:07 AM	06:10 AM	08:43 PM	09:56 PM
Saturday	05:08 AM	06:11 AM	08:43 PM	09:55 PM
Sunday	05:09 AM	06:11 AM	08:42 PM	09:54 PM

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

If you visit a prairie, you'll probably see black-eyed susan, rattlesnake master, compassplant, ironweed, fleabane, beebalm, gray coneflower and culver's root blooming. Whorled milkweed is beginning to bloom, common milkweed is producing seed pods, and antelopehorn milkweed is releasing its seeds.

Along roadsides, Queen Anne's lace and crown vetch is starting to produce seed, musk thistle is spreading its seed, chickory continues its blue blossoms and another invasive weed, teasel, is starting to bloom while sumac is setting on its seedheads. Now is a great time to collect the sumac seedheads and soak them in water to make "sumac-ade," which tastes a lot like lemonade & has lots of vitamin C.

With daily highs in the 90s, much life continues to be nocturnal to avoid the heat. Especially after a rain, you can see quite a bit of animal activity at night by driving slowly down country roads in your car.

Foxtail, an annual grass has formed its bushy seed heads in disturbed areas. Look for their soft six-inch long tops that droop over like old fashioned fireworks. Eastern gamagrass has finished producing seeds, sideoats grama is just beginning and the other warm season grasses are growing rapidly and some have begun to shoot up their seedheads.