

Kaw Valley Almanac

December 2 - 8, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:02 AM	01:28 PM	05:54 PM	2%
Tuesday	09:57 AM	02:24 PM	06:55 PM	6%
Wednesday	10:43 AM	03:20 PM	08:02 PM	12%
Thursday	11:22 AM	04:14 PM	09:13 PM	20%
Friday	11:55 AM	05:05 PM	10:24 PM	29%
Saturday	12:23 PM	05:54 PM	11:34 PM	40%
Sunday	12:48 PM	06:41 PM		1st Quarter



Here are two approaches to making it through winter: the prickly pear cactus reduces its water content, creating its own anti-freeze while dehydrating to get through the cold and survive even subzero temperatures. Mosses "bloom" in wintertime, sporulating or sending out spores, using limited moisture and can use the sunlight even through the snow!



Sun

Mars S at dawn, Saturn SE, Jupiter E, Venus W at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:25 AM	07:21 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Tuesday	06:25 AM	07:22 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:26 AM	07:23 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Thursday	06:27 AM	07:24 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Friday	06:28 AM	07:25 AM	04:58 PM	06:05 PM
Saturday	06:29 AM	07:26 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:27 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/>

§ Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge near the Missouri River continue to get an influx of snow geese, eagles, swans and other migratory waterfowl, as do area state lakes and reservoirs. Check <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/loess-bluffs> every Tuesday to get the latest bird count at Loess Bluffs. There is a group leaving the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center Sat. at 8am to visit Loess Bluffs if you're interested in a group

§ Speaking of birds, now is a good time to put out a bird feeder if you haven't already. Winter flocks composed of many different species have come together for the common purpose of finding food: chickadees, cardinals, bluejays, juncos, nuthatches, titmouse and more come to feeders. Birds around my bird feeder love black sunflower seeds the best!

§ The sunset happens this week earlier than at any other time of the year. Latest sunrise won't happen until January.

§ Christmas Bird Counts are taking place in Dec. and Jan. all around the state. To find the date of the one closest to you, check out the list here: <https://ksbirds.org/kos/2024CBC.htm>

§ If you take a walk in the woods, see if you can find things that are still green: bristly greenbriar vines, honeysuckle, a sheltered wild rose, wild onion, moss and of course cedar trees. Bittersweet vines with their orange berries are easy to spot, too, and can be collected for seasonal decorations.