LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

First of all I want to take this time to Say Hello to Chris Brigham, it was nice meeting you. Our daughter Penny introduced me to you recently while in Enosburg, You told me how much you enjoyed reading the Montgomery News each week, and Andy Bolio working close by heard us talking and he told me, I also enjoy reading your news each week. Thank-You so much, that is good news to me, and greatly appreciated.

Thursday 9/1, our sister-in-law Roberta Martin, called me and asked if Sonny and I would like to come with her and her sister Rose, a cabin in Middlesex that belongs to her son-in-law and daughter. Italked with Sonny and said how much Roberta wanted us to come. He said yes, and Roberta picked us up Saturday morning around 9:30, and we were off. Roberta likes going over Mt. Mansfield and it was busy busy with so many people coming there. Anyhow we got up to Randy and Priscilla Hammond's cabin around 11:30. We were greeted with hugs and such a nice welcome. That is the way the whole day went with them. I was inside the cabin with Priscilla and I happened to notice a small wooden truck on the brick shelf back of their wood stove. I, said that looks like a wooden toy that was made at the Montgomery Toy Factory, I looked at the back and sure enough it was one of the toy trucks, just did not have the 6 little wooden men that rode on the back. When I showed Priscilla the burnt in Factory Logo, a print of the old school house and that is where her Uncle Sonny went to school and that abandoned school house became the Montgomery School House Toy Factory in 1971, that was in our back yard. The school house burned in 1973 and all the new toys that were made and on order as the business had taken off and was doing well, later the business expanded and and grew into a wonderful business keeping many local people in this community with good jobs close to home. Priscilla had her Uncle Sonny holding on to the truck and took their picture for a good story to tell to other family members. It was a surprise to me as well, I said I might have been the one that oiled it many many years ago. Thought this was a great story for my readers. Randy treated us all to a BBQ of corn on the cob, chicken, hamburgers, onions and hot dogs. The ones coming brought in dishes to share. Sonny and I had a fabulous time and coming home we were near Route 12 and came home that way. There is one thing that many of us have asked if anyone had ever taken a picture of the whole business when it was still going on, if you do would you share it? Let me know by calling me at 802-326-4651..that would be greatly appreciated.

Today, Sunday 9/4 our Church Service was with Rev. Robert Purvee from Burlington, coming to do the Service with Communion. We are very pleased to have him come and he is getting to know us, even though he is here once a month. He said he will try doing the communion service once a month for 6 months and he has four more months with us. We are not sure about the winter months, but if he cannot make the drive, that will be ok. We can do it another time/month. Just know we are Thankful and So Appreciative!

Happy Birthday to: Brook St.Onge-Boissonneault. Cyndee Pelkey 9/12; Jack Witherspoon 9/13; Sarah Auclair, Danielle Marshall 9/14; Armand Auclair, Zachary Kolva 9/15, Roberta Baker, Kristina Bowen, Earl Cole 9/17.

Anniversary wishes to: Charles and Annie Purrier 9/15.

** 1. Why did the farmer win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field? 2. Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the a bay they would be called bay-gulls (bagels)** Hope you all enjoy this week and the extra day of leisure seeing its labor day..Monday 9/5. M.L.T.A.