

LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, AUGUST 4, 2019

August got off to a good start..the change in the weather was a change we all enjoy. Just to have it sunny and not so humid.. Been a busy week for the farmers, they have been out straight getting their hay cut and baled. The Farmers Market held today 8/3 had 10 vendors come and the music today was provided by Jim and Cindy Weed and their Friend.

Marty and Alysa Vallender have enjoyed the company of his Mother Mary and Jack Quill from Chicago, they have been spending some time here and enjoying their grandson Hudson. Also Marty's Great Aunt Maggie Posey from South Carolina and her friend Paul have been visiting and staying at the Black Lantern Inn. Eric Vallender, Marty's brother has been visiting from Jackson, Mississippi. It's summer and Montgomery is such a beautiful place to come and visit your family and enjoy the greenery and all our covered bridges. Joe V. the father comes up from St. Albans and takes care of the pets when Marty and Family take a short vacation. They are a wonderful family and great neighbors.

The First Friday of the month luncheon for senior citizens was enjoyed by the ones that came. We had hot veggie soup and breads that are donated by Jay Peak..so delicious and so very much appreciated, and we Sincerely Thank You. Also Thanks to Joey Buttendorf for bringing the sandwich wraps and salad; to Gila Domina for fresh cucumbers, and we had cookies for dessert. Thanks to all the volunteers that come and serve, wash dishes and clean up. God bless and Thank You one and all!

8/2.."MONTGOMERY STORIES" the first story was shared by Tim Murphy: Scott Perry presented a long awaited award to Tim, it was from Vermont Historical Society/League of local Historical Societies and Museums Individual Achievement award in 2018. Congratulations Tim!! Tim entertained the large crowd of people at Pratt Hall, for the first of hopefully many evenings of telling stories presented by the M.H.S. Tim spoke of his journey to Montgomery and the opening of Kilgore's Trout Saloon he bought and ran with 4 friends from Harvard. We learned about the condemning of the water source that led to a new town water system and the building of the Recreational Center. Tim spoke of the importance of public service, enthusiasm and humor. His skills as a carpenter have often joined together with the history of building in M. Along with a crew he helped to rebuild the Pratt Hall bell tower with only a 9x5 postcard photo, a clock face and a shutter to guide him.. He and volunteers built the pavilion at the Rec Center in memory of Tommy Patras and Valerie Papillo. Many knew Tim had torn out the ceiling of the first floor of the Trout Saloon to make a more "Saloon Like" upstairs balcony but few knew he was also the one who tore out the ceiling of the old grange hall to expose an upstairs mezzanine. Tim's sly humor and quick wit made for an entertaining evening. His closing statement, "Ask not what Montgomery can do for you, But what you can do for Montgomery." If you know of others who have interesting historical stories to share PLEASE contact Tim Murphy or Scott Perry. Thank You Tim for your presentation!

8/2.. We had a knock at our door in the afternoon and Mary Houston and her son John O'Donnell were on our front porch, someone had sent them to us as she was looking for her grandmother Goodspeed home here in the village. Sonny and I had no idea where it could be. I called Scott Perry and handed the phone over to Mary and she and Scott talked for quite awhile, Scott had a map that he said he would copy for her. Mary and John came to the First Montgomery Stories and she and Scott met before the event started. She visited her Grandmother's Home and it was owned by Stuart and Dr. Ester Pratt before moving away. The new owner Greg Lucas invited them in and Mary was so HAPPY to have been allowed in. She and John were

so appreciative. Mary is from California and her son lives in Mass. It was a wonderful few days in Montgomery for them, and perfect weather, everyone was so kind and helpful. Thank-You!!

8/3. Our sister-in-law Roberta Martin and her sister Rose Lamoureux came by for a visit, they had just been to a Family (Chaffee) Reunion at East Berkshire Church, with every one bringing pot-luck. Their Mother was a Chaffee and married a Mosier. I knew the family as we grew up in Fletcher and Roberta and I were friends long before my brother and her were married. They had a very enjoyable time at the reunion and We enjoyed their visit.

Happy Birthday to:Charlie Pratt, Marley Pratt, Liam Walker 8/11; Betsy Snider, Connie McFarland, Allan Sheltra 8/12; Kate O'Neill 8/13; Therese Demar, Elena Wells 8/14.

Anniversary wishes: Micky and Marilyn Abell 8/11; Quentin and Susan Jones 8/12; Lars and Rachel Hardy 8/16; Larry and Renee Patterson 8/17.

Note..The First Baptist Church of Richford and the M. United Methodist Church are co-chairing a Musical Event on August 22, at 7 p.m. Ernie and Jason Couch will be entertaining us with Christian Songs. It will be held in Montgomery U.M.Church at 20 Fuller Bridge Road..Hope you can make it. Sorry folks I did not get to the Montgomery School Alumni..and perhaps will get some news from someone later. Have a good week.. M.L.T.A. ** A grandfather is a man who can't understand how his idiot son could have such brilliant and beautiful children.**