

Alba News by Lorelei Colton

So far it's a lovely start to the week. Not raining, not terribly windy, and sun with a few clouds mixed in, with a high temp predicted to be into the low 70's. I'm taking the opportunity to put bed sheets out on the clothesline. We certainly did NOT need that additional inch of rain last Friday.

I made a trip to Canton last Friday, in the rain, and visited the Church of Christ where there was a book and bake sale being held to support the Green Free Library. There were lots of tables covered with hard back and paper backs of every theme and author you can imagine. It was well organized and folks on hand to help if you needed to review a particular kind of title or author. I was able to pick up several for two friends that like two entirely different types of readings. I am most certain that the postage to send the books will be much more than the pittance I paid for these beautiful books. Oh – and I grabbed a goodie from the bake sale table as well. I noticed on my trip through town several gorgeous purple/lavender azalea bushes in full bloom. Plus here and there bright yellow forsythia bushes. Ours is finally out – but full and pretty? Not so much.

Quick note: Don't forget Rural Brotherhood is at our Alba Church this Thursday the 18th starting at 6:30. All are welcome. The evening's program is Pastor Charlotte and Kathy Cole who will be speaking on the Canton Food Pantry that they coordinate.

Minnequa Grange is part of an awards program/presentation taking place May 4th, 1:00, at the Fasset Grange Hall. This visitation event is part of "Bradford/Sullivan County Pomona". The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to find out what the "Grange, Patrons of Husbandry" is all about. Several "years

served" awards will be given to grangers ranging from 5 years all the way to 70 years – if you can imagine that! Refreshments will be served as well.

Last Sunday it was so nice and sunny after church Ron and I tried to do some yard work. We did get a couple new perennials in the ground – holly hocks and cone flowers – but when it came to trying to rake leaves from around our stone walls and up against the garage, it was fruitless. The wind gusts just carried it back to where we just raked. Like my back needed to do that over again!!! We quit and sat on our front porch and watched the neighbors do their yard work instead. I felt much better.

I'm not exactly sure how I want to talk about the past week-end event involving Iran firing hundreds of missiles and drones towards Israel. People around here don't seem to get it. Do they have a clue how many terrorists have infiltrated our southern border? And our northern border for that matter. I know this probably makes me sound paranoid, but I'd rather be paranoid and prepared – than oblivious and outnumbered. We need to pray for our leaders and those of the rest of the "free" world. If you're confused, I suggest you look up the word "ally" in your Webster's Dictionary.

Quote by Daniel Webster: "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."

So – again – don't forget to get out and vote next Tuesday the 23rd. It's not only your "right" to do so, it's your "duty".

Food for thought: John 8:32 "THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE".

Blossburg Library

Did you know that the Blossburg Memorial Library partners with the Bloomsburg Children's Museum to bring kids STEM programming after-school once a month? Join us at the library on Thursday, April 25th from 4 to 5pm for, "Fabulous Fossils!" FREE for kids ages 5 and up (kids under age 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver). We'll have a fossil dig, identify fossils and experiment with fossil creation. What a fun way to learn STEM! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

The library will host a beginner American Sign Language class on Saturday, April 27th from 10 to 11:30am in the Community Room, instructed by Chris Chester. This is a perfect class for new learners, those who want to learn just the basics, or for those who need a review. We will continue Beginner ASL/Review Classes on Thursday evenings: May 9th through June 6th from 6 to 7:30 pm. FREE thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Library. Pre-registration is

recommended.

Due to popular demand, meatball subs are coming back! Yes, you can feed your mind and stomach at once. Make your life more delicious, while raising funds for the library! Purchase a meatball marinara sub from Blossburg Pizza & Subs anytime between Friday, April 26th & Sunday, April 28th: Small \$7.70; Large \$11.70. 100% of profits will be donated to our library! YUM! Stop in or order ahead: 570-638-6323. Thanks to Blossburg Pizza & Subs for their amazing support!

Need a prominent spot to sell your items during the Blossburg Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4th? Our library will rent tables/spots for \$10 as a fundraiser. Stop in or call us to reserve your spot! Outdoor and indoor spaces available. We will also have many tables full of items for sale to support our library, so plan on shopping for treasures at the library on May 4th from 8am to 2pm!

Our One Light Town by Brock Kitchen

PTA

Just about every school district in the state has some type of parent/teacher organization that tries to help students in their district with certain expenses that might be considered extra by administrators. Our district is lucky to have a very strong PTA to help our kids enjoy some of the fun things that go along with the normal school experience. It takes lots of help and support from many people to make a PTA successful. When I was a kid my own mom ran the PTA, and she was leader in getting the elementary playground built back in the early 90's. Even though she is not a parent but a grandparent now of a Canton student she still organizes the all-night senior party for those graduation seniors to be spend on last night together having some fun, something that she has been doing for 30 years now. Mrs. Knapp put in many years of running the PTA and is still involved, Dana Vermilya puts in hours of hard work to help the organization as well. One lady that does so much here in the school for the PTA though is Deb Fitzwater. For many years she has help run fundraiser after fundraiser, organized science fairs and special events for the kids and . Without her and the ladies that I mentioned before and many others I did not mention,

our kids would miss out. The PTA is the one that helps pay for a lot of the field trips that students get to go on. They are also the ones that help bring in assemblies or help throw special parties or movie days for the kids. For many years, the PTA had a candy fundraiser around this time of year with the help of Ted Bown, but just the past few years they have tried something new, because we all realize that someone is always knocking on the door trying to sell something. Ms. Fitz again this year is organizing our Relay for Education fundraiser. If you have a knock on your door or phone call asking if you would like to help the kids out at Canton Elementary with their fundraiser, please remember all the things that our PTA helps our kids out with from kindergarten students getting to go to a corn maze in the fall of their first year of school to seniors getting to enjoy a fun safe night with their friends their last night of being part of Canton High School. I also want to give a shout out to the Canton Battle of the Books team who won the competition last Saturday. Through the years Canton has dominated this event with hard work and support from many parents and teachers, so congratulations again this year to those who represented Canton Elementary School so

Ralston News by Kathy Austin

Hi All,

The meetings for the township, water company and the firehall for February are township is May 6th the water company's is May 7th and the fire company's is May 1st. They start at 7:00 pm and all are held at the firehall.

The food bank at the firehall is the second and fourth Wednesday of every month in April it will be on the 10th and the 24th. Take advantage of the food we all can use a little extra help. There is no income requirements. They get some good items.

There will be a rummage sale at the Ralston firehall on April 20th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is sponsored by the Ralston Method Church. They say one mans junk is another mans treasure. Stop by and maybe find

your treasure.

The Firehall is having a Ladies Night Out on April 27th at the firehall. They are only have 100 tickets. Contact Tiffany Austin if you would like one or you can get ahold of me at the number below and I can let her know. The doors open at 4:00 pm. Check out the Ralston Firehall page on Facebook for pictures of what they have for prizes.

I hope all you anglers are catching the big ones.

If you would like me to put something in the Ralston news just call me at (570)995-5091 or email me at ksacandle18@gmail.com. I am happy to do it can be birthdays or something special going on. If no answer leave a message and I will call you back.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Lighthouse by Jim Lewis

The recent Solar eclipse created quite a stir. Schools and businesses closing early, people buying special glasses, large watch parties and massive media attention all seemed to combine in creating a virtual shut down for the event. I don't know of many people who didn't at least take time to check it out. It was cloudy where I was, so in the end, it was kind of a dud. For we little specks on Earth's surface, it seemed like a big deal, but was it really? Consider this...

There is a conservative estimate of 100 to 200 BILLION stars in a galaxy, and there are approximately 2,000,000,000,000 galaxies in the universe – that's 2 trillion. (We can't see the end of the universe, if there is one). So, let's just say 150 billion times 2 trillion equals the number of stars that God, "Spoke into existence." Say that out loud, stop and think about it and try to comprehend what that really looks like. We marveled at our moon passing in front of our relatively small sun, (Which God provided for us) for about 4 minutes. Now consider this...

Luke 23:44 states that, "Darkness came over the whole land..." for 3 hours during Christ's crucifixion. There is no such thing as a three-hour eclipse! That was God. And HE is a big deal. He is capable of doing far more than we can ask or even imagine! (Eph. 3:20). How big is He to you? You, being made in His image, are far more important to Him than one moon and one star. Is the amount of attention that He gets and deserves more worthy than a 4-minute eclipse? Something to think about...

A man tells his doctor that he's incapable

of doing all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination is over, he says, "Okay, Doctor. In plain English—what's wrong with me?" "Well, in plain English," says the doctor, "You're just lazy." The man nods. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife.

Morris an old man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he felt unwilling to spend much money. "How much do they cost?" he asked the salesperson. "That depends," he said. "They run from \$2.00 to \$2,000." "Let's see the \$2.00 model," said the miser. The salesperson put the device around Morris' neck. "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down to your pocket," he instructed. "How does it work?", asked Morris. "It doesn't," the salesperson replied. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder."

Has God been talking to you? Don't put Him off another week and come experience something good this Sunday. Lighthouse of Faith (Impact Church), 141 E. Main St. Canton. Services start at 10:30 am. Check out, "Church done different." Call 570-673-5912 or visit www.lighthousecanton.com Until next time, look up and smile!

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