

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 30 – October 6, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:20 AM	03:06 PM	08:43 PM	5%
Tuesday	10:32 AM	03:59 PM	09:19 PM	12%
Wednesday	11:42 AM	04:53 PM	09:59 PM	20%
Thursday	12:48 PM	05:47 PM	10:43 PM	29%
Friday	01:49 PM	06:41 PM	11:32 PM	40%
Saturday	02:43 PM	07:33 PM		1st Quarter
Sunday	03:31 PM	08:24 PM	12:24 AM	60%



Currently in their blooming prime, “asters” are known in some quarters as “frost flower.” It is said that frost will begin to coat the morning grasses a month from when the first “frost flowers” begin to bloom. They’ve been blooming for a couple of weeks now, so they are right on schedule for the average first frost in mid-October



Sun

Jupiter SW, Saturn SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:24 AM	07:15 AM	07:05 PM	08:06 PM
Tuesday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:04 PM	08:05 PM
Wednesday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:02 PM	08:03 PM
Thursday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:00 PM	08:01 PM
Friday	06:27 AM	07:19 AM	06:59 PM	08:00 PM
Saturday	06:28 AM	07:20 AM	06:57 PM	07:58 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:21 AM	06:56 PM	07:57 PM

Nature Notes

§ We get a surprising amount of fall moisture from the Pacific ocean, with the tropical moisture pumped across the Southwest by hurricanes that have developed off the west coast of Mexico. That’s what’s happening mid-week for much of Kansas from tropical storm Narda currently near Puerto Vallarta and heading up the west coast.

§ What’s blooming? The goldenrods and the sunflower tribe are beginning to transition to seed production, while asters continue to increase their blooms of white, pink and purple. Gentians can still be found amongst prairie grasses along with spiranthes/fall lady’s tresses, milkweed pods are opening and releasing seeds, some tall grasses are still sending up new pollen laden seed heads, boneset, sweet everlasting are still blooming, and snow-on-the-mountain and spurge still abound.

§ 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?

§ This Thursday, help keep our Kaw River clean by going to the 8th street ramp in North Lawrence at 5:30pm and help clean up with Friends of the Kaw. Check Facebook for cancellation.