

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:28 AM	05:21 PM		22%
Tuesday	11:02 AM	06:10 PM	12:23 AM	31%
Wednesday	11:43 AM	07:03 PM	01:26 AM	42%
Thursday	12:30 PM	07:59 PM	02:29 AM	1st Quarter
Friday	01:25 PM	08:57 PM	03:30 AM	64%
Saturday	02:28 PM	09:57 PM	04:29 AM	74%
Sunday	03:37 PM	10:57 PM	05:22 AM	84%



As Garrett Derr's photograph attests, the snow geese are back in the area of the Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge along the Missouri River.

Estimates of well over half a million in number, they will likely be around for the next week especially with rain predicted Tues-Wed. Check out the Garrett Derr Photography and Friends of Loess Bluffs Facebook pages for updates.



Sun

Mars west at dusk,

Saturn, Jupiter, Venus in the east before sunrise

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:42 AM	07:38 AM	07:23 PM	08:20 PM
Tuesday	06:40 AM	07:37 AM	07:25 PM	08:21 PM
Wednesday	06:39 AM	07:35 AM	07:26 PM	08:22 PM
Thursday	06:37 AM	07:33 AM	07:27 PM	08:23 PM
Friday	06:36 AM	07:32 AM	07:28 PM	08:24 PM
Saturday	06:34 AM	07:30 AM	07:29 PM	08:25 PM
Sunday	06:33 AM	07:29 AM	07:29 PM	08:26 PM

§ The ground has thawed enough to get stuck in lots of mud, and with saturated soils, the rain predicted for this week will all run off. In addition to lots of animal tracks and full creeks, listen

for the collective voices of the western chorus frogs congregating around local ponds, creeks and wet areas.

§ Crocuses and snow drops are two blooming ornamental flowers right now. If your nose/eyes start itching when it's windy mid-week, it might be eastern red cedar pollen, which will be plentiful, especially when it gets drier. Look for elm tree and maple blossoms to open up from the top of the tree down as it warms some this week.

§ Of course the sandhill cranes are also migrating north too, and are currently to be found in Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, heading north toward the Platte River in Nebraska as the snow melts away. Listen for woodcocks at dusk, too.

§ Looking for color in the dead grass landscapes? Look in the woods for lush green mosses, green cedar leaves and still-blue berries that have dropped off the trees, reddish hues of the prickly pear, green leaves mullein and daisy rosettes and leaves of native woodland wildflowers which will take a couple more weeks before they begin to bloom. And a wet landscape is always more colorful than a dry one.