LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, DECEMBER 29, 2024

Well here we are the last Sunday of December and almost the last day of 2024. For some this has been a wonderful year, for others like me and most of my Family it has been a terrible year, losing a family member to a horrific crime, it lives on and on in our life. Yes, life goes on but so does the pain, the loss of this wonderful person.

12/29..Our Church service was prepared and officiated by John Gorton. His Sermon entitled "Clothe Ourselves With Love" what a wonderful title, Love is the answer to the world, God sent his son Jesus for all of us to believe in his LOVE, He forgives us of our sins, Hope, Joy, Peace and Love are great Gifts Given to all of us.

I have talked with different Family member around the Community and everyone seemed to have a wonderful Christmas Holiday with their Family and Friends. We had Family members in to have a delicious dinner Christmas Eve prepared by Penny and me, I made a potato casserole to go with the delicious steaks Penny broiled for everyone desired doneness. Our Christmas Eve dinner was missing Veronica as she had tested positive for Covid, so we will have to meet another day and time. Christmas Eve Service was prepared and Officiated by Merle Van Gieson. My niece Melissa and her daughter Kaitlin Tice made it even more special having come to go to Church with me and Penny, then we enjoyed cookies and cider for refreshments. It had been a snowy day but the evening was nice to be out and about. 12/29 The temp is up in the high 30 really nice out, Penny and her son David went for a walk. The mild

12/29 The temp is up in the high 30 really nice out, Penny and her son David went for a walk. The mild temperature got me into the mood of getting the Christmas lights off the park and pick up the wreath and get things stored while dry as it predicts rain and wind. I called Maggie and she and I got the lights all picked up and Penny came to get the Wreath and stand, Frank Elkins came later and disconnecred the extension cord. All is done and it is raining hard out there.

Friday, I went to Enosburg with Doris Williams and her sister Lois Babbitt, we had Pizza in Enosburg before heading to St. Albans to shop at the new store "Job Lots", just opened a few days ago. It is huge and so much stuff to look at. I could hardly believe after we each went our separate ways, we finally ended up the three of us in one isle ready to be checked out. Then we went into Price Chopper, for a few things, and then for a cold drink at Dunkin Donuts, before heading home. It was a fun filled afternoon. We like getting out at least once a week.

Happy Birthday to: Kathy King 1/5/25; Mike Deuso, Taylor Soule, Robert Gendron III, 1/11/25.

***A Christmas story**

I found this story and thought it was a good story to share with my readers. Mom was adamant on having a perfect Christmas holiday at home with family. She had cleaned the house, so it would look nice, she had purchased new decorations to put around the house, even made a purchase of new stockings to hang at the fire place. I have to admit it was all so lovely. We had all opened our gifts and it was time for Mom to give us our Stockings, the first stocking was received by my sister's boyfriend, he could not imagine what was going wrong as he had chocolate syrup running down the frontage of his clothes, did not say anything, the next stocking was received by son Jonny and the chocolate was running down from the stocking onto the white couch cushion...Mom, became embarrassed, and had no idea of what was going on. Only to discover that the chocolates that came well wrapped and she rewrapped them, the heat from the fireplace melted all the chocolates. It was funny to some..but not to MOM. ** Why do you need a jeweler on December 31? To ring in the New Year. *** Hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas Season. Good -Bye 2024... I wish everyone a Blessed New Year with Good Health and Happiness with lots of LOVE. HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!