

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 18 - 24, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:51 PM	05:14 AM	12:38 PM	64%
Tuesday		06:10 AM	01:20 PM	3rd Quarter
Wednesday	12:01 AM	07:03 AM	01:56 PM	41%
Thursday	01:11 AM	07:55 AM	02:29 PM	30%
Friday	02:22 AM	08:47 AM	03:01 PM	20%
Saturday	03:33 AM	09:38 AM	03:33 PM	12%
Sunday	04:44 AM	10:29 AM	04:06 PM	5%



This sunset photo shows the silhouette of leafless trees under geese flying south. Leaf fall makes it easier to see wildlife and things further away than you can see other times of the year. The dry weather has provided beautiful days for outdoor walks,



Sun

Jupiter, Saturn, Venus all in SW at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:11 AM	07:06 AM	05:05 PM	06:09 PM
Tuesday	06:12 AM	07:07 AM	05:04 PM	06:09 PM
Wednesday	06:13 AM	07:08 AM	05:03 PM	06:08 PM
Thursday	06:14 AM	07:10 AM	05:03 PM	06:08 PM
Friday	06:15 AM	07:11 AM	05:02 PM	06:07 PM
Saturday	06:16 AM	07:12 AM	05:02 PM	06:07 PM
Sunday	06:17 AM	07:13 AM	05:01 PM	06:06 PM

Nature Notes

§ It starts getting light a little after 6 in the morning and is pretty much dark a little after 6 in the evening. The stars will be bright this week with the old moon heading toward new, at least until likely midweek rains. Check out Pegasus high in the sky, the nearby Andromeda galaxy, and the Pleiades, the Hyades, Orion and Gemini rising in the east.

§ Plan to take a hike this weekend and scope out possible hikes for after your Thanksgiving meal/Black Friday. Try the Kaw Levee trail, Clinton, Perry or Hillsdale Reservoirs, Fitch Nature Preserve, or Douglas County State Lake in the Lawrence area. Other parts of the state: get ideas from the naturalkansas.org website.

§ This is an excellent time to spot and gather bittersweet to use for holiday decorations. Gather some native grass, some acorns and you have a nice Thanksgiving table decoration.

§ Last week there were over 90,000 geese at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge near the Missouri River, and many waterfowl hunting seasons are going on across the state. Large flocks of blackbirds are wending their way through the region as well, with many raptors paying close attention.

§ Mosses: look for sporophyte reproductive structures.
Mushrooms: puffballs; look for fresh round of winter mushrooms after midweek rains.