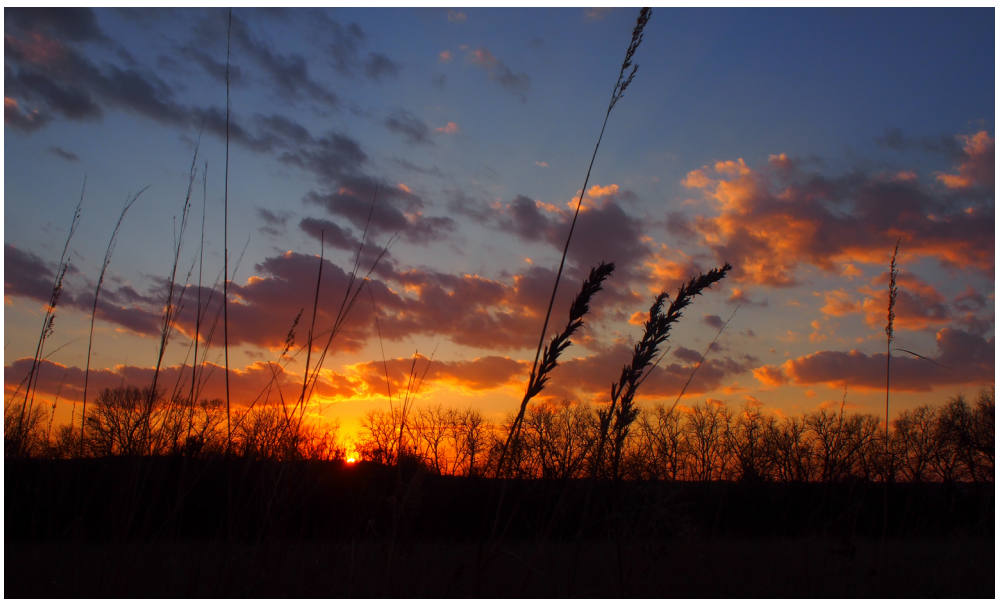


Kaw Valley Almanac

February 27 - March 5, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	07:38 AM	01:33 PM	07:36 PM	2%	
Tuesday	08:13 AM	02:24 PM	08:43 PM	6%	
Wednesday	08:49 AM	03:16 PM	09:51 PM	12%	
Thursday	09:26 AM	04:08 PM	10:59 PM	21%	
Friday	10:06 AM	05:03 PM		31%	
Saturday	10:50 AM	05:59 PM	12:06 AM	42%	
Sunday	11:39 AM	06:56 PM	01:12 AM	53%	1st Quarter



Sunrise or sunset is a great time to not only capture colorful sunsets, but also plant silhouettes, whether it is a hedgerow of trees, some switchgrass, some evening primrose seed pods, some indiagrass, or all of the above as in this photo taken last Sunday as the sun set.



Sun

Venus, Mars SW in evening;

Jupiter southwest, Saturn SE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:59 AM	06:56 AM	06:12 PM	07:08 PM
Tuesday	05:57 AM	06:54 AM	06:13 PM	07:09 PM
Wednesday	05:56 AM	06:53 AM	06:14 PM	07:10 PM
Thursday	05:55 AM	06:51 AM	06:15 PM	07:11 PM
Friday	05:53 AM	06:50 AM	06:16 PM	07:12 PM
Saturday	05:52 AM	06:48 AM	06:17 PM	07:13 PM
Sunday	05:50 AM	06:47 AM	06:18 PM	07:14 PM

Nature Notes

§ Over 250,000 snow geese are currently at Loess Bluff National Wildlife Refuge (formerly known as Squaw Creek NWR)

If you want something closer, check out the migratory waterfowl on Clinton, Perry, Pomona or Clinton along with the Wakarusa/Baker wetlands, specially around sunrise/sunset.

§ Elms, maples and cedars continue to bloom, multiflora roses and honeysuckle shrubs and vines have started leafing out, with greening cool season grasses and wheat being slowed by the dry weather. If we get some moisture this week, many plants will jump ahead even faster.

§ Choose a native woodland such as the Baldwin Woods, around Clinton Reservoir or Douglas County State Lake, and take weekly walks in March and April and watch the emerging wildflower leaves and blossoms. Take a camera and a friend-- you won't regret it!

§ You can already see spider gossamer in grasses and shrubs as they are already out and about. Look in dry powdery soil for the little funnel traps made by ant lions looking for food.

§ Cottontail, mole, mourning dove, cardinal, redbtail hawk mating season is happening; if it rains look for crawdad nests, and coyotes are still nursing their young. Continue to listen for woodcocks and western chorus frogs.