

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 18 - 24, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:30 AM	03:52 PM	09:06 PM	9%
Tuesday	11:35 AM	04:39 PM	09:36 PM	16%
Wednesday	12:43 PM	05:30 PM	10:11 PM	24%
Thursday	01:51 PM	06:25 PM	10:56 PM	34%
Friday	02:57 PM	07:25 PM	11:52 PM	1st Quarter
Saturday	03:56 PM	08:26 PM		55%
Sunday	04:47 PM	09:27 PM	12:59 AM	66%



Salvia azurea/blue sage/Pitcher's sage is a beautiful blue native sage that blooms in most parts of the state right now. It is not a very aromatic sage, but what it lacks in smell it more than makes up in appearance. Dry weather has made it shorter in many places.



Sun

Saturn rises E at dusk; Jupiter rises 10pm, Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:12 AM	07:04 AM	07:24 PM	08:26 PM
Tuesday	06:13 AM	07:05 AM	07:23 PM	08:24 PM
Wednesday	06:14 AM	07:06 AM	07:21 PM	08:22 PM
Thursday	06:15 AM	07:07 AM	07:19 PM	08:21 PM
Friday	06:16 AM	07:08 AM	07:18 PM	08:19 PM
Saturday	06:17 AM	07:09 AM	07:16 PM	08:17 PM
Sunday	06:18 AM	07:10 AM	07:15 PM	08:16 PM

§ The sun crosses the celestial equator this Thursday, heading into the southern hemisphere, marking the autumnal equinox.

§ Stiff goldenrod is joining many other varieties of goldenrod in blooming its yellow flowers, much to the delight of many nectar-seeking pollinator beetles, wasps, bees as well as their predators. False boneset has joined the real boneset, as some annual and perennial sunflowers persist, depending on how dry it has been in your area.

§ Millions of birds are migrating south, many at night, as are dragonflies, each species taking advantage of any cool front and the resulting northerly winds that provide an energy saving tail wind that makes it easier to head south.

§ The increasing number of yellow leaves in the countryside is partly attributable to dry weather, and mostly due to the shorter days as the fall equinox arrives this week on Thursday. We'll lose 15 minutes of sunlight just this week and have lost around 2 hours 45 minutes of sunlight since the summer solstice in June, which is enough to trigger green chlorophyll to start breaking down in many plants, revealing the more persistent red and yellow carotenoids, chemicals that, among other things, protect the leaf from too much sunlight.

§ Spiderwebs are still all over the place. If you're lucky, you can see spiders migrating south in the air when there is a north wind. Look on a sunny day to either the right or left of the sun to spot the gossamer, glistening in the sunlight in the sky.