

Kaw Valley Almanac

July 21 - 27, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:27 AM	10:25 AM	06:28 PM	16%
Tuesday	03:25 AM	11:29 AM	07:30 PM	9%
Wednesday	04:33 AM	12:31 PM	08:22 PM	3%
Thursday	05:45 AM	01:29 PM	09:02 PM	New Moon
Friday	06:58 AM	02:22 PM	09:34 PM	0%
Saturday	08:08 AM	03:11 PM	10:01 PM	2%
Sunday	09:15 AM	03:55 PM	10:24 PM	7%



This is National Moth Week, and people all over the world are leaving their porch lights on or draping sheets over a bush with a light underneath to photograph them. Danny Martin took a photo of this yellow collared scape moth in the Flint Hills. This moth scares off potential predators by looking like a wasp.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:10 AM	06:12 AM	08:41 PM	09:53 PM
Tuesday	05:11 AM	06:13 AM	08:41 PM	09:52 PM
Wednesday	05:12 AM	06:14 AM	08:40 PM	09:51 PM
Thursday	05:13 AM	06:15 AM	08:39 PM	09:50 PM
Friday	05:14 AM	06:16 AM	08:38 PM	09:49 PM
Saturday	05:15 AM	06:16 AM	08:37 PM	09:48 PM
Sunday	05:16 AM	06:17 AM	08:36 PM	09:47 PM

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

§ It's a great time to visit an area prairie, with blooming rattlesnakemaster, Liatris/blazing star/gayfeather, compassplant, ironweed, whorled milkweed, deptford pink, sweet/stiff leafed/ash sunflowers, slender mountain mint, gray coneflower and many other flowers that attract a whole host of pollinating butterflies, skippers, robber flies, beetles, wasps and moths. Many milkweeds, dogbane and wild indigo have produced seed pods and echinacea, lead plant, and beebalm seed heads are drying.

§ Wasps sting and lay their eggs in caterpillars, green lacewing larvae, bats, birds, robber flies, and raccoons all eat beetles; sap sucking spider mites are eaten by predator mites; lady bug larvae live on aphids, while wheel bugs, stink bugs, spiders and dragonflies are great predators. Here's to insect-ivores who keep our world from being overrun with insects!

§ Katydid's fill the night with their song and lightning bugs and crickets continue. Cicadas drone in the daytime heat: here's an excellent site to ID their calls: <https://songsofinsects.com/>

§ Dogwood berries are still green but will soon be turning white as they ripen, while hedge apples, walnuts, acorns and hickories are growing and thinning themselves, dropping some to grow fewer, larger ones. Hedge parsley and tick trefoil "sticktites" are out and ticks and chiggers abound.