

LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, JANUARY 7, 2024

Here we are just completed the first week of this new year, and it's Sunday and it's snowing. Our ground is finally covered in white, and there was some snow to shovel this morning. I shoveled a path from my sidewalk to the Church and then the Church sidewalk. It was just perfect to be out in the cool weather. Merle Van Gieson prepared the Church Service for today his sermon was entitled "Baptism" and then we had Communion. We have decided to do our Annual Church Reports and Merle would like for us to hand them in to him, in the next couple of weeks. Merle makes copies and then we set a date to meet some Sunday in February to go over the reports and have a Pot-Luck.

My friend Morgan and I were talking this week and she has a few animal stories for me, later on. She had a pileated woodpecker in one of her trees this past week, she had heard about them but had never seen one. Then I told her my story of one here in the Village a few years ago, he was very noisy while here in town that early Sunday morning. It flew up in the back yard before leaving the village. I think they like the wooded area mostly.

I wanted to get different stories from my readers about their Christmas, past or present. Did you have a memorial one that stands out more than most, did you get a weird present or a funny one? I remember back home on the farm in Fletcher where I grew up my brother dressed up in a Santa suit and we had company and when Santa entered the house that kid was scared half to death and took off running to hide in our house. To us that knew who it was and what he was going to do never expected that child being so scared. I do not remember the child but just writing about it, remember the incident. I had older brothers and truthfully I do not remember believing in Santa, we used to tell the neighbors kids when they talked about Santa, there was no such a person and it would make them cry, they would tell their mother and she would call and ask my mother and ask us not to say that to her children. That was many years ago and it makes me laugh but also makes me feel awful, looking back it was not nice of us kids.

When I talked to Connie McFarland she told me that she had all her children home for Christmas and just this past week they came for dinner again to say Good Bye to their sister/family member that was headed for Florida Monday morning 1/8. Connie is exceptional for her age and does all the wonderful homemade cooking for her family but they pitch in to help also. She is always happy to have her Family gatherings.

Just received word that Natalie Marston has passed away, She grew up here in town and attended school with my late husband and have a picture of their classmates. My deepest Sympathy goes out to the Family. God Bless You All.

Happy Birthday to: Elizabeth Davidson, Christina Youland 1/14; Marge Cummings 1/16; Gila Domina, Justin Soule 1/17; Larry Cummings, 1/18; Jared McAllister 1/19.

** Why do you need a Jeweler on new. Years Eve? To RING in the new Year'**
Did you hear about the fellow that was preparing breakfast on New Year's Eve? He wanted to toast in the New Year. That's it folks, HAPPY NEW YEAR..M.L.T.A.