

LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, DECEMBER 13, 2020

It has been rather a quiet week around town, at least that is how it has seemed to me. Today has been cloudy to start out the day, cleared for a few minutes and hopefully enough sunshine to put some solar power in the light strings, that David Burns helped me put on Gila Domina's cedar hedge. They were very pretty last night. Today we had our Church Service on Zoom and Merle Van Gieson was leading the Service while our Pastor took a weeks vacation.

It's that time of year when we get decorations up outside and inside too. Many have a real tree to bring inside and they smell SO good. But I am one of those people that is allergic to all soft woods. Really weird and Maggie Elkins and I used to make wreaths for 18 years or so. What a job that was going out in all kinds of weather to get the greens we needed, and we tried to get most of them before the deer hunting began. One day, I just did not feel like picking greens we were way over in back of Gazdiks place through the half frozen swamp and arrived to the gate way to enter where the trees were, Maggie stops, puts up her hands and Says, "Well Hello Trees." That was so funny and I laughed and laughed..I am smiling as I remember that so well. We always had a good time..took hot chocolate for a break to warm us up. I think we both would agree that being in the woods was not as cold, we were blocked from the wind and enjoyed being out. See, I am getting on another subject, we are going to put up a tree..this is a true story with my additions here and there.

A Friend, I will not mention her name, wanted to bring down her fake Christmas tree from upstairs. She thought what a wonderful day, my hubby is home and he will help me. WRONG!! He had other things that needed to be taken care of, first of all we needed to get the yard raked before the snow comes, So I helped him rake for awhile, forgot all about the tree. Now, four days later I mentioned the tree to my darling hubby again, as I would like to get it set up. YEP, I suppose we can work at it, BEEP-BEEP someone pulls up into our driveway and out the door hubby goes. WELL, Maybe I can go up and bring the tree down myself, I took hold of the big box and dragged it down the stairs, I got it into the living room, and there were 3 parts inside the box. I took a piece out and looked at it, too big to be the top, took out another piece and that seemed like the top of the tree, and another piece seemed like the bottom branches. I cannot believe that I stacked them up properly and then started to fluff up the branches as lying down in the box they get stuck together. I was happy to get a good start on our tree. (later) Hubby was outside with a friend and I went outside and very excitedly said to him, "You won't believe what I just did," He did not ask, I did not volunteer. I went back inside and it was a few hours later before hubby came in. Once he came in, he started to laugh as our 8 foot tree was now only 5 ½ feet high. He said you do not have the bottom branches, Now how was I to know that there was more to this tree elsewhere. He went up and brought down the bottom branches. I suggested before putting it all together why don't we put the star on now, No, he said that goes on last; but we will need a ladder to get it up there. Then we will get a ladder when that time comes. Well at least the tree is up now and I had two days of fluffing the branches making the tree so life like. On Saturday afternoon, I suggested that we bring down the decorations and get the tree decorated. He went up to bring down the decorations and he was gone for a long time, I went up to see what was going on, he was sound asleep on our bed. I said wake up, we are suppose to be decorating the Christmas tree, Remember? He grabbed my hand and brought me down beside him, I cuddled up in his warm strong loving arms and I fell asleep. I slept about an hour and then we got the decorations downstairs, and put them on. Now, we are at the time of putting the Star at the top, I went for the ladder, went up the ladder to attach the star, BUT hubby thought it was crooked, SO he goes up the ladder, to fix it, his way, the ladder for some reason tips and he loses this balance and down comes the tree and hubby too, landing on it with the star in his hand. Here is our Christmas tree and my Sweet

Loving Hubby in a heap on the floor. I could not help but laugh, he did not think it was funny, but I did. So, now that the tree is down again, I recommend that we attach the star while its down where we can reach it. Yes, he agreed, as ladders can be dangerous!!! Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Happy Birthday to.. Jennifer Kennison 12/23; Noella McGroarty 12/24; Pastor Bonnie Hovermann, Our daughter-in-law Karen Lumbra 12/25.

Congratulations to Frank and Karen Lumbra as they moved into their new home in Bow, N.H. on 12/9. Their excitement brought lots of love to us all. The story above was meant to bring a laugh to you all. We all need to laugh, don't we? Stay well and healthy. M.L.T.A.