

Kaw Valley Almanac

December 12 - 18, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:58 PM	03:38 AM	11:10 AM	80%
Tuesday	09:59 PM	04:24 AM	11:41 AM	72%
Wednesday	11:00 PM	05:08 AM	12:07 PM	64%
Thursday		05:50 AM	12:31 PM	54%
Friday	12:01 AM	06:32 AM	12:53 PM	3rd Quarter
Saturday	01:02 AM	07:14 AM	01:16 PM	34%
Sunday	02:06 AM	07:58 AM	01:40 PM	24%



Much of the state has experienced foggy weather of late, without much precipitation. With wet and maybe foggy weather forecast for the first part of the week, see how the wetness brings out the color in grasses, leaves and rocks, more than making up the muted, sunless skies.



Jupiter S and Saturn SW at dusk, Mars rising east.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:32 AM	07:30 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Tuesday	06:33 AM	07:30 AM	04:59 PM	06:06 PM
Wednesday	06:33 AM	07:31 AM	04:59 PM	06:06 PM
Thursday	06:34 AM	07:32 AM	05:00 PM	06:06 PM
Friday	06:35 AM	07:32 AM	05:00 PM	06:07 PM
Saturday	06:35 AM	07:33 AM	05:00 PM	06:07 PM
Sunday	06:36 AM	07:34 AM	05:01 PM	06:07 PM

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

§ Sunrise continues to occur later every day this week, but the time for sunset has started to get later already. Since sunrise loses 3 minutes while sunset adds 2 minutes, there is a net shortening of total daylight, which will continue until the winter solstice on December 21, at which point the total daylength will begin to lengthen again.

§ Christmas Bird Count season continues across the state, with the Lawrence CBC taking December 17 -contact Jayhawk Audubon if you want to participate. Check www.ksbirds.org to see when the annual bird census is happening in your area or if you want to count birds elsewhere: the last one is scheduled January 7, 2023. If you have a bird feeder, chances are you are already seeing chickadees, cardinals, bluejays, juncos, nuthatches, titmouse all hanging out together in winter flocks.

§ On December 7, there were 703 eagles counted at Loess Bluffs Wildlife Refuge, waiting impatiently for the large snow geese flocks to arrive. Winter storms predicted to the north may drive those flocks into the area, with numbers bumping a million geese some years. Stay tuned to their website/Facebook page to see if this materializes this week.

§ Green pasture grasses mean it's either planted to brome or fescue, with any seedheads gray. Native prairie grasses are orangish/coppery, typically with lots of different kinds of plants.