

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 22 - 28, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:55 AM	01:50 PM	07:34 PM	0%
Tuesday	08:56 AM	02:30 PM	07:56 PM	2%
Wednesday	09:57 AM	03:13 PM	08:20 PM	5%
Thursday	10:59 AM	03:57 PM	08:48 PM	10%
Friday	12:01 PM	04:44 PM	09:21 PM	17%
Saturday	01:02 PM	05:33 PM	10:01 PM	25%
Sunday	02:00 PM	06:25 PM	10:49 PM	33%



Monday is the first day of fall, and sumac lower leaves have turned red for a while, along with some virginia creeper vines, to name a few. It's increasingly common to see blackbird flocks around sunset, yellowing cottonwood leaves, corn harvest, yellowing soybean fields, and foggy mornings when it's calm.



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

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

§ It's a beautiful time for an early fall walk in a prairie near you. Look for sawtooth, annual or Maximilian sunflowers, stiff and other goldenrod species, sweet coneflower, boneset, tall thistle, Pitcher's sage, gentian, bidens and euphorbia corollata. Purple and white asters are becoming more prolific, while white snakeroot blooms in area woods.

§ If you are walking in the woods, you'll still need a stick to catch the spiderwebs, unless you are walking in a foggy morning when the spiderweb orbs are bejewelled with dew and easy to avoid/photograph. The shortening days is bringing urgency to pollinators, so check any flower you might see and you'll likely see at least one pollinator.

§ Monarch butterfly migration seems to be in full swing across the state, so look for their presence when driving or walking this week, particularly if the wind is from the north as they ride the tailwind south. Look also for turkey vulture kettles, dragonflies, spiders using their gossamer, blackbirds, warblers and many other species using the same strategy.

§ Did you know ripe hackberries are edible? They are mostly seed, but the thin flesh between the dark red skin and the seed is very sweet. Don't bite down on the seed and you'll see why birds like to eat them in the coming winter months. Other wild edible fall fruit include prickly pear cactus fruits, papaws, black walnuts and of course riverbank grapes.