

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 28 - December 4, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:12 PM	05:06 PM	10:07 PM	32%
Tuesday	12:48 PM	06:00 PM	11:21 PM	43%
Wednesday	01:18 PM	06:50 PM		1st Quarter
Thursday	01:44 PM	07:37 PM	12:31 AM	65%
Friday	02:09 PM	08:21 PM	01:39 AM	75%
Saturday	02:32 PM	09:05 PM	02:45 AM	83%
Sunday	02:57 PM	09:50 PM	03:49 AM	90%



Poison ivy is easy to identify even after the leaves have fallen, distinguishable from other vines by the white berries, which, by the way, are a much sought after food by many birds. Don't try them, though: poison ivy berries will give you a rash!



Sun

Jupiter SE and Saturn SW at dusk, Mars rising east.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:21 AM	07:17 AM	05:00 PM	06:05 PM
Tuesday	06:21 AM	07:18 AM	05:00 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:22 AM	07:19 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Thursday	06:23 AM	07:20 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Friday	06:24 AM	07:21 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Saturday	06:25 AM	07:22 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Sunday	06:26 AM	07:23 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy>

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

§ Speaking of bucks and berries: the 2 foot tall woodland bush with pinkish-red, hard berries on them is called buckbrush or coralberry. Deer love to eat them--hence the name. These colorful berries are very woody and are not edible for humans, however.

§ 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.

§ Migratory waterfowl and their predators (including eagles) are increasing in numbers at reservoirs and wildlife refuges like Quivira, Cheyenne Bottoms, Loess Bluffs and Neosho. Winter songbirds are settling in, including cardinals, bluejays, juncos and other sparrows, titmouse, woodpeckers and of course, crows. Blackbird flocks can be huge and mesmerizing.

§ Speaking of birds, it's not too early to consider one of the many Christmas Bird Counts that take place across the state from Dec. 12 - Jan. 12. Look at www.ksbirds.org