LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, DECEMBER 22, 2024

12/22...It was zero this morning and that is cold, no wind as I went down to unlock the Church doors. Linda Van Gieson told me they had misplaced their key. I am staying away from Church service as my cold is hanging on...I do feel better though. Well, I attended the Church Service on Zoom with Vivian Elbe, she contacted me as she was on, and put her phone up to the speaker and I could hear John Gorton doing the Sunday Service. I had the bulletin in front of me on my IPad and followed on, it was neat, and I went to Church. Just missed all my Church Family/Friends.

There will be a Christmas Eve Service 12/24 at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. We Welcome all..Come and Join the Christmas Story the best Gift the World has ever received. The BIRTH OF JESUS..

Our week started with a Roast Pork Dinner prepared by Parma Jewett, and held at the Conference Room at the Town Office Building. Stacy Manosh and her Mother Sally Barrows gifted everyone with beautiful holiday napkins. The Elementary School

Children had colored or painted everyone a Christmas Ornament to hang on their tree. Parma gifted everyone with a potted Poinsettia plant. Parma also announced to all of us this would be her last year of preparing the meals that she has been doing for four years. She Thanked her crew that has helped during all this time, Lynda Cluba, Patti Perl, Elsie Saborowski, Her neighbor Gary that offers a helping hand to bring out the hot food to bring to the meal site and also helps to bring it in at the meal site. Chloe Hardy has helped serve for many years and now is a grown young lady with a wonderful friendly attitude of kindness to all she meets. Sue Wilson has booked all that want to come for the meal each month and checks everyone off as they come in to eat. Parma wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2025. Parma was also Thanked and wished a Merry Christmas from all that was there. We have all been Blessed with the delicious meals that Parma has provided...WE SINCERELY THANK -YOU PARMA!!!

12/17...I had my mind set on defrosting our freezer, which was in need. So after I got that finished and things back in, I had a call from Doris Williams and Lois Babbitt they were going for the Chicken N Biscuit Dinner at the Dairy Center. They had never had Chicken N Biscuit, well that sounded good to me, and they picked up Connie McFarland on their way down, we all had a nice hot dinner.

12/18..This was the Bowling Crew Christmas Party, everyone brings something to share with one another, Sue Peters stopped for me, and we were on our way. I do not bowl yet, but looks interesting to me. SOOO, instead of sitting and watching everybody play, I was asked to keep score, and got some onsite training and now they have a score keeper. I had a dream of Bowling and the next day I could have sworn it was real as I had a stiff neck most the day. It's funny really how real our dreams seem to be. The good thing about going is to be with so many people I am familiar with..fun time.

12/19...I had plans to attend a Birthday gathering with some ladies to celebrate the 93rd Birthday of Philippa Coville. BUT a miserable old cold slipped in during the night and brought misery into my life. I only wish it could have been a bad dream...but it's real.

As I am writing this the horses have arrived at the Historical Society property as they hired a fellow coming to give free rides down Main Street to Comstock Bridge Road through the Covered Bridge over to Route 118 and back to the Historical Society. This is a big day for the Historical Society and Co-sponsor Friends of the Library. Santa will arrive at noon time, children will be treated to Hot cocoa and cookies, etc. Then Sunday 12/22 "Candles and Carols" begins at 5 p.m. I plan to stay home with this damn cold, would not wish it on anyone or give it to anyone. I watched the horses with their wagon filled with joyous riders coming to and fro from their rides. Then the fire truck brought Santa for a visit with the Children, all viewed from my front window, Hey I could admit to being a window watcher today, what I seldom do. But I missed all the fun..what I

looked forward to..BooHoo!!! The weather seems to be calming down a bit, It has been breezy, with snow squalls. A perfect picture DAY with the Horses and Wagon rides. The temperature stayed right around 10 above, going to drop over night. BRRRR!!! Scott Perry told me they took 8 full wagon loads down around the ride.

Happy Birthday to: Marilyn Baker 12/29; Artie St. Onge, Kelsi Larivee 12/31; Doris Buttendorf 1/3/25.

Just for a laugh: the Hudson Village fire Department was small, they had old equipment and seldom ever asked to help when neighboring towns needed assistance. That all changed the day the town next door had a huge out of control brush fire. The Hudson boys came rolling down the road, past the other fire-fighters and into the center of the fire. Quickly, the boys jumped off the truck, and in no time had the fire out. So impressed with the Hudson

Department the others all collected \$1000. In donations for them. The HFD Chief was asked later what he would do with the unexpected donations and he replied. We will be fixing the BRAKES on that Old Fire Truck.

This is all for this time folks, hope you all have a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS...WHATEVER MAKE IT FUN. Love to All.