Our Night Sky for November 9th, 2026

Starting tonight and continuing for perhaps the rest of the week we have a very special opportunity that will not reoccur at least until spring. The first part of that is that the moon sets early in the evening all week. And mild weather forecast for the entire week. Forecasts may be more a wish than reality. If the weather stays mild, and a nice moonless night, we could locate the star cluster named the Jewel box or the seven sisters. Locate Orion due east, just rising, and find the three stars that are the belt. Follow a line up from the belt about two hand widths to a bright yellow star named Aldebaran. An astronomy program on your phone might help you find Aldebaran; it is in the constellation Taurus the bull and this star is known as the bull's eye. Continue upwards and maybe a little left about the same distance you have already looked up and you should find the Jewel box, at six and if conditions are good seven stars all almost exactly the same color and very similar brightness or magnitude. If you have binoculars this should be a really beautiful sight. These stars are part of an open cluster of many more similar stars all approximately the same age, size and color, look closely you may spot a few more. Another special object that may be a stretch but worth an attempt is the Orion nebula. This will be more accessible as Orion moves above the horizon but look just below the left side of the belt a finger width or two down the stars of the sword, with binoculars, you may see very faintly a glowing cloud that is a star factory, this is a very beautiful object in our night sky.