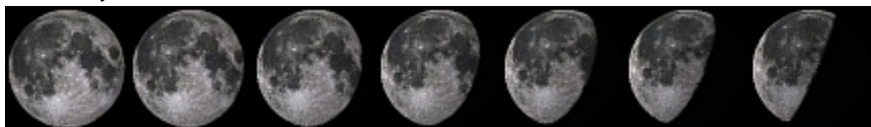


Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:43 PM	01:12 AM	05:43 AM	Full Moon
Tuesday	10:32 PM	02:18 AM	06:57 AM	99%
Wednesday	11:12 PM	03:21 AM	08:17 AM	95%
Thursday	11:44 PM	04:19 AM	09:36 AM	89%
Friday		05:13 AM	10:52 AM	80%
Saturday	12:12 AM	06:03 AM	12:04 PM	70%
Sunday	12:38 AM	06:50 AM	01:14 PM	3rd Quarter



Close but no cigar: this thunderstorm had lightning and someone got a lot of rain but all I got was a beautiful sunset last week. This time of year it is not uncommon to have isolated storms that dump multiple inches in isolated spots, but little to nothing elsewhere.



Sun

Venus, Mars SSW at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn ESE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:54 AM	06:00 AM	08:50 PM	10:04 PM
Tuesday	04:55 AM	06:00 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Wednesday	04:55 AM	06:01 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Thursday	04:56 AM	06:01 AM	08:49 PM	10:03 PM
Friday	04:57 AM	06:02 AM	08:49 PM	10:03 PM
Saturday	04:58 AM	06:03 AM	08:48 PM	10:02 PM
Sunday	04:58 AM	06:03 AM	08:48 PM	10:02 PM

§ Butterfly milkweeds can still be found in area prairies, providing colorful red-to-orange fireworks. Other wildflowers to look for include gray coneflower, echinacea, blackeyed susan, prairie clovers, daisy fleabane, Culver's root, oxeye daisy, beebalm and slender mountain mint. Many milkweeds are also transitioning to creating seed pods: notice the variety of sizes as some are ahead of others. Look at the stalks of both flowers and grasses for spittle bug bubbles.

§ Elderberries have begun to form, sycamores are shedding their bark, Kansas dogwood berries are green, soon to turn white, while sumac seedheads are turning reddish brown: a good time for making [sumac-ade](#). Osage orange balls are growing and black walnuts are almost full size already.

§ Invasive weeds Queen Ann's Lace, teasel and chickory are all going strong along roadsides while the sweet clovers and vetches are going to seed. Sericea lespedeza is getting taller.

§ This Saturday, if you're in the Baker Wetlands vicinity, consider joining the bird walk starting at 7:30am. If you're elsewhere, consider their anticipated bird checklist at a wild area near you: indigo bunting, common yellowthroat, dickcissel, rose-breasted grosbeak, pileated woodpecker, willow flycatcher, eastern wood pewee, Baltimore and orchard orioles, blue grosbeak and Bell's vireo.

§ If skies are clear after midweek, we'll have dark, moonless nights, which are perfect for admiring the Milky Way.