

LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, JANUARY 4, 2026

12/29..I accompanied Sue Peter's to Costco's to pick up medicine for her 4 legged little Zeus. First a stop at the Vet in Enosburg to pick up his prescription, that will be filled at Costco in Colchester. It was raining all the way down and part the way coming home; it was heavy wet snow by the time we arrived home. On our way into St. Albans Sue thought we would stop at the Franklin Rehab Center and say Hello to Charlie Carpenter, we picked up a slurpy for each of us and thought we would all slurp together. Charlie had another drink going but Thanked us for the one we brought in to him. His wife and daughter were there with him. 12/30..We had more snow during the night and covered up some ice and made more on the streets, much colder only at 5 above and has stayed there most the day..the NW wind is making it feel so much colder. BRRRRRR! 12/31..the last day of 2025..Penny prepared snacks for everyone for a late afternoon visit with her son David, His fiance'e Destiny, and the three here at home, we ate and had a nice little sip of champagne, before departing. I wanted to stay awake and see the ball fall, I woke up moments before and could not stay awake, YES, I woke up and it was already the new year, the ball slid down the pole this year, the next morning watching the news,,it was included with all the fire works going on around the world.

1/1/2026, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I have had a lazy day, watching TV and napping when I felt like it. It's to cold for me to go outside, its still icy, windy, and I feel better to stay inside where it's warm. Just had a nice long phone visit with my sister-in-law, Barbara from Berlin. That was a good beginning for us to keep in touch. 1/2/26.. It was 11 below this morning to start the day, Penny went out early and cleaned the new snow out of the driveway, and later shovel the Church sidewalk for me. I went down during the afternoon and got things ready for Communion for Sunday 1/4/26. Penny had her friend Jessica in, they hadn't had time to exchange Christmas gifts, and today was just right for them to meet, chat and exchange gifts. Next week we will get back to a more normal schedule, plus the weather predictions, is to be warmer starting on Wednesday, the day we go back to the bowling alley.

I was talking with my friend Connie McFarland and she had 11 family member come for Christmas dinner. Her family coming met up with that horrendous Snow Squall that my daughter was in coming up 100C in Johnson area. By late afternoon the storm had quieted down so everyone got home safely. Connie's daughter Jane and Joe, a Grandson Tyler & family were not present. Connie told me her son Raymond, daughter Nancy and hubby Craig were flying to Florida to meet up with daughter Jane & Joe in Florida, they had all made reservations to stay at one place for a few days and visit Disney World. Connie said she has made the trip several times and would not be attending this year.

I think the weather has been a News maker for me. I've not heard many good things about it. It's to cold, to much snow, to windy, to icy, but when I see the people that come to ski on the mountains how well they are dressed, they are out enjoying Mother Nature's amazing gift. I think us Vermonter's are tough guys, for all the weather that comes our way. I think as I get older..it feels colder.

1/4/26. Our first Church Service for the new year as arrived, with a few problems on the way, unknown to Lois until around 8:20 a.m.. Linda Elkins had received a phone call from Penny Lumbra that John Gorton was unable to come today, as he was sick in bed. Patrick Evans arrived at 8:30 and he and Lois were talking when Penny came upstairs with another message, that Merle and Linda Van Gieson would be late. Now knowing they were going to be late Lois and Linda Elkins proceeded at 8:45, to light the altar candles and the Christ candle, then the Psalms reading and Hymns for the day were up on the Hymn Board. Lois and Patrick proceeded with doing what we do by finding readings in the Hymnal, and we were doing fine, We were at the spot of doing the Scripture Readings for the day when Merle arrived and took over. It all worked out well, what was missing was the Sermon entitled "Epiphany" that John had planned for us. SO get better John, you were missed... A Special Thanks to Patrick for being our Leader during the Psalms and Confession readings. Merle and Lois served Communion.

Happy birthday to: Mike Deuso, Taylor Soule, Robert Gendron III, 1/11/26; Brenda Ostrout 1/12; Sue Cherrier 1/13; Bertie Leonardi, Lane Boissonneault 1/15; Marge Cummings 1/16; Gila Domina, Justin Soule 1/17/ 26.

Anniversary Wishes to Dick & Susie Ewins 1/13/26.

Jokes...  ** 1. What's a teacher's favorite New Year's Resolution? To give more A's. 2. Where can you find comedians on New Year's Eve? Waiting for the punch line. 3. What's one kind of pain you will welcome on New Year's Eve? Champagne..4. What's a spider's New Year resolution? To spend less time on the web. ** There, hope you got a laugh or two..Enjoy..HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026. Love To All