

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 23 - 29, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:03 PM	09:12 PM	01:14 AM	63%
Tuesday	04:33 PM	10:04 PM	02:30 AM	73%
Wednesday	05:00 PM	10:54 PM	03:45 AM	83%
Thursday	05:26 PM	11:43 PM	04:59 AM	91%
Friday	05:52 PM		06:12 AM	97%
Saturday	06:20 PM	12:33 AM	07:26 AM	Full Moon
Sunday	06:52 PM	01:24 AM	08:40 AM	100%



This is perfect walking weather not only for humans: dogs love it, too! The grasses with the seeds arching off the stem is little bluestem, and it's easy to harvest by pulling up the stem with your hand, then spreading it where you want to see it growing in coming years. Seeds of many types can be collected now.



Sun

Jupiter rises E, Saturn SE at dusk; Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:45 AM	07:38 AM	06:31 PM	07:33 PM
Tuesday	06:46 AM	07:39 AM	06:30 PM	07:32 PM
Wednesday	06:47 AM	07:40 AM	06:29 PM	07:31 PM
Thursday	06:48 AM	07:41 AM	06:28 PM	07:30 PM
Friday	06:49 AM	07:42 AM	06:26 PM	07:28 PM
Saturday	06:50 AM	07:43 AM	06:25 PM	07:27 PM
Sunday	06:51 AM	07:44 AM	06:24 PM	07:26 PM

§ Deer activity continues to increase, with lots of tracks to try and follow after it rains this week. Raccoons seem to be on the move--watch out for them when driving at night.

§ Dry sunflower stalks and prairie grasses are good places to look for a variety of sparrows. Wetlands are good places to look for shorebirds and migrating redbird/grackle flocks; and reservoirs hold many seagulls, some eagles, geese and ducks.

§ Most leaves are still on trees in northeast Kansas, but leaves are beginning to fall. Most years the leaves clear off the trees during the first week of November, so expect the number of leaves letting go of the branches to increase considerably with the rains this week. It can make for a wonderful walk!

§ In addition to seed collecting, this is a good time to use what nature provides to decorate. Asters typically survive the first frosts, while goldenrod is turning ghostly white just in time for Halloween. Bittersweet berries are opening up and can be collected for adorning your home for the holidays. Cedar boughs especially those thick with the blue berries can be cut and replaced whenever they dry out.

§ Three events of potential interest: Oct. 26, 4-6:30pm: Restoration workday at Kaw River State Park in Topeka; Oct. 27, 5:30 - 7pm: Open Space Plan open house at Lawrence U.P. Depot; Oct. 28, 9-11:30am: Woody plant clearing at Prairie Park Nature Center in Lawrence.