

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 23 - 29, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:56 AM	08:32 AM	04:07 PM	33%
Tuesday	01:59 AM	09:31 AM	04:58 PM	23%
Wednesday	03:08 AM	10:30 AM	05:43 PM	14%
Thursday	04:22 AM	11:28 AM	06:23 PM	7%
Friday	05:37 AM	12:24 PM	07:00 PM	2%
Saturday	06:52 AM	01:19 PM	07:35 PM	New Moon
Sunday	08:07 AM	02:12 PM	08:08 PM	1%



Did you know ripe hackberries are edible? They are mostly seed, but the thin layer between the dark red skin and the seed is very sweet. Don't bite down on the seed and you'll see why birds like to eat them in the coming winter months. Other wild edible fall fruit include prickly pear cactus fruits, papaws, black walnuts and of course riverbank grapes.



Sun

Jupiter SW, Saturn SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:17 AM	07:09 AM	07:16 PM	08:18 PM
Tuesday	06:18 AM	07:10 AM	07:15 PM	08:16 PM
Wednesday	06:19 AM	07:11 AM	07:13 PM	08:14 PM
Thursday	06:20 AM	07:11 AM	07:11 PM	08:13 PM
Friday	06:21 AM	07:12 AM	07:10 PM	08:11 PM
Saturday	06:22 AM	07:13 AM	07:08 PM	08:09 PM
Sunday	06:23 AM	07:14 AM	07:07 PM	08:08 PM

Nature Notes

§ With fall equinox early Monday morning, this area prepares for the winter by going to seed, mostly dropping them before the leaves cover them up, with the help of animal digestive systems which absorb the sugars and deposit the seeds far away from the mother plant. The cooler mornings mean patchy fog over the warmer waters of area ponds and rivers.

§ Stars on the ground and the sky? That's right: the fall asters, which is Latin for "stars" are blooming away for the next several weeks. Look for purple, pink and white varieties to light up your day, then in the evening when clouds aren't around, look to the east and see the constellation Pegasus, with the nearby Andromeda galaxy just visible to the naked eye on moonless evenings like this week has.

§ This week's wildflowers in addition to asters include goldenrods, sweet coneflower and other perennial sunflowers, boneset, russian thistle, Pitcher's sage, gentian and euphorbia corollata. White snakroot continues to bloom in area woods and sticktites are yearning for your socks!

§ This weekend includes a wonderful drawing workshop at the Free State High School prairie titled "Capturing a Moment on the Prairie" but the deadline is Monday, so email sara@happybeetle.com if you're interested. This weekend is the Land Institute's annual Prairie Festival near Salina, KS too.