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Astro Advisory

*Notice of an upcoming
astronomical event.*

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Rosman, NC (October 24, 2017) – Astronomers at the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI) remind the public that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, Daylight Saving Time (DST) in the United States ends and we set our clocks back to Standard Time.

Some people become a bit confused by all this, thinking that, somehow, we really “save” time or, on the other hand, lose it when we change back. But realize that this is NOT an astronomical phenomenon! The “lucky ‘ol Sun just keeps rollin’ along” no matter what the US Congress declares. All we are doing is simply shifting our clocks within the solar day to suit our own convenience.

By the way, when you get up at 2 a.m. on November 5 to change your clocks, walk outside. Look high in the southeast and note that handsome guy Orion standing tall with the Dog Star Sirius, the brightest star in the nighttime sky, following. These are the winter skies!! Time is surely moving on.

At the same time high in the south the Moon, just one day past full phase, lies below the bright red star Aldebaran, the fierce red eye of Taurus the bull, and the beautiful Pleiades “Seven Sisters” cluster. This year there are no visible planets at 2 a.m. until Venus and Mars rise just before dawn. Venus is currently our “Morning Star” but not for long as it will slip behind the sun early next year

Now, those are astronomical phenomena!

About PARI

PARI is a public not-for-profit public foundation established in 1998. Located in the Pisgah National Forest southwest of Asheville, NC, PARI offers STEM educational programs at all levels, from K-12 through post-graduate research. For more information about PARI and its programs, visit www.pari.edu.

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