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From the Editor...

Here it is, the height of the summer season, and oh boy, we're all in full tilt with loving the lakeside.

Whether you're relaxing and taking it all in from your deck or porch, doing a little casting from the pier or shore, or getting out and getting serious with some hard-core water sports, it's all part of the Logan Martin allure so many have come to love.



I'm sure the summertime gatherings are continuing, it's just the thing you do when you have a backdrop like the Logan Martin waters.

For your "down time" and reading pleasure, too, we have assembled some visits to new places, a taste of what's new around the town, and hopefully, some "food for thought" for your entertaining interests.

I just had to gather up some summertime recipes for all those good veggies coming in, and for this go 'round, let's stuff them with all kinds of things that make for good eating.

We'll explore the ins and outs of stuffing peppers and onions, mushrooms, eggplant and zucchini, and even a tomato or two.

I simply couldn't cover all the possibilities with these so you can mix and match and conjure up your own additions, using the recipes I found as a base for cooking adventures!

It's always an adventure for me. I just can't leave well enough alone when it comes to food. There's always something that you can add or delete to call it your own creation, and for me, that's just part of the fun of being in the kitchen.

We have a Greek twist and a lot of others, and hot dishes and cold ones, too.

The paddler had one heck of a trip to a really big whitewater weekend on the Ocoee River in Benton, Tenn., one we felt our boating fans would enjoy, and some expert instruction from some of the best paddlers there are in these parts and you know, it's not too late to hook up with these whitewater fans and get going yourself!

For cool summer eats, you'll hear about the latest from Pell City's Butts to Go, where those delectable ribs and Boston butts are served with great pride and enjoyed by folks all over the lake.

We learn that there's more in the works for this favorite stop, and hope to see you there soon to enjoy it all for yourselves.

And, yes, of course, Butts to Go is stocked with all the sides and extras, from sauce to coleslaw and chips and don't forget the ice!

You'll see the fabulous water inspired new art from glass experts Marie and Lindsey Moses of LMo & Co. fame, where there's always something new being created by hands of all

kinds.

Marie has taken her stained glass art to forming spunky colorful fish that just seem made for the lakeside décor you crave.

This charming little jewel of a gallery is right on Talladega's downtown square, where you can spend a nice outing with your pals enjoying an artsy atmosphere.

And LMo & Co. is always adding classes to show you how to create, with gatherings for adults as well as the younger set.

Google them and visit their website...you'll be glad you did!

George and Katherine Petznick open the doors of their Muscadine Circle home in Pell City. Theirs is a warm and friendly visit as are all of our Lakeside "invasions" as I call them.

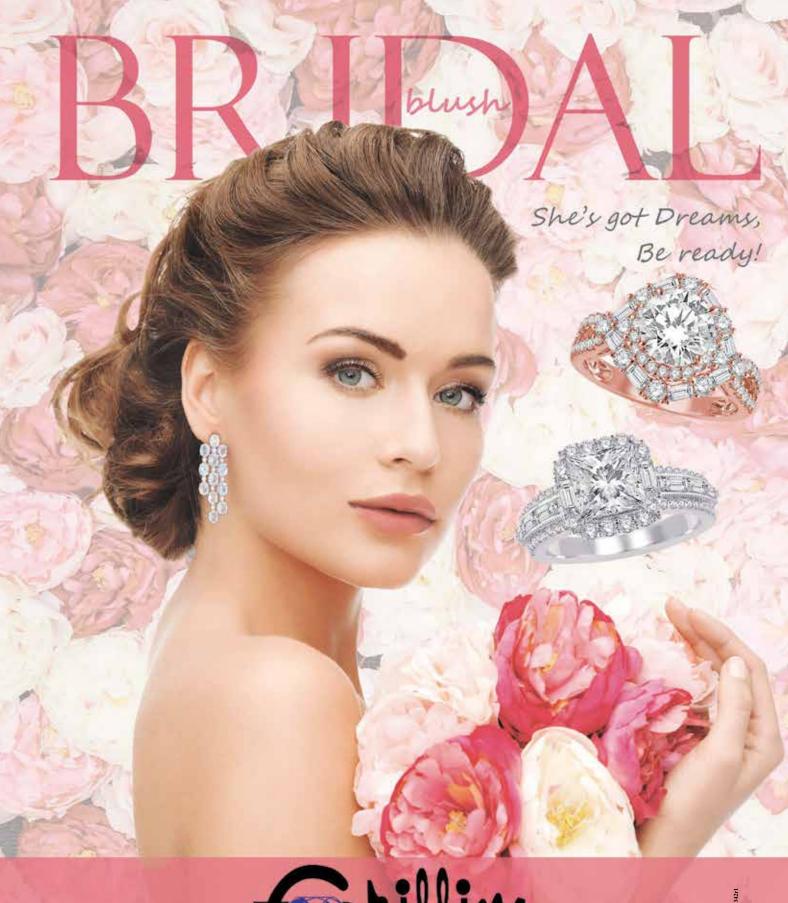
It takes a lot to open up your home to a bunch of strangers, but, hey, that's just part of the attitude we have around here!

It's just plain nice being in such a friendly spot in the world, where if you don't know someone and you run into them out in these parts, you're likely to become pals before too long.

That's what we call Lakeside Living here, it's a special spot for people who share many special things.

May your July be filled with fun on the water, fun with friends and more memories to take on to the future!



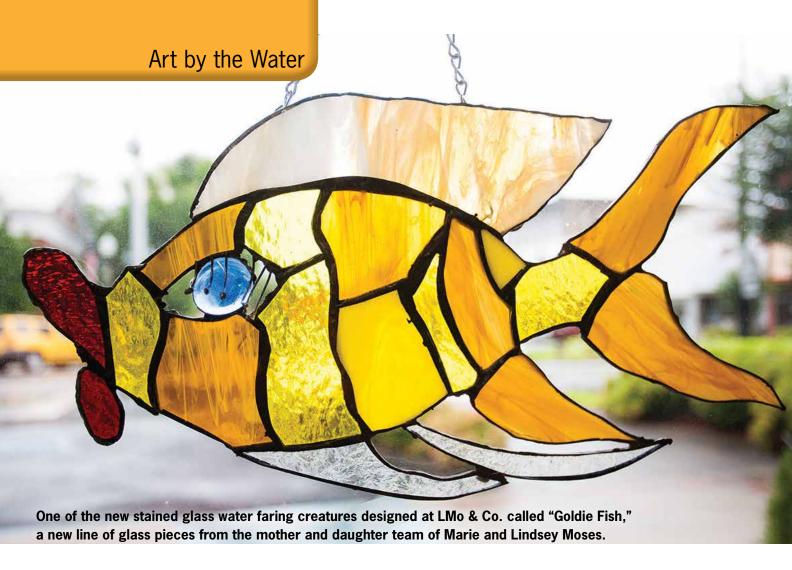




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Teaching and Reaching with Art

Mother and daughter duo dream up great things together at LMo&Co.

Story by SHANE DUNAWAY Photos by BOB CRISP

By taking a moment to observe local artist Lindsey Moses in her natural habitat as she seamlessly transitions from task to task, it's easy to see she has the "Midas touch" when it comes to artistry, turning ordinary objects into masterpieces.

"I think any creative person has that creative ability to see things differently — to be able to create something and to see things from a different view," Moses said. "I may look at something — like when I go kayaking, I'm looking at the ground to find driftwood to make my wind chimes. My friends are always bringing me stuff and wanting me to create something unique out of something they've found."

Moses, a Talladega native, uses her talents in a multitude of ways, creating art through a variety of mediums, whether it is glass, paint or even the concrete she uses to make heavy formed concrete-stained bowls.

"From just a child working with my creative parents, I've gotten a good background," Moses said. "My dad and I used



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The gallery at LMo & Co. includes art made from natural objects and many other interesting elements.

to come up with creative things and make them happen, basically. He'd help me draw them up to scale, and he'd build it for me. So I got a little background in teaching myself and him teaching me some design work."

She also picked up some creativity from her mother, Marie Moses, whose most recent creations of stained glass aquatic creatures, "Esmeralda Trout" and "Goldie Fish," have become a hit at the duo's downtown Talladega art gallery, LMo & Co.

"With the painting and things like that, we're self-taught," Marie said. "The weird part about that is Lindsey can paint with a brush, but I can't. I can put it on the glass though. It's really kind of strange. I don't know. It's just something we do. We think of an idea and experiment with it until we get it the way we want it."

Moses graduated from the University of Alabama in 2006 where she majored in advertising and minored in

graphic design.

"With graphic design, I had a handful of classes in the Art Department, but not very many," Moses said. "It was just like Drawing 101 or nothing that really saturated me into any one particular genre of art."

Her taste for art really took off following her graduation from college.

"I was able to have my mother's venue to kind of exercise my need and want for creating," Moses said.

Arguably her greatest masterpiece, the gallery itself, took several years of planning after she moved back to Talladega after graduating from college and working with her mother at her glass company.

"From there, we just took it to the next level, and started looking for buildings," Moses said. "We called the city to see what kind of opportunities they had for women owning their own business."

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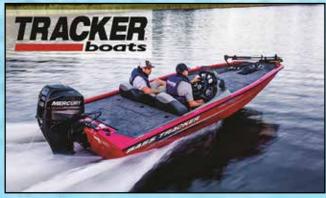
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Above: Lindsey Moses, left, and her mother, Marie Moses, have worked together since opening the gallery on Talladega's downtown square in 2011. At left: One of the concrete bowls designed and crafted by Lindsey.

After working closely with the city of Talladega to secure grants paid to the city for restoring the building at 121 North Court Square and putting in their own "sweat equity," LMo & Co. officially opened April 21, 2011.

The gallery provides an outlet for artists to display work throughout the gallery and to be featured during Artist Spotlight Nights held monthly, except in January and July.

"There are a lot of talented people around this area," Moses said.

Another feature of the gallery revolves around the recycled glass bottles Moses repurposes for many different uses, from turning used liquor bottles into soap dispensers with sandblasted monogrammed lettering to tumbling the glass for use in mosaics, pendants or jewelry.

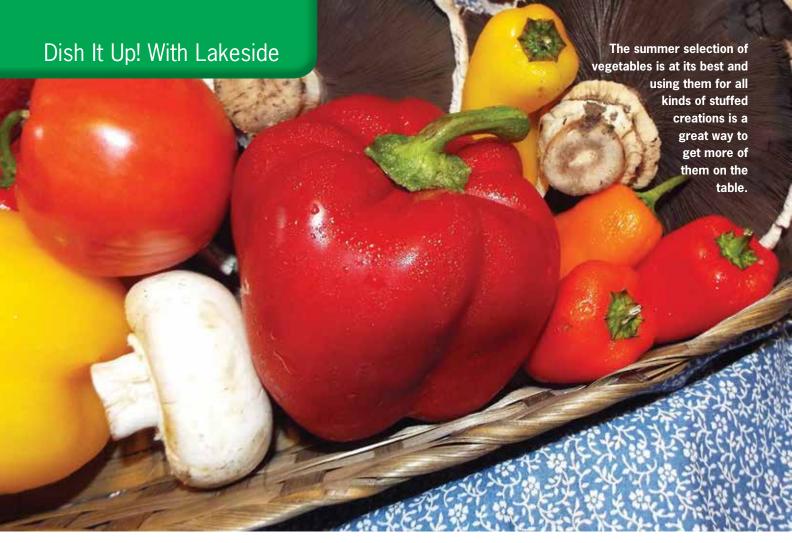
"I like making things that don't shine, shine," Moses said. "I like taking something that's very raw and desolate,

something that someone else wouldn't see as a jewel, and just putting time and effort into it, shining it up and putting a creative twist on things, having a beautiful out come at the end of the work."

Moses and her mother also teach a variety of glassthemed art classes for adults and painting classes for children.

"That's one of my favorite things to do is to teach the techniques that I've learned throughout the years and pass it down to the young children in the community," Moses said. "I just love seeing how eager they are to want to paint. They get excited and people always write back to me about how much the kids talked about it and enjoyed coming to class."





Those Summer Veggies...

Just stuff'em!

Story and Photos by LAURA NATION-ATCHISON

Oh yes, yes, yes!

It's high time in the kitchen, and time for gathering up all those great veggies in season, many of them now yours for the taking from local growers, if you know where to find them. And most of us do. We all have our favorite little haunts for finding our veggies. Some of us will visit several vendors just to see the variety and for getting all we can and, well, it's just kind of fun, too.

You run into the nicest people, those who are selling and those who are buying, too, a fun way to spend a little time on a happy summer morning.

I'm always on the search for fresh green beans and Silver Queen Corn, especially, those tomatoes you eat sliced on a plate with a little salt and pepper, and for me, with a dash of fresh garlic and vinegar. And that goes for those extra sweet cucumbers you find this time of year, too.

All that said, you've made your rounds, you have your "stuff," and that's exactly what we're going to do, stuff our vegetables with all kinds of things that make them even tastier and give great options for reloading plates with the summer bounty.

For these recipes and suggestions, you'll need a supply of bell peppers in all colors and on the small side, some eggplant, and look for these in smaller sizes, too. Add in some zucchini, onions, oversized mushrooms or portabellas and you ought to be set on that end.

Unless, of course, there are others you'd prefer to use, and you totally can!

There's a new one for just about all of these, well, new to me, and hopefully for you as well. We always want new

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So with veggies in hand, knives sharpened and dinner waiting, let's take off for another kitchen adventure that you'll keep handy for some new turns taken on some very great things.

And oh yes, most of these recipes are directed for the oven and or broiler. I see very easy adaptions to grilling them, something we can't get enough during our summer gathering.

We'll start with the jalapeno piemiento cheese filling. Use it in hollowed out baby bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, zucchini halves, or pattypan squash for some lively and distinctive party bites.

What you need:

Jalapeno pimiento cheese (make your own favorite recipe and just add the jalapenos, or use your best prepared pimiento cheese and add the jalapenos).

Baby bell peppers including green, yellow, gold or red Cherry tomatoes

Zuchchini halves

Pattypan squash halves

What you do:

Spoon about a tablespoon of the cheese mixture into the hollowed out veggies. Garnish with chopped black olives, chopped celery, parsley, you name it! Put out some hot sauce and I bet it gets used!

And from the Greek experts, here's Kalliroi's Stuffed Vegetables

What you need:

Three medium eggplants (technically they are fuit!)

One large potato

Five large ripe tomatoes (Chandler Mountain, anyone?)

One medium onion, grated

Three-fourths fresh parsley, finely chopped

Two cups plus one tablespoon of long grain rice, cooked

One teaspoon salt

One-half teaspoon pepper

One cup olive oil

Three tablespoons water

What you do:

Wash all vegetables well and peel the potato

Trim and scoop out the other vegetables, using a large bowl to hold the pulp. Just cut out the "cap," scoop and rinse the bell peppers and tomatoes. Cut the ends from the zucchini, and use a spoon to scoop the pulp out. Slice them into eight slices and set aside. For the eggplants, cut off the stems and a bit of the top, use a spoon to scoop the pulp out.

Make the stuffing:

Using a vegetable grater (or a large grate on a cheese grater), grate all the pulp that was scooped out and place in a large bowl. Wash the rice and add to the bowl. Add grated onion, parsley, salt and pepper and all but two teaspoons of the olive oil.

Stuff the veggies

Using a teaspoon, fill the vegetables to within a half inch of the top. The rice may expand a bit so keep that in mind.

Now, cook!

Place vegetables in a 14 by 11 inch (or equivalent) baking or roasting pan. The tomatoes should be placed on their sides. They should fit snugly into the pan. There should be a little oil left in the veggie bowl used for pulp. Add three tablespoons of water and pour the mixture into the vegetables along with the remainder of the olive oil (two teaspoons). Place vegetables into a cold oven and heat to 480 degrees. When the liquid starts to boil, (about 10 to 15 minutes) bake for one hour. Remove from oven and allow the vegetables to sit for 20 minutes prior to serving. Serve them warm or at room temperature.

My thoughts and additions...you know me!! I always adapt recipes....

For garlic lovers...add a few sprinkles of McCormick's California Style Garlic Powder into the vegetable and rice mixture. (Using this brand is critical for outstanding flavor!)

For cheese lovers...and just who isn't? For the last few minutes of baking...sprinkle vegetables with the grated cheese of your choice! Pepper jack is marvelous! I added feta, but did not bake it...oh yes!

For further additions...Olive lovers? This works well too! Top vegetables with your favorites, sliced or chopped... Sliced or diced water chestnuts or capers? Sauteed mushrooms? (I do mine in garlic powder, Healthy Choice butter and Worcestershire about eight to 10 minutes... learned this concoction at a very cool restaurant I worked in while in college and still love it.) Yes...just remember, those tiny capers go a long way!

And finally, "pretty them up" with chopped chives, green onions, chopped peppers from the tops removed... this list of toppings is virtually endless! Oh yeah...paprika!

I only thought I was finished! I experimented with several rice flavors. Uncle Ben's Wild and other flavors, there are so many out there to choose from...play with it!

Add a nice Greek salad and you're set for a great meal!

Another stuffed veggie recipe...I couldn't resist this



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one, it adds lots of other flavors, along with sweet Italian sausages or just about any other meat such as ground round or ground turkey...

This one, too, is a little time consuming... but really... are there "other things" we have to do? The good part is that they can be prepared well ahead of time! The vegetables may be served warm or at room temperature, just not dead cold. Select the savory stuffing of your choice for these...rice, bread crumbs or meat.

What you need:

For the rice stuffing:

One-half cup extra virgin olive oil, plus a little more for drizzling.

One yellow onion, chopped One cup Arborio rice One-and-a-half cups water Three cloves garlic, finely chopped One-fourth cup chopped fresh flat leafed parsley One-fourth cup fresh chopped basil leaves One teaspoon salt

One-half teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

For the bread crumb stuffing:

Four slices of coarse "country" bread, crusts removed, soaked in water, and squeezed almost dry

Two eggs, lightly beaten

Three tablespoons fine dried bread crumbs

One-fourth cup grated Parmesan cheese

Three cloves garlic, minced

Two tablespoons fresh chopped flat leaf parsley

Two tablespoons chopped fresh mint (optional)

One teaspoon salt

One-half teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

For the meat stuffing:

Two tablespoons olive oil, if using ground beef or sausage

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One-fourth cup fresh chopped flat leafed parsley

Two tablespoons fresh chopped basil, mint or marjoram (optional)

Two to three cloves garlic, minced

Two eggs, lightly beaten

One-and-a-half teaspoons salt

One-half teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

For the vegetables-choose one

Twelve small or six large tomatoes

Six small globe eggplants (six to seven ounces each)

Eight medium zucchini

Six large yellow onions

Salt and sugar, if using tomatoes

Extra virgin olive oil as needed

Now... getting it all together..

Select your stuffing to make.

For the rice, heat one-fourth of the olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until soft, about 10 minutes. (If you are using eggplant or zucchini, you will sauté the pulp from those vegetables at the same time.) Add the rice and sauté for two minutes longer, coating well with the oil,

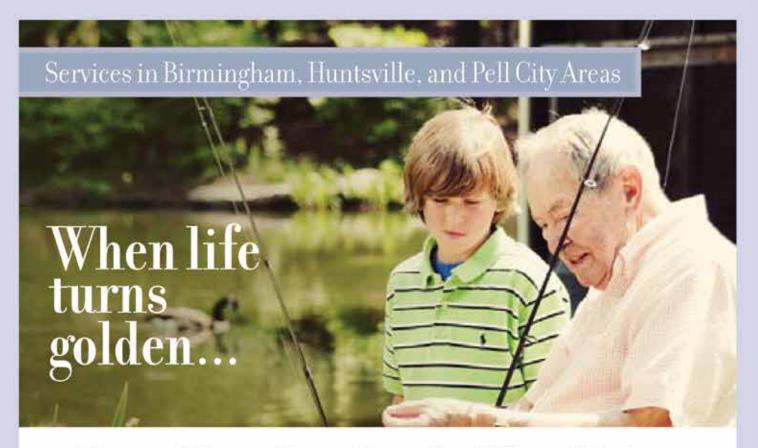
Add the water and simmer, uncovered, until the water is absorbed, about 10 minutes, Remove from heat and fold in the garlic, parsley, basil and the remaining one-fourth cup olive oil. Season with the salt and pepper and mix again.

For the bread crumb stuffing, in a bowl, combine the soaked bread, eggs, bread crumbs, cheese, garlic, parsley and mint. Mix well, season with the salt and pepper and mix again.

For the meat stuffing, if using ground beef or sausage, heat olive oil over medium high heat. Add the beef or sausage and cook, stirring, to break up any lumps until it loses its red color, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, and drain off excess fat. If using roasted meat, chop the meat. In a bowl, combine the freshly cooked or roasted meat, bread crumbs, parsley, basil and garlic and mix well. Add the eggs, season with salt and pepper and mix again.

Select a vegetable to stuff. If using small tomatoes, cut a half-inch thick slice off the top of each and reserve the caps. If using larger tomatoes, cut them in half, crosswise. Using a small spoon or grapefruit spoon, a small serrated knife or a melon baller, remove the pulp and juice, leaving a shell about one-half inch thick. If you have made the rice or meat stuffing, chop the pulp and add it to the stuffing. If you made the bread crumb stuffing, reserve the pulp for another use. Sprinkle the cavity of each tomato case with a little salt and sugar. Fill about three-fourths full





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if using the rice stuffing to allow for expansion. If using one of the other stuffings, you can fill more generously. Replace the caps if using small tomatoes.

With bell peppers, cut a one inch top from each top and reserve caps. Remove and discard seeds and ribs. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, add peppers, and parboil for about four to five minutes. Using tongs, remove the peppers and invert to drain well. Fill each pepper about three-fourths full if using the rice stuffing, use more with other stuffings, and replace caps.

With eggplants, cut each in half lengthwise, and scoop out some of the pulp and sautee it with the onion in the olive oil until tender as directed in the first step of making the stuffing. Then finish the stuffing as directed. If making one of the other stuffings, reserve the pulp for another use. Film the bottom of a large sauté pan and place over medium heat. Working in batches, add the eggplant casings and sauté, turning as needed until softened, about five minutes. Fill each eggplant about three-fouths full if using the rice stuffing, if using one of the other stuffings, fill a little more.

For zucchini, cut each lengthwise and remove seeds and scoop out some of the pulp, leaving a shell about one-fourth to one-third inch thick. If using the rice stuffing, chop pulp and sauté with the onion in olive oil until tender. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, add zucchini

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cases and parboil for about three minutes. Lift zucchini from water with tongs and let drain well, inverted. Fill each according to the stuffing used, less rice, more of the others.

For onions, boil in water until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and when cool enough to handle, cut in half crosswise, then scoop out some of the pulp, leaving a shell about one-half inch thick. If using the meat stuffing, chop pulp and fold it into the stuffing. Fill each onion case accordingly.

To bake vegetables, preheat oven to 375 degrees. Oil a baking dish large enough to hold the vegetables in a single layer without crowding. Place vegetables in dish and drizzle with olive oil. If baking tomatoes, add water to a depth of one-half inch to the baking dish. If the eggplant cases seem too firm, do the same with them.

Bake until the vegetables are tender when pierced with a knife tip, about 25 to 45 minutes. The tomatoes may take a longer amount of time as they have not been parboiled or sautéed. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Note: I highly recommend adorning and garnishing these with the ideas mentioned in the previous recipe. Good stuff!!

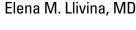
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Summer is many things to the lakeside connoisseur, from the boat to the view to the beverage to the fashionable swimwear.

But around the lake, or anywhere else in the South for that matter, there is that one ever-so-important defining characteristic of the summer season: barbecue.

And perhaps the defining barbecue entrée is the Boston

butt, which to the relief of many southerners, is not actually a butt and does not come from Boston.

Owner Wade Reich started setting up shop in the Texaco Station on Martin Street in Pell City in 2008, and moved in the following year.

"We had been in the Chevron Station across the street for a few years before that," he said. "But they sold in





Butts to Go owner Wade Reich and his cooking team are ready to provide for your barbecue gatherings.

2009. We bought this place in 2008, and moved in in October."

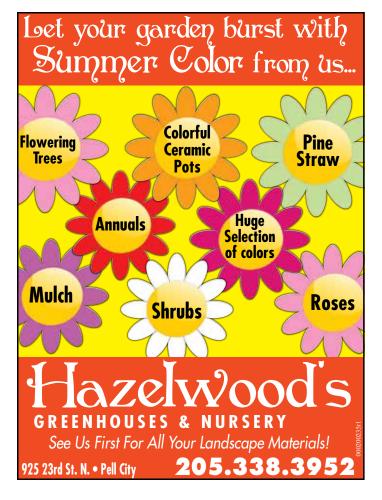
The butts specialty came from an unfulfilled need in the community, he continued.

"Food World always cooked butts and ribs for the holidays, and when they left, no one picked it up," he said. "So we thought we would pick it up. And we did."

Reich said he grew up around the hospitality industry in Gadsden, so he had some background in food before taking the plunge in Pell City.

"I started out on the freight elevator when I was 11, then I loaded the Coke machines, and by the time I was 14 I





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The ribs at Butts to Go are cooked according to carefully calculated specifications to make sure they are prepared to perfection.

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was working in the kitchen," he said. "They let me do store runs and sometimes put peas on the plate when the local Kiwanis Club was meeting. So I had been in the food business for a while, just not specifically around barbecue."

He obviously learned along the way, but he points out that quality remains the secret. "We started to go with Smithfield Hams, but then the Chinese bought all of them and we had to find a last-minute replacement," he said.

They eventually went with Fieldstone Meats in Oneonta and have stayed with them.

Everything is smoked over a hickory wood fire, "and people can't get enough. Smoking over hard wood really makes the difference. With a liquid smoke, you just don't get the same flavor."

Wings are also popular during the winter weather, especially during football season, and the potato salad has also built a following of its own.

"It tastes more like a baked potato," he said. "I didn't grow up on potato salad, but I could eat this stuff all day."

He's not alone in his taste for the creation, since they sold more than 400 pounds of it last Fourth of July.

Parents taking kids to football and baseball practice constitute a steady, regular business, but the boom times come around the holidays.

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Butts to Go also has plenty of offerings in addition to their butts and ribs, including sides for any need.

Last Memorial Day, they sold 695 butts, 280 racks of spareribs and 375 racks of babyback ribs. Independence Day is even bigger. And of course, they also smoke turkeys and hams for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving.

If you're planning a holiday pickup, you should call about a week in advance.

They also cater and have about 20 seats for dining in, which Reich said they will be expanding soon.

Pork prices fluctuate, but the average for a butt is \$6.99

per pound. A butt weighs about 8 pounds before cooking and about 5 pounds after, and can feed from 16 to 18 people.

With take out orders, Butts to Go always provides generous packing for their meats, to ensure safe delivery to your destination.

And whenever possible, the proud cooking masters in the house are happy to show you the array of their labors, and you can choose just the rack or "butt" you like.







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Forty-Five Years and Counting

George and Kathleen Peznick's lakeside lifestyle is a keeper

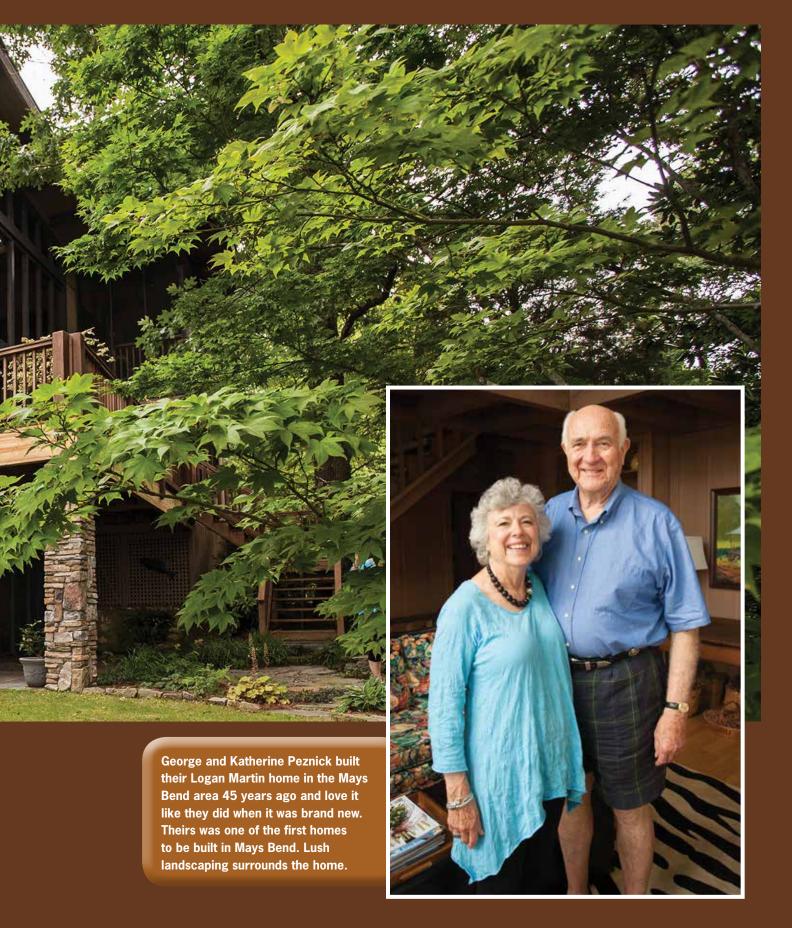
Story by LAURA NATION-ATCHISON Photos by BOB CRISP

When Kathleen Peznick talks about her home on Logan Martin Lake, the affection in her voice is tangible.

It's the place she and her husband, George, discovered

45 years ago in the part of Pell City known as Mays Bend, where in those days, the area was virtually uninhabited.

Mrs. Peznick recalls the treks she and her husband took



around the property the Mays family offered for sale, eventually finding just the right spot for the multi-level contemporary home they would build there.

"We walked all over Mays Bend to choose the place we would build," she said.

If not the first, the Peznicks' home was probably the



At left, the dramatic living room and fabulous view the Peznicks enjoy from their home.

second home built in Mays Bend, Mrs. Peznick said.

And 45 years since, the Peznicks still love their lakefront paradise, its gardens now mature, its original trees tall and full grown now and their house, still meeting their needs and tastes into a new century.

The Peznics found their house plan in a House Beautiful magazine, and implementing just a few changes here and there, were soon ready to start building.

The home was probably considered cutting edge contemporary for its time, with its three-story glass enclosed walls and angled design, along with its use of setting and landscape to accommodate the structure.

The house is surrounded with multilevel decks and patios, and planted in azaleas and camellias, along with rhododendron and hydrangea.

Seating areas are stacked with fluffy ferns and planters of flowers, and much of the grounds are sheltered from any extreme summer heat by the large shade trees and their ample foliage.

The magnolias were added by the Peznicks, and now tower above the smaller plants and shrubs on the property.

Planting beds in the landscape are bordered with river rock, matching the stacked stone columns used on the house that support the wrap around deck area. Stone pathways guide visitors through the grounds, where trellises and a gazebo add flair and interest as well and offer nice spots to stop along the way and take in the views.

There are inviting Adirondack chairs placed in a circle around a stacked stone fire pit, the Logan Martin waters in sight and room for stargazing overhead.

If she had to choose a favorite spot outdoors among the many offerings, Mrs. Peznick says it would likely be the spot out on a point where the couple placed a swing and a gazebo.

"We love having our friends over and all sit together out on the point and watch the stars and visit, and especially in the spring and fall," she said.

As far as inside, the couple's master bedroom is a favorite place, and much for the same reason as the waterfront point is outside.

"I love our bedroom," Mrs. Peznick said. "Mainly because there are louvered doors that I can see outside from."

But then, there's another certain spot in the house she has to mention, and one peek inside is all it take to understand why.

The dramatic living room with its three-story stacked tiers of windows with their three-sided view of the water and gardens is a stunning place for taking in the atmosphere of lakefront



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The master bath has received a facelift since the Peznicks built, but the wood is original to the house.

a striped director's chair and reading lamp share the seating area.

There are five bedrooms and three baths, several living areas and a spacious kitchen for whipping up those lakeside treats and meals that are always in demand.

The sprawling house has plenty of space, but Mrs. Peznick laughs if you ask about the square footage.

"Honestly, I really don't know," she said.

The interior walls and ceilings of the house are all cedar, with the ceiling fitted with huge beams in a contrasting shade of stain.

The Peznicks bought a load of the wood from a train load, knowing it would be perfect for using in their home.

Mrs. Peznick mentions that through all their 45 years, the walls and woodwork have not needed refinishing, and jokes that it's probably partly due to the couple's three children learning early on that leaving handprints on the walls could likely result in taking a few splinters.

Mrs. Peznick is an admitted "Army brat," and spent her growing up years exposed to living in places all over the world.

"But my roots were in Alabama," she said.

Her husband's family is also from

living, and even gives the space a tree house feel with it being placed one level above the ground floor.

There's a mix of contemporary and classic in the room, with a broad zebra striped rug centered on the wood floor,

a plush couch bearing bright floral cushions and in a corner, a dark high backed rattan reading chair offering a fat purple cushion.

Another arm chair placed nearby is covered in striped shades of beige and





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Alabama, his mother from Pell City.

Both are graduates of Auburn University, and Mrs. Peznick later taught kindergarten before having her children and her husband completed dental school at The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Dr. Peznick has been in practice for 51 years, and now, his oldest son, Paul, has joined him in the dental practice, which is located in Birmingham.

The Peznicks have a younger son, Lyle, who lives in the Birmingham area, too, specializing in landscaping and home renovations, and a daughter, Charlotte, who lives in Wilton, Conn., with her family. Mrs. Peznick said her husband has no imminent plans to retire, and she is completely in sync with his plans.

The Peznicks each have their pilot's license, and travel together in their Beechcraft Bonanza 836. The plane seats four "with luggage," or six without. Dr. Peznick has been a pilot since his college days and while in the Air Force, and Mrs. Peznick got license in the 1970s.

Their lake lifestyle is one they still treasure after enjoying it for close to five decades.

"We just love it," Mrs. Peznick said. "And that includes the people we've met here, too."



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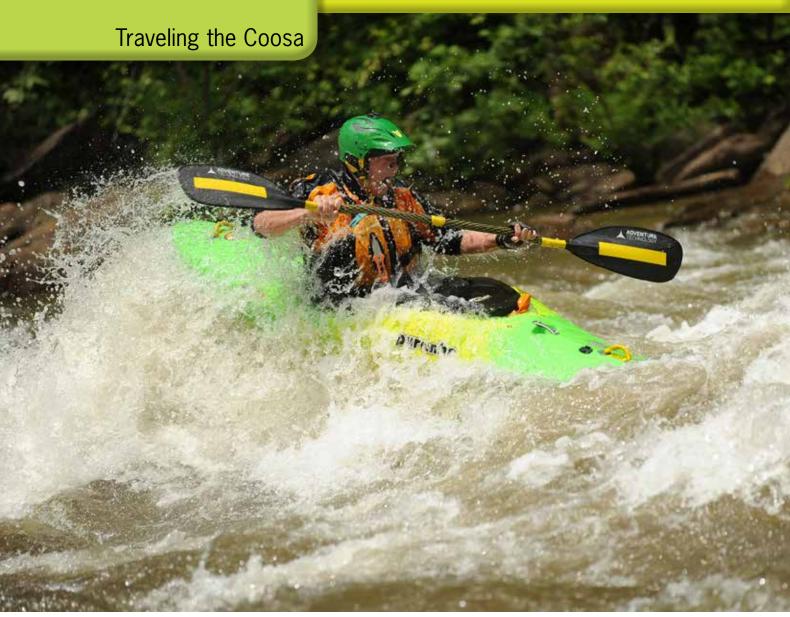
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Big Water, Big Fun

A visit to Tennessee's Ocoee River's whitewater

Story by DAVID ATCHISON Photos by Dee Pullen with Ocoee Photos

We were downstream from Goforth Creek, above the Class 4 Table Saw rapid, on the Middle Ocoee River in Tennessee when my kayak instructor laid out the plan.

"We can catch the eddy above Table Saw and scout it first, or you can trust me and follow me down through it," said David Levitt, who was one of my instructors during the two-day Tennessee Valley Canoe Club Paddling School. "It's really not hard. You can do it. When we get past the hole, just keep you boat at 11 o'clock."

I had been through Table Saw rapid before, successfully I might add, about a year ago. I was able to run it successfully with the help and guidance of Joseph "Joe" Gudger, the head instructor with ACE Kayaking School, which specializes in kayak instruction on the Ocoee River. To me, Joe and David are much alike. Actually, they are close friends and both are excellent kayak instructors.

Just about everyone I know has talked about overturning at Table Saw rapid. It's a place where the Ocoee River narrows, forming some of the biggest waves on the middle section of the Ocoee River. The waves come from different directions, making it more likely to capsize your kayak.

Needless to say, the rapid is challenging and the access is limited.

I figured there were fewer chances of mistakes if we ran the rapid straight through, instead of getting out of our boats and trying to ferry back out across strong currents to run the rapid.

Sandra Walker of Chattanooga, one of five students in my class, agreed.

"Stay close," David said as we got closer to the meat of the rapid.

It's not that Table Saw is such a dangerous rapid. It is, however, a rapid that is in close proximity to the Class 4 Diamond Splitter.

If you flip in your kayak, fail to roll back up and are forced to swim, you have to make it into the left eddy between the two rapids.

I have been told and have read that Diamond Splitter is not the rapid you want to swim. It has sent kayakers to the hospital, and there has been at least one death there.

The dangers with Diamond Splitter are foot entrapments and there is a big undercut rock on the left side of the rapid.

As we paddled down Table Saw, I gave David a little space but watched the exact line he took, repeating his every move.

Sandra was right behind me.

When we got around the bottom hole of Table Saw, I knew we were home free.

It is such a great feeling to successfully complete a challenging whitewater rapid. David eddied up high out of the rapid, and Sandra and I found each other in the lower part of the left eddy. We were pumped after running Table Saw, but the excitement was only momentary.

As we sat in the eddy, we watched helplessly as our fellow classmates floated past us, out of their boats.

Both students were able to swim into the eddy just above, and I mean just above, Diamond Splitter.

Instructors headed downstream trying to retrieve the students' kayaks.

The two students hit the shore and started walking along the bank to meet back up with instructors below Diamond Splitter, who hopefully rounded up their boats.

Suddenly a light bulb came on.

"We're the only ones here," Sandra said.

I looked around. She was right.

"Everyone else is below Diamond Splitter," I said. "I think we need to get down there."



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The Ocoee offers plenty of excitement for whitewater paddlers.

Like I said, I ran this section of the Ocoee River before, and I think Sandra had also.

"We need to ferry across to river right and take that shoot down," I said.

I basically talked Sandra into following me, something we were told later we shouldn't have done.

"You should have stayed put," the instructor said. "We didn't forget about you. We would have come back and

got you."

Oh, well. Live and learn, I guess.

I began ferrying across the strong current above Diamond Splitter. I started my ferry up high to give us a little more room if something went wrong.

And it did.

I got just about to the middle of the river channel and all of a sudden, I flipped over. The water must have caught



the edge of my kayak and unexpectedly flipped me.

So now I am above Diamond Splitter upside down in my kayak, and poor Sandra...

"I was flipping out," she said.

There was nothing she could do.

It was all on me.

I set up, lined my paddle along the side of my kayak and hip snapped my kayak upright. I could breathe again.

The first thing I could see and hear was my friend and co-instructor Rod MacLeod yelling and cheering as I successfully completed a must-make combat roll above Diamond Splitter.

Rod and his wife, Ruthie, were the first persons to show me down the Ocoee.

Rod must have watched the whole ordeal unfold.

"And what an awesome combat roll it was," Sandra would later say. "It scared me to watch."

It took a few seconds to realize exactly where I was when I rolled my kayak upright. When I came up, I really didn't know if I was facing up or down river. It was very disorienting.

I then spotted the big boulder to my right. I recognized that it was Diamond Splitter Rock.

"That's where I need to be," I told myself.

I regained my composure and paddled hard to river-right. I was able to paddle past and upriver from the big rock and down the right drop.

I must say that this one episode made my trip down the Ocoee River one of the most memorable kayak trips ever.

That day, I ran all the rapids successfully and came through with a must-make combat roll.

It was a perfect day on the Ocoee River.

I can't say enough about David. He has to be one of the best paddlers I have ever paddled with, period.

David is a world class whitewater paddler, and I was lucky enough to get a guy of this caliber as an instructor and to help lead me down the mighty Ocoee River.

David is, by one profession, a teacher and it shows on the river.

He teaches at McCallie High School in Chattanooga. He is an eighth-grade history teacher and is the head wrestling coach for the high school. David also heads up the high school outdoor program, which includes kayaking and mountain biking.

David's wife, Kat, who was also instructing at the annual TVCC Paddling School, is one of the top female whitewater paddlers in the country.

I could go on and on about how good David is, but as they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. David successfully dropped over one of the tallest waterfalls in Alabama in a kayak, that being Desoto Falls.



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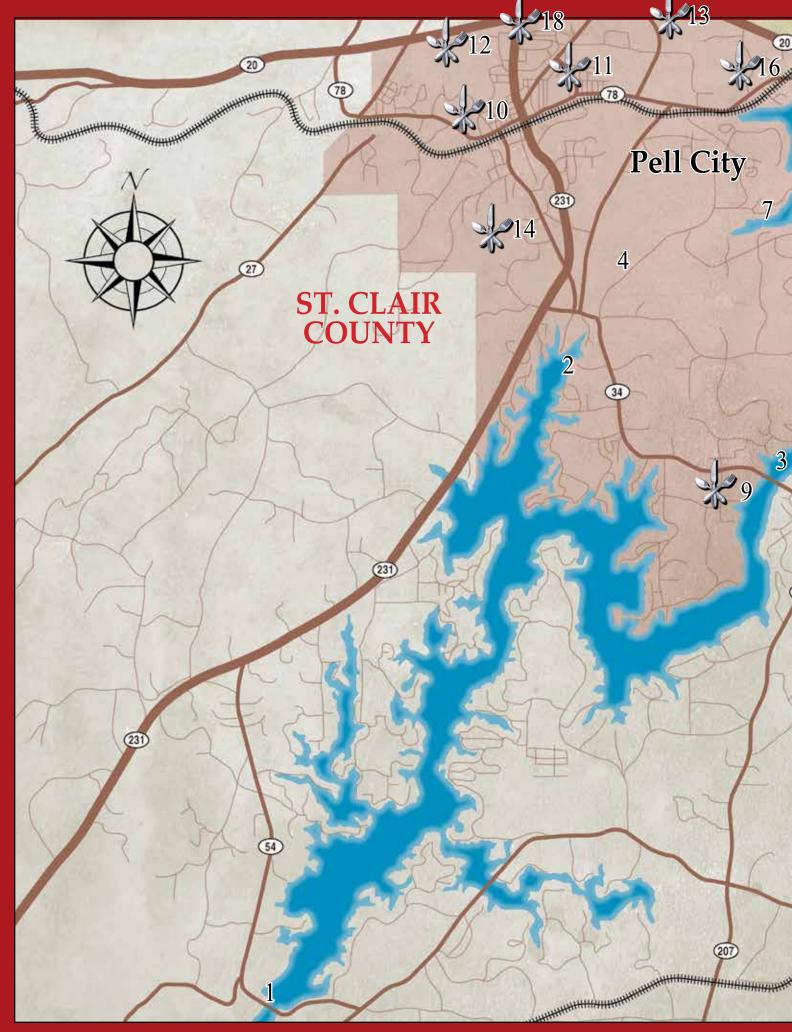
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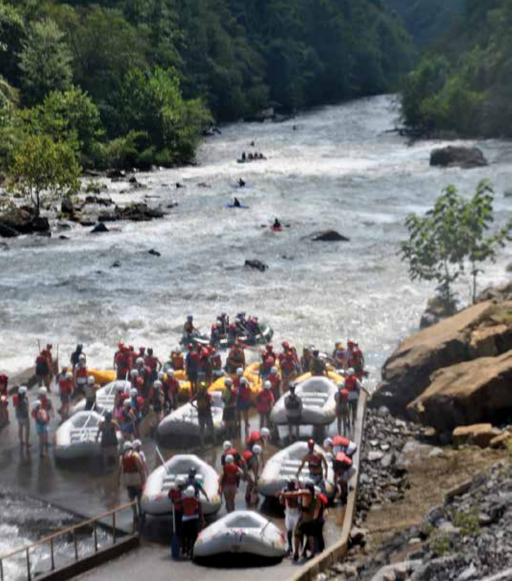
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This year TVCC had 140 students and 80 instructors/support boaters to participate.

On Sunday my class basically had for children at the school. one instructor per student. John Kern was the lead instructor Sunday and Ian Brower continued as a support boater on both days. Ian led me through Hell Hole, the next to the last rapid on the Middle Ocoee run.

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school.

TVCC offers courses in sea kayaking and instruction in other alternate paddling boats including for sit on top kayaks, recreational kayaks and even "SUP" or stand up paddle boards, which are emerging here at home on Logan Martin Lake, during the twoday paddle school.

TVCC also offers kayak instruction

This is one of the most organized paddling schools I have ever participated in.

Rebecca Hendrix does a wonderful job organizing such a big annual event, which also serves as a major fundraiser Not only does TVCC offer whitewater for the non-profit paddling group.

I paid \$83 to participate, which the group offers boating courses on included an annual membership to smoother lake water at the paddling TVCC, along with two-days of quality

Rafts line up to go down the Middle Ocoee River. The Middle Ocoee River is a Class 3 run, requiring at least strong intermediate skills and a solid kayak roll. The Ocoee River attracts about 250,000 visitors each vear.

instruction with some of the best instructors in the country.

The \$83 also included two nights of camping at OAR, which is near the Ocoee River and a Saturday night dinner. There's no way you can get this kind of quality instruction for that cost anywhere, period.

The event also has a Saturday night auction and a get-to-gather hotdog and hamburger cookout Friday night.

When you complete paddling school, the training does not stop there.

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All I can say is the level of instruction is first-rate, the best that money can buy.

If you want to learn more about the TVCC Paddling School go to tvccpaddler.com.

As for me, I plan to make a few more whitewater trips this summer to Tennessee and North Carolina, but I will also head back to Logan Martin Lake for some summer fun. It's great to be on the water this time of year.

And the things I learn out in the whitewater, the safety instruction, too, are definitely skills that transfer to any kind of kayaking you may choose.

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Space, Waterfront and Style

River Oaks home is a decorator's dream

Story by ELSIE HODNETT Photos by BRIAN SCHOENHALS

If you are looking for breath-taking views of Logan Martin Lake and main channel year-round deep water, this River Oaks home has it all.

This one-story home at 420 River Oaks Drive in Cropwell was built in 1991. It sits on 1.28-plus acres with 132 feet of water frontage.

The house has four large bedrooms, plus an office, and three exquisitely renovated bathrooms. The main living room has gorgeous new maple flooring.

A stone gas log fireplace soars to the cathedral ceiling in the spacious great room.

From the great room is a large screened porch where you can relax and enjoy the incredible lake views.

The updated kitchen has beautiful maple cabinets and granite countertops with an island and bar/seating area.

The master bedroom suite includes an updated natural stone master bath and a professionally-designed master closet.

Beautiful landscaping leads to a floating boat dock plus a Sea-Doo dock and a swim deck.

A sprinkler system from the lake and an alarm system offer added security. There is also access to the community boat launch and a picnic area.

The listing price is \$569,000. To see this or other fine Lakeside homes, contact Pam Hendrix at The Realty Pros, 205-902-2777.

Loving the Business in His Hometown

It's a family fit for Blair Fields

BY ELSIE HODNETT

For Blair Fields, the love of his hometown and the community aspect of real estate make for the perfect fit.

"I chose real estate because of the challenging dynamics, and with each transaction you are learning something new along with reaching a common goal," Fields said. "Not to mention, it's been a part of my life with my mom in her 36th year of real estate."

Fields is co-owner of Fields/Gossett Realty in Pell City, where he was born and raised.

"My real estate career began in 2001 after graduating from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a degree in finance," he said. "I enjoy the community aspect of real estate and the fact that no matter where you go real estate remains local."

Fields said he bought into the company in 2007 to become a partner in the business. He focuses on development, investments, property management, residential and commercial sales.

"Our company remains focused on our community and area through involvement and donations including a chair to the Pell City Education Foundation for our donation of

Lakeside Agent Spotlight



\$10,000," he said.

Fields is a member of the Pell City Civitan Club, a Pell City Education Foundation board member and a St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital board member.

His wife, Devin, is an elementary school teacher in the Pell City School System. The couple has two boys and a girl, Baylor, 6; Holten, 3; and Finley, 11months.

"Our area offers a great quality of life," he said. "It has been enjoyable to see our community prosper and grow bringing new industry and new families to the area. Growing up here, I have fond memories of crappie fishing with my grandparents, enjoying days on the lake whether it be watersports, cruising around or the occasional Logan Martin jug fishing tournament. It's a wonderful place to call home and I look forward to the years to come raising my own family here."

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\$334,900. TALLADEGA Awesome sunset view with year round water, a floating pier & a lake pump with a 20 gal holding tank! This gentle

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CITY \$112,000. Nice & clean 3BR/2BA on approx. 1.3 acres, with cir-cle drive, big front porch, out bldg, all appliances remain, huge kitchen island with storage,2 living areas. MLS#593747



PELL CITY \$159,900. Gorgeous Cape Cod Style home in Down Town Pell City. The back yard is fenced, plus a fenced off area for the dogs with a dog house. Separate garage apartment, The home offers original heart pine floors and arched door ways. For the men there is a work shop just outside your door.



CROPWELL \$424,900. Great 4BR/4BA waterfront home sold with adjoining lot that has 3 covered RV parking spaces & storage building. Very spacious open floor plan, large open kitchen with pan-try. Out of this world Master suite with huge closet & 2 sitting areas. 4th BR/Office separate from main

house. 2 car garage with 4 car carport, low maintenance inside and out, 2 large decks, patio, boat launch, beautiful tile floors, MUST SEE! MLS#575269



CITY \$144,900. Cute all brick 4BR/2BA with bonus room and nice fenced backyard. attic, 2 car garage. MLS#589452



LINCOLN \$199,900. LO-GAN MARTIN LAKE access home on large lot. 3BR/3BA with hardwood floors, split bedrooms, large dining room with wainscoating, attic stor-age. Fenced backyard is Perfect for pool or kids swing set, Convenient to 1-20 & Honda. Community swim

area & boat launch just a golf cart ride away. Large deck, basement den and full bath. MLS#568506



PELL CITY \$92,900. 3 1/2 private acres, 10x12 out building, 32x32 concrete slab, 3BR, 2BA, open floor plan. Jenn Air cook top. MLS#598151



PELL CITY \$264,900. Nice 3BR/2BA home on Logan Martin lake in nice Skyline SD. Kitchen has granite counters, hardwood floors throughout, generator in basement, new pier. MLS#587905



PELL CITY \$189,900. Large 3BR/2BA home on large lot in Pine Harbor SD. Remodeled, state of the art kitchen with granite counters. Great screened porch, double garage, fruit trees, unfinished basement has lots of poten-tial. Near Golf Course & Marina. MLS#592022



RIVERSIDE \$179,900. Highlands, 4BR, 3BA, full brick. fenced backyard, man cave/office. MLS#599331





CITY \$69,900. \$69,900. great little horse farm, convenient town, on approx 5 acres, fenced & crossfenced. stall barns &



out buildings, fruit trees, Home has 2BR/1BA, big country front porch, huge kitchen. MLS#582110



TALLADEGA \$409,900. Q-U-A-L-I-T-Y This home SHOUTS it! 5BR. 5.5BA, Almost newly built with all the upgrades. Extensive ironwork, beautiful kitchen with

antique stained

cabinets, exposeed beams and stone pillars lead into the great room with wonderful rockwork fireplace that goes all the way up to the 21 st ceiling where large windows overlook seasonal water. MLS#599819





PELL CITY \$549,000. This is the deal of the century, 2 homes for the price of one. 4 acres with a beautiful pond. Both homes are approximately 2000 square feet each. The main house has 3 BR and 2 BA, large great room with a fireplace plus a double car garage. The master shower is to die for, 6x6 with 4 shower heads. The second home has a huge pavilion with a hot tub and grilling area. This home has 3 BR and 2 BA. The master bath has a big soaking tub.

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\$499.000 - 175 Sunset Hills - BEAUTIFUL MOVE IN READY 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home with very open floor plan. Hardwood floors throughout the home that has large family room with fireplace open to the kitchen with granite counter tops. Master suite has a beautiful tray ceiling and nice sitting area that overlooks the lake. Large storage building, gentle slope waterfront lot with pier. This is an immaculate lake home and ready to occupy. MLS #598649 Call Brenda 812-4141



\$529,900 - 229 Osprey Dr. - WOW! Walk in the ont door and you will never want to leave such a VIEW! Main Channel with year round water with this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick and siding home that has greatroom with fireplace, dining room and office. The master bedroom has a sitting area and is easily accessed to the screened in porch, the inground pool is salt water with cook decking and plus a new poathouse.. MLS #593496 Call Mary 205/586-0825











\$499,500 - 119 Valley View Cir - FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET - (2) Beautiful with this inviting 4/5 bedroom, 4.5 bath 1.5 story gentle sloping lots with a full brick 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath 1.5 story home with newly updated kitchen, family room with fireplace, dining room and (2) large country porches, large shoreline with pier. MLS #568076 Call Lawrence 812-5195



\$625.000 - 601 River Forest Lane FABULOUS custome built 5 bedroom, 4 bath home with full finished basement. Dream kitchen with granite counter, hardwood and slate flooring, screened porch, basement has den and 2nd kitchen and full bath. Seawall, launch, covered pier with lift. MLS # 595235 Call Jenny 405-0280







home with nice amenities. The home has a large living room with fireplace, formal dining room and fantastice kitchen. The master bedroom is oversized with a sitting area, located on the main level with the other four upstairs. Basement includes a den another bedroom and full bath with room for additional expansions. MLS #592268 Call Blair 205/812-5377



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\$369,900 - 21270 Highway 411, Springville BEAUTIFUL home with lot of amenities... MLS #575823. Call Bonnie 613-2229



4.5 bath home on approx. 2 acres with greatroom with fireplace, built-in bookcases, family room upstairs, plus office space and bonus room, sunrooms overlooking pond and the home has main level garage plus basement parking. MLS #594238. Call Carl 965-4755 or Michelle 427-3222



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\$138,900 - 369 Fox Run Lane - QUIET LIV-ING in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath one level home in Fox Hollow with Community Pool, pavillion, underground utilities and sidewalks. Convenient to I-20, shopping and restaurants. MLS #578061. Call Liza at 246-1456

\$89,900 - 788 Ridgeway Circle - LAKE ACCESS with this 2 bedroom, 2 bath home located in an area with many amenities including community pool and tennis court. MLS # 595941. Call Nan 256/452-4761

level 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with family room, dining room and partially finished basement with 2-car garage, located convenient to town and I-20. MLS #585324. Call Adam at 369-2704







Michelle



\$195,000 - 285 Hillstone Dr. - NICE one







bedroom with walk-in closets, stone-tiled shower and jetted tub. Full bath upstairs with 2 large bedrooms with double door closets. Can use bonus room as 4th bedroom. Crown moulding and vaulted ceiling in living room, 2- car garage and fenced backyard. MLS #569028. Call Tina 337-8509



STATE sized home white brick 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home has an open floor plan with ample room for lake living and entertaining. Updated and remodeled interior has 10 foot ceilings, 3 fireplaces, formal dining room, office and 20 + ceiling in the family room. Many more amenities! MLS #578320 Call Karen 473-4613



\$189,000 - 1147 Baylor Court - NEW CONSTRUCTION, nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath split foyer located in Hillstone Subdivision Large family room and nice kitchen with granite counter tops, covered porch off the back and unfinished basement with 2-car garage, located on a cul de sac lot. MLS #582455. Call Scott 368-8138





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Kitchen/Living combo, bath, laundry, private deck. Playground, beach volleyball area plus 2nd boat dock, fenced yard & 2nd stone patio. MUST SEE! MLS#498718









TALLADEGA \$599,000. Fantastic home on Logan Martin Lake, sits on approx. 3.38 acres with over 350 ft of waterfrontage. Perfect for large family or entertaining, this home has 4 or 5BR/3.5 BA. Amazing Master bedroom and bath with all the extras. Nice sunroom, 2 laundry rooms, terrific kitchen with solid surface counters, large pantry & formal dining room. Multiple entertaining areas, four decks, hot tub, screened tile porch, pagoda, launch, huge pier, garden shed and garage/workshop. MLS#549580



LINCOLN \$329,000. Large 1 level Large 1 level 4BR/3BA home on Logan Martin Lake. Very well-built, needs some carpet & paint, basement with 2 en-trances. MLS# 595462





LINCOLN \$149,900. Beautiful lake lot in Gorgeous Cumberland Coves Subdivision. Partially wooded, good waterfront, approx. .56 acre. MLS# 571729



PELL CITY \$175,000. 3BR/1BA Nice on approx 1.5 acres on Logan Martin

Lake. Spacious great room with stone fireplace & open kitchen. Basement can be 3rd BR or rec room, plus huge deck for entertaining, with extra storage underneath. Great boating/fishing amenities, 2 piers, seawall & launch. MLS#547095



PELL CITY \$589,000. Unique custom-built home on Pine Harbor Golf Course, with Lake access, perfect for entertaining. 3BR/3.5BA, nice kitchen with granite, great room with lots of windows, sunken dining with glass walls. Amazing Foyer w/18 ft ceiling. Lots of ex-tras, travertine & marble floors, handmade mahogany doors, solid limestone fireplace, 2-2 car garages, lifetime terracotta roof, beautifully landscaped with 16 station irrigation system. MLS#551527









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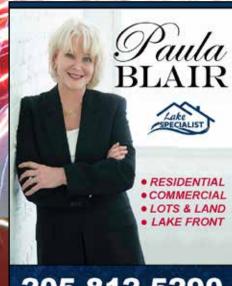
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