

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Saturn S, Jupiter SW, Mars SE at dusk,  
Mercury E at right before dawn;  
Venus west just after sunset

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	07:50 AM	02:17 PM	08:35 PM	0%	
Tuesday	08:59 AM	03:08 PM	09:08 PM	3%	
Wednesday	10:07 AM	03:58 PM	09:42 PM	8%	
Thursday	11:12 AM	04:47 PM	10:16 PM	15%	
Friday	12:14 PM	05:36 PM	10:52 PM	24%	
Saturday	01:15 PM	06:25 PM	11:31 PM	33%	
Sunday	02:12 PM	07:14 PM		43%	1st Quarter



This is not only a great time to go to area sunflower farms for row after row of blooms; the state flower is the annual wild sunflower which is also blooming in a much less disciplined manner but just as beautiful in its own way. Keep an eye out this week for other perennial sunflowers including Jerusalem artichokes, sawtooth, Maximilian and ashy sunflowers, to say nothing about the prolific bidens tickseed sunflowers.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:04 AM	06:57 AM	07:37 PM	08:41 PM
Tuesday	06:05 AM	06:58 AM	07:35 PM	08:39 PM
Wednesday	06:06 AM	06:59 AM	07:34 PM	08:37 PM
Thursday	06:06 AM	07:00 AM	07:32 PM	08:36 PM
Friday	06:07 AM	07:01 AM	07:30 PM	08:34 PM
Saturday	06:08 AM	07:02 AM	07:29 PM	08:32 PM
Sunday	06:09 AM	07:03 AM	07:27 PM	08:31 PM

## Nature Notes

- § Liatris is still blooming, as are fall thistles, Pitcher's sage, increasing numbers of asters, goldenrods, nightshades, gentians, bonesets and, of course the ragweeds. Tallgrasses are still sending up seed heads while fall cool season grasses are greening up.
- § Hummingbirds are migrating through, while dragonflies are migrating south, and butterflies are increasing. Speaking of which Monarchs can be seen migrating through and don't forget to go to the annual Monarch Watch Open house on Saturday, Sept. 15 9am to 2pm at Foley Hall on the KU West Campus.
- § Grasshoppers seem to be singing into the evening as are some persistent cicadas, joined by katydids, crickets, nighthawks and tree frogs, keeping the nights alive with their wild songs.
- § Heavy dew and patchy fog will be common this week, and damp soils and puddles are good places to look for deer and other animal tracks. Turtles are more active this time of year and don't be surprised if you see a snake or two.
- § We lose another 15 minutes of daylight this week, but consider taking a friend for a walk this week in an area prairie, wetlands or woodland—it should be perfect!