

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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## Sun

Venus, Mars east at dawn;  
Saturn low SW after dusk

### Nature Notes

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	04:10 AM	10:51 AM	05:24 PM	10%	New Moon
Tuesday	05:13 AM	11:38 AM	05:56 PM	4%	
Wednesday	06:15 AM	12:25 PM	06:27 PM	1%	
Thursday	07:16 AM	01:11 PM	06:59 PM	0%	
Friday	08:15 AM	01:56 PM	07:31 PM	1%	
Saturday	09:14 AM	02:42 PM	08:05 PM	4%	
Sunday	10:11 AM	03:28 PM	08:41 PM	8%	

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:39 AM	07:32 AM	06:40 PM	07:42 PM
Tuesday	06:40 AM	07:33 AM	06:39 PM	07:40 PM
Wednesday	06:41 AM	07:34 AM	06:37 PM	07:39 PM
Thursday	06:42 AM	07:35 AM	06:36 PM	07:38 PM
Friday	06:43 AM	07:36 AM	06:35 PM	07:36 PM
Saturday	06:44 AM	07:37 AM	06:33 PM	07:35 PM
Sunday	06:45 AM	07:38 AM	06:32 PM	07:34 PM



The weekend storm brought lightning, rain, wind, and will accentuate the fall colors in area trees and grasses, which have begun to turn the yellows, coppers, and reds as is evidenced by this photo. Viewing the coming week's colors will be capped with the Maple Leaf Festival Oct. 21-22 in Baldwin City.

§ Looks like another week without a frost for this area, and with highs in the 70s predicted through next weekend, it's a perfect time to go look for the last blooms of the season, which will be mostly asters, some lingering members of the sunflower tribe and maybe a gentian or goldenrod. It's also a great time to collect wildflower and grass seeds, which can be spread out this fall/winter in areas you want them to grow. The cold, wet conditions will ready them for spring sprouting.

§ There are many types of grasshoppers out there to see on area roads and trails right now. Many of them are deepening in ruddy colors to match the changing colors of the grasses/trees. Take a picture of one and see if you can identify them.

§ Fall bird numbers are good, with fall warblers, pine siskins, thrushes, yellow bellied sapsuckers sighted along with lots of different sparrows and the arrival of juncos reported. Ducks of many stripes continue to be present, as are seagulls and blackbird flocks, with many turkey vultures, raptors including an occasional eagle paying attention. Where to walk? Clinton, up north on the Fitch Natural History Preserve trails, along the Kaw Levee, at Prairie Park, at Wells Overlook, at Douglas County State Lake, at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, or even around your neighborhood. New moon = good stargazing, too!