

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 14 - 20, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:49 AM	03:59 PM	09:01 PM	10%
Tuesday	11:54 AM	04:47 PM	09:33 PM	17%
Wednesday	12:58 PM	05:36 PM	10:11 PM	25%
Thursday	01:57 PM	06:27 PM	10:55 PM	34%
Friday	02:52 PM	07:18 PM	11:46 PM	1st Quarter
Saturday	03:40 PM	08:10 PM		53%
Sunday	04:20 PM	08:59 PM	12:42 AM	62%



The seasons continue to progress, shown in this photo by scattered showers in the sky and blooming perennial sunflowers. Shortening days trigger endocrine system changes in many species, including migratory patterns, growing winter coats, and so on.



Sun

Venus southwest at dusk, Saturn SW, Jupiter, Mars E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:08 AM	07:01 AM	07:30 PM	08:34 PM
Tuesday	06:09 AM	07:02 AM	07:29 PM	08:32 PM
Wednesday	06:10 AM	07:03 AM	07:27 PM	08:30 PM
Thursday	06:11 AM	07:04 AM	07:25 PM	08:29 PM
Friday	06:12 AM	07:05 AM	07:24 PM	08:27 PM
Saturday	06:12 AM	07:05 AM	07:22 PM	08:25 PM
Sunday	06:13 AM	07:06 AM	07:21 PM	08:24 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ It's a great time to look at the sky to see a range of birds: floating turkey vultures kettles, coming together for their flight south, living streams of grackles, perhaps some pelican flocks migrating through and so on. When will the seagulls arrive?

§ In the prairie, in addition to the perennial and annual sunflowers, other blooming flowers include various goldenrod species, sweet coneflower, boneset, russian thistle, Pitcher's sage, gentian, bidens and euphorbia corollata. Purple and white asters are becoming more prolific. White snakeroot blooms in area woods and there are plenty of sticktites for your socks!

§ Woolly bear caterpillars have been seen of late crossing many roads. Look for the dark, hairy caterpillars crossing the road and try not to run over them! Other insect activity remains high and spiders, praying mantids, frogs and insectivorous birds are all quite busy as well.

§ There are two species of ragweed: western and great. They are both pollinating away, irritating the eyes and noses of many.

§ 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, which looks like a bump like a snake swallowed an egg!

§ We lose another 14 minutes of daylight this week, on our way to the fall equinox, which arrives next week Sept. 22.