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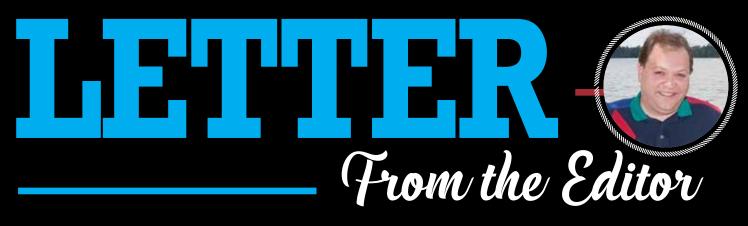
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Chilling out for a good cause

As this issue of Lakeside Living was in production in mid-February, temperatures in the Logan Martin area were well below freezing, and the ground was frosted.

Now it's March, a month during which I usually find myself feeling impatient. That's because March is a transition month -- perhaps the most frustrating one of the year. Spring arrives in March, but even with the coming of the equinox, winter refuses to go softly into that goodnight.

Thus my frustration. Winter can never go away fast enough for me, and here is infernal March reminding me to be patient. And so I must.

In the meantime, our friends at the Pell City Police Department have taken advantage of the



chilly weather to benefit a good cause. Last month, Logan Martin Lake hosted the PCPD's second Polar Plunge to raise money for the Special Olympics.

The event was held at Lakeside Park, and participants proved their commitment to the cause by taking a dip in the cold waters of the lake. The plunge itself followed a fun cornhole tournament that had begun earlier in the day.

Police Chief Paul Irwin said the purpose of the event is to raise awareness about the Special Olympics and help with expenses involved in sending local athletes to compete in state-level games. It's a relatively new event to the Logan Martin community, but the chief hopes it will continue to grow in support and participation.

The Polar Plunge is one of two events in which Pell City police officers participate to benefit the Special Olympics, the other being the Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run. Their desire to help others and support good causes is typical of the lakeside community, where many good initiatives are underway and many good individuals are giving of their time, energy, and resources to help improve the lives of others.

You can read about one such initiative in this issue of Lakeside Living. Later this month, the annual Renew Our Rivers clean-up campaign returns to local waters and shorelines, and Bud Kitchin of the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association was kind enough to provide Josie Howell with all the details for her article on page 10.

Also in this issue, join writer Michelle Love and photographer Bob Crisp on a visit to the lakeside home of the Frey family, enjoy Tucker Webb's scenic photography as it illustrates Sarah Moreman's essay about late winter-early spring on the Coosa River, and learn about some new aquatic habitats that have been placed on the lake during the past month.

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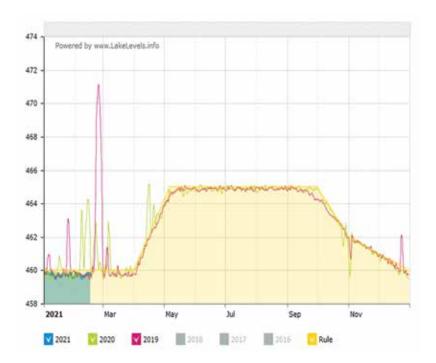
March is one of the best months of the year for targeting big, prespawn bass. These fish are easily some of the most aggressive of the year, and they're relatively easy to find, especially compared to the deep, offshore fishing that is common during the winter.

March is the time of year when nature calls the fish to the shallow water to begin preparations for the spawn. They are moving shallow to be adjacent to spawning flats and to take advantage of the warming temperatures. As the sun warms the air, it's the shallow water that warms up the fastest, and where there's warm water, there are baitfish.

Expect to find the bass in less than 10 feet of water. Look for little pockets, places out of the wind and current, whether the current is created by the wind, the drawing of water or the influx of water from feeder creeks and rivers. Once you've located the fish, the chances of there being a lot of bass in the area are quite high.

You don't have to be too concerned with finessing bass these times of year. The water is warming; they are actively feeding in preparation for the spawn, so there's no reason to downsize your baits. Big jigs, heavy line and powerful rods used with pinpoint casting and plenty of on-thewater fish-locating practice will help you find these bass while they are holed up and transitioning toward the spawn.

Source: Berkeley Fishing



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Lake Levels

Full Pool: 465 Feet Winter Pool: 460 Feet Flood Pool: 467 Feet

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At's time to Renew Our Rivers

Annual clean-up initiative returns to Logan Martin Lake this month



Written by **JOSIE HOWELL** File photographs by **TUCKER WEBB**

Later this month and into early April, the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association in cooperation with Alabama Power Company will host the 22nd annual Renew Our Rivers week-long clean-up event in an effort to keep local shorelines clean and clutter-free.

Since the initiative began in 2000, more than 122,000 volunteers have given their time in yearly clean-up efforts, collecting approximately 16 million pounds of trash from Alabama waterways.

The first cleanup effort began at Logan Martin's neighboring lake, Neely Henry. Eventually, the Renew Our Rivers event grew from a single river cleanup event in Gadsden to a nationally recognized campaign that includes Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle, according to the LMLPA. Bud Kitchin, the LMLPA's vice chairman and clean-up event chairman, said approximately seven tons of garbage were removed from Logan Martin in 2019 by as many as 600 volunteers who helped with the effort. Items removed from the lake have included general debris and trash, old boats, mattresses, tires, and appliances.

"We try to instill in the local community how important it is not to let debris and trash blow out of their boat or from their cars onto the roadside



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that ends up getting washed into the lake," he added. "Debris can come from a lot of places, not just a boat."

For this year's event, there will be eight cleanup sites in the area where volunteers can help out. All sites will open between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 3. Volunteers will be given gloves, t-shirts, Renew Our Rivers bags and tongue clamps for picking up garbage.

Those helping will have the option to pick up trash from just along the shore line or go into the water for a deeper cleanup. Alabama Power crews will step in to retrieve the bigger items dumped into the Lake. Once everyone has filled up their bags with trash, they will put the collected garbage into dumpsters provided that will later be weighed to determine how much total waste was collected.

This year, it may be more than usual. Due to the pandemic, the LMLPA canceled the event







in 2020, so Kitchin said the cleanup crews will now have two years' worth of trash to pick up.

Consistently keeping local waterways clean is important for the community because it attracts both tourists and events, such as local bass fishing tournaments, to the area.

"We depend on folks coming to the lake," Kitchin said. "We've got a beautiful lake. It's just like driving down highways in Alabama -- if the highways are littered and look ugly, it's not a good thing for our community. But if we can give it a good spit shine and clean up our lake and make it presentable, it helps us. Logan Martin Lake is an economic engine for the cities that surround it."

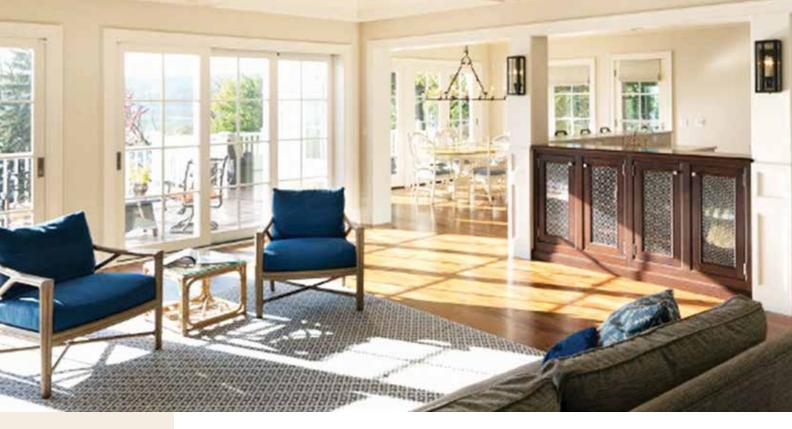
Those who want to sign up can go to the LMLPA Facebook page or website (Imlpa.org) to register and select at which sites they want to work. Volunteers can also show up to the event unregistered and will be signed up on the spot, Kitchin said.





(Interior design trends for your lake home

2021 offers opportunity to reevaluate your space on the water



Written by CAMILLE SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY SUBMITTED

Since the start of the pandemic last March, we've been forced to spend more time indoors. As a result of lockdowns and distancing, the importance of personal space has become crucial. Now, more people are investing in lake houses, hoping for much-needed outdoor space and a remedy for that familiar "cooped up" feeling.

Due to spending ample time at home, many of us are paying more attention to interior design. After all, if you're going to spend all day working from home, you might as well enjoy the decor! If you're looking to re-evaluate your lake home's feng shui, we've got some tips for you.

Interior designer Karen Parziale, lead designer of The Real Estate Staging Studio in New York, has been redesigning her family's home on Lake Paradise, and she has advice on the latest interior design trends for lake lovers across the country, including those on Logan Martin Lake.

A combination of the root words "bio" (life) and "philic" (love of), this concept of biophilic design refers to embracing nature in your interior decor. This concept does not just refer to pictures or representations of nature, but rather incorporating actual pieces from the outdoors inside of your home.

Although the biophilic design trend has been popular since the 1970s and is especially trending this year, it dates back to ancient times. The hanging gardens of Babylon are perhaps the first depiction of biophilic design in action.

In your lake home, one manifestation of biophilic design might be adding live plants inside your home. And not just potted desk plants. Karen says that it's trending for plants to be the "big focal point of the



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room. From a feng shui perspective, the lake has water and earth energy already. Incorporating natural elements like plants, distressed wood, and twigs into your home design helps with balance. You want to have a mix of everything."

It's always great when interior design trends align with sustainability. Green design has been trending for many years, but it's becoming prevalent now and will continue in 2021. Like biophilic design, green design is about connecting with nature. However, while biophilic design is more about the connection itself, green design focuses on environmental well-being more broadly. "It's all about a healthier home," Karen explains. "This trend involves being intentional about using eco-friendly materials in construction."

This popular notion of 'going green' applies to both interior decorating and landscaping designs. It's becoming trendy to opt for ground covers over grass to conserve water and choosing furniture that uses recycled materials. In other words, what's in style is also good for the environment. Services in Birmingham, Huntsville & Pell City Areas

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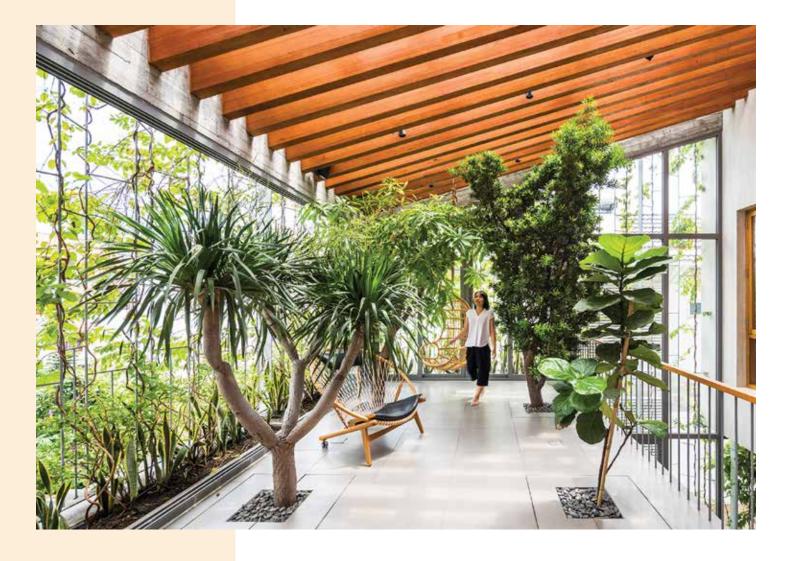
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Lake houses are not meant to be cold, detached environments. They're a place of connection with friends and family. In the world of interior design trends, it's becoming popular to reflect this sense of warmth into the design intentionally.

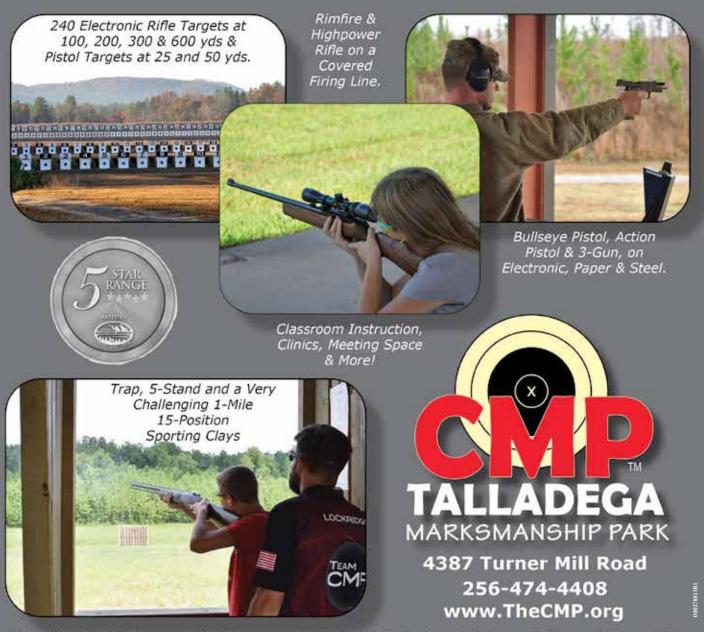
Karen specifies that a home's warm feel should not be conveyed through a country aesthetic. "The plaid patterns and 'deer-on-the-wall' look is over," she says. "Instead, incorporate congruous, earthy tones in a sophisticated way. You also want it to be warm without being modern and glitzy." In keeping with a sense of warmth, open-concept spaces are trending. The idea of removing walls and borders and installing big, expansive windows evokes a laid-back, welcoming feel consistent with the lake lifestyle.

Overall, the biggest interior design trends for 2021 are all about the incorporation of nature and sustainability. In keeping with this idea, it's no coincidence that Pantone's color trend report for Spring 2021 names "a range of shades inspired by the beauty of nature" as colors to watch out for next year.

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The theme of nature is also timely, given what we're all craving during the pandemic. "With COVID, people are realizing they're tired of living in little spaces," Karen comments. "They want to be outside more and have outdoor space." She explains that her business has become busier recently, as she's designing these outdoor spaces and helping people connect with nature.

Whether it's through using recycled wood, creating an open concept living room, or replacing plaid patterns with warm tones, we hope you can incorporate these trends into your decor. After all, this connection with nature is what lakeside living is all about.

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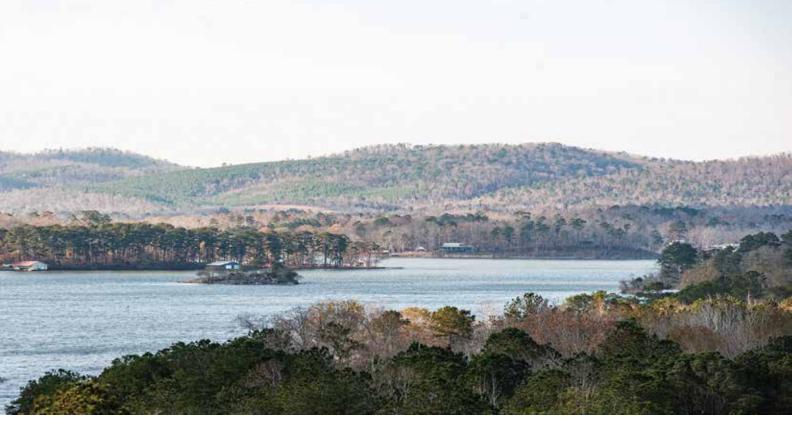
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(It's a time on transition

on the Coosa River

Chill of winter begins thawing into warmth of spring



Written by **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN** Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

That stillness of the river that reflected the mysteriousness of winter will soon be rippling into waves created by boats and waverunners, pulling the Coosa back to the vigor of active life.

Yet the icy grips of winter still hold on, reminding us river lovers to warm up first.

What is warming up first? If they have not been operated during the past few months, we need to check our water vehicles for any needed repairs after enduring such harsh coldness of the winter. After conducting a few test runs to ensure the operability of the watercraft, we may need to wash and wipe down the seats.

After these physical laborious tasks, we also need to brush up our watercraft operation knowledge and skills. The warming up practices not only ensure our safety when using watercraft, but they also temper our impatience for the weather to be warmer. Even though the frostiness may be thawing away into spring, there remains an icy coldness in the winds that remind us that the water is still too cold for some frolicking fun in brightly colored bathing suits.

However, we can still enjoy some hot cocoa or coffee out on the pier while being mesmerized by the poetry in the movements of fishermen's stead-



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fastness in searching for bass or catfish. The way they handle their fishing boats seems intricately tricky. Some stand with a foot pressed against a pedal, maneuvering the boat while their hands expertly hold the fishing pole, throwing wide arcs of the fishing line before reeling back.

Sometimes we wave at them. If they do look up from staring intently into the moving water for any sign of fish, they wave back. Mostly, we do not say anything, respecting their need for quiet while waiting for the fish to be lured to the hook.

It is usually around the spring equinox -- March 20 this year -- when bass fishing tournaments resume and bass boats make their appearance along the banks. For some reason, my boat pier was a hot spot for these bass anglers. I still do not know to this day why they particularly chose my pier. They were not deterred by the incessant barking of my many canine babies.

Their barks would ring throughout my house, and sometimes I forgot about fishermen being in the river as I rushed to look presentable before running out to the backyard to ensure that my home was safe. After my heart slowed down a bit, I would turn around to calm the dogs. If they were still excited, I would let them out.

They would leap out of the sunroom and race down to the end of the pier to greet the fisherman. Not a single time did any of the fishermen move. They remained in their boats and greeted the dogs. My babies' tails wagged even more furiously in delight as they interacted with the strangers. Sometimes I called out an apology for my crazy furbabies disrupting their quiet fishing; other times, I was busy replenishing food and water bowls while the dogs were out visiting the humans.

After years of observing how the fishermen embraced the river and the way we river residents keep our homes on the water, I could tell there is one courtesy that all fishermen appreciated—no wake disturbances. If we take the boat or waverunner out, we need to strictly regard the no-wake rule.

One time when I was pulling my ancient waverunner out of its designated spot, I did not see two fishermen until I looked up to see the waves pushing their boat against the dock. One fisherman held out a hand



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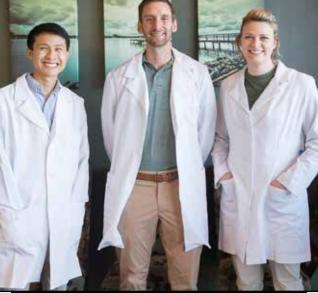
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to brace against the wood structure. I instantly felt bad. Ever since that incident, I made sure to be alert for any mooring watercraft before pulling out and into my pier so as to not create any waves.

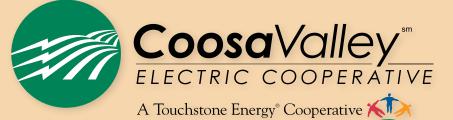
Other than ensuring no wake disturbances, the

fishermen and river lovers are harmoniously sharing the experience of how the monochromatic wintry landscape of the river is thawing into the vibrancy of a warm and colorful spring.

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Alabama Power creates new

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80 mini-ecosystems have been placed in Logan Martin Lake



Written and photographed by **DENNIS WASHINGTON**

On Feb. 3, Alabama Power deployed 80 new artificial fish-attracting devices (FADs) on Logan Martin Lake. Alabama Power Environmental Affairs Specialist Mike Clelland says

The devices, also known as spider blocks, give fish better places to feed and grow, according to Mike

Clelland, environmental affairs specialist. Alabama Power has deployed more than 60,000 fish habitats in the state's lakes and rivers since 1993, the majority consisting of recycled Christmas trees, stumps and logs.

"Natural structures in the lakes deteriorate over time," he said. "We're basically replacing those natural habitats with synthetic materials that will last a little longer. As these structures sit in the water, they'll

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start collecting algae and macroinvertebrates, which are little insect colonies," Clelland said. "That in turn will attract smaller fish to feed on, and in turn the larger fish will come to the smaller fish, so we're creating mini-ecosystems throughout the reservoir."

The FADs were deployed in four groups of 20 on Logan Martin Lake at two spots south of Pirate Island and two spots northeast of Harmon Island.

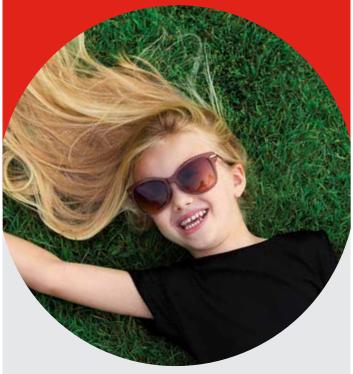
The devices were among 200 that were assembled in Calera by high school anglers, coaches and parents from the Gardendale Rockets Bass Fishing Club, members of the Hukone Bass Club and volunteers from Alabama Power, B.A.S.S. and Alabama B.A.S.S. Nation High School. The work was done in an open field, allowing participants to follow COVID-19 safety protocols.

"This is exciting," said Darrel High, state youth director of Alabama B.A.S.S. Nation. "We do a lot of projects and we like for our high school clubs to get involved with these type things. I think it's great."

Catherine Huffman, coach of the Gardendale Rockets

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Bass Fishing Club, said her anglers enjoyed putting the habitats together.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's a good project and it's good to get them out of the house and get them working."

The spider blocks were built using 150 bags of cement, 200 buckets, 1,600 synthetic sticks and water. Their synthetic structure will allow them to have a much longer life in the lake, Clelland said.

"These fish habitats will be here for many years, and it's the partnerships that come together with the resources that make it successful," Clelland said, adding that the remaining 120 spider blocks will be deployed at a later date on other Alabama lakes and rivers.

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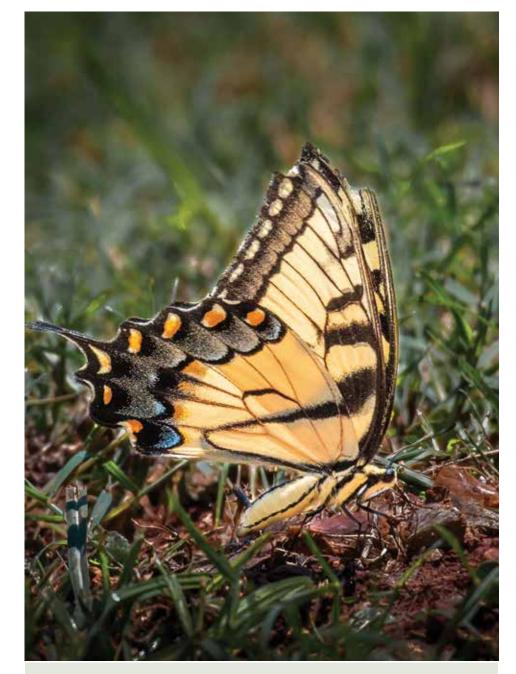
Written by **SUSAN COOK** Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

It was on a cold and misty March morning that I woke to the sound of hundreds of birds calling. "Where have you been?" I wondered in a daze.

Pulling the blanket a little tighter, I closed my eyes, but the birds continued to sing, and while listening to their songs, I heard the first notes of spring.

The daffodils will be here soonthe birth flowers of March. Their sunny yellow faces shine like bright beacons signaling to the other timid plants that it's okay to peep out of old winter's earth. The thread-like cypress vines have probably already started their climb, waiting for the right moment to open their vermilionred petals shaped like velvety stars blooming across a grass-green sky. The vivid flowers will be catnip to the thirsty hummingbirds when they arrive, eager to slurp down a refreshing drink after their long iourney across the skies.

Like me, the butterflies and moths are currently keeping out the cold, wrapping themselves in the warm silky folds of their chrysalis or cocoon, not quite ready to throw off the covers and face the day. But when



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they feel the sun's warm fingers tapping them awake, these newly-winged beings will stretch off their long winter's nap, eager to show off their striking new clothes of yellow, orange, green, and black—not unlike us at Easter. Little girls in white hats and boys in shined-up shoes, dressed in fresh colors to match a new season.

I sometimes think that a child must be in charge of painting each spring. Every year, we're greeted by a landscape ablaze with a fearless use of color, looking like small happy fingers went exploring with some paints, dabbing splashes of color over every little thing just so it wouldn't be sad—a world with more daylight, less darkness.

I can almost smell the honeysuckle wafting to me on a warm breeze.

But it's not really warm. Not yet. A drizzling rain has started to fall outside the frosted glass, drenching the leaves, darkening the branches, but the birds still sing above it all.

The cold rain and winter winds may still be blowing, but spring is on the wing.









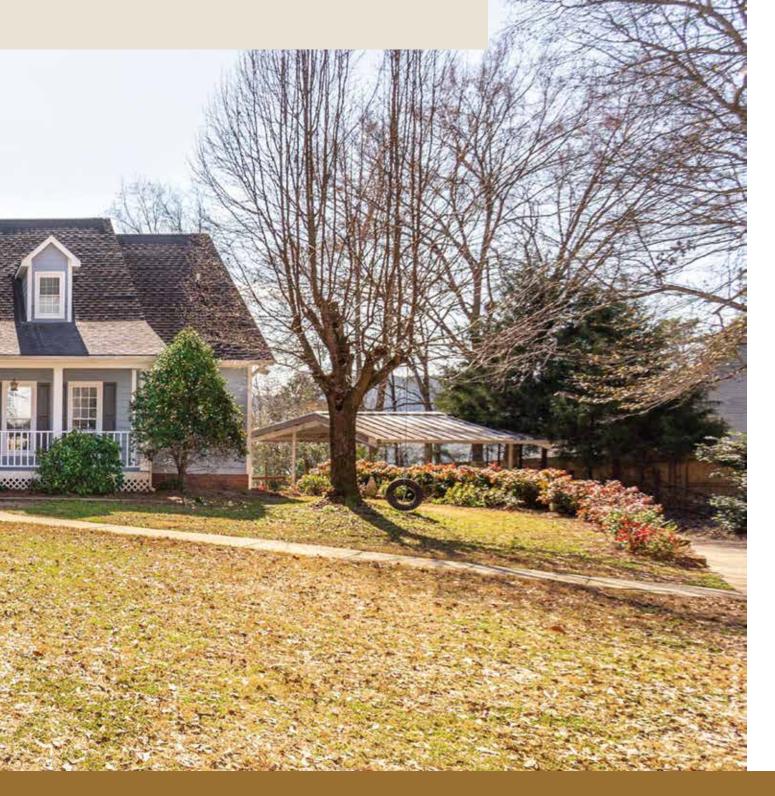
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Reflecting on memories of lakeside living

Family of 10 has loved its full house on Logan Martin



Written by **MICHELLE LOVE** Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

The Frey household has always been a full house. Along with their eight children, Chris and Teri have always loved having people over to their lakeside home to enjoy the natural landscape of their backyard. The family has lived in Pell City for 17 years and have accumulated thousands of memories worth their weight in gold.

The family moved to Pell City after Chris retired from his work as a police officer. Originally from Louisiana, he wanted to find a place close to the lake so he could fish frequently. At the time, he and Teri, originally from Minnesota, lived in Florida and had six children. After visiting several lakes in Alabama, they decided Logan Martin was the one for them.



Chris found their house with the help of a Realtor, and having seen several that just didn't fight right. Teri said she trusted Chris to find the right house with God guiding them. "I just put it to prayer," she said.

It was the idea of his family feeling right at home that was the major selling point. "I saw the staircase, and all I pictured was my kids coming down the staircase Christmas morning with our yellow lab. That's all I pictured and that was it," Chris said.

He took several pictures of the property and showed them to Teri and the children. "Teri looked at the pictures and she said, 'Tell me you bought this house. Please tell me you bought this house.' And I said, 'It's not



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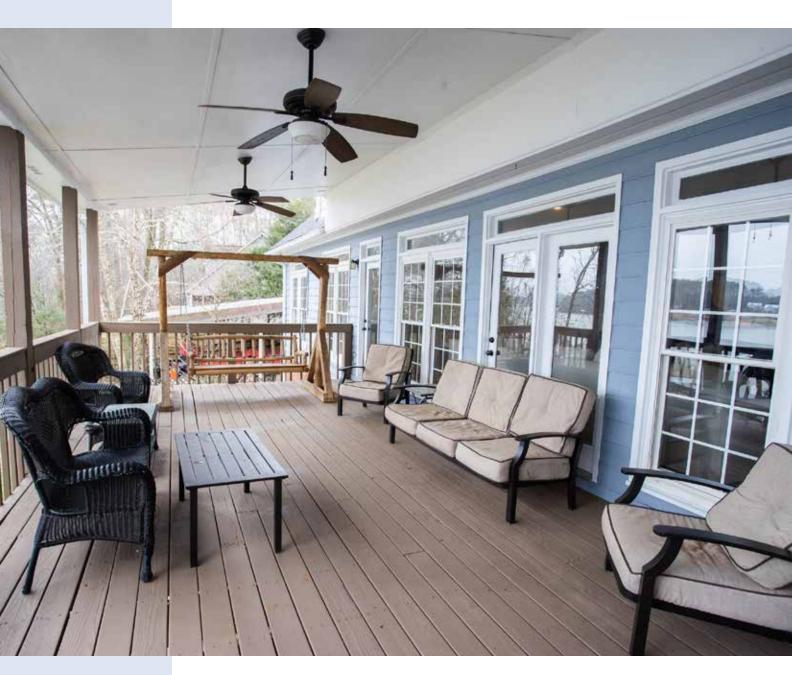
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She did, and the rest is family history. Since moving to Pell City, Chris and Teri had two more children and have spent the past 17 years watching their family grow and develop into the unit it is now. Having such a huge family, said Chris, was "crazy busy," but he and Teri have loved every minute of it.

"I always say my boys had a Tom Sawyer-Huckleberry Finn type life. The lake was such a big part of our lives with fishing and boating and canoeing, we were on the lake all the time," Chris said. "Most people know our house as the house where all the kids would jump off the boat house into the lake. I had a guy at my house just a couple of weeks ago and he goes, 'I know this house! All your kids jump off that boat house into the lake. My wife and I sit there and watch them all the time!'"

Teri agreed that watching their children grow up by the lake has been "awesome. We've got the water and this large piece of land and the trees. We had so many familyand-friend gatherings on the lake, huge volleyball games, jet skiing...the kids just had



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a lot to do. To be able to do that with that scenery right there with the friends and family over, it's just been great."

They currently have five of their children living in the house with them, and their time together never gets old. Their oldest daughter, Samantha, was working in Dallas as a flight attendant but moved back home three years ago.

She said one of her main motivations for moving back was missing the Alabama life. "I missed my family, but I also missed the lake, and Dallas was just not home. I wasn't a huge fan of living in a big city because here is just so peaceful, and I missed the trees and the lake so it just felt right to move back home."

Samantha said growing up with so many siblings was "very chaotic," but she wouldn't trade her



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time on the lake with them for anything. "It was always fun, and there was always something crazy happening. We all got along well for the most part, so it was nice having adventures together out on the lake."

Chris said they have always enjoyed having "massive parties" at their home where people can celebrate Independence Day and New Year's Day and enjoy the stellar lake view. He recalls a certain holiday gathering that ended up being more than they bargained for.

"We did have one Halloween party where my son invited half of Pell City, and we had cars parked all the way down the road, and there were traffic issues. Everybody knows this house," he said.

"That was not a favorite memory," Teri recalled with a laugh. "We took our small kids trick or treating,

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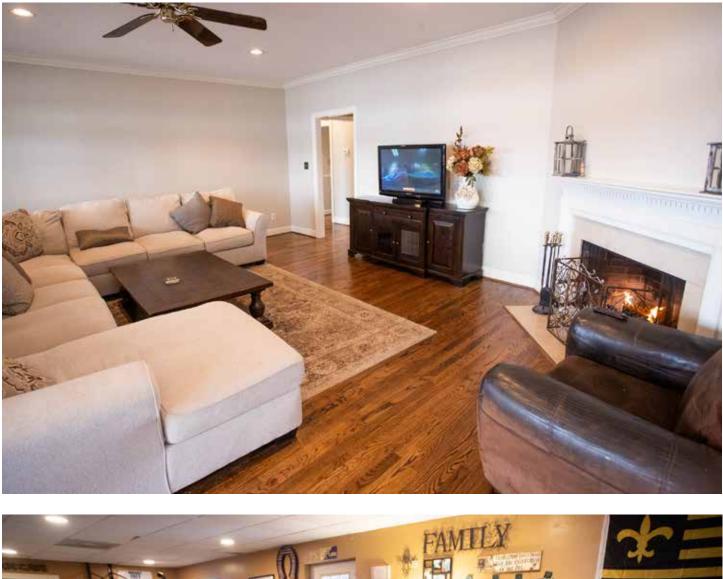
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and we had told the kids they could invite some friends, and when we came back from trick or treating there were cars a mile down the road, and we had to come home and break it up."

Chris said his favorite part of the house is the view, offering watercolor sunsets and sunrises that won't quit. "The sunrise, my wife says it's straight out of a Kinkade painting. We were sitting out on the patio last night, and there's just this peacefulness. I like to fish, but the biggest thing is just the tranquility out here. You really don't hear any problems. It's very quiet and very peaceful."

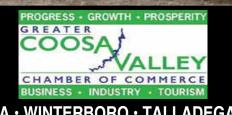
Teri added, "I love Thomas Kinkade pictures and I have had so many moments where I've said, 'I am



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living in a Thomas Kinkade picture!" Her favorite aspect of the house would have to be the memories of countless gatherings throughout the years. "I think it's wonderful what you can do with your family and friends, boating and swimming and enjoying the whole beauty of the property. It's beautiful."

"My biggest memories are Christmas mornings," Chris said. "We have the staircase coming down and the big great room with the fireplace. When the kids were little, they would run in all excited. It's just a great house to raise a family."

"I have so many good memories," said

Samantha. "My dad would take us out on boat rides, we would go inner-tubing, and we used to have a jet ski so we'd go out on that in the summer. I was homeschooled, so I would go down to the dock and do my schoolwork out there, and it was just so peaceful."

Recent days have been bittersweet for the Freys, who will be leaving Logan Martin to pursue a major business opportunity for Chris's landscaping company in Daphne. The couple discussed the idea of moving thoroughly before making a decision and decided it was the best choice economically and for their family.

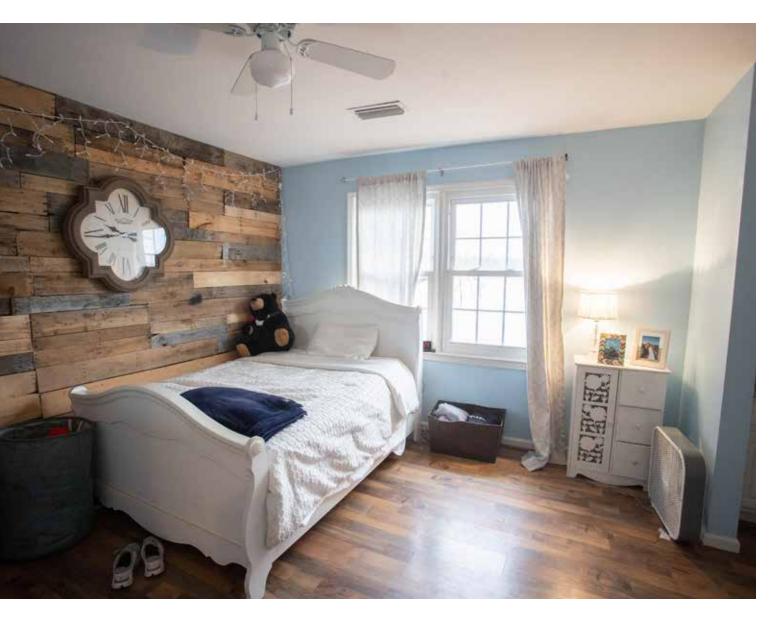
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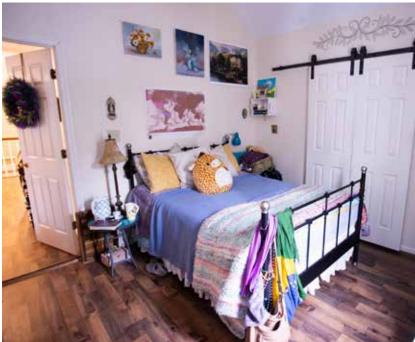
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Samantha said she has "mixed emotions" about moving, but memories of life on Logan Martin will always be with her, adding that she would love to have a lake home of her own, where she can share the lake life with her own family someday.

"It will be very bittersweet but we're ready to start a new adventure," she said. "I'm very grateful though. Getting to travel as a flight attendant, I get to travel a lot and see so many different places, and I feel spoiled because I get to come back here and live somewhere so breathtaking. I'll definitely miss it, but I'm also excited."

Teri agrees with her daughter, adding that "everything will be all right as long as we're together."





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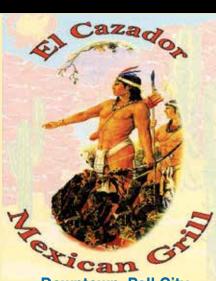


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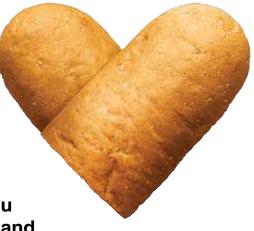
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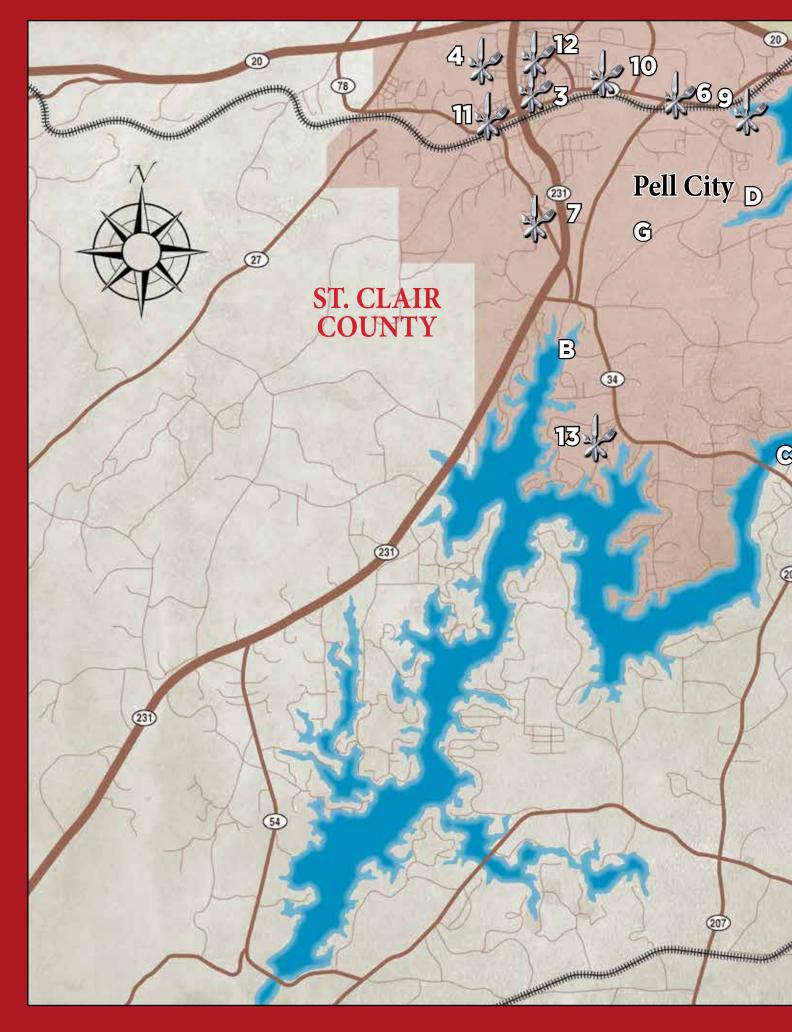
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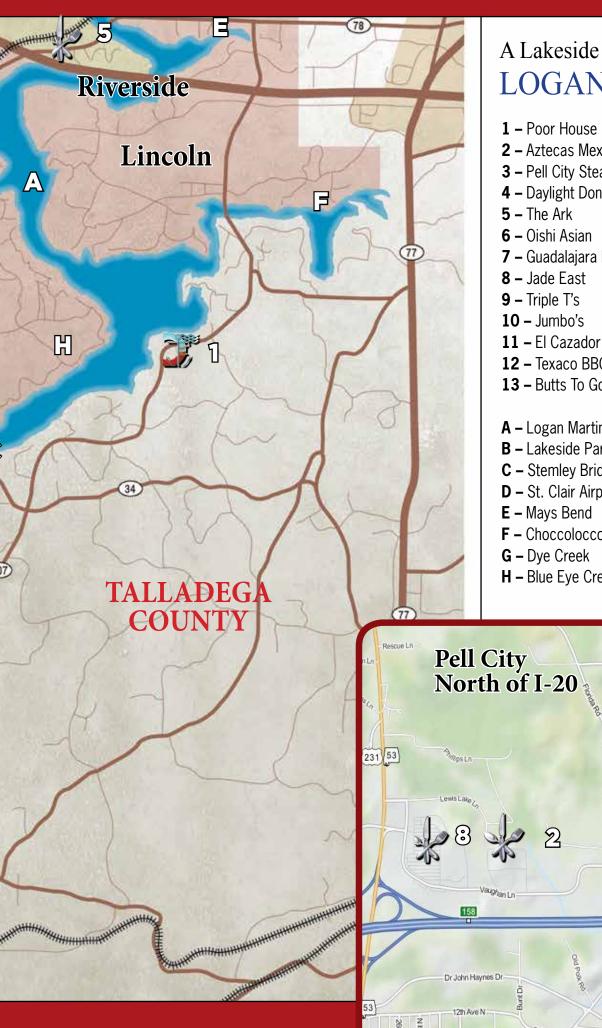


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March 19

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Postponed from February due to inclement weather, this benefit event has been rescheduled for 4-7 p.m. at Pell City's Lakeside Park. Music begins at 4:15, kicking off an evening of upscale jazz performances featuring local musicians and headlined by The Bourbon Brothers. The Atlanta-based trio will perform classics from The Great American Songbook. Pre-purchased \$30 tickets (available at eventbrite.com) include a gift pack (valued at more than \$100) full of goodies including a restaurant voucher for local eateries courtesy of our event sponsors. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Social distancing guidelines will be observed. Attendees may remain in their vehicle or bring lawn chairs to sit beside their vehicle. Masks will be encouraged although vehicles will be parked 6 feet apart. The event benefits Positive Lights, Positive Lives. For more information, call Teresa Carden at 205-405-0603.

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Written by VALLEAN JACKSON Photographed by BOB CRISP

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Lakeside area real estate agent finds joy in seeing her clients' smiles

Written by VALLEAN JACKSON Submitted Photo

arol Emlich-Bates retired from the fast food industry only to fall in love with being a real estate agent.

After selling her McDonald's franchise, she found it a good time for the great joy of helping others find their dream homes.

"There's no other way to really put it. I simply enjoy selling houses, and I love learning the history behind a house. I believe strongly in doing my research, instead of just putting someone in a home. I want to be able to give the most helpful information and as much detail as people. The overall joy I get from seeing the smiles on people's faces is one of the greatest rewards I get from being an agent."

Now with Atkinson Real Estate, Bates has been in real estate for 18 years. She is passionate and committed to finding the ideal home for her clients, whether it's their first home or forever home. She believes that her knowledge of the area and her efforts to ensure they are comfortable in their decisions and throughout the buying process is what helps her to stand out as an agent.

"I genuinely care about my buyers and sellers," she said. "I want everyone to get the best out of their investments. Though we are in a pandemic and virtual tours are big now, I still advise prospective buyers to actually see and feel a house. I tell them that they have to feel that the house is theirs, and in my opinion that is hard to do virtually. Plus in person, you can ask more questions and see certain things that pictures can't show or that might not have been captured."

Although the world is different now

due to the pandemic, Bates said that selling houses is what she knows for sure she wants to do.

"I want people to know that their investment is not just about the price tag. Search, but do not look too long and talk yourself out of a home. Look at things from the seller's standpoint, at how much the house is worth and the potential there is to increase the value."

Asked what advice she would give to prospective buyers, she said that being pre-approved and knowing how much you can afford is very important to know before the home search even starts. "Talk to your bank, and be realistic about the home you are searching to buy."

A native of Indiana, Bates now resides in Sylacauga. She and her husband love to travel and hit the open road on their Harley.

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1692 Florida Rd., Pell City, AL 35125 \$599,000 38.4 acres. In ground 20 x 40 pool with fenced patio area. New pump, 2yr old liner, automatic chlorination. Home offers 18 & 9 foot ceilings. Security system. Hardwood floors. Massive crown molding. Fireplace with vent less gas logs or could be wood burning. Master suite has a sitting area/ office. In Master Bath is double sink, jetted tub, large shower & linen closet. Floored attic space. (2) 10 x 20 out buildings. Double garage plus lawn mower garage.(3) Heat pumps plus much more. MLS #892917.



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> > 4 BR, 2 BA, HVAC, total 2,400. MLS #900323



6 BR, 3 BA with approx. 4 acres and inground pool in Hunting Ridge Subdivision.

Fabulous one level home with lake access, Inground pool. Also extra yard space for family to enjoy. Beautiful hardwood floors. Split bedroom plan with 3 BR and 2 BA, Dining room open to kitchen and living room. Kitchen hard bedroom bed

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PELL CITY, AL 35128 MLS #1275367 **\$189,000**

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\$21,000 Beautiful lot perfect for building a home. Great opportunity in community gated with water access to Logan Martin Lake



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Awesome home with great floor plan. 2 BR, 2 BA, HVAC, total 1548.



Selling 3 bedroom 2 bath home close to Publix. Big kitchen with eating area Hardwoods in home with pretty spacious rooms. Fenced backyard ideal for family. So convenient to town



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\$139,000 1128 2nd St. N.E. Alabaster, AL 35007 MLS #901244

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CROPWELL, AL 35054

LAND/LOTS MLS #899156

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Beautiful lot. Subject to covenants and

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\$94,000 - 294 Green Tree Dr. - PRIVATE LOCATION for this one level 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with living room with fireplace, dining room and loft. It is fenced in yard and a detached garage/workshop. Some TLC is needed but roof and HVAC is less than 7 years old. MLS #1270080 Call Owen White 256/926-8043

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\$179,000 - 147 2nd St. N - GREAT LOCATION for this one level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with nice level lot, covered carport. Great floor plan with lot of storage/closet space and 8 foot privacy fence. MLS #1273178 Call Karen 205/473-4613





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LINCOLN \$9,300. Nice sloping lot, downtown Lincoln, ready to build on. MLS#829155



PELL CITY \$349,900. Beautiful Home nested in a 3 acre landscaped, wooded lot. Inviting front porch, deck on the back. Picturesque Gazebo in woodedbackyard plus a storage building with shed for lawn mower. Fabulous interior with vaulted ceiling in Great Room. MLS#1275754



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CHECK OUT THIS STUNNING 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH LAKE HOME!! This home has been COMPLETELY REMODELED! Open Floor Plan with Hardwood Floors throughout and Tile in bathrooms. Fabulous Kitchen with Farmhouse Sink, Granite Countertops, Stainless Appliances and Walk-In Pantry. Beautiful Master Suite with French Doors leading to the deck. Master Bath features Custom Tile Shower with Dual Rainfall Showerheads, Soaker Tub, Granite Double Vanities and Make-up Vanity. Huge Laundry Room. Irrigation System. New Concrete Pad for RV or Boat Parking. 2 Jet Ski Lifts & Boat Lift recently installed, Boat Launch and GORGEOUS SUNSET VIEWS!!



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3121 8th Ave. N. Pell City, AL 35125 MLS# 1273190 199,900 Ś

BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick home located in Pell City!! This home is just minutes away from shopping, restaurants, and much more. It features a spacious and open floor plan with large living room and kitchen. New bamboo hardwood flooring. No Carpet!! Large composite deck in the back yard. Large screened in porch. Home has been recently updated with new roof, new flooring and all new windows. This property includes three lots which makes for an oversized yard!



^{\$}134,900 COMING SOON! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath sits on 3+ acres outside city limits! Nice kitchen with stainless steel appliances and laminate wood flooring. The living room has hardwood floors and carpet in the bedrooms with hardwoods underneath. Master bedroom with large walk-in closet. Master bath includes a Tiled Jetted tub/shower combo and linen closet. Spare bedrooms are large and with customized closets. Single marble top vanity in guest bath along with a tub/shower combo. Interior doors and windows recently replaced. HVAC replaced 5 years ago. Roof replaced in 2009. Detached 1-car Garage with 12x24 storage/workshop.



RECENTLY RENOVATED!!! 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath home is located in the Archers Bend subdivision! The home features a large kitchen with beautiful cabinets, granite countertops, breakfast bar and a large formal dining room. Has large crown molding, hardwood floors, large living room and gas logs fireplace with built-in bookshelves. Main level master suite features master bath with double vanity, garden tub, separate shower and water closet. Staircase with iron railing leads upstairs where you will find 3 additional bedrooms along with another full bath and sitting area. The basement area features a large home gym/workout area and plenty of room for storage. Outside the home includes a screened in porch as well as an open area. There is patio area below the deck.



150 Killough Lane Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 883530 366,90

****Now Listed With 10 Acres**** Come and see everything this amazing home has to offer that sits on 10 ACRES! Plenty of PRIVACY and SPACE! Hardwood flooring, NATURAL lighting, TREY ceilings and MORE! This BRICK home has plenty of room for the whole family to spread out with 3 BEDROOMS on main level plus a HUGE Living ROOM and spare BEDROOM downstairs ! OPEN floor concept makes this home perfect for entertaining! Go step on your back deck and fire up the grill while enjoying the view of your HUGE BACKYARD! Plenty of land to put horses and other animals on! Let the kids run free and enjoy the good old outdoors! This home will not last long! Home recently had new HVAC installed.



330 Shamrock Road, Anniston, AL 36207 MLS# 1275434

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4 Bedroom, 2 Bath home with Lake View!! This BEAUTIFUL home has been updated with new appliances, granite countertops, gorgeous laminate hardwood flooring and much more. It also features a large backyard with plenty of room. Home is located in a quiet community just minutes to town and shopping!

COMMERCIAL 4850 Stemley Rd. LOCATION! LOCATION! There are 6 metal buildings Talladega 35160 MLS# 889577

^{\$}949,000

with large bay doors, perfect for mechanic shop, heavy equipment storage, etc. There is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide that could be used for office space and a 28x26 storage building located on the

property that is currently rented. Additionally, there are 4 billboards on the property that earn approximately \$1600/month rental income. The property produces a total monthly income of approximately \$6900/mo. Plenty of space available to add more metal buildings for additional rental revenue.



190 Oak Leaf Circle Pell City, AL 35125 MLS# 1274859 ^{\$}199,900

COMING SOON !! Check out this 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home located in Fox Hollow! This home features a spacious floor plan with high ceilings and crown molding! Living room features beautiful hardwood flooring and gas fireplace. Large open kitchen with pantry. Screened-in back patio. Nice privacy fenced backyard. The Fox Hollow community amenities include an inground pool, clubhouse, sidewalks and street lights.

> COMING SOON! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Full Brick Home. This home features a large kitchen with pantry, laminate countertops and laminate flooring. Spacious living room with wood-burning brick fireplace. Main living areas and bedrooms have carpet with original hardwoods underneath. Tile flooring in bathrooms. The home also includes a full unfinished basement with 2-car garage. TONS OF POTENTIAL IN THIS HOME! Don't let this one get away!

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