

# Kaw Valley Almanac

November 4 – 10, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:49 PM	06:54 PM		1st Quarter
Tuesday	02:22 PM	07:39 PM	12:04 AM	62%
Wednesday	02:52 PM	08:23 PM	01:02 AM	71%
Thursday	03:19 PM	09:04 PM	02:00 AM	79%
Friday	03:45 PM	09:46 PM	02:57 AM	86%
Saturday	04:10 PM	10:27 PM	03:54 AM	92%
Sunday	04:36 PM	11:10 PM	04:53 AM	96%



Recent wet weather is still producing mushrooms including these small puffball/lycoperdon mushrooms on a rotting, moss covered log. Keep your eyes open for larger puffballs, too!



Sun

Jupiter SW, Saturn S after dusk; Venus low west at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:57 AM	06:51 AM	05:17 PM	06:20 PM
Tuesday	05:58 AM	06:52 AM	05:16 PM	06:19 PM
Wednesday	05:59 AM	06:53 AM	05:15 PM	06:18 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM	06:54 AM	05:14 PM	06:17 PM
Friday	06:01 AM	06:55 AM	05:13 PM	06:16 PM
Saturday	06:02 AM	06:56 AM	05:12 PM	06:15 PM
Sunday	06:03 AM	06:57 AM	05:11 PM	06:15 PM

## Nature Notes

§ Plenty of leaves will fall this week, transitioning to a landscape with less than half the leaves on the trees. Falling leaves can be a wonder to watch: pick two falling leaves and make a guess on which one will reach the ground first. The new leaf mulch creates insulation for tree and shrub roots, helps the soil retain whatever moisture fall rains, dew and frosts provide, and creates a migratory destination for many invertebrates to overwinter in, whether they are inside leaf galls, in the leaves or burrowed into the ground.

§ In sunny spots, there are still an amazing number of grasshoppers who have survived the cold snaps so far. If you see them, many of them have turned reddish from their green selves, just like the leaves. Listen also for the last of the tree frogs and crickets. Turtles have retreated underground.

§ We are in the most active time of the year for deer: the next two weeks have the highest number of deer-car collisions for the year, so be careful, especially around dawn and dusk.

§ A nice place to hike is the Woodridge area on the west edge of Clinton. It has trails that go through native woodlands all the way down to the lake, where you can watch waterfowl.

§ Ladybugs continue to migrate, looking for corners in rooms to huddle up; keep your eyes open for the colorful box elder beetle which also gather in large numbers.