

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 16 – Sept. 1, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:12 AM	09:46 AM	05:22 PM	20%
Tuesday	03:12 AM	10:47 AM	06:18 PM	11%
Wednesday	04:20 AM	11:48 AM	07:08 PM	5%
Thursday	05:34 AM	12:48 PM	07:52 PM	1%
Friday	06:50 AM	01:46 PM	08:31 PM	New Moon
Saturday	08:05 AM	02:41 PM	09:07 PM	2%
Sunday	09:20 AM	03:35 PM	09:41 PM	7%



With rainy periods throughout August, most of northeast Kansas is as green as most Junes, even though the vegetation is heading into late summer phase, as is evidenced by big bluestem and purpletop seedhead silhouettes against the clouds.



Sun

Jupiter S, Saturn SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:49 AM	06:44 AM	08:00 PM	09:05 PM
Tuesday	05:50 AM	06:45 AM	07:59 PM	09:03 PM
Wednesday	05:51 AM	06:45 AM	07:57 PM	09:01 PM
Thursday	05:52 AM	06:46 AM	07:56 PM	09:00 PM
Friday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:54 PM	08:58 PM
Saturday	05:54 AM	06:48 AM	07:53 PM	08:56 PM
Sunday	05:55 AM	06:49 AM	07:51 PM	08:55 PM

Nature Notes

§ Pitcher's Sage and gentians, both blue blossoms are worth going to area prairies to see, and this promises to be one of the best years ever for many perennial sunflower species in northeast Kansas. Other wildflowers beginning to bloom now are boneset, various goldenrods and fall thistles, joining swamp milkweed, slender mountain mint euphorbia corollata, snow-on-the-mountain, and of course the pollen-happy ragweeds.

§ Did you know Kansas has a native poinsettia that turns red? *Euphorbia cyathophora*, or wild poinsettia has very small flowers, whose surrounding leaf bases turn bright red like the Christmas poinsettia, only it's doing so at this time of year.

§ More and more blackbirds are gathering on telephone/power lines as they gather to migrate in their amoeba-like flocks. It's so fun to watch the flocks rise and fall unpredictably but quite beautifully: see if you can take a video!

§ The nice thing about wildflowers as they fade is when they are ready you can start collecting, drying and storing the seeds to propagate. In addition to several species ready to do that if it's dry enough, green walnut husks are turning brown, acorns are ripening, hedge apples are getting large, locust seedpods are filling, as nature prepares seeds to come up next spring.

§ Cool mornings mean fog over ponds, dewy fields and droplet covered spiderwebs to take pictures of.