

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 1 - 7, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	11:52 PM	06:24 AM	01:51 PM	64%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday		07:22 AM	02:51 PM	53%	
Wednesday	12:52 AM	08:20 AM	03:45 PM	41%	
Thursday	01:58 AM	09:19 AM	04:34 PM	30%	
Friday	03:07 AM	10:16 AM	05:16 PM	20%	
Saturday	04:17 AM	11:11 AM	05:55 PM	12%	
Sunday	05:28 AM	12:04 PM	06:30 PM	5%	



This Pitcher's sage 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 SSW, Jupiter SW, Mars S at dusk,
Venus low west at sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:03 PM	08:06 PM
Tuesday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:02 PM	08:04 PM
Wednesday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:00 PM	08:03 PM
Thursday	06:27 AM	07:19 AM	06:58 PM	08:01 PM
Friday	06:28 AM	07:20 AM	06:57 PM	08:00 PM
Saturday	06:28 AM	07:21 AM	06:55 PM	07:58 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:22 AM	06:54 PM	07:56 PM

Nature Notes

§ What's blooming? The goldenrods and the sunflower tribe is just past its peak, transitioning to seed production, 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, milkweed pods are opening and shedding their fluffy seeds, some tall grasses are still sending up new pollen laden seed heads, boneset, sweet everlasting are still blooming, snow-on-the-mountain and sparges still abound—there's plenty of reasons to go look!

§ Some places to take that walk: around Clinton Lake, up north on the Fitch Natural History Preserve trails, along the Kaw Levee, at Prairie Park, at Wells Overlook, at Douglas County State Lake, at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, or even around your neighborhood. Carpe diem!

§ Migratory birds take advantage of cold fronts, so if one passes through this week, see what rides the north winds toward the south. It's not too early to look for migratory spiders riding strands of gossamer, which are easier to see reflecting sunlight against the blue background of a sunny day.

§ This is a good time to identify the many species of grasshoppers and crickets, and our tree frogs are pretty beautiful too: did you know gray tree frogs can turn green?