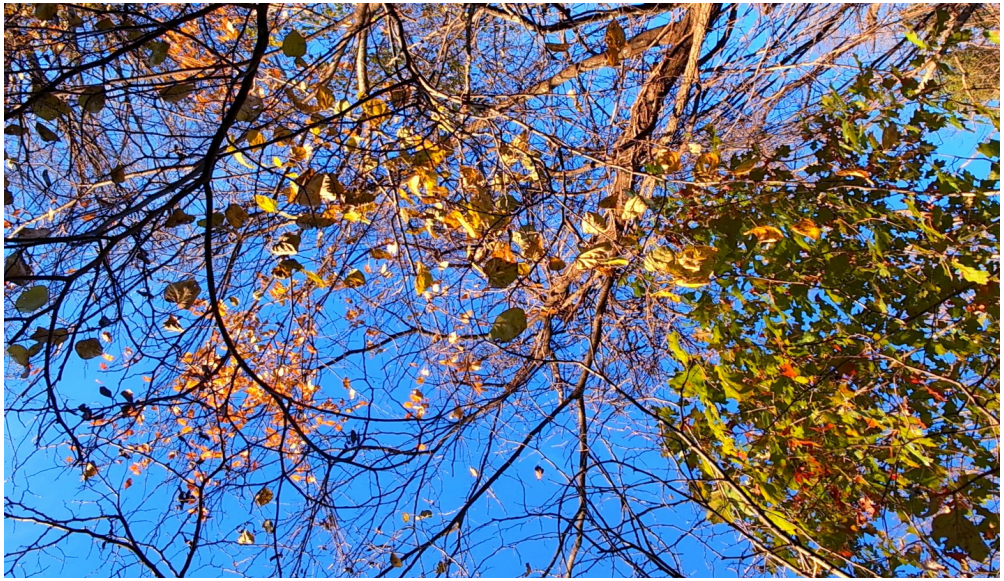
Kaw Valley Almanac

November 16 - 22, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	Illum/Phase
Monday	12:50 PM	06:03 PM	11:24 PM	37%
Tuesday	01:15 PM	06:46 PM		1st Quarter
Wednesday	01:38 PM	07:29 PM	12:26 AM	57%
Thursday	02:01 PM	08:12 PM	01:29 AM	67%
Friday	02:25 PM	08:58 PM	02:34 AM	76%
Saturday	02:52 PM	09:47 PM	03:42 AM	85%
Sunday	03:23 PM	10:40 PM	04:54 AM	92%





Leaf fall is fully underway, with the combination of recent rain and freezing temperatures completely stripping some trees like walnuts, ash, locust and ginko, while oaks like the one on the right side, just starting to turn colors, retaining most of their leaves. I have fewer hedge balls this year; how about you? It's still a beautiful time for taking hikes.

Sun

Dawn: Venus low, Jupiter high E, Mars to its right; Saturn E at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:08 AM	07:04 AM	05:06 PM	06:11 PM
Tuesday	06:09 AM	07:05 AM	05:05 PM	06:10 PM
Wednesday	06:10 AM	07:07 AM	05:05 PM	06:10 PM
Thursday	06:11 AM	07:08 AM	05:04 PM	06:09 PM
Friday	06:12 AM	07:09 AM	05:03 PM	06:09 PM
Saturday	06:13 AM	07:10 AM	05:03 PM	06:08 PM
Sunday	06:14 AM	07:11 AM	05:02 PM	06:08 PM

Your exact times: https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/

§ Now is a good time to put out bird feeders for overwintering winter flocks. Large migratory blackbird and waterfowl flocks continue to be fun to watch around sunrise and sunset, and raptors and owls are more visible due to the increasingly bare branches.

§ Oriental ladybugs favor clustering in groups on the south side of tan and other light colored houses because they evolved to overwinter on limestone cliffs in China.

§ Prairies still have green sprigs of yarrow, wild garlic, daisy rosettes, red rose hips and the smell of still-fragrant horsemint and slender mountain mint seed heads. A few asters persist if you look hard.

§ Check out area reservoirs lakes every time a cold front moves through to see what the north winds blow in. Expect trumpeter swans, more eagles and snow geese, with plenty of ducks still around. Quivira has reported that the whooping cranes are moving through central Kansas.

§ Amur honeysuckle is an invasive shrub that can overrun native understory vegetation in area woodlands. It has bright red berries this time of year and is eaten and spread by overwintering birds. Now is a good time to cut out the berry-laden shrubs before the birds spread the seed--stock your bird feeder instead!