

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 30 - November 5, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:29 PM	02:17 AM	09:53 AM	97%
Tuesday	08:14 PM	03:12 AM	11:04 AM	93%
Wednesday	09:05 PM	04:09 AM	12:08 PM	87%
Thursday	10:03 PM	05:05 AM	01:04 PM	79%
Friday	11:04 PM	05:59 AM	01:50 PM	70%
Saturday		06:50 AM	02:27 PM	61%
Sunday	12:06 AM	07:37 AM	02:58 PM	3rd Quarter



For some reason young oaks tend to turn redder than fully grown oaks this time of year, as is evidenced by this particularly red young red oak tree. Some oaks do not develop what botanists call an abscissa layer between the twig and the leaf, meaning that they will hold onto their leaves all through the winter. This week, many other trees will lose their leaves.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:52 AM	07:45 AM	06:23 PM	07:25 PM
Tuesday	06:53 AM	07:46 AM	06:21 PM	07:24 PM
Wednesday	06:54 AM	07:47 AM	06:20 PM	07:23 PM
Thursday	06:55 AM	07:48 AM	06:19 PM	07:22 PM
Friday	06:56 AM	07:50 AM	06:18 PM	07:21 PM
Saturday	06:57 AM	07:51 AM	06:17 PM	07:20 PM
Sunday	05:58 AM	07:52 AM	06:16 PM	06:19 PM

§ Remember to move your clocks back an hour Saturday night/Sunday morning: we are returning to Central Standard Time as we've lost over 3 hours of sunlight since the summer solstice, on our way to the winter solstice when we only will have slightly over 9 hours of daylight.

§ There may be a few asters and an occasional sunflower still blooming. protected from the freezes this week--look for them on your autumn walks. If it's daytime, watch them for a while and you might also see an insect looking for one last meal.

§ In your home you might also see ladybugs huddling up in the corners of ceilings, and there may be a few bunches of box elder beetles gathering on the sunny south side of buildings, or perhaps a late season ruddy grasshopper or the last calls of a late season cricket. Look for gossamer in the sky from migrating spiders riding a north wind if it's sunny out.

§ Deer mating season is here, and you can find spots in the woods where bucks have cleared the vegetation from the ground by pawing or "rutting" as part of their mating ritual.

§ With leaf fall comes improved bird visibility and if you have/put up a bird feeder, you will have a parade of winter bird flocks dropping in for a snack. Jayhawk Audubon has a wonderful guide to backyard birds, and will soon be updating their guide with their 2024 speakers. This handy guide can be found here: <https://www.jayhawkaudubon.org/digital-birding-guide-for-northeastern-kansas>