LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, DECEMBER 19, 2021

12/14..The 500 Card club met at the home of Connie McFarland where she had her home all decorated beautifully for the Christmas season. She had delicious snacks for everyone upon arrival and for the afternoon, with hot or cold drinks. When It was time to total the winnings the high score went to Rita St.Onge who was playing in the absence of Lorraine Gillis; Second high was Carmen Scott and I was told that Rita and Carmen were partners at the head table for most the afternoon; most horses went to Anita Woodward, she was playing for Debbi Chauvin; low score was Theresa Begnoche. They all had a wonderful afternoon and the January meeting will be at the home of Jeannette Sylvester's in St.Albans.

12/18. Our daughter Veronica deSaintPhalle came bearing gifts and to have a visit with us. She also had plans with her friend Barbara Burns, they went to Bernie's for Lunch. This week I had a call from Arthur G. Hooper from Johnson, he had called out town clerks office and asked for help, I was suggested. He had purchased a wreath from Maine as there is a business where they make balsam wreaths for Veterans and he had purchased three. He wanted one for Montgomery Veteran Hugh Jewett, maybe his cousin and wanted my help to put it in Montgomery. He did not know that we have a beautiful Veterans Monument on the Village Park that was put there in 1990. Its three sided, one side is honoring or Veterans that are still serving, another side is Honoring all the veterans that have served. Seeing that Veronica was coming into town Saturday 12/18, she made arrangements to bring the wreath with her to me. I had prepared for it..as I had a wreath to go out there, just had not done it yet, So I used the new balsam one and we put lights on it and a bow and its out there shining beautifully for Hugh and others.

12/18..This was also a day that had been planned by the Historical Society to have the Horse and Buggy rides for everyone that wanted to come and share a part of the Holiday Happiness. Yes, it had to be a little different because of the Covid still popping up here and there. Tyconia Westover owner of two gorgeous black horses came from Enosburg to give rides from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.. It was such a wonderful day to be outside, it was a bit cold if you did not have proper clothing on. I loved it, and later when the horses, Chip and Dale were done for the day I took them carrots to say Thanks for their time with us. Joshua Potvin and his son Declan were up from Florida staying with his Mom/grandmother Sandy Bowman and they came down and went for the buggy ride going down Comstock Bridge Road and back up on route 118 to the Historical Building. Pratt Hall was heated if you needed to warm up, and there were cookies and candy canes offered to the parents and children that came. Thanks to the Historical Society Board of Directors for putting on this event and bringing the Community together for a FUN TIME. Really I think there are many that need our Thanks and YOU know who You are and all that volunteer to help is appreciated and THANK YOU!! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Lynnda Levine, Eli Gabuzda, Gavin Baker, Wylla Barnard 12/27; Marilyn Baker 12/29; Artie St.Onge, Kelsie Deuso 12/31.

**What's a turkey's favorite song? I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. * A Gingerbread man went to the Dr. complaining of a sore knee. "A sore knee ?" the doctor said. Have you tried icing it? ** I have a cute little story, Grand-Dad Vallender had his 3 year old grandson out on the village park, they were hanging Christmas balls on the Christmas tree that is now 25 feet tall, and the last ball Hudson asked his Grand-Dad if he could put it on the top. Grand-Dad is tall but not to reach that far..but he would have if he could of. So precious!!

Hope everyone was pleased with the new snow that came down starting Saturday afternoon and through the night and most the day Sunday, It was a nice light snow, and Declan Potvin got to play and slide in the snow while here in Vermont. Merry Christmas with my Special Gift, M.L.T.A.