

Kaw Valley Almanac

December 1 - 7, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:25 PM	10:22 PM	04:17 AM	80%
Tuesday	03:57 PM	11:19 PM	05:33 AM	89%
Wednesday	04:38 PM		06:54 AM	95%
Thursday	05:29 PM	12:21 AM	08:15 AM	Full Moon
Friday	06:32 PM	01:28 AM	09:31 AM	100%
Saturday	07:44 PM	02:35 AM	10:36 AM	98%
Sunday	09:00 PM	03:40 AM	11:27 AM	93%



The cold weather is pushing south, and snow geese are starting to fly into the area. Check out Loess Bluffs and other reservoirs as well as looking overhead to spot flocks, and eagles are flying ahead into the state, since snow geese are one of their main food sources.



Sun

Saturn SE at dusk, Jupiter SW, Mercury E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:24 AM	07:20 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Tuesday	06:24 AM	07:21 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:25 AM	07:22 AM	04:58 PM	06:04 PM
Thursday	06:26 AM	07:23 AM	04:58 PM	06:04 PM
Friday	06:27 AM	07:24 AM	04:58 PM	06:04 PM
Saturday	06:28 AM	07:25 AM	04:58 PM	06:04 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:26 AM	04:58 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/>

§ By the end of the week, we have the earliest sunset of the year, though there is less than one minute difference in sunset time all week. Latest sunrise won't happen until January.

§ December 3 - 14 is the Kansas firearm hunting season for deer, so make sure you look very human while taking a hike these days.

§ The days around the full moon make for interesting night walks. Try to see how well you can see without a flashlight. The Osage Tribe in northeast Kansas called this the Baby Bear Moon, and while black bears are not breeding in Kansas, they've been spotted in the state: all western Missouri counties have reported seeing black bears.

§ Now is a good time to put out a bird feeder if you haven't already. Winter flocks composed of many different species come together for the common purpose of finding food: chickadees, cardinals, bluejays, juncos, nuthatches, titmouse, woodpeckers and more come to feeders.

§ 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 pines.

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