

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 27 - December 3, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:04 PM		07:43 AM	Full Moon
Tuesday	05:52 PM	12:54 AM	08:51 AM	99%
Wednesday	06:48 PM	01:51 AM	09:51 AM	96%
Thursday	07:49 PM	02:47 AM	10:42 AM	91%
Friday	08:52 PM	03:40 AM	11:23 AM	85%
Saturday	09:55 PM	04:29 AM	11:57 AM	77%
Sunday	10:56 PM	05:15 AM	12:25 PM	69%



Eagles, many hawks and raptors overwinter in Kansas, often following waterfowl migration, with each cold front bringing in new arrivals. Winter flocks have come together, concentrated further with each snow storm we get: chickadees, cardinals, bluejays, juncos, nuthatches, titmouse all hang together; give yourself a ringside seat by putting out a birdfeeder this winter.



Sun

Mercury SW, Jupiter E, Saturn S at dusk; Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:19 AM	07:16 AM	05:00 PM	06:06 PM
Tuesday	06:20 AM	07:17 AM	05:00 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:21 AM	07:18 AM	05:00 PM	06:05 PM
Thursday	06:22 AM	07:19 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Friday	06:23 AM	07:20 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Saturday	06:24 AM	07:21 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:22 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM

§ Watch out for black ice this week: at or above freezing temps can melt snow, which freezes into ice after it cools back down at night, creating problems, particularly in the morning.

§ Deer firearm season begins this week (Nov. 29) and continues though Dec. 10, so make sure that you make yourself visibly human on this great time of year to take hikes. Bring along a friend if you can, especially around sunrise and sunset.

§ 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 commercially available pines and firs, and ecologically speaking you'll be doing the local prairies and pastures a favor.

§ Full Moon is Monday night, and Tuesday night, the just-past full moon rises about as far north on the eastern horizon as you'll ever see. This is because the path of the moon's orbit is at an angle to the path of the sun, which is why eclipses don't happen every month. The full moon goes through an 18.6 year cycle of being north and south of the sun's path, so seeing the full moon rise this far north is a once in a generation event-- check it out! The moon is also about as high as you'll see in the sky after midnight as well.

§ It's not too late to join in the [Native Ecosystems Trivia Night Fundraiser](#) for the Native Lands Restoration Collaborative, Sat. Dec. 9 from 4-7pm at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center.