

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 5 - 11, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:03 PM	02:18 AM	09:35 AM	96%
Tuesday	09:13 PM	03:10 AM	10:04 AM	90%
Wednesday	10:19 PM	03:57 AM	10:29 AM	83%
Thursday	11:22 PM	04:41 AM	10:51 AM	74%
Friday		05:22 AM	11:13 AM	65%
Saturday	12:24 AM	06:04 AM	11:35 AM	3 rd Quarter
Sunday	01:25 AM	06:46 AM	11:59 AM	45%



This cardinal brings a little color and entertainment to the new year; black oil sunflower seeds have thinner shells and is a favorite for all winter flock birds in my experience. It's not too late to set one up: it might take some time for the birds to find your feeder, but word travels fast.



Sun

Saturn SE, Jupiter E in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:07 PM	06:10 PM
Tuesday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:08 PM	06:10 PM
Wednesday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:09 PM	06:11 PM
Thursday	06:37 AM	07:39 AM	05:09 PM	06:12 PM
Friday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:10 PM	06:13 PM
Saturday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:11 PM	06:13 PM
Sunday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:12 PM	06:14 PM

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

§ 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.

§ There are reportedly upwards of 1000 eagles at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge near the Missouri-Kansas border right now. Might be worth a little field trip! Check the Friends of Loess Bluffs Wildlife Refuge Facebook Page to track the increasing number of snow geese arriving.

§ This is typically the driest time of the year, and only eastern parts of Kansas are short of moisture, in the "abnormally dry" or "moderate drought" category according to the droughtmonitor website, which updates every Thursday. If we get some snow, it helps, but a foot of snow translates typically translates to an inch or less of moisture.

§ Coyote breeding season typically doesn't start until late January or February, but you can see them regularly as they are out and about, getting to know each other, deciding who will be their mate. Pups are born April and May when food is plentiful.

§ In addition to increased coyote activity, this is opossum and fox mating season, and squirrels continue to forage for food. While hiking, look for fallen deer antlers, and know that many does you see are pregnant.