



# The Whitehursts' Dry Cleaning News

The Best Dry Cleaning Ever...Or It's Free!

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*Mark and Family David and Sherry*

## Shorts, Tee Shirts and Sports Bras

There comes a time in everyone's life when things change.

Whether it's changing schools, getting married or starting a new job, things change. Some changes are for the better and some are not. And some are just a natural progression from youth to adulthood (and the years in between).

A few weeks ago, I learned on Facebook that our granddaughter, Anna Beth, was hanging up her softball glove and moving on with her life. Her high school, Bayside Academy in Daphne, does not have enough girls to field a team next season.

After ten + years of playing softball, including the countless hours of practicing, private pitching and hitting lessons, traveling to four states to play ball, Anna Beth decided that her softball days were over. She has talent, maybe enough to play in college. But she has now officially retired from softball and is moving on with her life. It's her life and her decision.

Her Mom gathered up piles of team shorts, tee shirts and sports bras, took a picture and posted it on Facebook. It's a photo embodying much of her life.

There is much more to Anna Beth than softball. But I bet many of her best memories of these years involve softball. The life lessons she learned will be with her forever. Experiences like being a teammate and learning to work together to reach a goal. Learning that grinding it out, practicing hard every day to get better builds up over time so gradually that she may not realize it until she faces that competition on the field.

Kids can learn these things by playing sports.

With a deep sigh and a twinge in my throat, I recalled my own sons' progressions through their playing days. It wasn't easy for me when my kids finished playing ball and I suspect my son, Scott, had similar emotions with Anna Beth.

Maybe that emotion was more about kids moving beyond their youth than it was about not playing sports again. Sometimes Dads (and Granddads) have a hard time saying goodbye to the kids and hello to the adult. But you realize it's worth it when they grow up and make their own life.



## Merry Christmas from Our Family to Yours



Callie Whitehurst is our Elf on the Shelf!

**David, Sherry, Mark and all the Associates at Champion Cleaners wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.**



# “Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

## OPEN A CAN OF WORMS



**Meaning:** Doing something that causes a situation to become more troublesome and complicated.

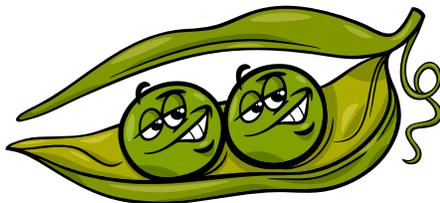
**Origin:** It looks like the exact origin of this phrase is unknown, although it seems likely that it has to do with fishing and

people buying literal cans of worms to use as bait. Here’s why: These long, wriggly creatures are sold in cans at fishing stores. While a fisherman is shopping there for supplies, he may choose to buy a literal can of worms. Later, when the fisherman opens up the can, what will happen? The worms inside are gonna try to wiggle their way to freedom, and since there are so many in there twisting and turning all over the place, it can be a hassle to keep them all in check. Thus, as any fisherman knows, opening a literal can of worms can be troublesome. So I could see how this idiom would develop from this. Anyways, the earliest this phrase was used as an idiom is in The Edwardsville Intelligencer newspaper, November 1951: “The question of command for Middle East defense against Soviet Aggression is still regarded as ‘a can of worms’ at General Eisenhower’s SHAPE headquarters here.”

## TWO PEAS IN A POD

**Meaning:** Two people who are very alike; being similar to another person, either in appearance or because they both like doing the same things.

**Origin:** This phrase stems from the fact that two peas inside of a pod are very much alike in terms of how they look. Indeed, if you pulled out a couple of peas and placed them side by side, they would be nearly indistinguishable from one another. Although their size may differ slightly; one may be a little bigger than the other, they’re both green, round, and small. Thus, a comparison is drawn—two people who share



similarities are like two peas in a pod. This expression has been used for nearly 200 years now, though it is probably much older.

The earliest we found in print is from the early 19th century, from a book by Catherine G. Ward called The Widow’s Choice, or, One, Two, Three, 1823: “Nay, I have actually heard Miss Liddy say that the eyes of Lady Primrose, which are of a charming bright black, you know, and the nose of Lady Primrose, which inclines rather to the aquiline, is as like yours, when you was a young man, as two peas in a pod.”

## THINGS TO CLEAN BEFORE YOU GET THE FLU

We all want to keep the flu away from your family and out of our home. So here is a handy list of ways to do this:

- Everyone in your household should wash their hands often. Do this as soon as you enter your home.
- Clean and disinfect those places most often touched, like door knobs, light switches, TV remotes, the refrigerator handle, the toilet handle, etc. Do this every day.
- Clean your phone daily. Use safe cleaners and microfiber cloths so you don’t damage the screen.

## THINGS TO CLEAN AFTER GETTING THE FLU

So if someone in your family gets the flu, continue cleaning the places most often touched (see above list) and try to do it more than once a day.

### Then be sure to:

- Wash the bed linens, towels, comforters, and anything else used to get cozy during the onslaught
- Don’t share a hand towel with the sickly. Give them their own towel so germs don’t spread as easily.

We will be glad to help you with your day to day laundry. But if you have the flu in the house, let us know so we can handle the items more carefully and not take the germs home with us. The most helpful idea would be to put the likely contaminated items (pajamas, towels, sheets, comforters, etc.) in a garbage bag with a note about “Possible Flu Contamination.” We would love a heads up on this.



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## CUSTOMERS OF THE MONTH!

**Congratulations to**  
**Taylor Crockett (Rocky Ridge)**  
**Sandy Zadracka (Greystone)**  
**Andrew Davis (Calera)**

Our Customers of the Month are recognized by our Customer Service Specialists because they are a pleasure to serve..  
Each receives a \$25 Champion Cleaners gift certificate



**10% OFF**  
**GARMENT**  
**AND LAUNDERED SHIRTS**  
Minimum 2 Items - Limit 15

Good for incoming orders in December  
Offer Expires Dec. 31, 2018  
One Coupon Per Household  
Cannot be combined with any other offer  
Excludes Leather, Suede and Wedding Gowns

**15% OFF**  
**WINTER COATS**  
**AND JACKETS**  
Limit 5

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Offer Expires Dec. 31, 2018  
One Coupon Per Household  
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## FREE DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY PICKUP AND DELIVERY

**Service Options**  
(within our service area)

- Regular Twice-A-Week Pickup and Delivery
- One Way Service (you drop off and we deliver - or vice versa)
- On Demand - Call us for a pick up and we do the rest

**Call Billy Mims at 205.602.3842**

**10% OFF**  
**TABLE LINENS**  
**TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS,**  
**RUNNERS, PLACE MATS**  
No Limit

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**10% OFF**  
**COMFORTERS AND**  
**BEDSPREADS**  
**JACKETS, PANTS, COATS, VESTS**  
Limit 4

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**Greystone Cleaning Center**  
5403 Highway 280, Suite 101 Hoover, AL 35242  
205.408.2797

**Calera Cleaning Center**  
4204 Highway 31 Calera, AL 35040  
205.668.4727

## Winter Solstice

Winter solstice occurs exactly when the axial tilt of a planet is farthest away from its star, depending on the polar hemisphere of reference. The significance of winter is the lengthening of nights and shortening of

days. Depending on the shift of the calendar, winter solstice usually occurs on December 21st or 22nd in the Northern Hemisphere. This year it is Friday, December 21st 5:23 EST.



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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

**Santa Jokes**



**Q:** What do you call Santa if he goes down a lit chimney?

**A:** Crisp Cringle

**Q:** What does Santa suffer from when he gets stuck in a chimney?

**A:** Santa Claustrophobia

**Q:** What type of potato chip is Santa's favorite?

**A:** Crisp Pringles

**Q:** What is Santa's favorite Olympic event?

**A:** North Pole-vault

**Q:** What did the reindeer sing to Santa on his birthday?

**A:** Freeze a jolly good fellow

**Q:** Where does Santa stay when he's on holiday?

**A:** At a Ho-ho-tel.

**Q:** What kind of motorcycle does Kris Kringle ride?

**A:** A Holly Davidson.

**Holiday To-Do List...**

- Holiday To-Do List
- Update any holiday mailing list.
- Buy stamps, cards and wrapping supplies.
- Put all activities on a calendar.
- Make a list of gift recipients.
- Start your decorating.
- Do any online shopping. Order gifts now so you have lots of time to wrap them once they arrive.
- Make sure to schedule some down time - enjoy the season with family and friends.
- Send any holiday cards and make sure any out of town presents are mailed.
- Know what you'll be cooking and what family members will bring.
- Relax & enjoy this time with your family and friends!