

LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, AUGUST 16, 2026

9/10..Began as usual here at home, Monday wash, and I like my first 20 minutes of watching Kelly and Mark on channel 5. Then I went outside to start repairing my sidewalk, as the top step has become ruined by using salt on the ice during the winter, it is old side walk that went to the School years ago, it was hidden down under the sod. Sonny and I took up several pieces and have used it for years, even my Brother Bud Martin took some for his walk way. Then I took the big huge heavy iron bar, and tried to smash out a piece but it was much too hard for me to smash. I had a stone that had a shape of a swan and the open hole on the cement was sort of that shape, so i cleaned it out and fit the stone in there and so far its ok..Had one fellow thought I did a good job..it's really solid. But every year I have crabgrass that grows up around the cement and what a hard job for me, but slowly I have a lot done. Once we were in the house, it was News time and what came on, turned us to cold chills. That horrible earthquake in Columbia..is where our Neighbors across the street from us own, but rent out to a family. Marty, Alyssa and their son Hudson Vallender, are in Columbia and Marty teaches school there, they have been here for the summer visiting friends, and Family. They were just returning back in Columbia They are about 2 miles from this devastation, Hudson told his Grand-Dad Joe, their apartment really was shaking and made the windows rattle. Marty rides his bike to school and I have been told there was minor damage if any only pick up things that were knocked off shelves. Joe, has heard from Marty and they delayed opening the school, by one week. But one never knows when we hear of these happenings so far away, someone we know might be there. Thankfully the Vallender Family is safe. But seeing all the devastation, with so much pain for all these people to search for their loved ones. Then Tuesday evening News a baby was born in the wreckage and both Mother and Baby were doing fine, A Miracle!! God Bless everyone in their loss.

Tuesday, was Bowling Day and also 500 Card Club play. I did not go to the Bowling Alley with Sue as she had asked me to play for her in August. She told me that Mike, Tammy and Carol played next to them. They all had a wonderful time and missed Lois, and I missed them also. I was picked up here at my home by Stacey Gregoire to go and play cards at Sue Cherrier's home up in the Deep Gibou, where their yard is full of beautiful flowers all in bloom, and humming birds, butterflies and bees coming to fill up. The afternoon weather was perfect with nice sunshine and a cool breeze. Sue had prepared many delicious sandwiches, a platter of variety fruit, chips, dips, veggies, cold drinks and cookies or cup cakes for dessert. It was Connie McFarlands Birthday and we all sang Happy Birthday to her. The scores were totaled and high went to Denise Baker 2860; and Lois was second high 2380; she was sub for Sue Peters; Most horses went to our hostess Sue Cherrier with 3, and low score went to Stacey Gregoire 600. Kathy Ross goes right by my house SO, she invited me to come home with her. Plus, I found out why I have not been able to reach her by phone, the number I had to call the Card Club ladies was incorrect. It is now corrected. I called Kathy later to be sure..and Thank her for bringing me home.

Wednesday, was little Skylars first day at Day Care with her Mother, in Colchester. Veronica had planned to come over with fresh blueberries for her mother and trim her hair while here. That was

done and Veronica wanted to go up and visit her Dad and Brothers at the Village Cemetery. Every thing she wanted to do got done before she had to go home. It was a nice visit for us, only she did not get to hold or see Skylar while in Montgomery. She has been busy at work and also picking berries. The berries were delicious!!! I even mixed BB and bananas together for a snack, TRY IT!

Friday, My Friend Lois Babbitt called to invite me to accompany her and Connie McFarland to the Cajun in Lowell. Lois went over Route 58, and its not to bumpy. Lois said well maybe we will see a moose today, but no moose. There was a big black raven in the road eating something, we could see it in the road so Lois slowed up and we stopped and it kept on eating whatever was in the road. The bird was not afraid of us at all, walked up toward the car and looked at us, as we took off. Lois said well we saw a bird at least, as we got home. When she brought me home she took me down to come through the Comstock Bridge, as this is Covered Bridge week ending, but just doing it was fun, there was a sale going on at the end of the street, we stopped to that and met up with a Dear friend of both of us, Morgan East, she came and we chatted with her for awhile..Very Nice!!

Saturday...It was a cool morning, almost need the furnace on to warm up my igloo, just put on an extra shirt. MY Friend Cindy Gilchrist came by to help me with setting up a Cemetery Meeting I am planning to have in the near future once I talk with the other Village Commissioners. She has been down to the Farmer's Market with Sue Hogan, the Quilting Circle is selling tickets on a Quilt, the money raised will go to help the Montgomery Food Shelf. It's now lunch time for me and I warmed me up some homemade soup and went out on the porch where it was warmer. Faith and her little black dog Wookiee were out walking around, and Wookiee has to come over and see me, they both come up on the porch and we had a visit and Wookiee had a piece of my chicken. After they left I had noticed a couple over in the park sitting on the bench. I went over introduced myself and noticed they had two bags full of equipment or whatever it was. Spencer and April have been hiking the Log Trail from Canada and proceeding to Massachusetts. Someone from the Farmer's Market were taking them to Belvidere to get on the trail there. They were having a wonderful time, and once done the trail will go to their home in Florida.

Saturday... The 70th Annual Jewett Reunion was held at the Pavilion at the Montgomery Rec Center, with about 50 Members coming bringing Pot-Luck to share. Calista Crowell travelled the furthest; 50/50 raffle won by Sue Alexander; Youngest boy was Killian Chiaravalle; Youngest girl Alice Ciampi; Oldest fellow Wayne Jewett; Oldest Lady Sis Reed; Largest Family Mindy Alexander; We enjoyed the family get to gather, and missed the ones that could not be be with us. The weather was wonderful, and some games were enjoyed.

Sunday...It's Church and the service was prepared by John Gorton and Merle Van Gieson. They share doing it and that is all that matters it gets done, and John Oficiated this Service entitled the Sermon. "Bind us Together." They have the Hymns picked to go with the Sermon, a very lovely service, Just wish more people would come and join us. Come and give us a try. WELCOME!!!

Happy Birthday to: Wendy Mercy 9/24; Colin McGovern, Mike Cennamo; Adrianna Agim, Levi Royer, Doug Skinner 9/28; Delwin Lumbra 9/29.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES : John and Robin Pelkey; Andre' and Rosalia LaBier..9/26.

*** 1. Why are horses so sleepy? They are always hitting the hay. 2. What did one hat say to the other? You wait here I'm going on ahead. 3. What insect is the sneakiest? Spy-Ders!!! 4. How does NASA organize a party? They Plan-et!!..***. This has come to an end for this week. Love To All...

PS...I have sent this early as I have another project to do. XOXOLLL