LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, DECEMBER 9, 2018

As I start this column the snow plows are out front cleaning the snow off the street, we seem to get a dusting or a little more each night. Yesterday, 12/8, Randy St.Onge and his helper Anthony came with their man-lift and put new Christmas lights on our park tree. It's beautiful!! Maggie Elkins and myself had worked on getting lights out there and we did over half way up a few days earlier to help make it easier for Randy to do the top part. But the strings of lights kept going out one string at a time, I guess we had to many connected. Lorraine St.Onge enjoys seeing the tree with lights from her home and Randy wanted his Mother to have lights out there, she and all the rest of us are going to enjoy them. Les not forget Stacey, she went and purchased new LED lights, while Randy removed all the old lights that were still up in the tree. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO RANDY, ANTHONY AND STACEY...the air was cold on Anthony's hands as he could not wear gloves and handle the lights, we did have nice sunshine but the air was still chilly. 12/9.. Our daughter Veronica was headed to St. Albans to day to do some shopping and invited me to accompany her. We had a wonderful time and while we stopped quickly to have a bite at McDonalds, we met up with Family, Allen and Sandy Belrose were there with their granddaughter. So that was nice and we had a nice visit before we had to leave. Our favorite place to have a quick bite is at the Pie In the Sky but they were filled and lots of people waiting to be seated. So we did the next best thing..Moved On!!!

12/5.. Thanks to Judith Derancourt she has taken over the position of organizing a monthly senior luncheon that Sue Baddorf got started last summer. The luncheons had been held at the Center For Arts room upstairs. Judith found the Conference Room to be available on Wednesdays to use once a month and there were 17 that came to enjoy soup, breads, quiche, and desserts. Thanks to ones that volunteered to help serve and clean up after.

12/8. The Holiday Craft Show that was held at the Elementary School Gym was a very successful day, there were SO many that came, one told me the parking lot was filled and she had to park down the road a ways. That is good as this is becoming an annual event that benefits our School Children. Thanks to Sue Wilson and everyone that volunteers to help her organize this.

12/8.. A small gathering of friends and neighbors of Carol McGregor was held at the Black Lantern Inn with Mary Bruins and Wendy Howard as the Executors to her Will planned this lovely event in her memory. Many spoke of their memories of Carol as she had so many talents. May she rest in peace her remains will be buried in the Spring at the Montgomery Village Cemetery.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to three families in our Community. To the Family and Friends of Lois Chauvin; and to Linda and Merle Van Gieson in the loss of Linda's sister-in-law Theresa Towle of St. Albans; and just today I received word that Kathie Cota-Chase passed away last night, 12/8. (When the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to those memories and let them give you strength during this difficult time. God Bless you all.)

Reminder of the events this weekend at the Historical Society..Saturday, 12/15 starting at 11 a.m. and Sunday 12/16 starting at 5 p.m. Check out the events column for more info.

Happy Birthday to: Shirley Jacobs, John Youland, 12/16; Louise Celantano, Ann Cote 12/17; Barbara Walker, John Newton, Mary Roberts, Safina Poirier 12/18; Denise Baker, David Burns 12/19; Kim Smith 12/20; Mary Richardson 12/21.

Anniversary wishes to Klaus and Ann Voos 12/19. Charlie and Pat Carpenter will be celebrating their 60th year on 12/20 and we want to shower them with cards, send to P.O. Box 62 of Montgomery, Vt. 05470. Thanks!!

** An elderly couple attending a church service, he leaned over to his wife and said, sorry I just let a silent one, What should I do? She said, get new batteries for you hearing aid. ** If that brings a smile to your face I have done my job for this week, its rewarding to hear that you all enjoy the jokes once you have read about someone you might not even know. M.L.T. A.