LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, APRIL 5, 2020

This week I called a few people her in town to find out how they were dealing with this pandemic stay at home order from our President and Governor. Its very important for us to stay home and be safe.

I talked with Linda Van Gieson and she and Merle are finding confinement a bit challenging and they have games that they enjoy doing, puzzles, reading, watching TV, going for short walks, phone calls with their children and other family members. They are very careful when shopping for food. They are keeping well.

I talked with Marge Cummings and she and Hubby Larry have been busy, she has been doing some cooking for friends that are working in Health Care and for her family. But she said that she and Larry had planned to be in Florida on vacation, they turned that vacation around and pretend they are here from Florida to vacation in a beautiful log home with plenty of privacy and snow; I just loved that part. They are going on long walks on the Rail Trail in East Berkshire and walks on their road, getting plenty of fresh air, staying home and enjoying the changing of the season. She concluded by saying the hardest part is NO physical contact with her Grandchildren, I MISS THOSE HUGS.

I talked with Lois Babbitt and she is a lady that lives alone, and I asked how this has changed her life. She misses getting out to get her own groceries and is thankful for her neighbors as they are wonderful to help out. Where she lives there is plenty of woods in the back of her home and she has deer come out on her front lawn, they are so beautiful, and she enjoys feeding the birds. She was watching TV when the huge Navy Ship "The Comfort" came into New York on the Hudson River. Yes, it was spectacular but SO MANY people were out and not obeying the orders to stay 6 feet from each other. That was taking a risk..as New York is very contagious. She thought that was terrible seeing all those people rush to see the ship come in; knowing how the virus is traveling so fast throughout our Country. KEEP SAFE FOLKS!!

Connie McFarland was busy the day I called her, she and her son Raymond were busy cleaning up a tree that was cut down on her front lawn. She has a wood stove and she said she would pick up the small branches as they are so good to start a fire. She is an amazing person and does so well managing her life. She walks up to Sylvesters Store to get needed items, and drives herself to pick up her medicine in Enosburg, very independent. Plus her children are wonderful in checking on her daily.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALAN AND MICHELLE CENNAMO AND ALL THEIR WORKERS AT SYLVESTER'S STORE, THEY ARE KEEPING STOCKED AND KEEPING MONTGOMERY TAKEN CARE OF. THANKS TO ALL!!!

I had a little chat with Esther Varela of Montgomery Center and she told me a story of watching 27 turkeys coming down the steep embankment in the back of her home on route 118, she said it looked like they slid down the snowy bank. They seem to be showing up around more and more.

Happy Birthday to: Alan Cennamo, Melissa Haberman 4/13; Rachel Patterson, Zoe LaBier 4/14; Emma Roger, Dana Elkins 4/16; Marge Harrocks, David Martinson, Joe Sherman, Allen Kalsmith, David Brown, Mike Abramowitz 4/18.

Anniversary wishes to Jon and Barbara Walker 4/15.

** Quoted: A friend of mine has become rather old, has had all kinds of operations, takes 40 different medicines, says he's dizzy, can't breathe, has poor circulation, you name it, he has it. I asked him, how can you remain to happy and up beat, he said, I thank God, I still have my drivers license.** This being Holy Week has a lot of us missing our Church Services, Thankfully we have been able to make contact on ZOOM and that was very meaningful for me today. Happy Easter..4.12.2020 God Bless and Love to all..