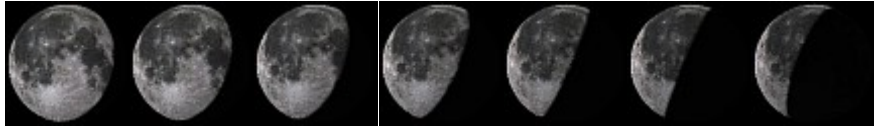


Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	10:26 PM	03:18 AM	09:06 AM	88%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	11:26 PM	04:06 AM	09:39 AM	80%	
Wednesday		04:53 AM	10:14 AM	72%	
Thursday	12:24 AM	05:40 AM	10:51 AM	62%	
Friday	01:20 AM	06:27 AM	11:32 AM	53%	
Saturday	02:13 AM	07:15 AM	12:16 PM	43%	
Sunday	03:02 AM	08:03 AM	01:04 PM	34%	



What the heck is this? How about over half a million snow geese lifting off the waters of the Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City, MO and near the Kansas-Nebraska border this past week. Thanks to Linda Adams for the use of her photo. To the west, the Sandhill Crane migration is in full swing, passing through Quivira National Wildlife Refuge on their way to the Platte River in Nebraska.



Sun

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars south at dawn; Venus, Mercury low west just after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:52 AM	06:47 AM	06:18 PM	07:13 PM
Tuesday	05:51 AM	06:45 AM	06:19 PM	07:14 PM
Wednesday	05:49 AM	06:44 AM	06:20 PM	07:15 PM
Thursday	05:48 AM	06:42 AM	06:21 PM	07:16 PM
Friday	05:46 AM	06:41 AM	06:22 PM	07:17 PM
Saturday	05:45 AM	06:39 AM	06:23 PM	07:18 PM
Sunday	05:43 AM	06:38 AM	06:24 PM	07:19 PM

Nature Notes

- § Listen after dusk for the early “peent” of the American woodcock, as well as owls and coyotes into the night. Rain will be bringing the after dark calls of the western chorus frogs, too. Moths abound, and the constellation Orion stands high in the south, sliding toward the western horizon as the earth turns to the east. Below and to the east of Orion is the brightest star in the sky, Sirius.
- § Right on schedule is the windblown pollen from eastern red cedars, opening maple and elm flowers. March is one of the windiest months of the year, and these trees have taken full advantage of that, much to the chagrin of allergy sufferers.
- § The turkey vultures are arriving, with the first ones spotted in Douglas County: keep your eyes on these, along with many other springtime arrivals occurring now. The morning is becoming more full of the songs of birds with each passing day, with nesting and courting season in full swing for many songbirds.
- § Rain will hopefully help sprout new growth in cool season grasses and help the wheat. Look along trails and around water for raccoon, coyote, muskrat and cottontail rabbit tracks, too.