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# From the Editor

### **Puttin' on The Ritz**

t's hard to spend any time at all in the vicinity of Talladega without getting to know George Culver, at least by reputation.

And the executive director of The Historic Ritz Theatre is a soul worth knowing.

An alumnus of the University of Alabama and the University of Pennsylvania, George is a graduate of Leadership Alabama and served six years as a member of the board of League of Historic American Theatres, where he cochaired three national conferences. He has studied Shakespeare at Oxford (England, not Alabama), served as an intern at the U.S. Senate and worked at Showtime and The Actor's Studio while living in Manhattan, where he produced a PBS documentary and an off-Broadway play.

But no matter where his career took him, he's never forgotten his local roots.

"I grew up in Munford," he recalls. "Talladega, however, was my family's downtown where we shopped at Belk-Hudsons or Goldberg & Lewis department stores, saw Dr. Salter or Dr. Campbell for medical needs and Dr. Clark for dental care, patronized Wright's Drugstore or Dan Blake's Professional Apothecary for prescriptions, and occasionally caught a movie at The Martin."

After spending 14 years in New York, he admirably returned to his old haunts to care for family obligations, and local

communities have benefited from the opportunity it afforded him to take the helm at The Ritz.

"The success and longevity of The Ritz is an important source of pride for me," he said. "I'm blessed to have an astute board to collaborate with and have their tireless support in good times and bad. There were many folks at the beginning who did not believe the public-private partnership between the city and our nonprofit board would work or survive. But it has, and The Ritz has proved itself over 20 years to be an indispensable asset for our community."

George should be proud of that. Because of him, the lakeside area has had access to cultural and entertainment opportunities it might otherwise have never seen. But it's characteristic of him that he declines to take the credit. "Lots of people have contributed their time to make our accomplishments happen, for which I am especially grateful. The Ritz can realize far more over its next 20 years, but it will not survive without persistent and prideful community support."

An excellent opportunity to support The Ritz is by attending the shows scheduled during the theatre's fall-winter season, which begins this month with an evening of family-friendly stand-up comedy with James Gregory. In January, the perennial favorite Black Jacket Symphony returns to Talladega to perform Queen's A Night at the Opera, and the season concludes with



three performances of Menopause The Musical.

This issue of Lakeside Living features a conversation with Gregory about his return to The Ritz, as well as a visit to the shoreline home of Bob and Brenda Shaw and a preview of an upcoming Native American festival hosted by lakeside communities. Also, find out how a journey along the Alabama Scenic River Trail led a pair of kayakers to a night of camping in the middle of Logan Martin.

As always, thank you for joining us. And be sure to join George at The Ritz for this season's shows.

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#### Reeling in bass during November

Shorter days, cooler temperatures and buck fever go a long ways toward calming many an avid angler's desire to put the boat in the water and go bass fishing come November. But autumn (especially mid-November to mid-December) can be one of the best times of the year to do so.

The more the mercury dips, the tighter the schools of baitfish will be. And when baitfish schools get tight, bass feed like crazy, gorging themselves for winter. Cold-weather bass fishing is usually a numbers game: where you find one, there's bound to be more.

On warm sunny days, anglers can often find fish relatively shallow. Fish will often gather on the first structure element (the edge of a weed line or a rock pile) offshore, and they can be taken on all manner of motion lures, such as crankbaits. Vibrating, rattling baits like a crankbait are productive when water temperatures are falling. Look for wooden docks, on which algae grows below the water line. Bass can easily lay in the shadows of the dock pilings and feed on minnows, shad and other prey as they attempt to feed off the algae.

Source: Berkley Fishing



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Blind Horse

Intertribal Pow Wow

is this month

in Alpine,

Written by Sherry Kughn File and submitted photos

any northeast Alabama residents who have Native American heritaae will descend to a local farm

for rescue animals in the Alpine-Winterboro area on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17-18.

The public is invited to the Blind Horse Intertribal Pow Wow festivities each day to begin at 10 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Featured will be drumming, singing, dancing, flute music, flint knapping, basket weaving and many other skills, along also be on display.

This annual fall event, sponsored by George "Running with the Wind" Weisbrod, is one of two festivals held each year,

the other being in the spring.

Weisbrod, who owns the property where the bi-annual events are held, will welcome the teepees tents that spring up like mushrooms, and the brightly colored feathers and leather fringe that swirl as drums and feet beat to the strong rhythms of Native American music.

Weisbrod has hosted the pow wows since 2015. He is enthusiastic about

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the many friends he has made since then. The scant entrance fees for the November pow wow are \$10 per family, \$5 for single adults, and \$2 for several special groups of visitors, such as senior citizens, first responders, military veterans and those who work in emergency rooms. The income helps defray the cost of caring for the handful of rescue horses and dogs that Weisbrod takes in each year on the land that he has named the Tract Farm Stable and Kennel. He is a retired federal dog handler.

"Also, we pay an announcer at the event and pay for those who play the drums," he said.

Weisbrod is a slight, wiry man whose blue eyes beam with excitement as he tells his story of discovering his Native American heritage. He was born in Montana and, as a two-yearold, taken to a reservation in North Dakota. A German family from New Jersey adopted him





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at age five. Subtle memories from his past led him to research his origin, and when he learned, through DNA testing, that he was 81% Native American, he embraced the spiritual aspects of his heritage and began bonding with many other Native Americans from northeast Alabama, especially when he bought his current property in 1987. He and his friends meet frequently and help with a variety of efforts, such as raising funds for the animals and for charitable efforts that help Native Americans in remote areas of the Dakotas and in other states.

Cora "Seven Hawks" Parker devotes her time to conducting mission trips to reservations.

"Twice a year," she said, "I take food, heaters, and blankets to the Native Americans at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. These are some of the poorest counties in America and have the most unemployment."

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Cora "Seven Hawks" Parker was raised by her grandmother, who taught her Native American ways.



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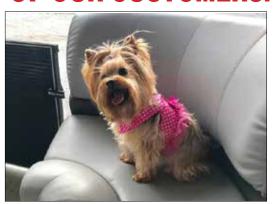
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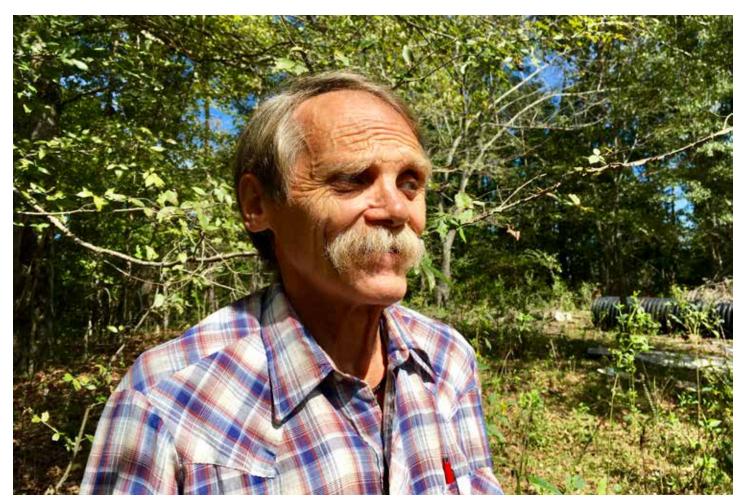






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George Weisbrod hosts the Blind Horse Intertribal Pow Wow on his property located on Highway 21 near Alpine, just south of Winterboro High School.

church's efforts to give food to Native Americans in Oklahoma.

Others who sat at a table beneath an evergreen tree on a recent Saturday added to the discussion about the plight of Native Americans. They were Gary "Thunder Wolf" Soyars, Larry "Wisdom Bear" Mindler, Penny "Red Feather" Parker and Luther Lackey, who has yet to receive his Native American name. (When Soyars gets to know Lackey's personality, he, being an elder in his Native American tribe, will choose a name that suits him.)

Many of these friends intertwine aspects of their heritage into their daily lives.

"It is my life," Parker said as she smiled and looked up toward the sky.

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These northeast Alabama residents meet regularly to raise money for the Blind Horse Farm in Winterboro, which cares for rescue horses and dogs. The group sponsors the spring and fall Blind Horse Intertribal Pow Wows. From left are Gary "Thunderwolf" Soyars, Larry "Wisdom Bear" Mindler, Cora "Seven Hawks" Parker, Penny "Red Feather" Parker, George "Horses Running with the Wind" Weisbrod and Luther Lackey.

"I listen to Native American music every night," said Lackey, who is retired from Honda and works as a volunteer firefighter in Winterboro. "I get up in the morning and thank the Great Spirit and Mother Earth. I sleep facing the east; and I get up facing the east, which symbolizes new beginnings."

Those who join these friends at the upcoming pow wow may find new beginnings, too, but all will certainly learn more about Native Americans.



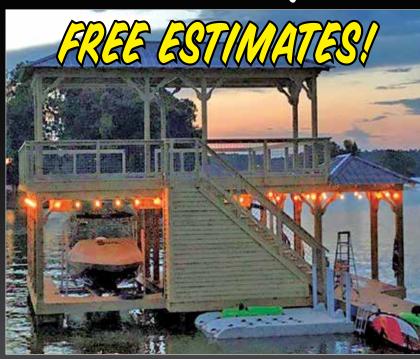






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## A visit to sacred ground



### Cleansing ceremony necessary for entrance to Native American cemetery

Written by Shirley Kughn Photos Submitted

n a cool, sunny Saturday morning last month, I sat in a clearing with property owner George Weisbrod and five of his friends who are of Native American descent.

I was happy to get an assignment to interview Weisbrod about the upcoming Blind Horse Intertribal Pow Wow because I have been told, like many others who are from northeast Alabama, that I have a great-great-grandparent who was a full-blooded Native American. Like most of us, these friends are from tribes both inside and outside of the Alabama's Creeks and Cherokees. One of them is a member of the Apache tribe and one is a Blackfoot.

We spent an hour or so discussing their daily lifestyles and religious beliefs, which are based on Native American traditions. Afterward, I expressed

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Lakeside Living writer Sherry Kughn undergoes a Native American cleansing ceremony before entering a local cemetery on private property that is regarded as sacred ground.

interest in walking into a nearby forest where, according to these friends, there are graves containing the remains of Native Americans and more. Weisbrod, who said he had a map of the cemetery, said there is at least one horse buried there and several African American residents of the area.

"The cemetery is sacred ground," one of the friends said. "We will cleanse those who want to enter."

Luther Lackey retrieved a large oyster shell, filled it with white-sage leaves and lit them. He waved his hand over them several times to make sure they stayed lit. Smoke began rising from the shell.

Gary "Thunder Wolf" Soyars, took two bird feathers that he had been wearing in his baseball cap and gave them to Lackey, who began fanning the leaves with the feathers, creating more smoke.

Cora Parker, another of Weisbrod's friends, told me to stand with my arms outstretched. Lackey faced me

and began waving the smoke from the shell above my head and all around me, even asking me to lift my feet as he waved smoke beneath each one. He walked behind me and waved more smoke, although he did not ask me to lift my feet again.

Then Lackey waved the smoke around the others. When he finished, we walked into the nearby forest. I heard Soyars, who had stayed behind, begin singing in a Native American tongue and he continued for several minutes. I suppose he was singing to Mother Earth or the Great Spirit, both of which I had, only minutes before, discussed with group.

As we walked up a small hill, Weisbrod pointed out the rises and dips of what he said were graves. A few yards later, we came upon several rectangular gravestones. One had writing on it, revealing the burial place of a woman named Channie Miller who died in 1924. Weisbrod said that she was African American

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and the last person to be buried in the cemetery.

As we topped the hill and began descending, Weisbrod pointed out to me a few other features of his land and he told me that, during the pow wow, the cemetery would be off limits.

"Once I had to ask a scout group who was visiting to leave the sacred grounds," he said.

This group of friends is serious about its practices.

When I returned home, I researched the cleansing ceremony, which is called "smudging" among Native Americans. Its purpose is to remove negative energy from each person's silent energy and to cleanse the environment. It can be done with any type of bowl, but some tribes prefer an oyster bowl because it is from nature. Various tribes prefer different types of leaves, such as tobacco, sage, cedar, sweet grass, juniper, lavender or others.

Some tribes use the hand to wave the smoke; but others prefer bird feathers because, like many of the items they prize, birds are important symbols. They reach heights in the sky, close to the Creator, and they reach lows where they light, close to Mother Earth.



A monument on sacred Native American ground, dating back to the early 20th century.



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## EarthQuest demonstration encourages conservation of birds often seen in lakeside skies

Written by Shirley Kughn Photos Submitted

n the days of kings, birds of prey were used by their owners as a method for hunting animals for food.

Trained condors, vultures, hawks, falcons, and owls will take spectators back to such a time when they show off their amazing feats at the Blind Horse Intertribal Pow Wow. Trainers Steve Hoddy and Don McCullough will conduct a morning and afternoon show each day of the event in an effort to teach the public how important it is to protect the environment.

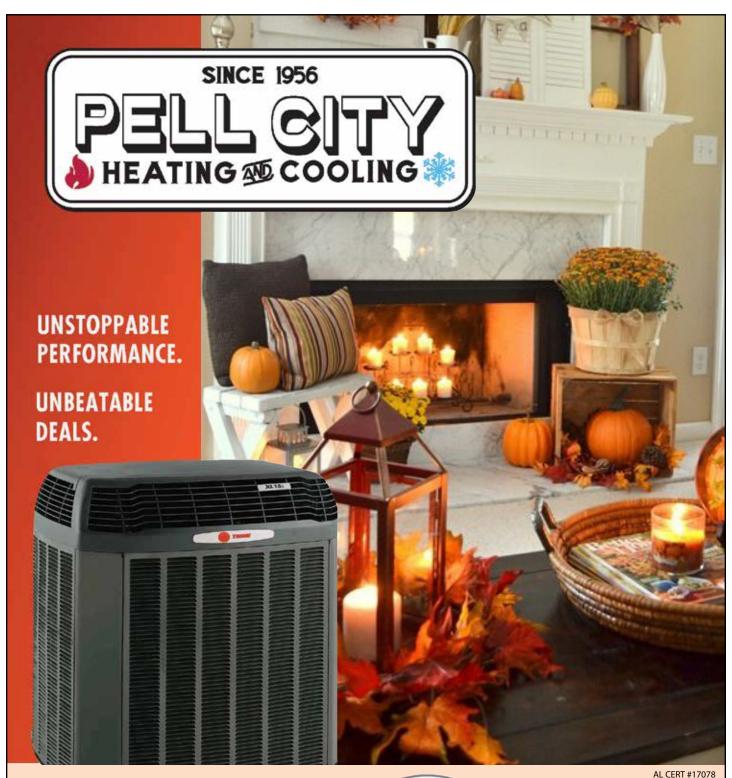
The two trainers operate EarthQuest, an educational program based in Pine Mountain Valley,

Georgia. Usually, they present their shows to children in schools throughout the nation, but they also show birds at festivals and other events where people are interested in birds, nature, and the environment. Hoddy is an expert in falconry, the sport in which trained raptors hunt game.

"Each show is different," said Hoddy, a master falconer. "We have a wide variety of birds of prey."

The two teach others how raptors are one of the keystone species at the top of the food chain. If the birds are threatened with extinction, all other animals are threatened.

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Hoddy has gained fame for finding what was believed to be the last wild California condor eyrie, which is a nest for birds of prey. He appeared on The Tonight Show in 1973 and served as educational director in Silver Springs, Florida. He has trained a wide variety of animals, but birds of prey are his focus. He has worked as a cameraman at Sea World and studied the peregrine falcons by living alone in the wilderness for months at a time. He has trained animals in television commercials for Miller Malt Liquor and the Buick Skyhawk. He trained the European Steppe Eagle that is featured at the opening of NBA games for Turner Broadcasting, and he cares for the Aflac ducks that appear at special events. He is the star of a motion picture called "Their Only Chance" about a young character's love for wild animals.

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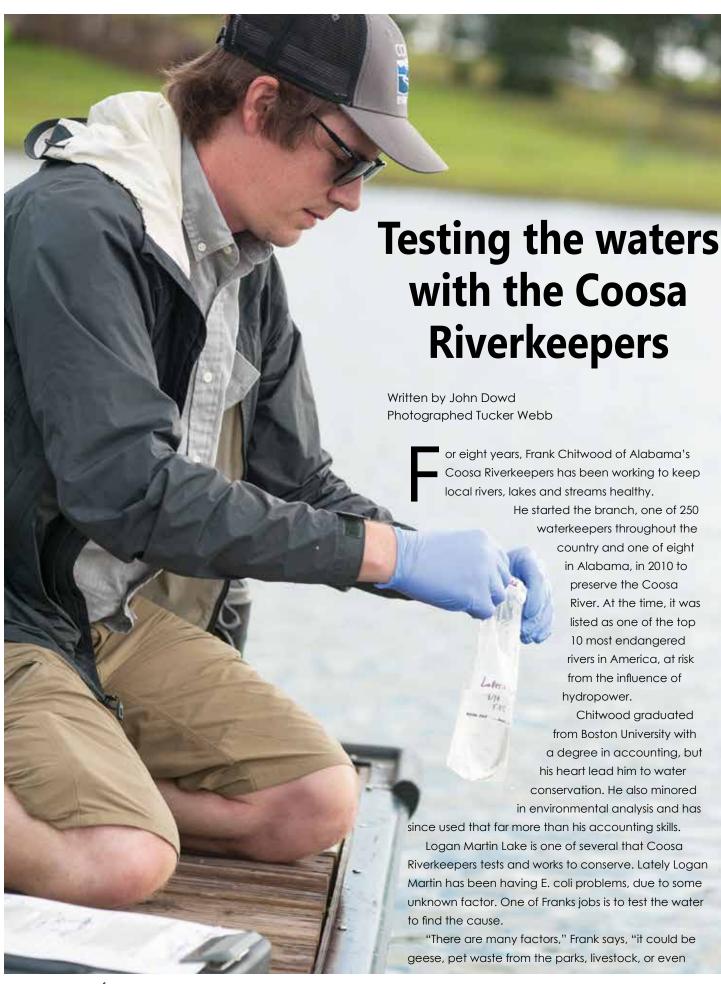
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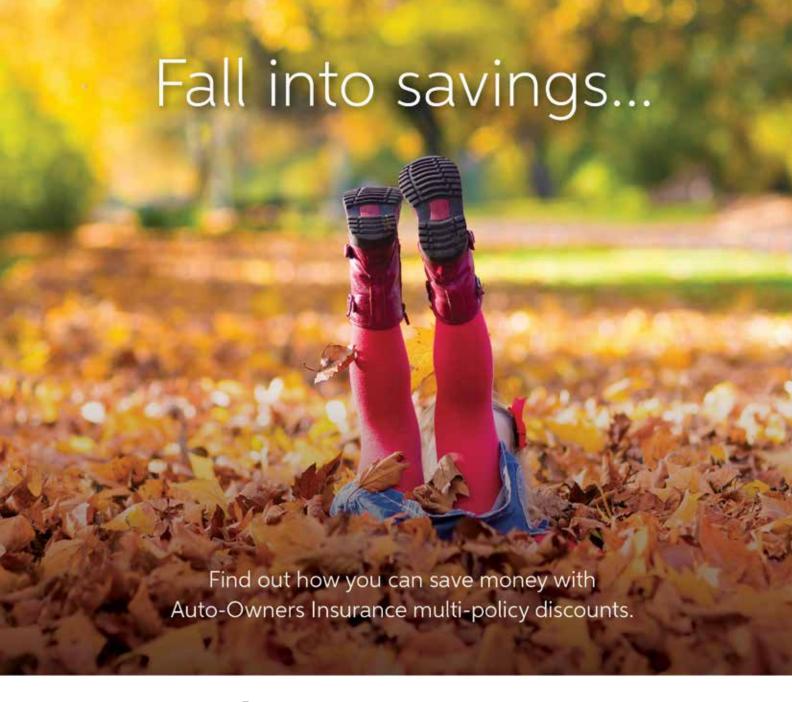
human waste from local sewage companies." The organization helps to warn communities where these risks are higher, and lobbies to place signs warning swimmers and fisherman where the highest risk locations are.

On its website, www.coosariver.org, Coosa Riverkeepers offers a fishing guide to ramps and marinas, as well as fish spawning information and fish consumption advisories. "If more people knew about the advisories, I am sure they would follow them, but people just don't know. That's what we work for every day," Chitwood said. Lake goers can stay up-to-date on new text message alerts by texting "SWIMGUIDE" to 844-83 and signing up.

The organization is a non-profit, citizen-based group dedicated to the conservation of the Coosa River and its tributaries. This means that it receives no public funds and is built on the principle of "doing what the government is supposed to," as Chitwood puts it.

All money funneled into the Coosa Riverkeepers comes from individual supporters, private and corporate donations and fundraisers. It has a full-time staff of three people and hundreds of members, as well help from a constant flow of interns. At its headquarters is a state-of-the-art testing laboratory for testing water bacteria levels, turbidity, oxygen and much more from water samples collected throughout various locations along the waterways it monitors.

One of the main goals of the Coosa Riverkeeper is to educate locals on the importance of conservation and to push for conservative action. One example Chitwood gave was of a legal case, several years ago, with sewer plants that release a certain percentage of runoff into the lakes. This percentage increases in the "off-season" of the "recreation season" during which it is assumed that less people will be swimming. The work from Coosa River Keepers fought to extend the duration



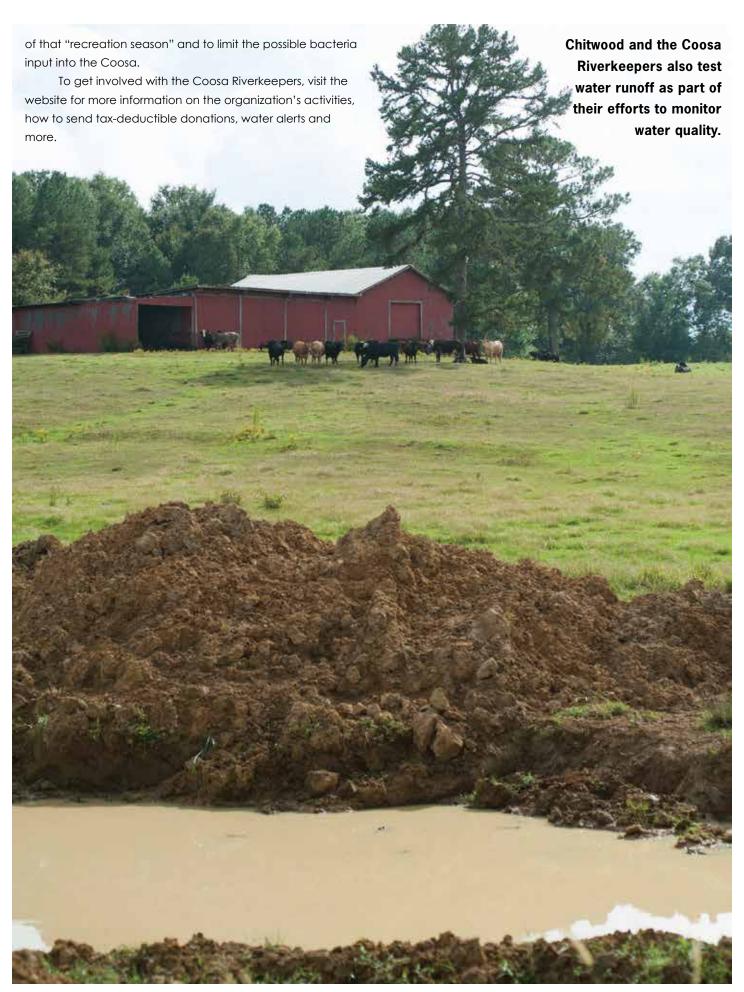
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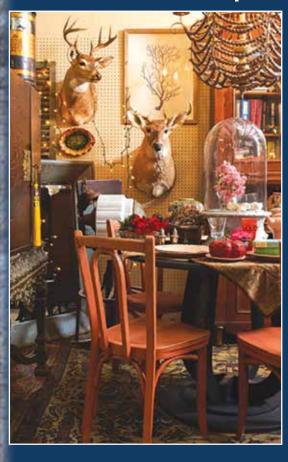






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# 'The neatest place we camped on the whole trip'

### Long-distance kayakers find refuge on School Bus Island

Written by Laura Gaddy Photos Submitted

storm was approaching and a strong
headwind was pushing against Will Denton
as he paddled a long, narrow kayak toward
School Bus Island on a recent afternoon.

Denton, a Lake Martin resident, had never heard

of the island but sought a campsite there at the

recommendation of a stranger. When he arrived,
Denton headed straight for a hammock set on the
island, slid a cigar between his lips and sprawled out.

"I was exhausted after we got there after fighting that headwind," Denton said.

Denton, 79, and his cousin John Denton, 66, of



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Mississippi, were on a 650-mile aquatic journey on the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT). Their trip began on Sept. 1 at the Georgia state line in Northeast Alabama. It ended on Oct. 7 at Fort Morgan.

The Alabama Scenic River Trail includes more than 5,000 river trail miles across Alabama. The stretch the Dentons used for their journey, including Lake Logan Martin, is part of the core section of the trail.

"It wasn't that hard to do," Denton said of the trip. "It got to where it was like walking."

The Dentons relied on riverfront campgrounds established by the ASRT, a few hotels and some local spots like School Bus Island for overnight accommodations. Denton said that while some campgrounds provided more accommodations – bathrooms and electricity-none offered as much flair as School Bus Island.

"It turned out to be the neatest, I think, place





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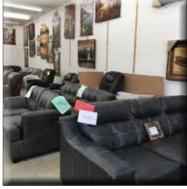














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we camped on the whole trip," Denton said.

He said he appreciated the care local lake goers had taken to make it feel unique. In particular, he said, he liked the touches added by colorful signs, a skull and crossbones flag and the hammock.

There are more than 200 ASRT campsites on the river trail. Most are marked by bright blue signs with white ASRT lettering. Several can be found on the scenic river trail's website.

ASRT campsites are riverfront campgrounds, which can be accessed by water. They can be found on public land, and on private property.

Many ASRT campgrounds are uniquely positioned so as to be accessible exclusively by water. They also offer a range of accommodations, with some offering only primitive accommodations and others providing convenience, including water and electricity.

Prior to the long distance paddle on the ASRT,

Denton had paddled for about four decades.

His cousin, John, had hiked long distances on the Appalachian Trail.

He said their previous experience in the outdoors prepared them for the ASRT, and that the ASRT will prepare them to keep adventuring, adding that he is in better shape now than he was before he completed the trip.

"After a week or ten days, we kind of found a rhythm that was comfortable for both of us," he said.

To learn more about the Alabama Scenic River Trail, visit www.AlabamaScenicRiverTrail.com, a resource that includes maps, lists of websites and organizational details that can't be found anywhere else. For more about the Dentons' trip, visit the ASRT Facebook or Instagram accounts.

Laura Gaddy is a freelance writer and media manager for the ASRT.



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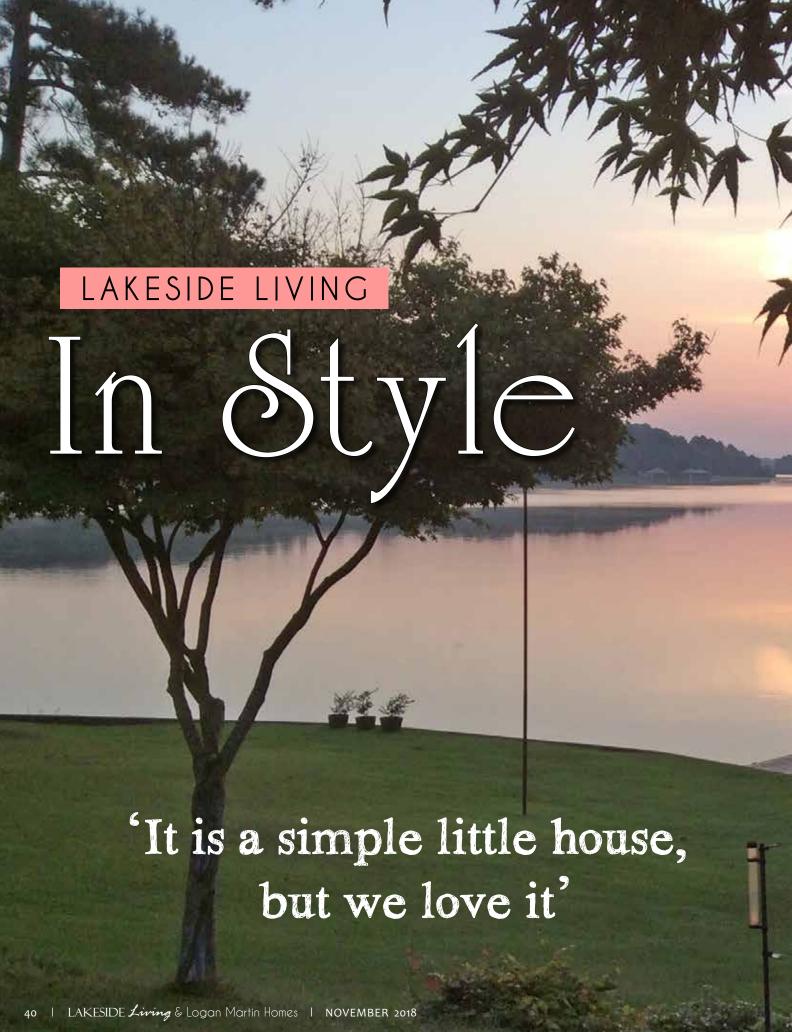


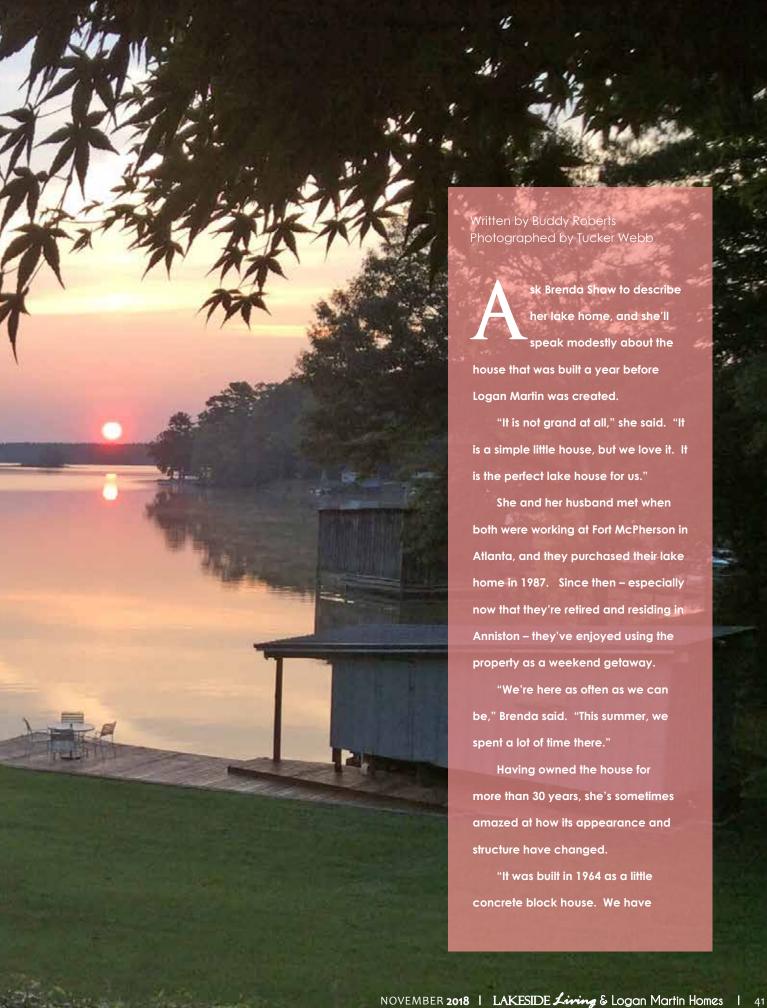






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done a lot of work on it, and it no longer looks like a concrete block house. When we first bought it, it was very cold in the winter, but it's nice and cozy now – cool in the summer and warm in the winter – and it looks pretty."

The Shaws knew the house would require some work, but they shied away from taking it on.

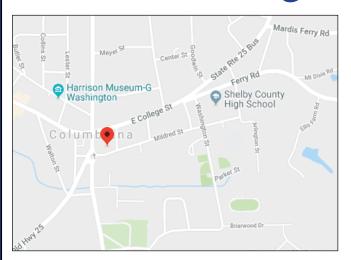
"We're project people," Brenda said. "We always try to find something to do, the house really

evolved as we spiffed it up."

Spiffing up the 1,100-square-foot home has included installing central heating and air conditioning, a new roof, vinyl siding, insulation and drywall.

One of their major projects was completely renovating the kitchen. "When we first bought it, the cabinets were made out of plywood," Brenda recalled. "You could see daylight coming through

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These two photos (one current, one taken shortly after the Shaws purchased the property) document how much their home has changed over the years.

the top when you opened them."

An amenity she particularly enjoys is the screened porch. "I stay out there quite a lot. We both do, but my husband likes to sit on the carport too. It's got the best view."

Their home's location at the end of a cove and the view it offers was a major selling point for the couple when

they bought the property.

"We have a beautiful sunrise view," Brenda said.

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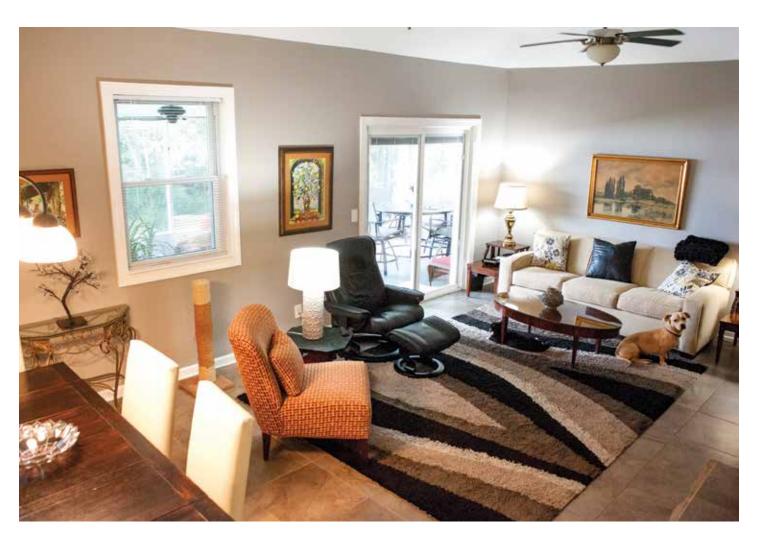
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"The house really evolved as we spiffed it up," Brenda Shaw said. The bottom photo depicts the interior as it looked decades ago.

sunrise is different, and I love them all. We love our view. We can see the whole cove to the other side of the main water, and even a small island. That's what I like about the view – it's so deep."

She also loves the tin-sided boathouse that dates back to the mid-1960s.





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One thing that hasn't changed during the years the Shaws have owned the property is how much they love their view of Logan Martin. The house, which was built a year before the lake was created has been completely modernized. The photo below depicts how its exterior once looked.

"It was grandfathered in, but shoreline management requirements don't allow you to build new boathouses with sides on them. We've talked about getting a new one, but I love my old boathouse. It has so much character."

The Shaws enjoy cruising Logan Martin on their pontoon boat, and while



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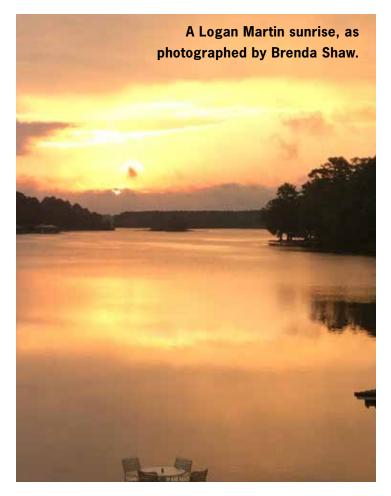
they don't waterski or entertain at the house as much as they once did, being by the water suits their lifestyle.

"We like being next to the water," Brenda said.

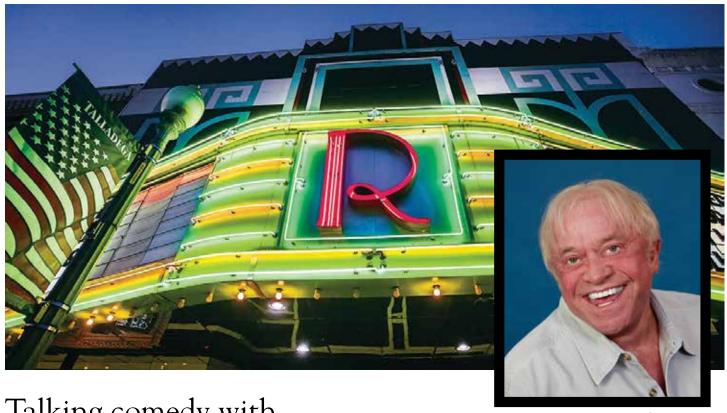
"We when were younger, we entertained every time we came over here. It was a party every weekend, but these days, it's usually just us."

Their enthusiasm for Logan Martin has encouraged Brenda's sister and two of her cousins (from South Carolina and San Diego, California) to relocate to the lake.

"Bob is from this area and used to go to the lake often growing up. He knows a lot of people here now. We looked at Wedowee and some other lakes when we were looking for waterfront property, but we kept coming back to Logan Martin. It felt like home here. Everybody is so nice. It's a wonderful community, the lake community is."







Talking comedy with 'The Funniest Man in America'

**James Gregory** 

## Ritz Theatre opens its fall-winter season with a night of laughter

Written by Buddy Roberts Photo Submitted

ames Gregory doesn't consider himself a southern comedian, but he's often described that way. "I have never, never, not once on stage ever mentioned the words 'Yankee,' 'South,' 'southern,' 'redneck,' 'grits,' 'coon dogs' or 'chewing tobacco,'" he says. "You may think you're hearing that, but you're not."

What the audience will hear - when "The Funniest Man in America" brings his show to the lakeside community as part of the Historic Talladega Ritz Theatre's Fall-Winter Season at 7 p.m. Saturday, November 17 – is a stand-up comedian with a southern accent.

"Here's the difference," Gregory said by phone from his home in Atlanta. "Suppose a comedian from New York comes down South to do a show. Nobody will ever refer to him as northern comedian. But a guy like me, even if I'm talking about the precarious situation of nuclear weapons

as it pertains to Iran and Israel, because I have a southern accent, I have to be called a southern comedian."

Whatever he's called, Gregory has made audiences laugh in 38 states and parts of Canada since he began performing stand-up 36 years ago, and he was happy to spend a recent afternoon talking to Lakeside Living about his upcoming show at The Ritz.

#### Will this be your first show in Talladega?

"Oh, Lord, no, although it's been a few years since I've been in Talladega. But I'm looking forward to coming back. I love the Ritz Theatre and have always had a great turnout there. I love the whole state of Alabama. It's always been like a second home to me. And I remember the last time I did a show in Talladega, somebody brought me some homemade banana nut cake. I hope that person shows up again. That cake doesn't last forever, you know."

#### What can your audience at the Ritz expect to hear?

"People ask me all the time if I will be doing a totally new show, but nobody really wishes I would do that. Nobody that shows up wants me to do a completely brand new show. They all have their favorite routines they want to hear again. And here's what I try to remember. The people who will show up in Talladega this month – and I know they will – won't be

the exact same people who came to my show the last time I was there. Some will have never seen me live before, and another percentage will not have seen one of my shows in the last five or 10 years. So what I do is condense some of the old stories to make room for some of the new, and I blend all that together. What comes out is some of the old, some of the new, some in between, and everybody leaves happy."

## What accounts for the popularity of your style of comedy?

"The show that I do is totally believable. My stories are based on reality. Even if I made it up, it's believable. I talk to people after shows,

and they tell me things like, 'You must have lived in my neighborhood,' or 'You must have known my grandmother.' Every single person knows somebody like the people in my stories."

#### Will another comedian open the show for you?

"There will be an opening act in Talladega, but that hasn't been scheduled yet, so I can't tell you who it will be. I only hire comedians who are friends of mine who suit my type of audience. I don't want to show up to work with somebody I've never met and whose material I don't know. The comedians I work with are all non-offensive with down-home humor that's good for families."

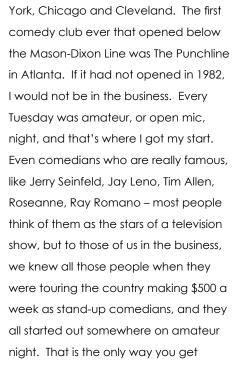
## Does working family-friendly also account for your popularity?

"I think it's a big reason I've been in the business for as long as I have. Not many comedy shows touring around the country are suitable for all ages. You'd be surprised how many people have never seen live stand-up comedy before. It's great when they experience it for the first time, but so many comedians on stage today are mean, ill-mannered, rude and use foul language. That's why families don't go.

You can come to my shows and bring your parents, your in-laws and your 9-year-old kids. You can't do that at most comedy shows."

#### How did you get your start in comedy?

"Most people under the age of 35 or 40 don't realize this, but before 1982, the only place in the United States you could see live stand-up comedy was Los Angeles, Boston, New



started in this business."

## As long as you've been in it, do you still enjoy touring and performing?

"Of course. There is no such thing as a perfect job, whether you're an electrician, truck driver or a comedian. I love doing the shows and being on stage, but traveling is the hardest part for me these days. Now that's not true of Talladega. It's so close to where I live, it's like going to see a neighbor. When I do shows, say, in West Virginia, it's not as easy. But do I still enjoy it? Absolutely. The best part of my day is being on stage."

## Will you be dropping a line in Logan Martin Lake while you're in Talladega?

"Well, I'll tell you...when I was a kid, my dad liked to go fishing, and we'd go out on a riverbank and stay overnight in a tent. Nothing fancy. But I went for the food. There is nothing like food cooked on a riverbank. You've got your grill, your charcoal and your cooler, and there is no way a cheeseburger will ever taste better than when you cook it on a riverbank."



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t's so peaceful here," Vandrea Watts said as she sat on the shoreline at Alabama Power Company's day-use recreation park at Logan Martin Dam on a bright early autumn afternoon. "I love the breeze."

Kimberly Turner agreed as she adjusted her sunglasses and watched the sunlight glisten on the gently moving water.

"There was a lake by my apartment in Virginia when I was at Hampton University," Watts recalled. "I would go over there, sit by the water and just read, think and enjoy God's creation. I have a lot of deep thoughts by the water."

She shared several with Turner that afternoon, about her work at Talladega College, why she pursued chemistry and pharmacy degrees and what she can't live without.

**Old friends:** Watts and Turner have been best friends since high school, and Watts is godmother to Turner's daughter. "That's what best friends are for, right?"

At Talladega College: Watts returned to her alma matter in February to assume duties as Talladega College's assistant director of institutional research and effectiveness and quality enhancement plan director. She earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry as a member of its class of 2013 (before obtaining a doctorate of pharmacy at Hampton) and held the title of Miss Talladega College during her senior year.

Her work at the college: "Making sure each of the college's departments is in compliance with its accreditation and developing a five-year plan focusing on student success for the entire college." She also serves as an advisor for chemistry students.

Why she studied chemistry: "As a stepping stone to apply for pharmacy school. I made a commitment at the age of 15, in the 10th grade, to pursue a doctorate of pharmacy,



Vandrea Watts with Kimberly Turner

to be an additional health and medicine expert within my family. I am one of eight pharmacists. Even though I'm not practicing at the moment because I saw a need I could fill at the college, being a pharmacist allows me the opportunity to educate, update and answer any drug-related questions that my family may have."

What is the role of Talladega College in the community? "To me, Talladega College is the community. It brings diversity, legacy and strong representation of academic excellence. Being an HBCU, it brings people to Talladega from all over the world."

**If she could change the world:** "I would make sure higher education and healthcare is affordable for all."

**How she describes herself:** "Determined and, I hope, genuine. I try to make sure I pray daily to be humble and true to my purpose."

Something an acquaintance might be surprised to know about her: "I love to sleep, and my bed is like my sanctuary."

**Three things she can't live without:** "Sleep, food and God."

**The food she could eat every day:** "It's from a food truck in Birmingham called Taste of Jamaica."

The food she hopes she never eats again: "Squash."

What she's most thankful for: "Family."

**What she enjoys most about autumn:** "I enjoy the colors of the leaves and trees."

**What makes her laugh:** "My nieces and nephews hysterically laughing."

**Her favorite indulgence:** "A Hershey's king size cookies and cream bar."

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- 2. Arline Lynch photographed this serene waterscape of a lone kayaker enjoying a peaceful Monday morning on Logan Martin Lake.
- 3. Colorado resident Leanne Walker shares this fun photo taken during a late summer visit to Logan Martin. At right is her father, lakeside resident Wayne Holliman. Sporting the latest in canine lifejackets is Remi.



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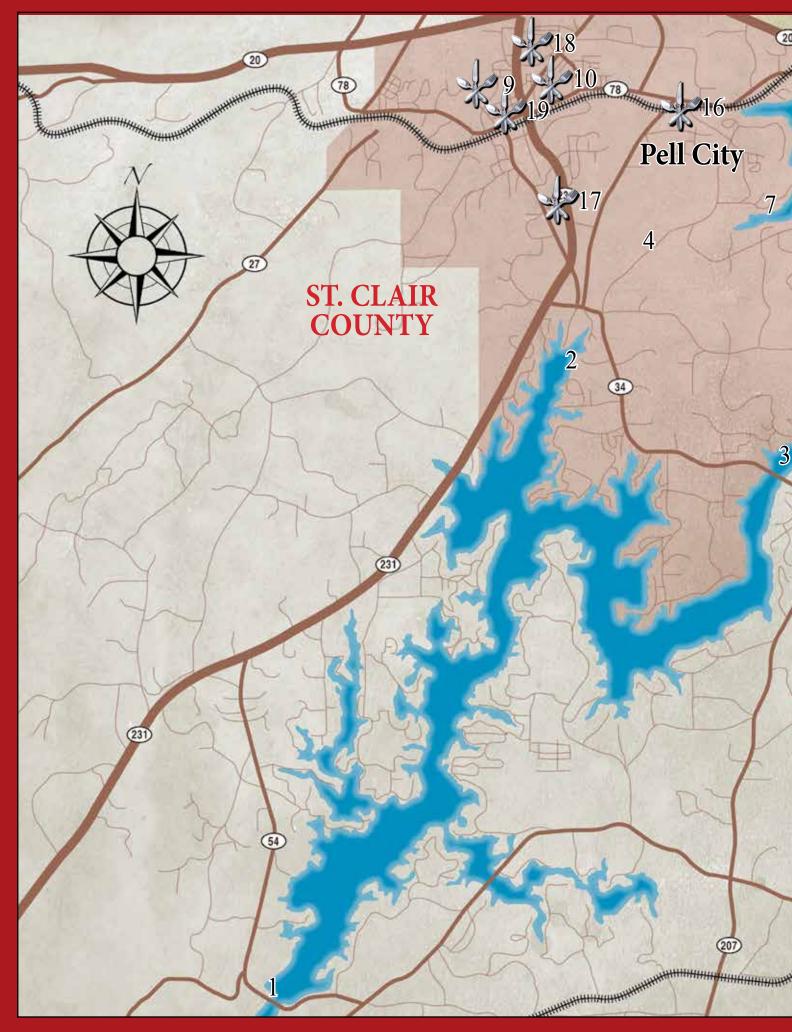
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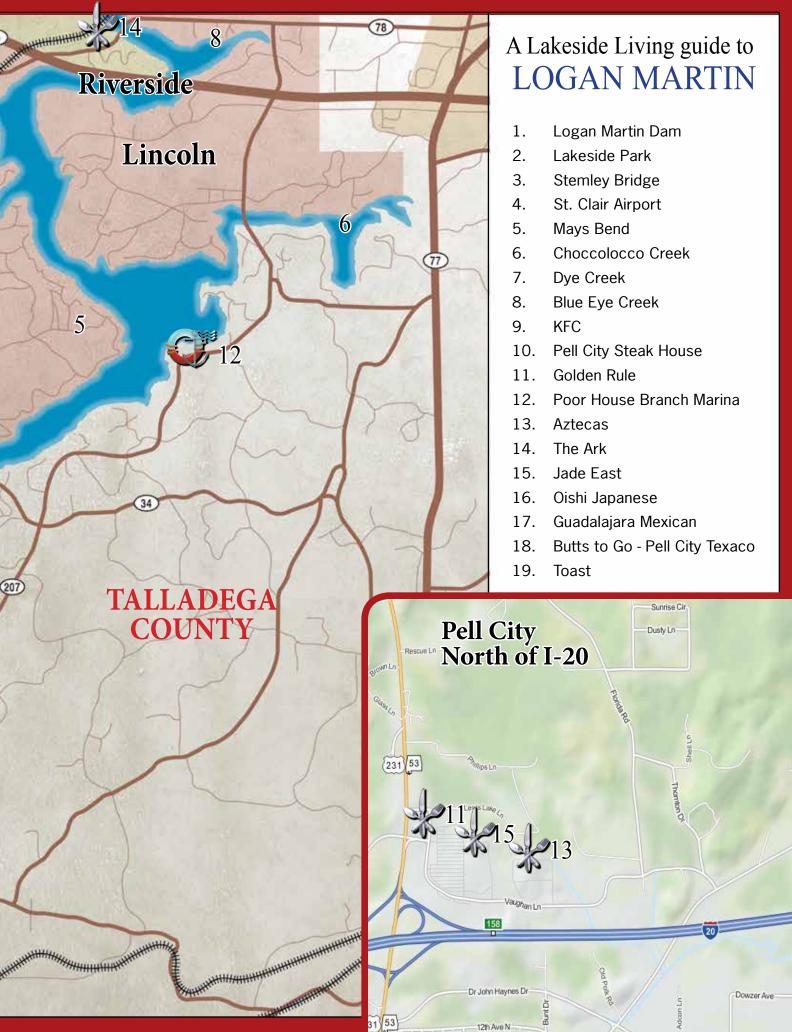
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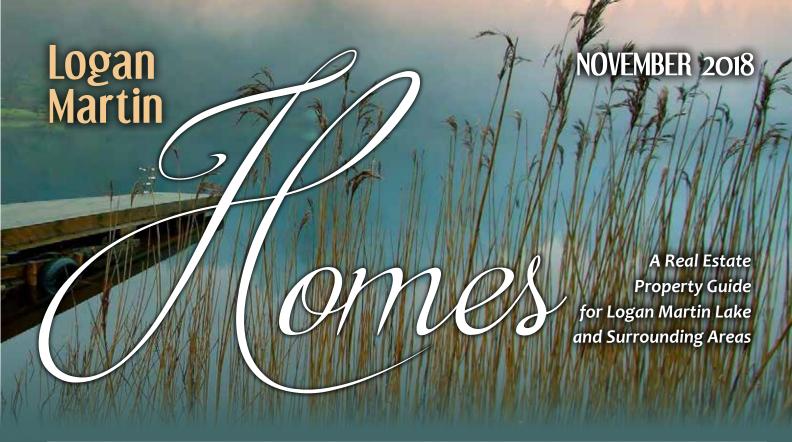
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Inside, every detail of the open living space was carefully considered by the builder. The main living area features custom hardwood floors, a recessed ceiling

and a fireplace with a mantle.

The master suite offers a double vanity and large, walk-in stone shower with a glass door entrance. Two more bedrooms share a spacious hall bath.

In the kitchen, gorgeous granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and white cabinetry create a clean, modern look. Pendant lighting illuminates a work space that includes a deep double sink.

The upstairs bonus room is ideal for a fourth bedroom or home office.

The 2,226-square-foot home lists for \$329,900. For more information call Dana Ellison of LAH Real Estate at 205-870-8580.

## Lakeside agent, formerly of Panama City, thankful family is safe

Written by Sherry Kughn Photograph Submitted

he recent damage to Panama City from Hurricane Michael frightened realtor Sharron Pace, who sells for Re/Max Hometown Properties in Pell City. The fear turned to relief when she learned that all of her family members, including a son and his family, were safe. The damage to their homes, the city, and the surrounding areas was extensive.

Pace, the "caboose" of 11 siblings who grew up in Panama City, said there was never a need to go on vacation when she was growing up because her close-knit family lived on vacation.

"It is truly a little paradise," she said.

The gathering of scallops, oysters, lobsters, and fish from the bays was a favorite pastime for all of them.

Pace, who worked in real estate in Florida when she was in her 20s, left the career because she needed insurance and employee benefits while raising her daughter. She then decided a little more than three years ago to jump back in to real estate and hasn't looked back. She loves what she does.

"I feel as if I am on a treasure hunt to find what another person wants," she said. "It is so rewarding to be with people who are searching for a home or to help them sell and look for a new place."

"I love people and working with people," Pace said, and I love showing homes. It is just a joy."

Pace works for Re/Max under the direction of Sharon Thomas, who Pace describes as an "encyclopedia of knowledge about real estate." She likes the job's flexible hours, and she works many evenings and



Sharron Pace

most weekends. She understands that most people are on a budget, and she works to help them purchase the best home they can.

Pace said she is known for working hard for her clients, and the large number of referrals is proof. Most of those that began as clients are now her friends. She said she works the same for clients, whether they can financially buy high or low.

Her tip to buyers? Find a home that meets your price, or be willing to build to get exactly what you seek. Or, look at existing homes and see "a vision" of making that home the absolute perfect home. "It's very important to see it so you can either rule it out or imagine yourself living there so you can rule it in," she said.

Her tip to sellers? Create floor space and remove furniture or items that are taking up space, which make the home appear smaller. Remove personal items, such as pictures, so the potential buyers can see themselves living there.

"Currently, this is a seller's market so it's a great time," she said.

Pace likes to relax by visiting her grandchildren. She likes to go to Panama City to visit her vast extended family. And she often spends her quality time with them at the beach.

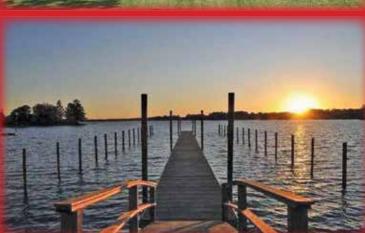
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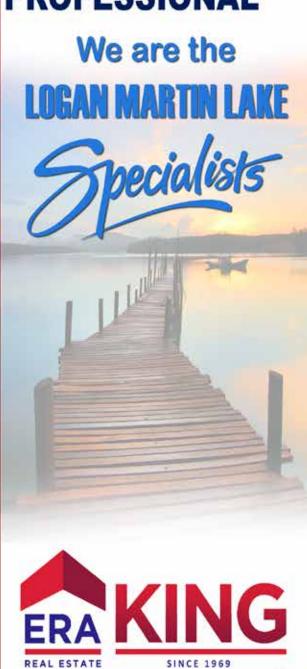
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full brick home mostly fenced. Front and back porch for you to enjoy this peaceful setting. You have your own private storm shelter!! Three bedrooms and 2 full bath. Major remodel 6 yrs ago. Fresh paint throughout most of the house. Both bath rooms have been updated along with the kitchen. Master suite is new w/large master closet. Large laundry room with storage closet. Kitchen has been updated with large pantry. Double garage with possibility of third bay. Detached carport. House is on city water but has a well to water for your garden etc. Most furniture remains. Don't wait give me a call to see this peace of paradise. Approx 2332 sq ft MLS #829046





4905 Lee Rd . Pine Harbor \$200,000.00. What a great DEAL!!! Approximately 2600 sq feet for only 200,000.00. In Pine Harbor!!! The home has updates throughout. New paint, New roof, new the floors, new carpet in game room/4th bedroom, new hardwood. Game room with huge storage room and large laundry. Great room with gas log fireplace. Formal dining room. Kitchen has been updated with beautiful back splash. Back yard is extra large and fenced for your pets or let the kids play. The master has a BIG private deck overlooking Logan Martin Lake for you to relax on. Double car carport with major storage/work shop MLS #829051







475 River Forest Lane, Unit 3120, Logan Martin Lake. \$169,000. Enjoy lake side living at its finest. First floor condo on Lake Logan Martin. Easy Walk right out to the pool. This home is very spacious with an open floor plan. The kitchen has granite counter-tops, breakfast bar and stainless appliances. (All appliances remain.) The laundry is just off the kitchen. Washer and dryer will remain. The living room has french doors opening to the covered patio great for grilling. The master bath has a large soaking tub, separate shower and a massive walk in closet. The community amenities include an in-ground pool, boat launch, boat docks, beach and playground. Pet walking area. There is also a beautiful board walk around the shoreline. Just bring your towels and family for a great place to create memories on Logan Martin Lakel Fresh paint thru out. Most furniture to remain. MLS #825420.



1201 Logan Martin Dam Rd. \$529,000. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 24.5 fenced acres. Master has walkin closet, 4'x4' shower w/ dual shower heads and rain shower. Upstairs bedrooms have their own full bath and are separated by a loft/TV area. Spacious living room overlooks pool and fireplace with Buck Stove insert. Eat-in kitchen overlooks the pool, lots

of cabinets and is adjacent to the large dining room with built-in window seat. Oversized laundry/utility room includes pantry. Beautiful hardwoods and stained glass throughout the house as well as plantation shutters. Lots of closet space. Attached 3 car garage with floored, walk-up attic space. Wrap around porches with built-In benches and picnic tables. 60,000 gal saltwater pool is 9 ft deep and has diving board, slide and entertainment patio. 5 stall horse barn with tack room and hay loft. Property is fenced for livestock with two ponds -lg pond has pier and is stocked with catfish, bass, and bream. Lots of wildlife. Detached workshop. Included is a Kubota tractor w/implements. MLS #817832.



160 KOA Road, Riverside. \$219,900, Country living in the city. This home is sitting on approximately 1.3 acres. The home offers 4 bedrooms 3 full baths. Approx 2100 sq ft. Kitchen with Corian counter tops. Eat in space in the kitchen. Great room with gas logs fireplace Hardwood floors. Basement den with fireplace. Double car garage. Great

outbuilding/Work shop. Shop  $20 \times 20$  with underground utilities. Power, water and phone. MLS 806300



Hwy 280 14.27 Acres, Sterrett, \$1,900,000. Commercial Property, Chelsea Tax District. Across from Chelsea Park Subdivision. Road frontage approx. 497 feet 1285 ft deep, utilities at the street. MLS# 773072



3215 Dr. John Haynes Drive - \$210,000. Two 75X150 Lots, 31 Warehouse 11-10X20=\$60.00 Ea 11-10X15=\$55.00 Ea 5-6X10=\$30.00 Ea 1- Double 10X20 \$150.00 1 Double 10X15=\$130.00. This property offers 2005 By 150 Lots. On one of the lots there's A 31 unit wearhouse. Several different sizes. The other lot is vacant and fenced. MLS #726742



589 River Terrace Drive. \$85,000. Great view of Logan Martin Lake. 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Large great room with wood burning fireplace. Dining room and eat in space in the kitchen. A detached garage/work shop. Some updating has been done. New roof, laminate flooring, HVAC and windows. This home is sitting on a permanent foundation. Yard is fenced. Kitchen features a Island with the cook top and eat up bar. MLS 818731



2001 19th St, Pell City \$176,900. 1.5 ac farm in the city with such charm. Fenced with a barn and pasture. This adorable home is perfect for the southern charm home lover! It is full of character! Unique LR w/high ceilings! Pretty DR w/hardwoods! Spacious master BR w/large closet! Front foyer is great place for art work! This home is a treasure you see to appreciate! Tile counter top, gas heat, gas water heater, wood siding. MLS #790241



105 Rising Fawn Rd., Harpersville, \$340,000. Welcome to Your Peaceful Paradise and Family Retreat. Located in Unincorporated Shelby County, this spectacular sanctuary boasts 10 +/- acres filled with breathtaking views. This exquisite property offers one-level living with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths

nestled between two of your very own lakes. We are told the front lake is stocked with hand fed bass, crappie, and brim. The longleaf pine floors are simply gorgeous. You will enjoy the spacious kitchen with new stainless appliances, lots of kitchen cabinets and tons of counter space! The abundant wildlife in the area is just another asset to this pristine retreat. This unique property features many shade trees. The private boathouse features a covered fishing peer. A must to see. MLS 808360



195 Bellbrook Drive, 305,000.00 Wow...What a View!! This 4 bedroom 3 bath, beautiful single level home in a desirable neighborhood. Has a great view of Logan Martin Lake. This home is located directly across the street from the lake and only minutes for a boat launch or Marina. Lots of recent updates which include: hardwoods, granite countertops, limestone tile, mosaic

tile "rug" in dining area and custom oak cabinets. There is a built-in entertainment center and gas fireplace in the den. Tons of closet space and storage and a beautiful yard with a great patio make this home perfect for entertainingl Circular drive. Plantation shutters remain and most window treatments remain. Pantry. Study and dining room has door opening to screened in porch. Laundry room with utility sink and oak cabinets. Storage area in garage and pulldown steps to attic with floored area for storage. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms. MLS #814870

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- •COTTON TOP FARMS, 4 LOTS.
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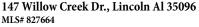




122 Peaceful Lane, Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 832192 This Stunning Brick Home Is Located In The SouthBend Subdivision. It features Granite Counter Tops, Hardwood, Tile, Large Master Bedroom and Master Bathroom. It Also Features A Newly Added "Mother In Law" Suite with its own private bathroom and Office/ Study. This Home Has A Full Basement With A Two Car Garage. Zoned for the LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT. This Home Is Move In Ready And Includes A 1 Year Home Warranty! This Home Has So Many Great Features At A GREAT PRICE! Do Not Let This One Getaway!!!







\$222,500

This home is in a lovely neighborhood. 3BR, 2BA. Only 2 miles from downtown Lincoln. This brick home features wood floors, open kitchen with breakfast area, large living room with cozy fireplace, over sized master bedroom and large master bathroom. Home also features a full unfinished basement which you can make your own. It also has a two car garage to give you even more storage. Large parking area at bottom level of home. This home also features a sellers warranty. Home has a new roof and gutter system that was replaced within the last year. Also, all new decking on the back of them home! Do not let this lovely home getaway!

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35 Whispering Oaks, Talladega, AL 35160 **\$294,900** MLS# 829355

This home is simply stunning! 4BR, 2.5BA. This brick home is located in the beautiful Whispering Oaks Subdivision. This home features hardwood floors, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and much more. Nestle into this home and enjoy the big backyard with large patio with lake view from your front yard. Chandeliers and light fixtures are an added bonus. The Master Bedroom now has new wood floors! This beautiful home also features a 1 year home warranty. Zoned Lincoln School District.





475 River Forest Lane, Unit 3420, Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 827571

\$189,900

This 4th floor 2 Bedroom condo has a breathtaking view of Logan Martin Lake! It was recently updated with wood floors and fresh paint. This FULLY FURNISHED condo is MOVE IN READY so the new owners can enjoy Lake Life at its finest! Condo features granite kitchen counter tops, stainless steel appliances, tray ceilings in living room, tile floors in kitchen and bathrooms, breakfast bar in kitchen. It also features an open floor plan from kitchen to living room which makes it great for entertaining guest. Zoned LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT Ammenties include community pool, community boat docks and launch, boardwalk, and much more. Dont let this AMAZING condo getaway!





65 Bulldog Cir., Cropwell, AL 35054 MLS# 826121

\$649,000

4BR, 4.5BA. Waterfront Home. This home has one of the best views of Logan Martin Lake. It has a FLAT lot with a breathtaking view of the Lake. Plenty of amenities to make this house stand out from any you have seen before! It features a gorgeous pool, outdoor grilling and entertaining area, and gorgeous bay windows so you never miss a view of the lake while you enjoy this lake home. The panoramic lake view is a Must SEE! It also features 2 Master Bedroom Suites, over-sized Walk-In Closets, and 4.5 Baths. The pool overlooks the lake while you can enjoy the 20x40 ft pier with walkways and a boat launch. This home is one of a kind with its breathtaking view, which you can enjoy while having your morning coffee or while entertaining guest at night with the beautiful lake setting. Do not let this one of a kind home get away.

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555 Sunset Rd., Pell City, AL 35120 4 BR, 3 Full- 1/2 BA

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217 Sunset Cove, Pell City, AL 35128 5 BR, 4 1/2 BA

MLS# 823642. 2nd story foyer has a grand staircase. Formal dining, open great room & screened porch. 🛂 1-401 loor om one room t pete r suite oot tub. is on t hower. The 2nd floor has 4 large bedrooms, 2 full baths & a floored attic. Fully finished basement and an in law suite. 2 car garage attached to the basement in addition to the 2 car garage on the main level. In-ground salt water pool with large patio, covered deck and fenced back yard. ONLY mins to the lake or I-20.



1030 Images Sq., Cropwell, AL 35054 5 BR, 3 Full- 1/2BA

This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath jewel house will blow you away, with its high ceilings, huge kitchen that has granite, stainless appls, island, breakfast area, work desk & lots of cabinets. A formal dining room with coffered ceilings is the perfect spot for family meals. The lakeside den has amazing lake views & a stacked stone, wood burning fireplace with gas starter. The covered porches & private boat dock invite you to enjoy the lake views & activity! The large master suite offers space for both with its own private, lakeside deck. The 2nd bedroom has its own bath while the 3rd & 4th spacious bedrooms share a large hallway bath. The upstairs loft area & second kitchen add a space for relaxing and convenience for making that first cup of coffee, without having to go downstairs. The 2 car garage offers additional storage space. The community pool is only steps away from your front door. MLS #818955





81 Lakeside Valley Dr., Pell City, AL, 35120 4 BR, 2 BA

MLS #823887. This new 4 sided brick construction in the beautiful Reserve of Logan Martin subdivision is the perfect place to call home. From the interior colors on the wall to the custom hardwood floors, every detail has been thought out by the builder. There will be irrigation for the new landscaping & sod, appliances will be installed. Lake view and boat launch on the main channel.



65 Dellwood Ln. \$259,000 Cropwell, AL 35054 4 BR, 4 BA

This home sits quietly in a cul de sac in the Cherry Tree Park subdivision. Its in the county but only minutes from numerous marinas, the interstate and many conveniences. As you enter, your formal dining room is to the right. The den with fireplace and hardwood floors is open to the second floor. The master suite has a double vanity, shower & Jacuzzi. Large kitchen with lots of cabinets, a nice pantry & laundry room overlooks the breakfast room and back yard. Upstairs are 3 more bedrooms with carpeted floors, 2 that share a large jack & jill bath. The basement has another full bath and space that would make a perfect office, game room or work out room.



\$127,500

155 Steeplechase Ct., Pell City, AL 35128 2 BR, 2BA

droums, 2 baths. Extra storage in attic area. Home features tiled baths, treved ceilings. The kitchen includeds all appliances and has a pantry.



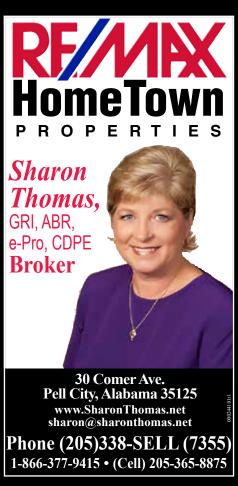
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