

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	04:07 PM	09:48 PM	02:34 AM	77%	
Tuesday	04:40 PM	10:37 PM	03:37 AM	85%	
Wednesday	05:14 PM	11:27 PM	04:41 AM	92%	
Thursday	05:49 PM		05:48 AM	97%	
Friday	06:26 PM	12:18 AM	06:56 AM	100%	
Saturday	07:08 PM	01:13 AM	08:07 AM	100%	Full Moon
Sunday	06:54 PM	01:10 AM	08:19 AM	97%	



This week will feature continuing fall colors that will make for beautiful walks pretty much anywhere in the Kaw Valley, whether it be on the prairie ridges or the forested creeks and river valleys, why not take a hike with a friend and a camera?

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:53 AM	07:47 AM	06:22 PM	07:24 PM
Tuesday	06:54 AM	07:48 AM	06:21 PM	07:23 PM
Wednesday	06:55 AM	07:49 AM	06:20 PM	07:22 PM
Thursday	06:56 AM	07:50 AM	06:19 PM	07:21 PM
Friday	06:57 AM	07:51 AM	06:06 PM	07:20 PM
Saturday	06:58 AM	07:52 AM	06:16 PM	07:19 PM
Sunday	05:59 AM	06:53 AM	05:16 PM	06:18 PM

§ Last week and this week's frost/freezes have brought the growing season to a close, and many leaves are curling up and will fall off in the first week of November, which is pretty much right on schedule. Cool season grasses—and wheat—have greened up from recent rains, while warm season prairie grasses will be fading from their fall color peak. This continues to be a great time to gather seeds, acorns and nuts for planting/eating.

§ Ladybugs have begun to migrate inside, looking for corners in rooms to overwinter. Also, keep your eyes open for the colorful orange-and-black box elder beetle which gather in large numbers. Dragonflies are still active and you can still hear late season crickets and see ruddy grasshoppers on sunny days; listen for some late tree frogs singing if it's warm enough.

§ The moon is waxing to full this week, which means that mammals are more active, especially deer, which are beginning their mating season and on the move. Deer-car collisions will be increasing and peak in mid-November as a result, so be careful especially after sunset/before sunrise.

§ Now is a great time to find still-green, non-native invasive honeysuckle bushes and pull it up, especially if they have red berries that birds will eat, spreading the seed.