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Chamber News

MONTEVALLO
**Christmas
PARADE**
Parade • 6pm
Tree Lighting • 5:30pm



Slice Pizza & Brew Montevallo, 1105 Ashville Road, (205) 476-8346

Chamber Christmas Open House

Visit & Collect a ticket from each Montevallo participating location from 5-7pm on Thurs. Dec 8th for a chance to win prizes !!
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December



1st THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

5:30pm / Downtown / Holiday Window
Decorating Contest winners announced

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MONTEVALLO CHRISTMAS PARADE

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COLONIAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH & TOUR

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6th TUESDAY

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9:00am / email - impactmontevallo@gmail.com for link

8th THURSDAY

CHAMBER CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

5-7pm / Visit local participating businesses, collect tickets to WIN prizes and Chamber cash.
No Purchase Necessary! Drawing - 7:30pm at Main St. Tavern / For more details visit Montevallo Chamber FB or call (205) 665-1519

8th - 11th THURS - SUN

"THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS"

Thurs - Sat 7:30pm & Sun 2pm
Montevallo Main Street Players,
Parnell Library Theatre, For details, Visit MMSP FB page or email montevallomainstreetplayers@gmail.com



9th FRIDAY

UM FALL GRADUATION

13th TUESDAY

CHAMBER HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

5:30-7:30pm / Slice Montevallo, 1105 Ashville Rdd (Hwy 119)
\$10 per person includes food and beverages.
RSVP by Friday, Dec. 9th by emailing montevallochamber@gmail.com

16th FRIDAY

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS HOLIDAY BREAK

begins at 1pm / 2nd semester starts Jan. 4, 2023

UM WINTER HOLIDAYS

begins at 5pm and reopens Jan 3 2023

17th SATURDAY

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ANNUAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

11am / Alabama National Cemetery / Hosted by the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery.
For details visit - <https://scalnc.org/programs-at-ainc>

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

noon / Montevallo City Cemetery / Sponsored by the Montevallo Historical Society.
Details visit www.historicmontevallo.org

ALABAMA PET PANTRY

2 - 3PM / SEA Parking lot / 160 Shoshone Dr

25th SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS

31st SATURDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE



No December Chamber Luncheon

CHAMBER LUNCHEON - Jan 2023

Wednesday January 18, 2023 -

"STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS" - Guest Speaker -
Mayor Rusty Nix - Annual Chamber Business Meeting
/ Parnell / Networking 11:30 / Lunch noon, \$12. each /
Luncheon Carter - Southern Sweets by Joan

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**MONTEVALLO ESTATE SALE TO BE HELD
December 3rd, 1855
at the farm of Robert and Nancy Galloway,
both deceased, of Montevallo, Shelby County,
Alabama.**

Submitted by Marshel R. Cunningham, historian and genealogist, at GoneToAlabama@aol.com for the MHS

This month we present a typical example of a Montevallo estate sale in antebellum Alabama.

The Galloway estate sale was set in motion in two parts. Robert Galloway had died years before, but his Last Will had given his wife the right to live in the house and keep the farm in operation until her death, which occurred before December of 1855. There had been an inventory and some division of Robert's estate, but the bulk of the estate was held together for the remaining lifetime of his wife.

The eight heirs of the Galloway estate were:

1. Avaline Galloway Mink, wife of James Mink
2. Granderson Galloway
3. D. F. Galloway
4. A. M. Galloway
5. Matilda Galloway West, wife of Hugh R. West
6. Laura Galloway
7. Miles Galloway (deceased) his part to his daughter Millie
8. W. W. Galloway (deceased) his part to his daughter Sophronia

Here are some of the items for sale at the Montevallo Galloway family estate sale, and the prices paid for them.

The sale was held on the 3rd of December 1855, and is recorded in Will Book L, pages 264-266, at the Shelby County Archives.

- A bay horse \$75
- An old bay horse \$20
- A cow and calf \$7.50
- 1 steer \$15
- 2 yearlings \$6.10
- A yoke of oxen \$33.50
- 50 bushels of corn \$22.58

- A sow and her pigs \$10.50
- 4 pork hogs \$35.75
- 800 pounds of cotton \$1,400
- A wagon \$10
- A lot of geese \$1
- A chain \$1.88
- A churn 20 cents
- Wash pot \$1.60
- A grind stone \$1.40
- 8 bushels of wheat \$8.88
- 1 chair 75 cents
- A lot of quilts \$4.13
- Bed and furniture \$25
- 1 chest \$4
- A lot of crockery \$2.25
- A box 10 cents
- A looking glass \$1.85
- A bottle of vinegar \$4.25
- One table \$1.30
- Coffee pot and pan 55 cents
- A clock \$15.50
- Fire dogs \$1.75
- A bible \$1.00
- A basket 37 cents
- A saddle \$15.00
- Maria and child Amanda \$1,199.88
- Jacob, wife Mary, & child \$1000
- A side saddle \$3.30
- 100 bushels of corn \$44.50
- A knife and saw \$2.70
- 1000 lbs. of fodder \$6.25
- A wheel 25 cents
- 6 chairs 75 cents
- Lot of quilts \$7.00

Some property had already been divided among the heirs. The farm land was also sold. The best farm land in Shelby County could bring as much as \$10/acre or more in the 1850's. Guardians were appointed by the court for the minor children, and the estate was finally settled after a few more years with equal division among all heirs, equally to the last half-penny! There were several unrelated Galloway families in Shelby County at the time. This particular family lived here over 175 years ago, and there is no implied or intended link to anyone who may be living here today.



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Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Use a string of lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights and blow out candles before leaving home or going to bed.

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the house or garage, or placed outside against the house.

Choose holiday decorations that are flame retardant.

Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

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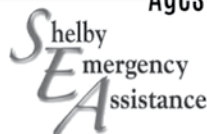


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You will want to make this a family tradition - no cost at all. Just a few moments of your time and you will come to understand the true meaning of this Christmas season!

The journey will be inside and out (mostly outside) so we encourage you to dress for the weather so that you will be comfortable throughout. Wear good walking shoes, a warm and weatherproof hat, gloves and coat. Bring an umbrella if the forecast calls for rain.

So take a break from the hectic Christmas season that we have grown accustomed to and step back in time for an adventure that will deliver a special gift that cannot be bought in stores. Our cast and crew are standing by to make this a memorable event for you and your family and perhaps a new Christmas tradition. Make your reservations NOW via email at lmurdochburns@yahoo.com. You can also post questions or comments on our facebook page (Wilton Baptist Church) or our Night in Bethlehem facebook page - please leave contact information so that we can get back with you!



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IN PRAISE OF THE POCKET WATCH: ALDRICH'S TIME-PIECE (PART 2)

Last month we began the story of a Black-edited paper published every Friday beginning in 1895 in the nearby coal-mining community of Aldrich. *Alabama Time-Piece* was one of nearly 100 African American newspapers circulating at the turn of the century but the only one originating in our area. It brings into view a vibrant community in Aldrich's Old Camp, a Black settlement within a racially mixed village not two miles from downtown Montevallo.

The *Time-Piece's* masthead is dominated by the image of a pocket watch with the motto "One Size" designed specifically for the paper. It reflects a key message its editor, B. L. "Booker" Lester, wanted to communicate. This is our time, he insists, we must take advantage of the times. "If you want to keep Time with the Times, the Time-Piece is the TIMELY and TIMIEST TIMES" ("Dear Reader"). How best to keep time with the times? Learn to "live more economically, get homes, save time, means and money, and educate our children" ("Editorial Notes," 14 Oct 1898).

The pocket watch in the newspaper's title and on its masthead may symbolize the role the newspaper played in promoting self-sufficiency and prosperity among its readers, many of them members of the first-freed generation. Pocket watches were luxury items, beautifully crafted and expensive. They were markers of wealth and status. . . and during the period of enslavement they were beyond the reach of most people of color.



How wonderful then to find a pocket watch as the logo of an African American paper! A paper bought and read by formerly enslaved persons and their children. How fitting that a paper promoting Black prosperity as a tool of racial advancement would adopt the time-piece for its title. The motto "one size" just might point toward ideals -- equality, unity, self-ownership -- to which *Time-Piece* readers might aspire.

During the Reconstruction period the African American community that took up residence at Old Camp began its collective freedom journey. Epsibeth (originally Hepzibah), the first of four Baptist churches to be established in Aldrich, was started in 1873 by former slaves. Like other Black churches that sprang up in the 1870s, it enabled newly emancipated people to worship as they pleased. (By turn of the century Epsibeth boasted 165 members.) Men and women could now raise children without fear of family separations. Formerly enslaved men could count on regular wages for their labor in the mines. Because coal mining was to some extent seasonal, they could continue to farm during the summer months, many on land they owned. (*Time-Piece* repeatedly urged smart farming practices. Don't grow cotton! Don't sharecrop! Purchase your own land!)

The Old Camp community in Aldrich quickly developed a reputation for high-quality education under the leadership of Selma-educated Baptist preacher-teachers. One in particular, the Rev. D. L. Prentice (no known relation to Rev. Joseph Prentice), was lauded for "very effective work in the school room." His strenuous "pedagogic labors" invigorated the whole community, wrote historian C. O. Boothe in 1895 (*Cyclopedia*). Such vigor persuaded the likes of Booker Lester to cast his lot with a network of educational activists in Aldrich. The *Time-Piece* and the Negro Grammar School, which he guided as principal, were sites of his activism.

Alabama Time-Piece is a crucial piece of an inspiring story. The pocket watch proudly brandished on the front page and masthead of this "TIMELY and TIMIEST" paper tells a small part of a great transformation, a local moment in the up-from-slavery journey of four million African Americans. People went from being owned to being owners, from being property to being persons. Persons at liberty to subscribe to a *Time-Piece* of their own.

Images from microfilm in Samford University Special Collections. Submitted by Kathy King & Anitka Stewart Sims. Contact us at Movaltrail@gmail.com. We want to hear your stories and welcome correction of any errors of fact or interpretation.



**14th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony
at the Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL 35115**

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 11 AM

Please join us as we remember our fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. Fox 6's Janice Rogers, will serve as our Master of Ceremonies, with special music and ceremonial wreath laying for all branches of service. Following the ceremony, nearly 10,000 live balsam wreaths will be laid on the final resting places of true American heroes. ALNC family members go first, followed by volunteers laying the remaining wreaths. The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery (SCALNC) is committed to honoring the fallen by placing wreaths in remembrance and honor of those who sacrificed to protect our freedom and way of life. We thank all who have generously donated to the Support Committee and other fund raising groups who support our efforts to make this observance possible. To learn more and/or donate a wreath, scan our QR code or visit our website: <https://scalnc.org/wreaths-across-america>.

The ceremony and wreath laying is coordinated by the SCALNC. National WAA at ALNC location coordinator is Pam Nichols, SCALNC Chairman. To volunteer, please contact us directly at: supportcommitteealnc@gmail.com.



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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor's Message...

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

I hope everyone is well and starting to feel the Christmas Spirit. I'm patiently awaiting our town's yearly transformation into a lovely southern Christmas village. The downtown streetscape transforms into a picture perfect Hallmark Christmas card. Visitors to our city always give praise on how beautiful our town is at this time of the year. The downtown transformation is possible because of the hard work of Kirk Hamby's city streets and sanitation crew and Montevallo Main Street. Please be sure to thank those that work so hard to bring the holiday spirit to our city. Downtown merchants are encouraged to decorate your windows for the Christmas season. Windows will be assessed by a panel of 3 judges from the exterior of the building. The top three designs will be eligible for a cash prize. 1st place = \$200, 2nd place = \$150 and 3rd place = \$100. Judging will take place on Wednesday, November 30th beginning at 4 p.m. Winners will be announced at the tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1st. Please note that, new this year, we are now allowing all Main Street District merchants to compete. In previous years, Montevallo Main Street Board Members were not eligible to compete; that restriction has now been lifted. Good luck everyone!



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

Montevallo's annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 1st. The Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30pm and the Christmas Parade will begin at 6:00pm.

Montevallo Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for parade participants. Contact Adele Nelson at 205-665-1519 with questions. Last year's Christmas Parade was the largest we had ever seen, with over 70 entries. Last year's Parade also featured a live camel on Main Street! Yes, that was a first for me. I hope this year's parade is even bigger and better. Montevallo has always been a giving community, and this is the season for giving.

We Care Ministries, and Shelby Emergency Assistance (SEA) are great assets to have in our community. Please consider contributing to these groups during the holidays to help those in need.

The Montevallo Historical Society is in the process of ensuring that our veterans buried in the Montevallo City Cemetery are recognized for their service during the holidays. There will be a special ceremony honoring the memory of 300+

local veterans buried there to lay remembrance wreaths on their graves.

Over 140 wreaths have been purchased to honor these veterans but there are 301 identified veterans. Please help the Montevallo Historical Society reach their goal of 300 memorial wreaths by the November 28th deadline. You can purchase wreaths online by visiting www.historicmontevallo.org and clicking the link to Wreaths Across America. A short ceremony at the cemetery commemorating our local veterans will be held at 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday, December 17th at the Montevallo City Cemetery.

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Never forget that Jesus is the reason for the season. One of my favorite childhood memories is reciting the Christmas Story, along with a little "skit", with all of my cousins for our grandmother, aunts, and uncles. I would love to go back in time and share those precious memories again. The holidays are a time for being with family. Make a special effort to check on your family, friends and neighbors during the holidays.

Small Business Saturday is November 26th. Please remember to shop local for all your Christmas gifts, food and supplies. Our local businesses depend on your patronage throughout the year and, especially, during the holidays.

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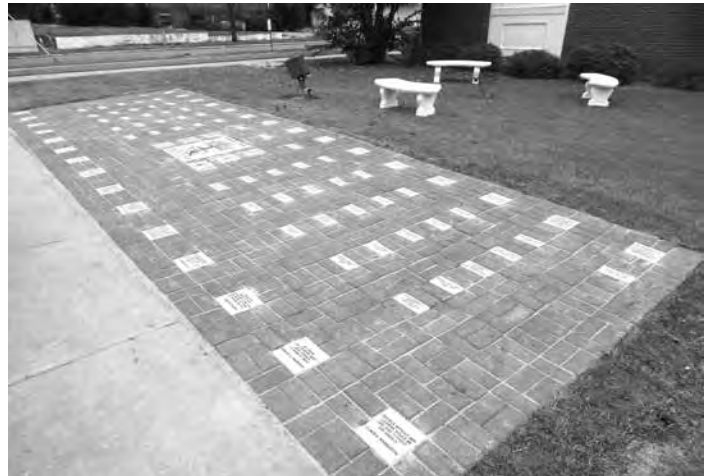
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“LIBERTY LANE” IS A REALITY

Montevallo High School held a Veterans Day program on Friday, November 11th to dedicate Liberty Lane and the Liberty Tree. Liberty Lane was created to honor Montevallo and Prentice High School alumni for their military service. Three inspirational benches surround the tree. Now Liberty Tree will be the centerpiece of Montevallo High School's Liberty Lane and will inspire the next generation.

This place will act as a reminder of the many who have answered the call to serve in the United States Armed Forces because they realize freedom is not free. Currently the walkway has fifty-five engaged alumni bricks with plans for additional bricks to be installed every year. For more information, email Michael Martin at D3Martin@shelbyed.org.



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Wednesdays at 9:15: Mr. Mac

Thursdays at 6:00pm, Dec. 1 & Dec. 8: ESOL English Class

Letters to Santa: Send your self addressed letter to Santa and Santa will write you back! Last day Dec. 17.

Teen/Adult Take Home Craft Kit: Christmas Card Holders; Thursday, Dec. 1, available while supplies last

Cookies with Mrs. Claus: Saturday, Dec. 3 at 11:00

Family Fun Night: Christmas Ornament Decorating; Tuesday, Dec. 6 between 5 – 7 pm

Sweets & Eats Baking Kit: Reese's Cup Christmas Trees; Monday, Dec. 12, available while supplies last

Take Home Craft Kit: Cinnamon Ornaments; Wednesday, Dec. 14, available while supplies last

Take Home Craft Kit: Cookies and Coloring, Friday, Dec. 16, available while supplies last

Holiday Movies: Monday, Dec. 19 – Thursday, Dec. 22, at 12pm. Call library for titles.

Closed for Christmas Holidays: Friday, Dec. 23 – Monday, Dec. 26. Reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27

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THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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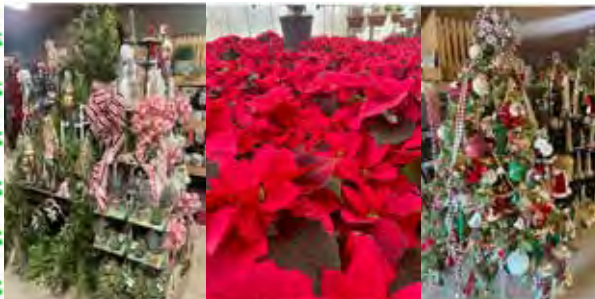
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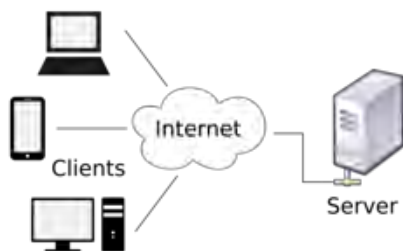
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Historical Commission, 6:0 p.m., City Hall

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10:00-11:00 am, Montevallo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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EVERY THURSDAY

Rotary Meeting, noon, City Hall

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Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

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Submitted by Susan Lehman

The most important task you have in getting ready for Christmas, is preparing your chimney for Santa's arrival. While the best time to clean your chimney is during warmer months, you really don't want Santa arriving with his clothes "all tarnished with ashes and soot". The National Fire Prevention Association recommends you have a professional chimney sweep clean and inspect your chimney annually. We have it on good authority that "when you're with a sweep, you're in glad company" and "good luck will rub off when (they) shakes 'ands with you."

It is possible to clean your chimney yourself and there are specialized brushes available for the job. Cleaning a chimney can get messy so whether you use a professional or not, consider using drop cloths or plastic liners in the living area. Some people swear by burning specialized logs, potato peels, aluminum cans or salt as ways to clean a chimney. However, those methods tend to break up the creosote but will still leave Santa very dirty when he travels down the chimney.

If you happen to live in a newer home, chances are you don't have a chimney. Between 2005 and 2017, the number of new single-family houses built with fireplaces in the United States dropped from 818,000 to 320,000. This drop in the number of new fire places is due to the following:

- The increased costs of installation and/or maintenance.
- The rising prices of houses with fireplaces.
- The wide availability of alternative heating solutions nowadays compared to the past.
- The growth in warmer areas that's accompanied by the slowdown or steadiness of the numbers of new homes in the Northeast.

- The increased loss of heat on account of open chimney designs.
- The presence of regulations against constructing houses with a fireplace in areas or states of high fire risks.
- Potential house insurance liability.
- Advancements in heating/cooking solutions led to a significant reduction in the need for open fire, which deemed fireplaces a luxury instead of a necessity.

Even If you have a fireplace, you may not have a chimney since not all fireplaces require a chimney these days.

Do not worry if you don't have a chimney. Santa's magic key works on new and old homes and he doesn't mind coming in the front or back door. You will have more time to bake cookies for him.

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- Shorter Days – mean darker evenings, be prepared with extra reflectors and a bike lights for the front and back of your bicycle when traveling before dusk.
- Keep Dry – Alabama averages 56-inches of rain per year (3rd rainiest US State). Choose clothing that repels moisture and keeps you safe from the unwanted evaporation process.
- Layers – always dress in layers and prepare to remove/add as needed.
- Noggin – Bicycling Magazine offers, “if it’s cold enough to make you wonder if you’ll need a cap, put one in your pocket.”
- Extremities – always wear socks and gloves on as a base layer. Add waterproof overshoes and gloves as needed to keep out the weather.
- Skin – exposed skin still needs protection and moisturizers such as sunscreen and Vaseline.



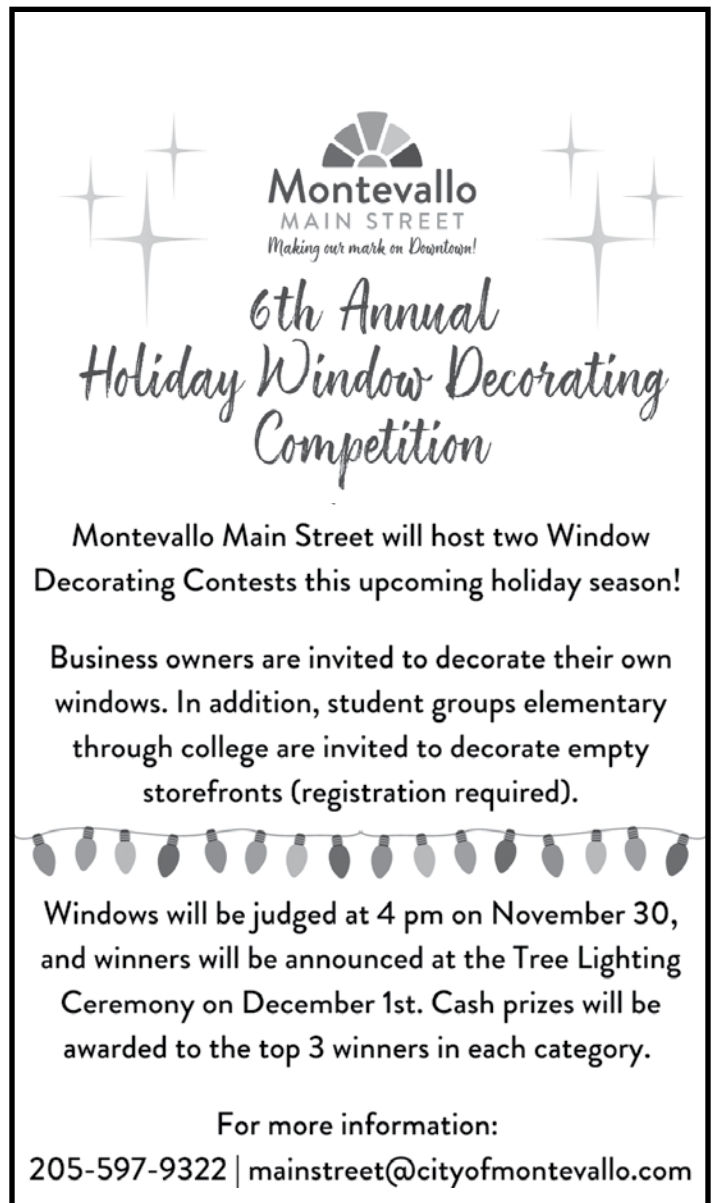
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Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,
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As I pondered this month's article, I wondered if the majority of us are thrilled 2022 is over, or did some people enjoy the year? Without a doubt, it had many new changes; I would venture to say some were good and some not so much, which brings me to the word perspective. Each of us incorporates our own ideas, thoughts, prejudices, and past experiences into absolutely everything we touch, feel, and do. These things can change your world at the drop of a dime. As we adjusted to a world of continuing face masks, social distancing, spending more or less time with family, reconnecting with friends we lost touch with, new jobs, or no jobs, it felt like the right time to decide who we are or who we want to become. I do not doubt that our own self-reflection often changes, and it should with every new experience. I hope that all of us recognized changes that needed to happen and we followed through with those choices.

As this year ends and we all begin to make our New Year's resolutions, wouldn't it be great to let go of our past hurts and mistakes? To love more? To seek out people, not like ourselves, but those that you can learn something new from? One of the things that I loved most about my time in the Navy

was making friends from different places and coming together at the holidays. We experienced varied family traditions from cultures we had no experience with. If you look around and everyone looks like you, acts like you, and thinks like you; how in the world will you ever learn anything new? The world is a big place; please don't limit yourself to your self-made possibilities.

I hope 2023 brings all of us the desire to do the work we need to do on ourselves before we judge others and the dedication to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. I wish you a year of possibilities, good health, and so much happiness that you have no choice but to share it with others.

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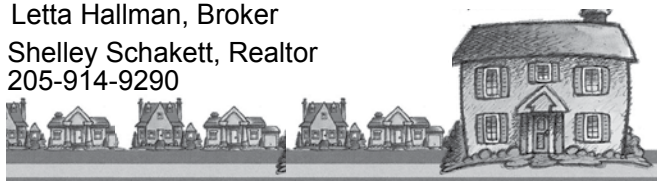
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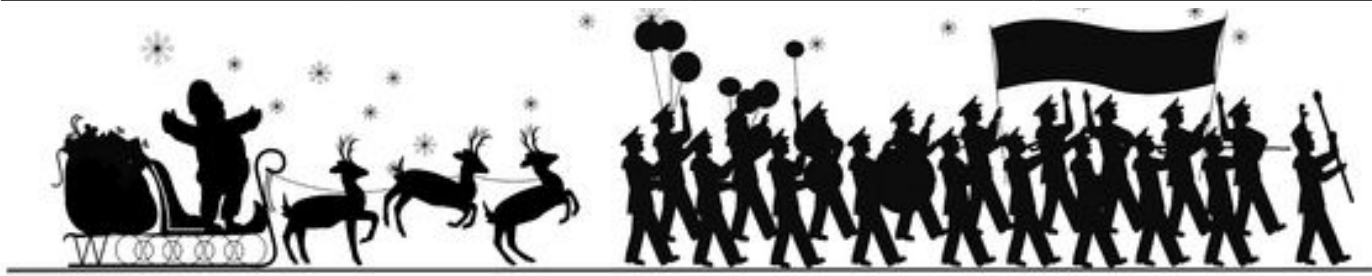
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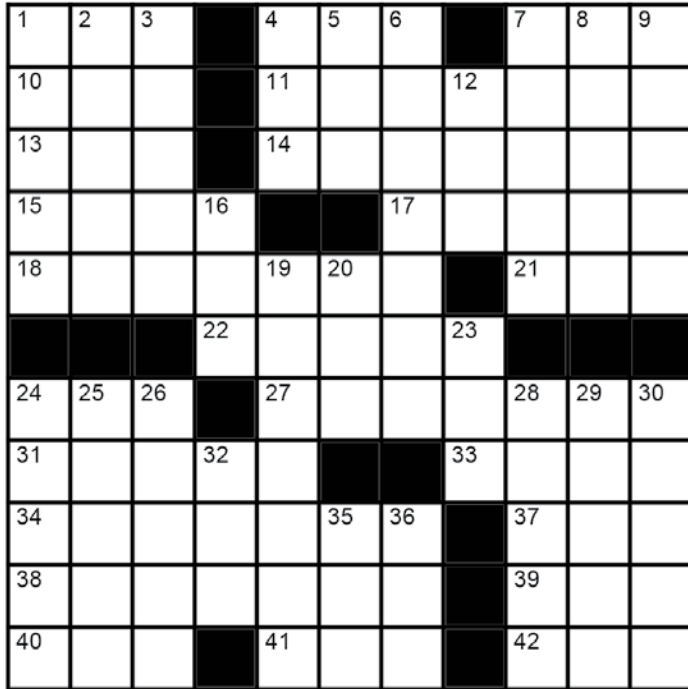
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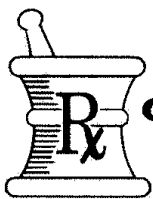
Across

1. Precedes "Humbug!" from Scrooge
4. Bikini half
7. Asphalt component
10. Before, in verse
11. End result
13. La lead-in
14. Did a juice cleanse, e.g.
15. Arab bigwig
17. Suspect's need
18. A common pre-Uber vehicle
21. Scoundrel
22. First episode of a tv show, often
24. Grimy cloth
27. Fox-like quality
31. Wading bird
33. Pack (down)
34. Goes abroad
37. Itinerary word
38. Penalty caller
39. List ender: Abbr.
40. Thus far
41. Novelist Anais
42. "Ain't ___ Sweet"

Down

1. Under siege
2. Pleasing odor
3. DNA half
4. Physique, slangily
5. ___ de Seine
6. Way to go, son!
7. Like a dysfunctional workplace
8. Protozoan
9. Fixed up
12. Rank between Maj. and Gen.
16. Dead letters?
19. Well
20. Each and every
23. Explosive inits.
24. Do over
25. Concur
26. Payola
28. What snoopy people drop?
29. Knife-maker
30. "The final frontier"
32. Night before
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