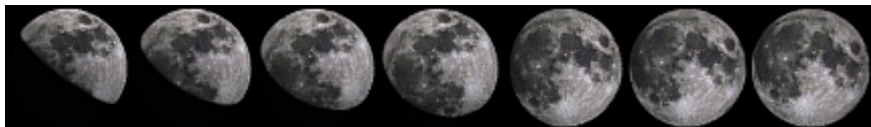


Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	03:31 PM	08:49 PM	01:12 AM	59%	
Tuesday	04:11 PM	09:41 PM	02:12 AM	69%	
Wednesday	04:51 PM	10:33 PM	03:15 AM	78%	
Thursday	05:29 PM	11:26 PM	04:22 AM	87%	
Friday	06:07 PM		05:31 AM	94%	
Saturday	06:45 PM	12:20 AM	06:42 AM	98%	Full Moon
Sunday	07:27 PM	01:16 AM	07:55 AM	100%	



This grasshopper is using a milkweed seed pod to camouflage itself so a hungry bird doesn't pick it off. Chiggers have finally faded and the fall hiking time of year has begun. Take a friend and enjoy the turning colors of fall in the coming weeks.



Sun

Mars, Saturn SW, Venus, low W in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:33 AM	07:26 AM	06:49 PM	07:51 PM
Tuesday	06:34 AM	07:27 AM	06:47 PM	07:50 PM
Wednesday	06:35 AM	07:28 AM	06:46 PM	07:48 PM
Thursday	06:36 AM	07:29 AM	06:44 PM	07:47 PM
Friday	06:36 AM	07:30 AM	06:43 PM	07:45 PM
Saturday	06:37 AM	07:31 AM	06:41 PM	07:44 PM
Sunday	06:38 AM	07:32 AM	06:40 PM	07:43 PM

Nature Notes

§ Sunflowers and goldenrods are fading, both transitioning to seed production, while asters are peaking right now in area prairies. There are many different types of asters: see if you can tease out the different species which can range from pink to white to purple. Snakeroot still blooms plentifully in the woods, where you can also pick ripe riverbank grapes--it's been a good year for them thanks to the plentiful rainfall.

§ Puffball, oyster and other fall mushrooms are fruiting right now: you can step on a puffball mushroom that has turned ruddy colored and enjoy the cloud of spores that puff out like smoke, drifting away to land elsewhere to begin again.

§ This year the maple color turning is later than usual, missing the peak for last weekend's Maple Leaf Festival in Baldwin City. But they will continue to redden up this week, joined by the continued reddening of other plants including native prairie grasses, dogwood and skunk bushes, poison ivy and virginia creeper vines and eventually the oaks. Ash elm, dogbane, milkweed, walnut and hackberries turn yellow. Take the time to enjoy them all!

§ There are plentiful seagulls overhead as well as blobs of thousands of grackles, redwinged blackbirds around dawn and dusk. Migratory waterfowl, raptors, and game birds abound.