

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 28 - Oct. 4, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:57 PM	02:21 AM	09:27 AM	97%
Tuesday	08:33 PM	03:13 AM	10:41 AM	93%
Wednesday	09:17 PM	04:09 AM	11:56 AM	85%
Thursday	10:12 PM	05:10 AM	01:08 PM	76%
Friday	11:16 PM	06:12 AM	02:13 PM	66%
Saturday		07:15 AM	03:08 PM	3rd Quarter
Sunday	12:28 AM	08:15 AM	03:52 PM	43%



This Blue/Pitcher's sage, *Salvia azurea*, has just a few blossoms left, with most of the buds turning into seed. But the pale blue blossoms are enough to draw this hairstreak butterfly to gather some of its nectar.



Sun

Saturn SW, Jupiter, Mars E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:21 AM	07:14 AM	07:08 PM	08:11 PM
Tuesday	06:22 AM	07:15 AM	07:06 PM	08:09 PM
Wednesday	06:23 AM	07:16 AM	07:05 PM	08:07 PM
Thursday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:03 PM	08:06 PM
Friday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:02 PM	08:04 PM
Saturday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:00 PM	08:03 PM
Sunday	06:27 AM	07:19 AM	06:58 PM	08:01 PM

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

§ In the prairies, goldenrods and the sunflower tribe blossoms are peaking, transitioning to seed production, while asters continue to increase their numbers of white, pink and purple blossoms. Gentians can still be found amongst prairie grasses along with spiranthes/fall lady's tresses.

§ Now is a good time for collecting prairie seeds for prairie restoration projects. Currently potential plant seed collecting include most prairie grasses, rabbits foot lespedeza, illinois bundleflower, showy partridge pea, milkweeds, slender mountain mint, beebalm, yarrow and oxeye daisy. After first frost, sunflowers will be ready to collect.

§ Did you know that there are thousands of miles of hiking trails in Kansas, with more added all the time? Find some near you on the <https://map.kstrails.org/> website or download their free app, then grab a friend and/or your dog and explore one of them or even just your neighborhood, with an eye on nature to see if you can spot some of the things going on talked about in the Kaw Valley Almanacs!

§ Surprisingly, grasshoppers and katydids are also turning coppery colors too, to blend in with the turning colors of the grasses and trees. Walnuts, hickories and acorns are dropping to the ground, locust pods are filled out, grapes are ripe and osage oranges are dropping or growing larger.