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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - May 3 is the last public viewing of Halley's Comet in this area--that is, until the year 2061!

The public is invited to view the comet through cooperation of the Mahoning Valley Astronomical Society and the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Youngstown State University.

Viewing sessions will be held at the society's observatory at 9 p.m. Sunday, April 27; Wednesday, April 30; Friday, May 2; and Saturday May 3.

The Mahoning Valley Observatory is located on Ohio Route 534 about 8/10 of a mile north of the 534-Route 82 intersection. A sign near the road marks the gravel driveway leading into the observatory and the dome of the main building is visible from the road.

Since there are cameras set up for long-exposure sky photographs, visitors are requested to enter the observatory parking area using only their parking lights.

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