

Spring 2018

Prairie Sky

Full Moon		Last Quarter		New Moon		First Quarter	
March 1st	March 31st	March 9th	March 8th	March 17th	March 15th	March 24th	March 22nd
April 29th	May 29th	April 7th	May 6th	April 15th	May 15th	April 21st	May 20th
May 27th				June 13th			

March
11th Daylight Saving Time begins
20th Spring Equinox

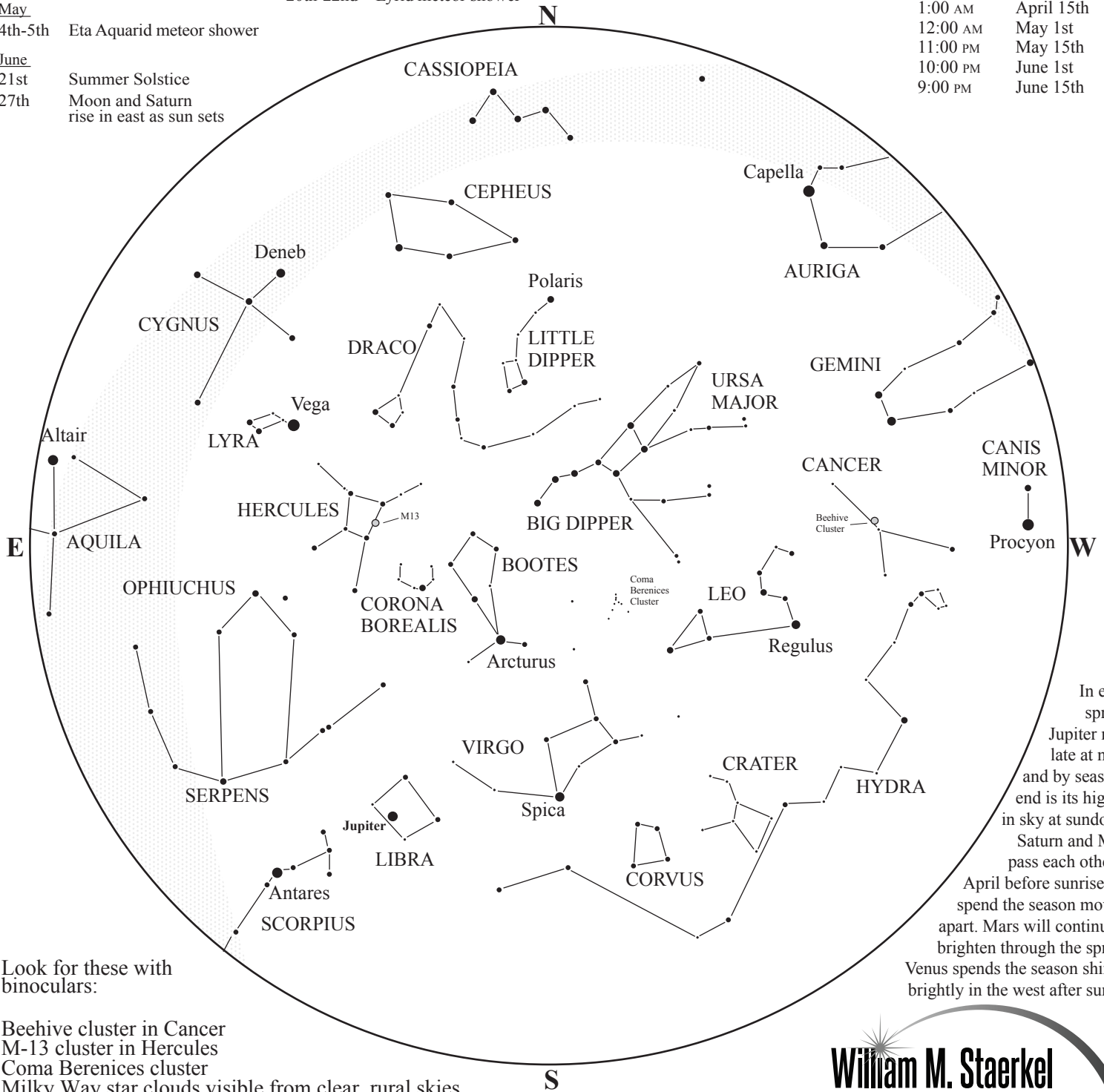
May
4th-5th Eta Aquarid meteor shower

June
21st Summer Solstice
27th Moon and Saturn rise in east as sun sets

April
1st-3rd Mars and Saturn close before sunrise
20th-22nd Lyrid meteor shower

*This is how the sky will appear at these approximate times:

2:00 AM	April 1st
1:00 AM	April 15th
12:00 AM	May 1st
11:00 PM	May 15th
10:00 PM	June 1st
9:00 PM	June 15th



Look for these with binoculars:

- Beehive cluster in Cancer
- M-13 cluster in Hercules
- Coma Berenices cluster
- Milky Way star clouds visible from clear, rural skies

In early spring, Jupiter rises late at night and by season's end is its highest in sky at sundown. Saturn and Mars pass each other in April before sunrise and spend the season moving apart. Mars will continue to brighten through the spring. Venus spends the season shining brightly in the west after sunset.

For Planetarium schedules and more information about the night sky, call the "showline" at 217/351-2446, or check out our website at www.parkland.edu/planetarium

