

# Kaw Valley Almanac

September 15 - 21, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:12 AM	08:15 AM	04:14 PM	41%
Tuesday	01:19 AM	09:14 AM	04:59 PM	31%
Wednesday	02:30 AM	10:08 AM	05:36 PM	21%
Thursday	03:40 AM	10:58 AM	06:05 PM	13%
Friday	04:47 AM	11:44 AM	06:30 PM	7%
Saturday	05:52 AM	12:28 PM	06:52 PM	3%
Sunday	06:54 AM	01:09 PM	07:13 PM	New Moon



With the old Osage name for August--Yellow Flower Moon--named for the many goldenrods and sunflower tribe blooming, it's now a more appropriate name for September due to the longer growing season. One of the latest additions is the perennial Jerusalem artichoke, which also grows an edible root.



## Sun

Saturn rises E at dusk, Venus, Jupiter east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:10 AM	07:02 AM	07:28 PM	08:30 PM
Tuesday	06:11 AM	07:03 AM	07:27 PM	08:28 PM
Wednesday	06:12 AM	07:04 AM	07:25 PM	08:27 PM
Thursday	06:13 AM	07:05 AM	07:23 PM	08:25 PM
Friday	06:14 AM	07:06 AM	07:22 PM	08:23 PM
Saturday	06:15 AM	07:07 AM	07:20 PM	08:22 PM
Sunday	06:16 AM	07:08 AM	07:19 PM	08:20 PM

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§ Monday, Sept. 22 is when the sun crosses the celestial equator in the sky on its way to winter solstice, its southernmost path in December. Approaching the fall equinox, we're already losing daylight faster now than any other time of the year, with there being 15 minutes less daylight at the end of the week compared to the beginning.

§ Fall is nature's planting time, when fruits and seeds and next year's buds grown with the spring and summer's solar energy are ripened and made ready to survive the drought and cold of the winter months. In addition to the yellow goldenrods and sunflowers, boneset, ragweed, blue sage, asters and gentians still bloom in time to make seed before first frost.

§ With dark skies as the moon wanes toward new, now is the perfect time to look for the zodiacal light, a faint cone of light in the west at sunset and east before sunrise right after it's dark enough to see stars. It's actually dust that you can see in the solar system between the planets.

§ Insect galls can be found on hackberry, oak and elm leaves this time of year, and while admiring the yellow blossoms of the common goldenrod, look on the stems for the goldenrod gall.

§ Monarchs drifting south across the road are not the only insect to notice: Woolly bear caterpillars are crossing many roads and spiders, praying mantids, frogs and insectivorous birds are all quite busy as well.