

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 28 - Dec. 4, 2016

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	06:16 AM	11:38 AM	04:56 PM	2%	
Tuesday	07:11 AM	12:24 PM	05:35 PM	0%	New Moon
Wednesday	08:04 AM	01:12 PM	06:18 PM	0%	
Thursday	08:55 AM	02:00 PM	07:06 PM	2%	
Friday	09:43 AM	02:49 PM	07:57 PM	6%	
Saturday	10:27 AM	03:39 PM	08:53 PM	11%	
Sunday	11:09 AM	04:28 PM	09:51 PM	18%	



Buck brush, also known as coralberry has had a good seed producing year like so many other plants. This bunch had a particularly good year! A relative of the invasive honeysuckle, it, too creates a network of runners that sprout up new plants along its length, making it hard to remove once established. Speaking of bucks, deer love to eat this plant.



Sun

Mars, Saturn SW, Venus, low W in evening;
Jupiter low east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:19 AM	07:17 AM	05:00 PM	06:06 PM
Tuesday	06:20 AM	07:19 AM	05:00 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:21 AM	07:20 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Thursday	06:22 AM	07:21 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Friday	06:23 AM	07:22 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Saturday	06:24 AM	07:22 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:23 AM	04:59 PM	06:04 PM

Nature Notes

§ There are still a surprising number of trees with leaves still attached especially in town due to the heat island effect. Drive into the country and most trees have already lost their leaves.

§ Migratory waterfowl are increasing in numbers; the Squaw Creek numbers are updated every Monday, so check out numbers in coming weeks to see when the Snow Geese arrive, sometimes upwards of a million birds. Whooping Cranes have been at Quivira in central Kansas for the past week, while seagulls and ducks are still plentiful in the area, as are raptors.

§ Deer hunting season (firearm) season starts November 30 and runs through Dec. 11, and this includes public land such as Clinton and Douglas County State Lakes. This might be a great time to check out Prairie Park Nature Prairie, the Baker/Wakarusa Wetlands, Wells Overlook Park and other good hiking areas not so prone to being hunted.

§ Consider an eastern red cedar for a Christmas tree this year. Most local farmers would be happy to let you cut one for free, and while pricklier, it's more fragrant than pines.

§ Packrats have been filling their nests with seeds and nuts of all kinds, including acorns, honey locust seed pods, walnuts, berries, etc. Area tribes used to raid the nests made of sticks and leaves to harvest the bounty for themselves.