

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:57 PM	09:22 PM	03:52 AM	81%
Tuesday	02:31 PM	10:11 PM	04:56 AM	88%
Wednesday	03:12 PM	11:02 PM	05:57 AM	93%
Thursday	03:59 PM	11:53 PM	06:55 AM	97%
Friday	04:52 PM		07:48 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	05:50 PM	12:44 AM	08:32 AM	100%
Sunday	06:50 PM	01:34 AM	09:10 AM	99%



This millweed pod had most of its seeds float away to points unknown, save 5 little seeds who, bereft of the fluff/coma, will likely slip to the ground near this plant, perhaps to grow there.

Notice the deep blue skies, a product of combined low humidity and the low angle of the sun around the solstice.

Sun

Venus, W, Saturn SW, Jupiter S, Mars E after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:10 PM	06:12 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:11 PM	06:13 PM
Wednesday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:12 PM	06:14 PM
Thursday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:13 PM	06:15 PM
Friday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:14 PM	06:16 PM
Saturday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:15 PM	06:17 PM
Sunday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:16 PM	06:17 PM

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

§ This full moon is called both Frost on the Inside of the Lodge Moon and Moon Stands Alone Moon by the Osage Indians. Skies will likely be cloudy Friday at sunset/moonrise, but most of the state will have clear skies on Thursday. You can watch the moon rise that day in the northeast around 4pm, then appreciate its presence all night long. Take a walk after dark and see if you agree with how alone this moon seems.

§ This should be a good week to see the many overwintering/migrating birds in your area. Around water look for geese, ducks, great blue herons and other waterfowl, with maybe an eagle or two. Along roadsides, look for different hawks and owls. Bird feeders are great places to watch juncos, chickadees, woodpeckers, bluejays, cardinals, titmouse, doves, and sparrows. Crow flocks are common, appearing anywhere.

§ If it's not too dry where you live, look for green in the aptly named greenbriar vine, sedges, wild onion and garlic, mosses, plus plants like daisy and mullein which overwinter in the rosette stage.

§ In addition to identifying birds, this is a good time of year to learn your trees by their shapes, bark color and texture, bud shape and leaf scars on twigs, and leaves. Leaves? Yes, look on the ground under a tree and you can often confirm your suspicions based on dried leaves--and seeds on the ground.