

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 14 - 20, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:21 PM	11:08 PM	03:52 AM	89%
Tuesday	05:47 PM		05:08 AM	95%
Wednesday	06:14 PM		06:25 AM	99%
Thursday	06:43 PM	12:51 AM	07:43 AM	Full Moon
Friday	07:17 PM	01:46 AM	09:02 AM	98%
Saturday	07:57 PM	02:43 AM	10:22 AM	93%
Sunday	08:45 PM	03:43 AM	11:39 AM	85%



This photo of Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS was taken Sunday an hour after sunset, with a band of smoke from Wyoming wildfires right underneath. With clear skies predicted, check out the best comet in many years. Binoculars/time exposure photos will enhance the view.



Sun

Mars SE, Jupiter, Mars S at dawn, Saturn SE, Venus W at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:38 AM	07:29 AM	06:43 PM	07:44 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:30 AM	06:41 PM	07:43 PM
Wednesday	06:39 AM	07:31 AM	06:40 PM	07:41 PM
Thursday	06:40 AM	07:32 AM	06:38 PM	07:40 PM
Friday	06:41 AM	07:33 AM	06:37 PM	07:39 PM
Saturday	06:42 AM	07:34 AM	06:36 PM	07:37 PM
Sunday	06:43 AM	07:35 AM	06:34 PM	07:36 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ In the Lawrence area Clinton Lake and the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center observation tower/blind, or the Wells Overlook tower/pavilion are fine locations to watch migrating birds gathering, flying and swimming, particularly around sunrise and sunset. And anywhere, with moonrise/set around sunset/rise, you might be treated to silhouettes of bird flocks crossing the disk of the moon

§ Even though the drought continues, with over 94% of the state currently in drought, the leaves on trees and native grasses will continue to turn color this week, albeit in a somewhat muted fashion compared to wetter years. This coming weekend is the Maple Leaf Festival in Baldwin City.

§ It's also a perfect time to go look for the last blooms of the season, which will be mostly asters, some lingering members of the sunflower tribe, some goldenrods and perhaps a gentian or two. Dry conditions have extended the time for collecting wildflower and grass seeds, which can be spread out this fall/winter in areas where you want them to grow next year.

§ Plenty of prairie walks, talks and other outdoor events continue across the state: for a sampling check out <https://www.lawrencebirdalliance.org/calendar> to find out more about a Paola prairie restoration talk, educational activities in Tonganoxie and more. Add your events to this calendar!

§ <https://www.getoutdoorskan sas.org/trails>