

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 14 – 20, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:34 PM	01:30 AM	08:02 AM	99%
Tuesday	08:03 PM	02:13 AM	09:01 AM	97%
Wednesday	08:36 PM	02:58 AM	10:02 AM	93%
Thursday	09:13 PM	03:46 AM	11:03 AM	87%
Friday	09:57 PM	04:36 AM	12:05 PM	79%
Saturday	10:48 PM	05:30 AM	01:05 PM	70%
Sunday	11:47 PM	06:25 AM	02:01 PM	60%



Look carefully in the middle of this constellation of asters and you'll see a honey bee collecting end-of-the-season pollen to eat, nectar to make into honey, or both. Boneset, sweet everlasting and a few sunflowers join asters this time of year as a pollinator destination so wildflowers are almost never alone!



Sun

Jupiter SW, Saturn S after dusk; Venus low west at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:37 AM	07:29 AM	06:44 PM	07:45 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:30 AM	06:42 PM	07:44 PM
Wednesday	06:39 AM	07:31 AM	06:41 PM	07:42 PM
Thursday	06:40 AM	07:32 AM	06:39 PM	07:41 PM
Friday	06:41 AM	07:33 AM	06:38 PM	07:40 PM
Saturday	06:41 AM	07:34 AM	06:37 PM	07:38 PM
Sunday	06:42 AM	07:35 AM	06:35 PM	07:37 PM

Nature Notes

§ Ample moisture and moderate temperatures have translated into later than normal fall colors, so this coming weekend's Maple Leaf Festival in Baldwin will likely not see much in the way of brilliantly colored maple leaves. The first things to turn red color are beginning: sumac, virginia creeper and poison ivy vines. Ash, walnut and cottonwood leaves turn yellow early and are among the first to lose their leaves, too.

§ Fall bird migration continues, and the morning and late afternoon skies seem full of seagulls. Check your favorite body of water or a power line to enjoy the bird flocks that are both big and small. Nighttime is when many songbirds migrate, and the moon, while rising later each night this week, can provide a good backdrop as it rises for seeing flocks through binoculars.

§ With cooler temps, grab a friend or pet and take a walk at Clinton, up north on the Fitch Natural History Preserve trails, along the Kaw Levee, at Prairie Park, at Douglas County State Lake, at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, watch moonrise at Wells Overlook, or walk around your neighborhood. Carpe diem!

§ If you don't have plans for this coming weekend, consider going to the Mother Earth News Fair in Topeka where you can learn about so many ways to live your life in ways that honor the more-than-human planet that supports us every day.