

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 12 - 18, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	11:28 AM	04:25 PM	09:22 PM	20%	1st Quarter
Tuesday	12:12 PM	05:13 PM	10:16 PM	28%	
Wednesday	12:51 PM	05:59 PM	11:12 PM	37%	
Thursday	01:26 PM	06:45 PM		46%	
Friday	01:58 PM	07:29 PM	12:08 AM	56%	
Saturday	02:28 PM	08:13 PM	01:06 AM	65%	
Sunday	02:56 PM	08:57 PM	02:05 AM	74%	



Look for winter mushrooms amongst the newly fallen leaves in your woodland walks this time of year. Squirrels and other woodland creatures can tell the difference between edible and poisonous mushrooms and eat them for sustenance, especially on a year where acorn production is down due to the late frosts and summer drought. Look for half eaten mushrooms on top of logs this week.



Sun

Saturn SW, Mars S at dusk,
Venus rising in the east shortly before sunrise

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:04 AM	07:00 AM	05:09 PM	06:14 PM
Tuesday	06:05 AM	07:01 AM	05:08 PM	06:13 PM
Wednesday	06:06 AM	07:02 AM	05:07 PM	06:12 PM
Thursday	06:07 AM	07:03 AM	05:07 PM	06:11 PM
Friday	06:08 AM	07:04 AM	05:06 PM	06:11 PM
Saturday	06:09 AM	07:05 AM	05:05 PM	06:10 PM
Sunday	06:10 AM	07:07 AM	05:04 PM	06:10 PM

Nature Notes

§ Nov. 17 is the peak day for deer-car accidents, with some 700 of the 10,000 annual collisions in Kansas occurring on that day. Drive carefully, especially around dawn, dusk & after dark.

§ Consider taking a hike this week to scope out possible hikes for an after Thanksgiving meal walk. Try the Kaw Levee trail, Clinton Reservoir, or get ideas from Kansas Wildlife and Park's naturalkansas.org website.

§ The Pleiades, the Hyades, Orion and Gemini are all rising in the east around 9pm this week; it's a beautiful sight to behold, with the moon marching across the sky, moving further east and growing larger each successive night, growing from a crescent, past first quarter and waxing gibbous as it heads toward full moon next week which means it will rise in the east at sunset that night, the day after Thanksgiving.

§ As our snow melts away, frosty mornings are more apparent in grasslands than in the woods. Right after the frost disappears you can walk very quietly in the woods while the leaves are still damp. Cold or not, squirrels can be heard scurrying about in woodland leaves, while woodpeckers flit from dead tree to dead tree, looking for bugs to eat and sparrows hang out in grasses and cattails, fluttering away when you get close.