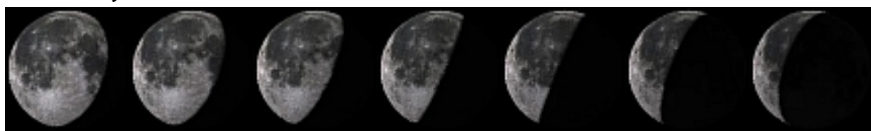


Kaw Valley Almanac

December 8 - 14, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:14 PM	04:40 AM	12:07 PM	86%
Tuesday	11:25 PM	05:33 AM	12:39 PM	77%
Wednesday		06:21 AM	01:05 PM	67%
Thursday	12:31 AM	07:05 AM	01:28 PM	3rd Quarter
Friday	01:33 AM	07:46 AM	01:49 PM	47%
Saturday	02:34 AM	08:27 AM	02:10 PM	37%
Sunday	03:34 AM	09:07 AM	02:32 PM	28%



There's a certain beauty to the patterns and colors of prairie grasses this time of year. Wildflower seedheads add many additional textures, and look carefully and you'll see red, yellow, and orange seeds and green rosettes of next year's growth.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:29 AM	07:27 AM	04:58 PM	06:05 PM
Tuesday	06:30 AM	07:28 AM	04:58 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:31 AM	07:28 AM	04:58 PM	06:05 PM
Thursday	06:32 AM	07:29 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Friday	06:32 AM	07:30 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Saturday	06:33 AM	07:31 AM	04:59 PM	06:06 PM
Sunday	06:34 AM	07:31 AM	04:59 PM	06:06 PM

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

§ Conditions will be perfect, weather permitting, for watching the Geminid meteor shower the night of Dec. 13-14, especially after midnight. With very little moonlight, the dark skies could display up to 120 meteors an hour: the best of the year. Just find a dark sky away from lights, a warm place to lay/sit on a reclining lawn chair, a cup of hot drink, a friend and a whole list of wishes to make each time you see a shooting star!

§ In addition to cool winter plants, this is also a good time to see evidence of animal activities on your walks. Besides animal tracks, look for rabbit and deer nibbles on last year's new growth twigs, scraped bark from bucks rubbing their antlers, dismantled nuts and hedgeballs from hungry squirrels, feather and fur piles from raptor/owl/coyote catches, piles of sticks (pack rat) or leaves (squirrel nests) and nibbled off dry grass stalks that are made into rodent nests.

§ Winter bird flocks are busy at area bird feeders this time of year; be sure to keep them clean and well stocked. The first Christmas Bird Count in Kansas is on December 12 at Kanopolis. They take place all over the state, so check <https://ksbirds.org/kos/2025CBC.htm> to find a group near you and consider contacting to join in--they go into January.

§ Cedar (actually juniper) boughs with berries make a fragrant and attractive decoration to festoon a mantle or window sill.