

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	11:06 AM	04:15 PM	09:22 PM	15%	
Tuesday	11:59 AM	05:02 PM	10:05 PM	22%	
Wednesday	12:48 PM	05:50 PM	10:52 PM	30%	
Thursday	01:35 PM	06:38 PM	11:44 PM	39%	
Friday	02:17 PM	07:26 PM		49%	1st Quarter
Saturday	02:56 PM	08:13 PM	12:38 AM	58%	
Sunday	03:33 PM	09:01 PM	01:35 AM	68%	



This woolly bear caterpillar is finding a late meal among the fragrant blossoms of the sweet everlasting wildflower. This native plant has blossoms that smell to me like sweet maple syrup; a fine thing to find at the end of the growing season this time of year.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:46 AM	07:39 AM	06:31 PM	07:32 PM
Tuesday	06:47 AM	07:40 AM	06:29 PM	07:31 PM
Wednesday	06:48 AM	07:41 AM	06:28 PM	07:30 PM
Thursday	06:49 AM	07:42 AM	06:27 PM	07:29 PM
Friday	06:50 AM	07:43 AM	06:26 PM	07:28 PM
Saturday	06:51 AM	07:45 AM	06:24 PM	07:27 PM
Sunday	06:52 AM	07:46 AM	06:23 PM	07:25 PM

- § If you usually park under an osage orange/hedge tree, you've probably stopped doing that until the hedge apples finish falling for a few more weeks. Recent windy, stormy days have hastened this process, but you can put 8-10 ft. long PVC pipe sections together to knock them off the branches like a giant billiards game. But be careful; falling hedge apples are capable of breaking a windshield and are not something you want to get hit by!
- § If you see a daddy longlegs, be assured that it is safe to let it crawl onto your hand as they cannot bite you. Hit your wrist up against your other hand, launching the daddy longlegs into the air and they will float down like a parachute, always landing feet first. Clap your hands nearby and the antennae will point your way since their "ears" are on the tips of the antennae.
- § Deer activity continues to increase, with lots of tracks to try and follow. Raccoons seem to be on the move--watch out for them when driving at night. Even though the waxing moon is getting brighter every night, washing out some fainter stars, the Baker Wetlands observatory will be open starting at 7pm on Sunday, Oct. 29.
- § Check out one of the many fine hiking trails in the area: it couldn't be a more beautiful time to enjoy nature!