

Kaw Valley Almanac

December 4 - 10, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:56 PM	###	12:49 PM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday		06:38 AM	01:11 PM	50%
Wednesday	12:54 AM	07:18 AM	01:31 PM	41%
Thursday	01:54 AM	07:57 AM	01:52 PM	32%
Friday	02:54 AM	08:38 AM	02:14 PM	23%
Saturday	03:57 AM	09:22 AM	02:39 PM	15%
Sunday	05:04 AM	10:10 AM	03:08 PM	8%



Even though the least total daylight of the year occurs on the winter solstice, the earliest sunsets of the year occur this week, and they can be spectacular. Note the geese near the top of the photo: snow geese should be showing up soon at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge as well as other reservoirs across Kansas, and if the skies are cloudless, this week's moonless night skies will be a great time to view winter highlights such as Orion, Taurus, the Pleiades, the Andromeda galaxy and more.



Sun

Jupiter E, Saturn S at dusk; Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:26 AM	07:23 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Tuesday	06:26 AM	07:23 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Wednesday	06:27 AM	07:24 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Thursday	06:28 AM	07:25 AM	04:58 PM	06:05 PM
Friday	06:29 AM	07:26 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Saturday	06:30 AM	07:27 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM
Sunday	06:30 AM	07:28 AM	04:59 PM	06:05 PM

§ Deer firearm season continues through this week across the state, so wear bright colors and hike during the middle of the day if you can.

§ Invasive honeysuckle bushes continue to spread in area woodlands and are easily spotted because they are among the last plants to lose their leaves and sport bright red berries. Consider cutting the bushes, piling up and burning them before birds eat the berries and spread them, and if you put out the fire when it burns down to coals, you create biochar, a valuable soil amendment that encourages soil microbes.

§ Christmas Bird Counts are taking place all month all around the state. To find the date of the one closest to you, check out the 2023 list here:

<https://ksbirds.org/kos/2023CBC.htm>

§ Don't forget on Saturday Dec. 9:
 -Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Reserve field trip leaves the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center parking lot at 8am;
 -Lawrence Bird Alliance Seed Sale 10-2, Lawrence Senior Center
 -[Native Ecosystems Trivia Night Fundraiser](#) for the Native Lands Restoration Collaborative takes place from 4-7pm at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center.

§ Since the sun doesn't get above 30 degrees above the horizon this time of year, you can see a rainbow any time of day including high noon, if there's rain to the north.