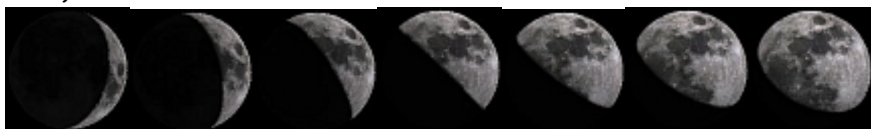


Kaw Valley Almanac

October 7 - 13, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:14 PM	04:49 PM	09:19 PM	21%
Tuesday	01:16 PM	05:42 PM	10:07 PM	29%
Wednesday	02:13 PM	06:38 PM	11:05 PM	39%
Thursday	03:03 PM	07:35 PM		1st Quarter
Friday	03:46 PM	08:31 PM	12:11 AM	60%
Saturday	04:22 PM	09:25 PM	01:22 AM	71%
Sunday	04:53 PM	10:17 PM	02:37 AM	80%



Smooth aster, a purple and yellow late blooming prairie wildflower that late pollinators, especially butterflies are drawn to. Asters also come in other colors, keeping company with a smattering of late blooming gentians, bonesets, goldenrods and sunflowers, as they continue to shift to seed production. Prairie grasses along with trees, tho all colors are muted by the drought.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:31 AM	07:23 AM	06:53 PM	07:54 PM
Tuesday	06:32 AM	07:24 AM	06:52 PM	07:53 PM
Wednesday	06:33 AM	07:24 AM	06:50 PM	07:51 PM
Thursday	06:34 AM	07:25 AM	06:49 PM	07:50 PM
Friday	06:35 AM	07:26 AM	06:47 PM	07:48 PM
Saturday	06:36 AM	07:27 AM	06:46 PM	07:47 PM
Sunday	06:37 AM	07:28 AM	06:44 PM	07:45 PM

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

§ Birds continue migrating south. Look for kettles of turkey vultures gathering and drifting south in circling balls. Seagulls leave reservoirs in the morning, returning after sunset; ducks and redwinged blackbirds abound.

§ Some trees are turning yellow earlier than many years, and hedge apples seem a little smaller on the whole. They are already starting to fall of the trees as well, so be careful where you park: They are still heavy enough to break windshields or dent your car, and be careful when walking under one, especially on a windy day.

§ Over 92% of Kansas is in some form of drought; historically this means fire danger increases, pond levels are low, habitat is poor for migrating birds, young wheat is stressed and hay is more in demand.

§ One good thing that may come with the dry weather is that there is a good chance for viewing a pretty bright comet right after sunset as soon as Oct. 11th, as it swings into the evening sky. The media says that it will be best a week or so after that, but with the moon waxing toward full, the sooner you spot it, the better. After sunset, you can scan the west horizon to the right of bright Venus. Binoculars make it easier to find as does a time exposure on a good camera phone.

§ It's a beautiful time to take a walk with a friend. Check <https://www.getoutdoorskansas.org/trails> to find a trail. If you hike around sunset, feel the cool air accumulating in low spots. Enjoy the wispy patches of fog above ponds/rivers at sunrise.