

# Kaw Valley Almanac

September 27 - October 3, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:02 PM	05:57 AM	01:39 PM	61%
Tuesday	11:49 PM	06:47 AM	02:34 PM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday		07:38 AM	03:26 PM	42%
Thursday	12:43 AM	08:30 AM	04:12 PM	33%
Friday	01:43 AM	09:21 AM	04:52 PM	24%
Saturday	02:47 AM	10:12 AM	05:28 PM	15%
Sunday	03:54 AM	11:02 AM	05:59 PM	9%



The purple silky asters on the left and the yellow blossoms of the Great Plains goldenrod await you at the Prairie Park Nature Center prairie, located southeast of 27th and Harper in Lawrence. Witness the daily changes of colors in this and other prairies in the coming weeks as the gorgeous fall wildflowers begin to fade and the grass colors increase in their copper, golden and reddish tones, just like the trees.



## Sun

Venus sets WSW after dusk, Jupiter(left), Saturn(R) in SE.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:21 AM	07:13 AM	07:09 PM	08:10 PM
Tuesday	06:22 AM	07:14 AM	07:08 PM	08:09 PM
Wednesday	06:23 AM	07:15 AM	07:06 PM	08:07 PM
Thursday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:04 PM	08:05 PM
Friday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:03 PM	08:04 PM
Saturday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:01 PM	08:02 PM
Sunday	06:27 AM	07:18 AM	07:00 PM	08:01 PM

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

§ Check out the insect activity on one of the blooming flowers in area prairies--perennial sunflowers, goldenrods, boneset, asters and bidens are particularly beetle, butterfly and fly magnets. Look also for spiders looking for a meal! You can get really neat photos with a little patience.

§ Seagulls are returning, some geese are heading south, blackbirds are gathering in the Wakarusa wetlands, fall warblers are passing through, and plantwise, virginia creeper, poison ivy, dogwood and sumac leaves are all turning red as fall color season has begun. This will increase significantly by the week!

§ Recent dry weather has been conducive to corn harvest and soybean fields are yellow/losing their leaves or still green depending on when they were planted.

§ It's OK to put bird feeders and birdbaths back up, as the disease scare of this summer seems to have passed. The Jayhawk Audubon is hosting a speaker, Heidi Mehl, 7-9pm on Monday regarding "Land ethics and Water Resources." Check out how to zoom in to this presentation by visiting [www.jayhawkaudubon.org](http://www.jayhawkaudubon.org).

§ This is a good time to identify the many species of dragonflies, grasshoppers and crickets, and did you know gray tree frogs can turn green depending on the background?