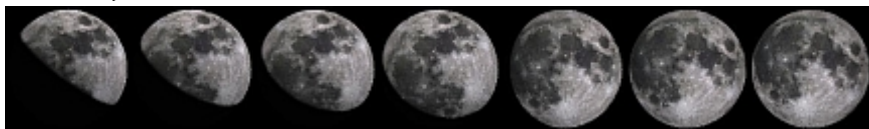


Kaw Valley Almanac

October 19 - 25, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:23 PM	08:26 PM	12:32 AM	55%
Tuesday	03:50 PM	09:10 PM	01:35 AM	64%
Wednesday	04:15 PM	09:54 PM	02:38 AM	73%
Thursday	04:38 PM	10:38 PM	03:42 AM	82%
Friday	05:02 PM	11:23 PM	04:48 AM	89%
Saturday	05:27 PM		05:55 AM	95%
Sunday	05:56 PM	12:10 AM	07:06 AM	Full Moon



Look carefully: this is ONE very long monarch caterpillar, captured in this photo by Danny Martin. Once hatched, the monarch caterpillar goes through 5 stages of growth, or instars, and this one is clearly in its final stage, with clear white markings on its legs and fully developed filaments. Chrysalis is next! This has been a good year for monarchs--seen any?



Sun

Saturn E at dusk, Jupiter E, Mars SE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:41 AM	07:34 AM	06:36 PM	07:39 PM
Tuesday	06:42 AM	07:35 AM	06:35 PM	07:38 PM
Wednesday	06:43 AM	07:36 AM	06:34 PM	07:37 PM
Thursday	06:44 AM	07:37 AM	06:32 PM	07:35 PM
Friday	06:45 AM	07:38 AM	06:31 PM	07:34 PM
Saturday	06:46 AM	07:39 AM	06:30 PM	07:33 PM
Sunday	06:47 AM	07:40 AM	06:28 PM	07:32 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

- § Our extended fall continues, with most maples and oaks just beginning to turn, with their brightest colors ahead. Baldwin City's Maple Leaf Festival may have to consider moving back a week to capture peak colors with climate change....
- § Cottonwoods are some of the first to lose their leaves, and many have. Typically, ash and walnuts are next, and sumac, virginia creeper and dogwood shrubs are turning colors, as have prairie grasses.
- § Look for juncos to begin arriving for the winter and many types of sparrows and warblers are exciting birdwatchers this time of year. Of course wetlands, rivers and area reservoirs continue to be migratory waterfowl and other migrating bird hot spots, especially around sunset and sunrise.
- § Asters continue their blooming ways, while most sunflowers are wrapping up. Other blooms that you might run into until first freeze include lady's tresses, snow on the mountain, some goldenrods, boneset, and snakeroot in the woods.
- § The moon after sunset each night this week moves further east in the sky, growing larger, or "waxing" each night until Sunday, when it rises in the east as the sun sets: Full Moon. Rising just to the left of the moon Friday-Sunday, you can see a bright "star" - it's Saturn and is at its brightest too, being fully lit by the sun, just like the full moon.
- § High humidity after midnight means dew each night!