

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 13 - 19, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday		07:08 AM	02:59 PM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	12:21 AM	08:05 AM	03:38 PM	45%
Wednesday	01:32 AM	08:56 AM	04:09 PM	35%
Thursday	02:39 AM	09:43 AM	04:35 PM	25%
Friday	03:44 AM	10:26 AM	04:58 PM	17%
Saturday	04:46 AM	11:08 AM	05:19 PM	10%
Sunday	05:47 AM	11:48 AM	05:39 PM	5%



This has been a dry fall, with more muted leaf colors. Rain will brighten some, but many leaves are drying up, limiting further development. Red sumac leaves are beginning to lose some of their leaves. Look carefully left of center in the photo and spot a bird nest, quite likely an indigo bunting, who like to build their nests in the crotches of branches such as this.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:36 AM	07:28 AM	06:44 PM	07:46 PM
Tuesday	06:37 AM	07:29 AM	06:43 PM	07:44 PM
Wednesday	06:38 AM	07:30 AM	06:42 PM	07:43 PM
Thursday	06:39 AM	07:31 AM	06:40 PM	07:42 PM
Friday	06:40 AM	07:32 AM	06:39 PM	07:40 PM
Saturday	06:41 AM	07:33 AM	06:37 PM	07:39 PM
Sunday	06:42 AM	07:34 AM	06:36 PM	07:38 PM

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§ Migrating birds continue, gathering and flying and swarming, particularly around sunrise and sunset. Seagulls can be seen all day long if you look up in the sky.

§ You can find many kinds of galls this time of year, i.e. swollen bumps on tree and plant leaves and stems. These are wildly diverse (over 700 varieties) and are indicative of a many-layered relations between the plant and other organisms. Insects or mites can lay eggs into plant tissue, and the plant responds to the irritation by growing the gall, which can act as protection and food for the emerging larva. Fungi, bacteria and even other plants can also create galls, sometimes with/without insects in the mix. Whatever the organisms, there are typically very complex interactions even at the genetic level between host plant and the gall initiator, and some galls are even economically valuable: the Declaration of Independence and Magna Carta were both written using oak gall ink!

§ This is perhaps the best time of year for prairie plant seed collection. Check the Native Lands Restoration Collaborative www.nativelandsks.org for seed collecting events, or organize your own collecting event, and invite your friends!

§ Deer activity is increasing with the beginning of rutting season. Drive carefully especially after sunset and before sunrise when deer are most active, and it's common that if you see one deer, another one might be coming up behind soon.