

# Kaw Valley Almanac

September 12 - 18, 2016

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	04:54 PM	10:09 PM	02:28 AM	75%	
Tuesday	05:38 PM	11:02 PM	03:28 AM	83%	
Wednesday	06:19 PM	11:55 PM	04:31 AM	90%	
Thursday	06:59 PM		05:37 AM	96%	
Friday	07:37 PM	12:49 AM	06:46 AM	99%	Full Moon
Saturday	08:15 PM	01:42 AM	07:56 AM	100%	
Sunday	08:54 PM	02:37 AM	09:07 AM	98%	



Despite a lower number of monarchs this year, there are still caterpillars of this and many other stripe eating their way to a metamorphosis as we speak, into butterflies and moths. Recent rains have given insects, spiders and amphibians a real boost in a time of year that traditionally can be difficult. Check them out!



## Sun

Mars, Saturn SW, Venus, low W in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:33 AM	06:32 AM	08:19 PM	09:27 PM
Tuesday	05:34 AM	06:33 AM	08:17 PM	09:25 PM
Wednesday	05:35 AM	06:34 AM	08:16 PM	09:24 PM
Thursday	05:36 AM	06:35 AM	08:15 PM	09:22 PM
Friday	05:37 AM	06:36 AM	08:14 PM	09:21 PM
Saturday	05:39 AM	06:36 AM	08:12 PM	09:19 PM
Sunday	05:40 AM	06:37 AM	08:11 PM	09:18 PM

### Nature Notes

§ This weeks promises to be a yellow one, with more and more species of the sunflower tribe, goldenrods and other things yellow coming into bloom. The Grinter field of annual sunflowers is cool, but seeing the Wakarusa wetlands and other area prairies turn yellow is even more spectacular in my estimation. Don't forget to look for the little flowers this time of year: gentian and lady's tresses orchids can be found right now.

§ The blackbird flocks continue to gather at sunrise and sunset; hummingbird parents have gone, leaving young adolescents gathering at hummingbird feeders--a treat before they, too fly south. Go to area reservoirs and wetlands to see increasing numbers of migratory waterfowl.

§ The fall mushroom season has begun, with a host of small and large fungi emerging, including the puffball mushroom. When these finish and dry out, they are fun to stomp on, sending out clouds of spores into the air like smoke.

§ Insect galls can be found on hackberry, oak and elm leaves this time of year, and while admiring the yellow blossoms of the common goldenrod, look on the stems for the goldenrod gall.

§ We'll lose yet another 16 minutes of daylight this week!