

Kaw Valley Almanac

December 22 - 28, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:49 AM	03:36 PM	08:29 PM	4%
Tuesday	11:20 AM	04:24 PM	09:35 PM	9%
Wednesday	11:48 AM	05:10 PM	10:40 PM	16%
Thursday	12:12 PM	05:54 PM	11:46 PM	24%
Friday	12:36 PM	06:38 PM		33%
Saturday	12:59 PM	07:24 PM	12:52 AM	1st Quarter
Sunday	01:24 PM	08:12 PM	02:01 AM	55%



Great Blue Herons can be spotted in winter; they are either year-round residents or migrants from Nebraska and north, who spend the winter in warmer quarters. Their diet is mainly aquatic but they are happy to snatch a mouse, shrew or other rodent in the winter if the ice limits options.



Sun

Saturn SE, Jupiter E in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:38 AM	07:36 AM	05:03 PM	06:09 PM
Tuesday	06:39 AM	07:37 AM	05:03 PM	06:10 PM
Wednesday	06:39 AM	07:37 AM	05:04 PM	06:10 PM
Thursday	06:39 AM	07:37 AM	05:04 PM	06:11 PM
Friday	06:40 AM	07:38 AM	05:05 PM	06:12 PM
Saturday	06:36 AM	07:38 AM	05:06 PM	06:08 PM
Sunday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:06 PM	06:09 PM

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

§ Now that we have passed the winter solstice, there are many ways to note the increasing length of the day, which starts slowly and increases as we approach the spring equinox.

The sun's rising and setting point on the horizon begins to move north; mark the length of a shadow from a fence post, telephone pole or your house around noon and watch that noon shadow get progressively shorter as the sun's path gets higher and higher in the sky. Alternatively, the solstice sunlight reaches furthest into your house from a southern window at noon, so you can watch that patch of sun shrink south with lengthening days, a principle used by passive solar homes.

§ The number of geese in the area seems to be increasing, with plenty of ducks, hawks, owls, blackbirds and others in the mix. Check the Friends of Loess Bluffs Wildlife Refuge Facebook Page to track the increasing number of snow geese arriving.

§ Flocks of robins are combing the woods, eating honeysuckle berries and thereby spreading the invasive bush. Other flocks are picking over hackberry trees to glean their berries, as well as sunflower and other forb seedheads. Squirrels have been consuming many osage orange seeds and the fragments of the fruit can be found under many of the trees now. Pack rat nests are full of acorns and other seeds so they can survive the winter on the stockpile.