

# Kaw Valley Almanac

## September 30 - October 6, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:11 AM	11:50 AM	06:20 PM	4%
Tuesday	06:09 AM	12:29 PM	06:40 PM	1%
Wednesday	07:08 AM	01:08 PM	06:59 PM	New Moon
Thursday	08:06 AM	01:47 PM	07:20 PM	1%
Friday	09:06 AM	02:28 PM	07:43 PM	3%
Saturday	10:07 AM	03:12 PM	08:09 PM	8%
Sunday	11:10 AM	03:58 PM	08:41 PM	14%



This eastern orb weaver is one of many spiderwebs found spanning trails this time of the year. If you are lucky, you will spot the spider located in the center of its web before you walk through it. Morning dew can make their webs even more visible and photogenic to boot. Orb weavers position themselves at the center of their webs so they can quickly capture any insect that flies into it, hopefully eluding the mud dauber wasps who love to eat these spiders. The Great Plains Nature Center publishes the free *Pocket Guide to Common Kansas Spiders* by Hank Guarisco that is also available as a [free download](#).



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:04 PM	08:05 PM
Tuesday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:02 PM	08:03 PM
Wednesday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:01 PM	08:02 PM
Thursday	06:27 AM	07:19 AM	06:59 PM	08:00 PM
Friday	06:28 AM	07:20 AM	06:58 PM	07:59 PM
Saturday	06:29 AM	07:21 AM	06:56 PM	07:57 PM
Sunday	06:30 AM	07:22 AM	06:55 PM	07:56 PM

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

§ Last week's cold front was a significant boon to migratory species waiting for a tail wind to help them head south, and the light and occasionally north wind will help extend this trend through this week. Expect to see migratory birds take advantage of it and look for migratory spiders riding on strands of gossamer, which are easier to see reflecting sunlight against the blue background of a sunny day.

§ What's blooming? The blue sage, goldenrods and the sunflowers are just past their peak while asters continue to increase their numbers of white, pink and purple blossoms. Milkweed pods are fewer this year but some are shedding their fluffy seeds while prairie grasses are ripening their seed heads. Bonesets and sweet everlasting are finishing blooming, starting to transition to seedheads as are spurge. This week should still find plenty of flowers and a good week for collecting seeds.

§ If you want to do this with others, check out the opportunities to do so as we transition into October at <https://www.lawrencebirdalliance.org/calendar> or at your local nature center. Or take a friend on a hike just to enjoy! Some places to take that in Douglas County: Clinton Lake, at the Fitch Natural History Preserve, along the Kaw Levee, at Prairie Park, Wells Overlook, Douglas County State Lake, the Baker Wetlands, or even around your neighborhood. Carpe diem!