

Kaw Valley Almanac

July 7 - 13, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:38 PM	11:08 PM	02:53 AM	87%
Tuesday	07:36 PM		03:36 AM	93%
Wednesday	08:29 PM	12:02 AM	04:27 AM	97%
Thursday	09:14 PM	12:57 AM	05:27 AM	Full Moon
Friday	09:52 PM	01:51 AM	06:33 AM	100%
Saturday	10:24 PM	02:43 AM	07:42 AM	98%
Sunday	10:51 PM	03:33 AM	08:52 AM	94%



This bumblebee is collecting the yellow dots of pollen from the brown disk flowers as they emerge on these gray coneflowers. The bumblebee stashes the pollen in pollen sacks or corbicula, located on its legs, to take back home to feed the young bees and queen. There are 49 bumblebee species in the US and they pollinate a much wider variety of flowers than honeybees.



Sun

Saturn SE, Venus east at dawn, Mars low west after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:57 AM	06:02 AM	08:49 PM	10:03 PM
Tuesday	04:58 AM	06:03 AM	08:48 PM	10:02 PM
Wednesday	04:58 AM	06:03 AM	08:48 PM	10:02 PM
Thursday	04:59 AM	06:04 AM	08:48 PM	10:01 PM
Friday	05:00 AM	06:05 AM	08:47 PM	10:01 PM
Saturday	05:01 AM	06:05 AM	08:47 PM	10:00 PM
Sunday	05:02 AM	06:06 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM

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§ There are still plenty of wildflowers out there to enjoy, with compassplant's tall stalk shooting up and beginning the yellow sunflower season that will increase as summer progresses. Others to enjoy include daisy fleabane, St. Johnswort, prairie petunia, culver's root, slender mountain mint, lead plant, evening primrose, deptford pink, white or purple prairie clover, elderberry, black and brown eyed susans, beebalm, American bellflower and many more.

§ July thunderstorms can bring on a flush of mushrooms with great species diversity. There are over 1000 species of fungi recorded in Kansas, and while the updated *Guide to Kansas Mushrooms* doesn't cover them all, there is a good chance it can identify whatever you might run into in the coming weeks.

§ If rains aren't making mushrooms appear, look for large hay bales to proliferate, and wheat from wheat fields disappearing.

§ Nighthawks are the name of birds flying above downtowns after dark across the state this time of year. Listen for their distinctive "pee-eent" calls, diving and picking off insects attracted by the downtown lights.

§ Check out the nocturnal wildlife this week, with the full moon combined with avoiding daytime heat, increasing activity levels. Nocturnal lightning can be spectacular in summer.