

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:08 AM	07:21 AM	02:24 PM	42%
Tuesday	01:08 AM	08:03 AM	02:47 PM	33%
Wednesday	02:08 AM	08:43 AM	03:08 PM	24%
Thursday	03:07 AM	09:23 AM	03:29 PM	16%
Friday	04:07 AM	10:03 AM	03:50 PM	10%
Saturday	05:09 AM	10:46 AM	04:13 PM	5%
Sunday	06:14 AM	11:31 AM	04:40 PM	1%



Photo courtesy Daniel Lassman No, this isn't a pile of sprouting chia seeds; it's sporulating moss, stimulated into going to "seed" (spores, actually) by the recent rains, over 5 inches in these woods. Mosses are very impressive plants, being able to photosynthesize down to 5° F and over 100° F, something they've picked up in their some 450 million years of existence.



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:59 AM	06:53 AM	05:15 PM	06:18 PM
Tuesday	06:00 AM	06:54 AM	05:14 PM	06:17 PM
Wednesday	06:01 AM	06:55 AM	05:13 PM	06:16 PM
Thursday	06:02 AM	06:56 AM	05:12 PM	06:15 PM
Friday	06:03 AM	06:57 AM	05:11 PM	06:15 PM
Saturday	06:04 AM	06:58 AM	05:10 PM	06:14 PM
Sunday	06:05 AM	06:59 AM	05:09 PM	06:13 PM

§ It's still a grand week for taking a walk, even though leaf color was subdued by the recent drought and subfreezing temperatures. Oak woodlands are still raining leaves, and don't park under an osage orange tree if you don't want a cracked windshield--mine just broke in two places!

§ Almost all flowers are done blooming for the year, but you might be lucky enough to see a late blooming aster or two. It's still a great time to collect seeds from wildflowers, acorns, walnuts, pecans, hickory nuts, and grass seed if you want to spread native plants around in your neighborhood.

§ Flocks of overwintering crows are back and hawks are common, perched on poles, in trees and fence posts, looking for a meal. There are still plenty of ducks and shorebirds at area reservoirs; check those areas to see what else you can spot. Sparrows can be spotted in brush and grasses.

§ Deer mating season continues, as does archery hunting season, so look for evidence of the deer "ruts" where bucks have cleared the vegetation from the ground by pawing as part of their mating ritual. Also dress in bright colors and act "human" so hunters don't mistake you for a deer!

§ If you would like to enjoy a fall hike with others, consider joining the Kansas Land Trust in a free walk this Sunday at 10am-noon at the Lawrence Nature Park, a beautiful woodland protected by a conservation easement located north of 6th Street and Folks Road.