

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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## Sun

Venus east at dawn;  
Saturn low SW after dusk

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	10:03 PM	04:23 AM	11:36 AM	80%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	10:56 PM	05:21 AM	12:42 PM	70%	
Wednesday	11:55 PM	06:19 AM	01:43 PM	59%	
Thursday		07:18 AM	02:38 PM	47%	
Friday	12:57 AM	08:15 AM	03:28 PM	36%	
Saturday	02:01 AM	09:09 AM	04:10 PM	26%	
Sunday	03:06 AM	10:01 AM	04:49 PM	17%	



The coming weeks will bring out the fall colors, including in the area prairies. Take a camera along especially on wet days, which will bring out the colors, as it has with the contrasting reds, yellows and greens in this picture that turns this into a striking abstraction.

## Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:32 AM	07:25 AM	06:51 PM	07:52 PM
Tuesday	06:33 AM	07:26 AM	06:49 PM	07:50 PM
Wednesday	06:34 AM	07:27 AM	06:48 PM	07:49 PM
Thursday	06:35 AM	07:28 AM	06:46 PM	07:47 PM
Friday	06:36 AM	07:29 AM	06:45 PM	07:46 PM
Saturday	06:37 AM	07:30 AM	06:43 PM	07:44 PM
Sunday	06:38 AM	07:31 AM	06:42 PM	07:43 PM

§ Asters continue to bloom white, lavender and purple as the primary remaining fall flower, with a smattering of late blooming gentians, black eyed susans and even a gray coneflower if it was cut off and is just sending up a late blossom. The tallgrasses will continue to get richer in color, with sumac still red, and most sunflowers shifting from blooming to seed production. Good time to collect Indiangrass seed.

§ Afternoons are good times to hear the pervasive sounds of grasshoppers, crickets and tree frogs. Check out online the variety of songs to tease out exactly what you are hearing.

§ Fall bird migration continues—pick your favorite body of water or wetlands to enjoy the birds in flocks that are both big and small. Nighttime is when many songbirds migrate, and the moon, while rising later each night this week, can provide a good backdrop as it rises for seeing flocks through binoculars.

§ Chiggers, ticks and other biting critters are more tolerable with cooler temps, so grab a friend or pet and take a walk at 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. Carpe diem!