

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 9 - 15, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:32 PM	10:28 PM	02:31 AM	83%
Tuesday	06:11 PM	11:15 PM	03:26 AM	89%
Wednesday	06:46 PM		04:23 AM	94%
Thursday	07:17 PM	12:01 AM	05:21 AM	98%
Friday	07:45 PM	12:44 AM	06:18 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	08:11 PM	01:27 AM	07:16 AM	100%
Sunday	08:37 PM	02:08 AM	08:12 AM	98%



The disks of the ashy sunflower turn yellow after the yellow “petals” or ray flowers have withered away, perhaps to continue attracting insects as the seeds form. Peak perennial sunflower blooming has passed, except for bidens found in the wetlands.



Sun

Jupiter SW, Saturn SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:03 AM	06:56 AM	07:39 PM	08:41 PM
Tuesday	06:04 AM	06:57 AM	07:37 PM	08:39 PM
Wednesday	06:05 AM	06:58 AM	07:36 PM	08:38 PM
Thursday	06:06 AM	06:59 AM	07:34 PM	08:36 PM
Friday	06:07 AM	07:00 AM	07:32 PM	08:34 PM
Saturday	06:08 AM	07:01 AM	07:31 PM	08:33 PM
Sunday	06:09 AM	07:02 AM	07:29 PM	08:31 PM

Nature Notes

§ With continued wet weather, vegetation continues to grow taller, larger and more prolific. Asters are beginning to bloom, and stiff goldenrod is joining the other varieties of yellow goldenrod gracing area prairies and pastures. Pitcher’s sage blue blossoms are still going strong as is boneset, false boneset & joe-pye weed while many other forbs are busy making seeds.

§ Cicada songs begin singing when the temperature rises above 75, peaking around sunset. Grasshoppers can sing into the evening, joined by katydids, crickets, nighthawks and treefrogs, keeping the nights alive with their wild songs.

§ Blackbird migration continues, with some hummingbirds still passing through, along with Mississippi kites, flycatchers, vireos, fall warblers and a host of other itinerant species.

§ Look at milkweeds to see if you can find a monarch caterpillar eating leaves and building a crysalis. This Saturday is the annual Monarch Watch Open House at Foley Hall on west campus between 9 and 2pm, while Hidden Valley Camp is having a work day the same day and Grassland Heritage is selling native plants on Wed. at Cottin’s Hardware from 4-6pm. Lots of good excuses!

§ Plentiful insects make this a good time to see tree frogs, toads, lizards, dragonflies, darners, praying mantis, spiders, and of course insect eating birds who live off the bounty of this peak season for the six legged creatures.