

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 29 – Nov. 4, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	10:46 PM	05:17 AM	12:47 PM	77%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	11:49 PM	06:16 AM	01:43 PM	67%	
Wednesday		07:14 AM	02:33 PM	56%	
Thursday	12:56 AM	08:10 AM	03:16 PM	44%	
Friday	02:05 AM	09:04 AM	03:55 PM	33%	
Saturday	03:14 AM	09:56 AM	04:30 PM	23%	
Sunday	04:22 AM	10:47 AM	05:03 PM	14%	



This pile of purple lovegrass has faded in color, forming a net that becomes bejeweled with droplets in the morning dew and later perhaps filigreed with crystalline ice during an ice storm. There are many grasses festooned with seed heads this time of year: check them out!



Sun

Saturn SW, Mars S at dusk,
Jupiter low west at sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:50 AM	07:44 AM	06:23 PM	07:27 PM
Tuesday	06:51 AM	07:46 AM	06:22 PM	07:26 PM
Wednesday	06:52 AM	07:47 AM	06:21 PM	07:25 PM
Thursday	06:53 AM	07:48 AM	06:20 PM	07:24 PM
Friday	06:54 AM	07:49 AM	06:19 PM	07:23 PM
Saturday	06:55 AM	07:50 AM	06:18 PM	07:22 PM
Sunday	06:56 AM	07:51 AM	06:17 PM	07:21 PM

Nature Notes

§ Many sparrows are to be found in grasses and weedy stalks right now—see if you can identify them. In addition to the gathering of the usual winter flock species around birdfeeders, folks are seeing nuthatches, warblers, finches, sapsuckers and wrens. At reservoirs there are still plenty of gulls, owls and hawks, more ducks and geese, and if you're lucky maybe some cormorants and a returning eagle.

§ There is probably another week or more of fantastic fall colors, even though they will begin to fade. If rains come, expect many leaves to start to detach and fall, with most leaves dropping between now and the second week of November if we're lucky. Blue cedar/juniper berries make a nice contrast with the lingering red dogwood and wild cherry leaves--another beautiful week to hike. Go out and enjoy!

§ Deer are getting more and more active, so be careful if you are driving, especially after dark.

§ There are a few asters and an occasional sunflower or goldenrod still blooming--look for them on your autumn walks. If it's daytime, watch them for a while and you're likely to see an insect looking for one last meal. Grasshoppers often turn colors just like the trees/grasses. This continues to be a great time to gather seeds, acorns and nuts for planting/eating.