

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	04:29 AM	10:36 AM	04:35 PM	7%	New Moon
Tuesday	05:35 AM	11:25 AM	05:07 PM	3%	
Wednesday	06:41 AM	12:14 PM	05:41 PM	0%	
Thursday	07:45 AM	01:04 PM	06:18 PM	0%	
Friday	08:47 AM	01:54 PM	06:59 PM	3%	
Saturday	09:45 AM	02:45 PM	07:43 PM	7%	
Sunday	10:39 AM	03:35 PM	08:31 PM	13%	



Clouds, whether they are stratus blankets that open up to create sunbeams across the valley, or turn crimson and gold at sunset like these cirrus clouds, have been prominent in our skies of late and well worth watching as the sun heads further south in its arc across the sky.



Sun

Saturn SW, Mars S at dusk,
Venus rising in the east shortly before sunrise

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:57 AM	06:52 AM	05:16 PM	06:20 PM
Tuesday	05:58 AM	06:53 AM	05:15 PM	06:19 PM
Wednesday	05:59 AM	06:54 AM	05:14 PM	06:18 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM	06:55 AM	05:13 PM	06:17 PM
Friday	06:01 AM	06:57 AM	05:12 PM	06:16 PM
Saturday	06:02 AM	06:58 AM	05:11 PM	06:15 PM
Sunday	06:03 AM	06:59 AM	05:10 PM	06:14 PM

Nature Notes

§ As is usual, most leaves have dropped and more rain will mean that treescapes will become almost entirely bare except for some oaks, which hang onto their leaves until next spring.

There will still be green leaves on honeysuckle, buckbrush, raspberries, bristly greenbriar, and cool season grasses, while some yellow leaves will persist on some perennial sunflowers and some green on a few lingering blossoming asters or goldenrods. Native grass colors are fading as well.

§ Wild turkeys are separating, with hens joining their offspring into larger flocks, while the male jakes go off by themselves.

Overwintering crow flocks are arriving, hawks are common, perched on power poles, in trees and fence posts, looking for a meal. Ducks, geese and shorebirds are more plentiful at area reservoirs; sparrows can be spotted in brush and grasses, and winter bird flocks will be increasingly common sights—time to start up those bird feeders if you haven't already!

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

§ Hedge apples can crack a windshield or dent a hood, so be careful where you park. What to do with all those hedge apples that are dropping on the ground? They can be gathered up and dumped into small ditches for pretty reliable erosion control.