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HAPPY NEW YEAR..WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR. We are in for more of the same to stay home and stay safe and to wear a mask. The word is that there has been less colds spread around and also less flu. It has been lonely for a few people that have family that lives far away or out of state. We are not ones to travel around and I have found YOUTUBE on my computer very interesting as there are so many things to watch and it brings me many comforting moments each day.

I have found writing a column each week during this pandemic very hard to keep the interest of all you readers looking forward to the paper each week. I am going to reach out to You Readers and ask You to send me an interesting story that has happened in your life. My friend Catherine O'Neill has sent me a very interesting story and I want to share it with you folks. She was expecting her 4th Child in December and since she was a bit overdue her Doctor was going to induce labor, and Billy their new son was born on December 19th. She was released from the hospital Christmas Eve and on their way home, she remembered that she needed to get a doll for daughter Laura. They stopped at Newbury's taking their new bundle of joy in the store with them. There, they were greeted with friends that oohed and aahed over little Billy. The other three children were waiting for us and were excited about Santa's present to Mommy and Daddy. Once home it took awhile to settle down but it did happen. Christmas morning after opening presents, Billy was put in his bassinette in the room next to the kitchen, while breakfast was being made. When she went to get Billy she almost fainted and let out a scream when she saw his face. It was streaked with bright red strips going this way and that way, it was just awful. She could not imagine what was going on, when in came Laura bubbling away with her new doll, and mentioned Mommy and Daddy's present from Santa. Seems she had somehow gotten hold of some narrow red sealing tape from the packages and thought she was wrapping Billy up for our Christmas present. Once knowing what was going on, it was hilarious and Billy was happy as a clam and survived. (Thanks Kate!!)

12/28.Our phone rings and it is Pat Carpenter calling and after a little chat mentions that they had a duck come by and was resting in the snow across the street from them. She asks me, if I knew of anyone that might have ducks. I mentioned that Suzanne Pelletier did have ducks and chickens. So I called Suzanne and Zachary answered and I told him why I was calling. He said, Yes that they have ducks and what I mentioned sounded like it could be theirs. I told them where it was and he and his mother came down and looked all around for it and it was no where to be found. I expected to see them come up the street with the duck under their arms, but nothing..they decided to go back home across the fields and brook. Later, I checked out with Suzanne, and she told me once they were back home, the duck was also. Then she told me she had fed the animals in the yard before going for a walk earlier herself. Happy ending! Good neighbors looking out for one another.!!

Happy Birthday to: Mike Deuso, Taylor Soule, Robert Gendron III, 1/11; Brenda Elkins Ostrout 1/13; Sue Cherrier, Lillian Robtoy 1/13; Elizabeth Davidson, Christina Youland 1/14; Moriah Eaton, 1/15; Margie Cummings 1/16.

** Quoted... The first thing I did when my Great Granddaughter was born, I emailed my son and to let him know that he was a Great Uncle. He wrote back saying Thank-You; What did I do?***What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? The hippo is heavier and zippo is a little lighter.** There this is the first column for the New Year. Please lets keep this column going, share your story with me, call me 326-4651, email me at lois41@fairpoint.net Have a nice week..M.L.T.A. God Bless the U.S.A.