

Kaw Valley Almanac

January, 6 - 12, 2020

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:05 PM	09:12 PM	03:25 AM	85%
Tuesday	02:42 PM	10:03 PM	04:28 AM	92%
Wednesday	03:26 PM	10:58 PM	05:32 AM	97%
Thursday	04:18 PM	11:57 PM	06:35 AM	100%
Friday	05:19 PM		07:35 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	06:27 PM	12:56 AM	08:29 AM	100%
Sunday	07:38 PM	01:56 AM	09:17 AM	97%



This eastern gamagrass lies flat, creating firework abstractions that are bleached to almost black and white by the midday sun. The low arc of the sun across the sky this time of year creates photographic potential any time of the day.



Sun

Venus low SW at dusk; Mars E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:13 PM	06:15 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:14 PM	06:16 PM
Wednesday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:15 PM	06:17 PM
Thursday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:16 PM	06:18 PM
Friday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:17 PM	06:19 PM
Saturday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:18 PM	06:20 PM
Sunday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:19 PM	06:21 PM

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

Nature Notes

§ Look up in the sky not only to enjoy the deep blues this week, but also to catch a glimpse of hawks, eagles, geese, swans, crows, ducks, blackbird flocks and other avian delights. Full moon this week was described by the Osage tribe as “Frost on inside of lodge Moon” or “Stands alone Moon.” Try to catch at least one moon rise or moon set this week.

§ If you have a bird feeder, you can participate in a citizen science project sponsored by Cornell Labs where you pick 2 consecutive days and count the number of different species and frequencies—check out the details at feederwatch.org.

§ This is a great time to look at interesting tree trunks, different bark textures and patterns, It can help you learn how to identify species, by bark colors, tree shapes, bud arrangements and shapes.

§ You can spot a prairie this time of year due to the coppery colored grasses, though make sure you’re not looking at a brome or fescue field with coppery broomsedge. Prairies have more species diversity and can provide better habitat for rodents and other mammals seeking shelter from the cold.

§ Mammal activities: coyote, opossum and fox mating, squirrel foraging, look for fallen deer antlers.