

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 5 - 11, 2016

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	10:51 AM	04:34 PM	10:11 PM	13%	
Tuesday	11:46 AM	05:17 PM	10:44 PM	20%	
Wednesday	12:40 PM	06:02 PM	11:21 PM	28%	
Thursday	01:35 PM	06:49 PM		37%	
Friday	02:27 PM	07:37 PM	12:00 AM	46%	1st Quarter
Saturday	03:19 PM	08:26 PM	12:44 AM	56%	
Sunday	04:08 PM	09:17 PM	01:34 AM	65%	



This week's waxing moon will dominate evening skies, moving 13 degrees east each night, growing steadily larger. It will be half illuminated in the southern sky on Friday at dusk, then in the southeast at dusk on the weekend, swelling each night. Venus shines out west at dusk, where it will be all winter long. See it in this picture to the left of the big bluestem and to the right of the milkweeds, both September highlights.



Sun

Mars, Saturn SW, Venus, low W in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:59 AM	06:54 AM	07:45 PM	08:48 PM
Tuesday	06:00 AM	06:55 AM	07:43 PM	08:47 PM
Wednesday	06:01 AM	06:56 AM	07:41 PM	08:45 PM
Thursday	06:02 AM	06:56 AM	07:40 PM	08:43 PM
Friday	06:03 AM	06:57 AM	07:38 PM	08:42 PM
Saturday	06:04 AM	06:58 AM	07:37 PM	08:40 PM
Sunday	06:05 AM	06:59 AM	07:35 PM	08:38 PM

Nature Notes

- § Goldenrods are really starting to shine, and there are spectacular yellow carpets of bidens along the south side of the south Lawrence Trafficway loop. Perennial and annual sunflowers are showing off at the Baker wetlands, while many local prairies are showing off blue Pitcher's sage, purple fall thistles, white boneset, false boneset and euphorbia and look for gentians at the Prairie Park Nature Center prairie.
- § The blackbird flocks are growing larger, turning into bird rivers in the sky along the Wakarusa River valley, although they aren't alone. Last week's Baker wetlands bird count identified 65 species of birds!
- § This is a good time of year to watch daddy longlegs, as well as real spiders. This time of year you can sometimes see spiders migrating on strings of gossamer by looking for their reflection in the sky. Look for box elder beetles starting to gather in groups as summer starts to wind down, and dragonflies and lacewings continue to pick off flying insects.
- § Cicadas sing when it's above 75; grasshoppers sing into the evening, joined by katydids, crickets, nighthawks and treefrogs, keeping the nights alive with their wild songs.
- § We'll lose another 16 minutes of daylight this week!