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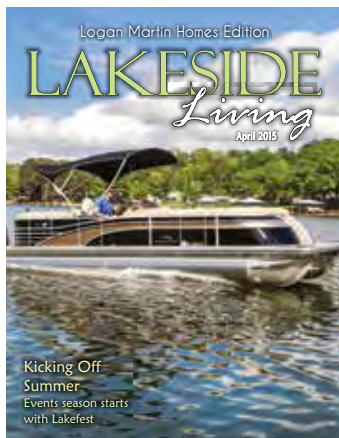
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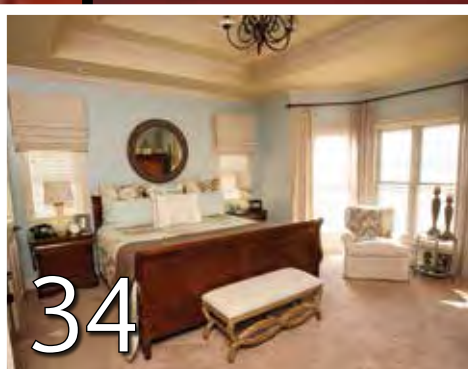
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FROM THE EDITOR



Traditional storytelling with a positive message

Singer-songwriter Peter Boyle is jazzed about his upcoming performance at the Logan Martin Lakefest and Boat Show.

He considers it a second chance of sorts, as he was scheduled to appear at last year's event, but an unexpected illness forced him to spend that weekend in the hospital instead. Recovered and now at work on an album, the Cropwell resident can't wait to take the stage at Lakeside Park later this month.

"Man, it's a fantastic opportunity," he said. "I hated I missed it last year. My music is home-grown. Its roots are buried right here in Cropwell and Pell City, and I'm looking forward to playing the songs I've written for the local folks and getting their feedback."

Boyle describes his sound as "a mix of traditional country, folk, bluegrass and Southern rock all rolled into one." The audience for his set – which kicks off the Lakefest entertainment at 4 p.m. Friday, May 15 – can expect to hear how he blends those styles in such songs as "Easonville," "Secrets of Life" and "Southern Train," which have as their influences Logan Martin Lake, Richey's Grocery in Pell City and central Alabama in general.

"My songs are based on my life experiences," he said. "It's traditional storytelling that carries a positive message. I believe people from this area can relate to them."

Accompanying Boyle on the Lakefest stage will be guitarist Ryan Ollard of Iron City Pickers – a local group that will perform its own set the following afternoon – and Boyle's 13-year-old daughter, Blair Marie.


"Let me tell you, man, she is fantastic," he said. "She has an angelic voice that can sing anything from Miranda Lambert to opera. She has more talent in her pinky finger than I have in my whole body."

Boyle's journey as a musician has hardly been traditional. Born in Ohio, he grew up in southern California and "was in bands on and off for several years, everything from country to Southern rock to alternative to hard rock." In his mid-20s, he took a break from music to go back to school and now has two degrees in psychology and counseling. He began getting back into the music scene and in March 2013 was challenged to write a song for Autism Awareness Month.

"The challenge was to write the song without using the word autism within the lyrics," he said. "Being a singer-songwriter, as well as a mental health professional, I took this challenge to heart and what emerged was a song with a far greater reach than I could have possibly imagined. 'Tomorrow's a Better Day' is a song inspired by God, and it reaches into the lives of all individuals that may be struggling in the countless number of life's circumstances."

It's a song he's sure to include in his set at Lakefest. In this issue, we're proud to provide you with plenty of information about the entire event. Some of its original organizers were kind enough to recall its early days and explain the many ways it supports lakeside communities.

Also in this issue, we preview such upcoming events as the Pell City Block Party, the Riverside Poker Run and the first-ever Summer Lights on Logan Martin Lake. Jud and Lindsey Alverson invite us into their Pine Harbor home, and we go to Riverside for a conversation with lake enthusiast Libby Perry.

And if you'd like to learn more about Peter Boyle and his music in anticipation of his Lakefest performance, visit www.peterpboyle.com. 



How to find the perfect gift for mom!

If there's ever a person we struggle to find a gift for, it tends to be our mother. With Mother's Day right around the corner (May 10th...you're welcome), I know that we all want to avoid those cliché, worn out gifts that scream, "I remembered it was Mother's Day..." and that's about it. So here are a few tips to make your shopping easy & find the perfect gift for mom:

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Spring Crappie Fishing Tips

Crappie anglers often consider fishing to be at its best in early morning, but spring fishing can be more successful in the late afternoon and early evening. Early in the season, water usually takes three days after a cold front before it warms significantly enough to increase crappie and bass activity.

Because water warmer than 40°F is more buoyant than cooler water, spring warming creates a shallow, warmer layer of water late in the day on the downwind side of the lake. Although air will cool quickly after sunset, water retains its heat for quite some time. Because of the warmer water and better predatory efficiency of crappie during low light conditions, these fish feed more aggressively in the late afternoon and early evening during the spring. Night fishing can be excellent as fish move into a lake's tributaries.

Both plastic and marabou jigs catch crappie, but the small jigs have an advantage. Small jigs stay in the crappie's strike zone longer than large jigs. Although many colors are used, anglers often use yellow and white, sometimes with a brightly painted head. Black jigs seem to be more effective during crappie spawning season. Because lighter line helps anglers feel the action of the jig, eight-pound test is the maximum suggested. A four-to six-pound line may yield higher catches at the cost of a few more jigs.

Fishing line should be heavy enough to pull a crappie hook out of a snag without breaking but should be light enough that the split shot keeps the fishing line tight. Twelve-pound test monofilament line may be ideal. Remember that unused live bait may not be released into the water being fished.

Source: Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources.



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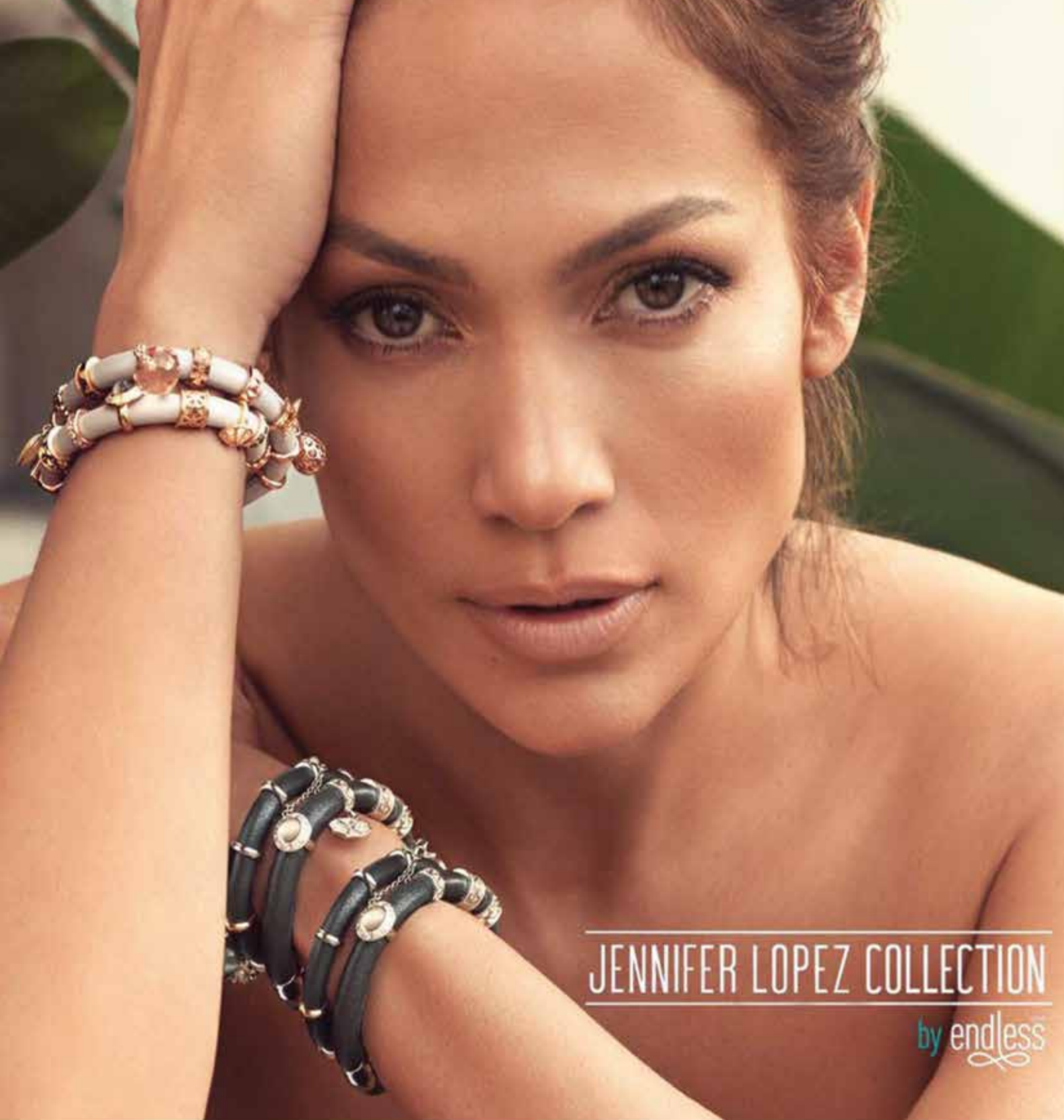
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Information from the Farmers' Almanac.

Lake Levels

Full Pool: 465 Feet
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Food, family and fun are hallmarks of the annual Logan Martin Lakefest, which returns to Lakeside Park this month.

Thousands to meet at the lake this month

Logan Martin Lakefest and Boat Show set for May 15-17

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS
FILE PHOTOS

Settling into the upholstery of the bow seating in Jerry Woods' office and looking out at the afternoon sun glistening off the water is about as close as one can get to cruising Logan Martin Lake in a pontoon boat without actually doing it.

He's been on the lake for 10 summers as the owner of Woods Surfside Marina and is among the original organizers of one of its biggest annual events, the Logan Martin Lakefest and Boat Show. Lakeside Park in Pell City plays host to this year's event May 15-17, when Woods predicts more than 7,000 people will "fill up the local hotels and restaurants."

"It's taken on a life of its own since the first year we did it, which was a true learning experience," he said. "We used to have to beg people to come. This year, we had people begging us to let them in to be a part of it."

Billed as the South's largest in-water boat show, Lakefest opens at 1 p.m. Friday, May 15, and concludes 4 p.m. Sunday,

May 17. Vendors' fishing boats, pontoon boats and other powered watercraft will be in the water for test drives, and exhibits of outdoor kitchens, patio furniture and fishing tackle and product demonstrations will also be part of the event.

Live music is scheduled Friday and Saturday, including such local performers as Peter Boyle and the Iron City Pickers. Tiki Island Concessions, whose crab cakes were a hit at last year's event, joins Golden Rule BBQ in headlining the food vendors. Such "fair foods" as funnel cakes, corn dogs, cotton candy and snow cones will also be available.

Admission and parking are free. Upon entering, attendees will receive tickets for giveaways of such products as kayaks, paddle board and Yeti coolers.

"It's a great opportunity to come out, enjoy the lake, test drive a boat and meet some people who support the lake lifestyle and love giving back to the community," said Eric



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Plans for Lakefest include a number of activities for the children.

Housh, another Lakefest organizer.

"Lakefest LLC has donated around \$50,000 back to the community and local organizations in the four years we have put on the event," said Justin Hogeland, who handles advertising and public relations for the event. "We expect to give another \$10,000 to local causes after this year's Lakefest."

Beneficiaries of Lakefest proceeds include the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association (LMLPA), the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch, the Pell City Police Department's DARE program and local civic organizations and school sports teams.

"Every year, we've been able to identify different organizations that were needing help in a variety of ways," said Fred Casey, owner of Tradesman Company and another of the event's original organizers. "Through the years, we've seen exponential growth in how we've been able to give back to the community."

Casey and Woods said the small group that created Lakefest had no idea the event would so quickly turn into the attraction



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Hallie Nolan of Nashville Bound was among the performers at last year's event. The group plays Lakefest again at noon Saturday, May 16.

it has become.

"Historically, Lakefest was an idea that myself and Fred conceived when Bill Herford was running for mayor (of Pell City) and we were talking about what we could do to promote Logan Martin," Woods said. "At the time, Mike Riley was president of the LMLPA, and with Eric Housh and Lee Holmes, we put together the concept of an on-the-water boat show."

"We realized one of the things we were utilizing the least in promoting our area was our greatest asset – the lake," Casey said.

"We wanted it to accomplish a number of objectives," Housh said. "We wanted it to be a three-day celebration to kick off summer that brings the community

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Housh described Lakefest as an event to be enjoyed by residents of lakeside communities, even those who are not in the market for a new boat.

"It's just a great opportunity to come out, eat some great food, listen to some great music, see some neat things and enjoy being at the lake."

LOGAN MARTIN LAKEFEST BOAT SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15

1-9 p.m.: Boat Show and Vendors Events and Entertainment

- 4 p.m.: Peter Boyle
- 6 p.m.: Justin Gannon
- 9 p.m.: Fireworks Show Presented by Bennington Boats

Saturday, May 16

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.: Boat Show and Vendors Giveaways scheduled every other hour starting at noon Events and Entertainment

- 10 a.m.: Boater Safety Presented by Coast Guard Auxillary
- 11 a.m.: Humminbird Depth Finder Seminar
- Noon: Nashville Bound
- 2 p.m.: Iron City Pickers
- 4 p.m.: Matt Bennett
- 6 p.m.: Chase Davidson
- 10 p.m.: LakeFest After Party at Caribe Club and Marina

Sunday, May 17

Noon-4 p.m.: Boat show and Vendors

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Three big events on the horizon **Block Party, Poker Run, Lake Lights set for June**



Thousands are once again expected to attend the 16th annual Hometown Block Party in Pell City.

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS
FILE PHOTOS

Now that Logan Martin has returned to full pool, it's time for event season on the lake.

Following the Logan Martin Lakefest and Boat Show this month, three of the year's biggest events are coming up in June.

Pell City's Hometown Block Party:

5-10 p.m. Saturday, June 6

The 16th annual event is expected to again bring thousands of people to downtown Pell City, the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake.

"Traditionally, the block party was scheduled on the first Friday in June, but it was moved to the first Saturday for

logistical purposes," said Lisa Gaither, executive director of the Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce. "Many of the same vendors and features that everyone has come to know and love will still be available."

Work is still underway on securing stage sponsors and scheduling musical



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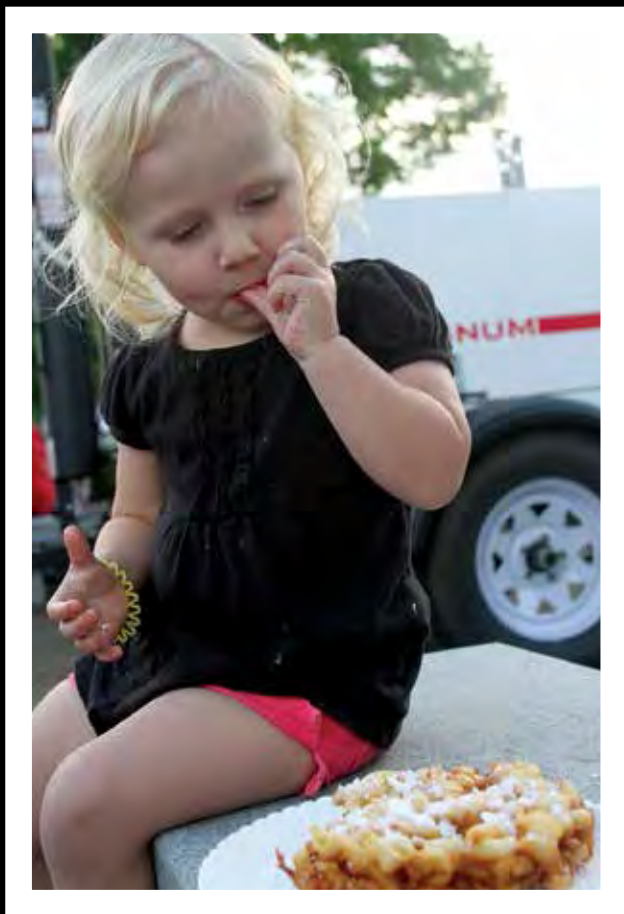
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Above left: A youngster takes a break from the activities to enjoy a snack during last year's block party.



Above right: Food vendors are always one of the event's biggest attractions.

acts, but the Jonathan East Band, Jamison Taylor, Vintage 6 and Nashville Bound are among the performers that have already been scheduled.

There is no admission fee for the event. For more information, call 205-338-3377.

Riverside Poker Run: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 20

The seventh annual event begins at Riverside Landing and benefits the Riverside Beautification Organization (RBO).

Registration is set for 3-7 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the landing. The cost is \$15 per poker hand. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded for the best three hands.

Participants will receive a map showing the seven docks on which cards are available. An eighth "mystery" dock will be designated but not shown on the map, according to Teresa Hammond of the RBO.

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you won't see it on the map," she said. "The way the game works is you follow the map to get the cards that make up your poker hand," she said. "At each dock, you draw one card, and at the end you pick your best five cards to turn in as your hand."

Each dock will have a different theme, such as Mardi Gras, and each will showcase a prize to be given away at the end of the event. Participants will receive poker chips before launching their boats, which they may leave at each

dock to be eligible for the prize giveaways.

"And you don't have to have a boat to be a part of the Poker Run," Hammond said. "You can visit each of the docks from the Coosa Queen riverboat." Reservations for the riverboat ride cost \$15 each, in addition to the event registration fee, and can be made by calling 205-763-2319.

Food vendors will be available at the landing throughout the event, and Caribe Steel Drums will provide entertainment. For more information, call Hammond at



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"It's the Saturday before Father's Day, so it will be a great day for everyone to be out on the lake," she said.

Summer Lights on Logan Martin Lake: 6 p.m.,

Saturday, June 20

This first-ever event kicks off at Woods Surfside Marina in Cropwell with live music and food vendors. The parade of decorated boats will light up the lake after a shotgun

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Above: The city of Riverside hosts its seventh annual poker run next month.

Below: No boat? No problem. Poker run players can ride the Coosa Queen to collect cards placed at eight docks.



start at 8 p.m., with Pell City Police Chief Greg Turley leading the procession in the department's marine patrol vehicle.

The parade will end at Lakeside Park, where spectators will be able to see all of the boats as they turn around to return to the marina. Admission and parking at the park are free. A \$10 minimum donation is requested of boaters taking part in the parade. Proceeds will benefit the Pell City Police Foundation. Registration is open through June 13 or until the field



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The poker run benefits the Riverside Beautification Organization, a nonprofit group dedicated to keeping up Riverside's picturesque appearance.

reaches 100 boats.

Judges for the best decorated boat contest will be stationed on the Coosa Queen, from which the event will be broadcast live on 94.9 FM. First, second and third place winners will be named after the parade.

Lakeside residents are encouraged to decorate their docks for the event and submit photos of them for the best decorated dock contest. "You don't have to be on a main boat route to participate," said event organizer Nancy Locklar. "It's really pretty when people all over the lake have their decorations up for a week or so at night. And, of course, we want this entire event – including boat and dock decorations – to be family friendly."

For more information, visit the "Summer Lights on Logan Martin Lake" Facebook page.



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Libby Perry

Story and Photo
By BUDDY ROBERTS

For Libby Perry, an ideal day on the lake is a fishing getaway. “My husband and I have done it before,” she said. “It was like a date, and it was wonderful. An overcast day, out in the boat, just me and my husband – that’s a perfect afternoon.”

A self-described country girl, Perry’s love of fishing and the outdoors complements her work as the 4-H agent assistant with the St. Clair County Extension Office. As she was feeding the ducks at Riverside Landing on a recent morning, she discussed her work, family and adventures on the lake.

About 4-H: Four-H is the youth development and education program of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for students in grades K-12. “For almost 100 years, 4-H has helped youth in Alabama and across the nation develop into resourceful citizens and responsible leaders,” Perry said. “It stands for head, heart, hands and health. It spans all interests, races and backgrounds, and it costs nothing to join.”

The best part of her job: “The kids. They’re fun, and they make me laugh. I know so many of them from being at their schools that it’s almost like I’m a celebrity whenever I go anywhere. There are always kids coming up and talking to me.”

Summer camp: “I did go to 4-H camp when I was in school, and it was my favorite camp. I’m going back with St. Clair County June 1-3 at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana. The kids will be doing the typical camp activities – canoeing, archery, swimming and hiking – and there’s something there this year called the giant swing. I’m not sure exactly what it is, but I can’t wait to do it.”

Another upcoming 4-H program: The Clover Classroom. “It’s our ninth annual summer workshop series, and it will be held throughout the month of July. Anyone between ages 8-14 is eligible to participate, even if you’re not a 4-H member or you don’t live in St. Clair County.” Workshops will deal with such topics as cooking, salsa making, fishing, photography,



sewing and wildlife. More information is available by calling 205-338-9416 or visiting www.aces.edu/counties/StClair/4-H.


Besides 4-H: Perry serves as secretary for the St. Clair County Farmers Federation’s Women’s Division, works as a representative for Mary Kay cosmetics and is a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

Her family: Perry and her husband John have two children. Their son Brandon is 17 and employed at Dairy Queen in Pell City, and their 12-year-old daughter Brooke plays youth league softball. Both are award-winning 4-Hers.

Her extended family: “I’m kin to a whole lot of people here. My parents are Ellis and Laura Diana Lawley. My grandmother had several kids, and her kids all had several kids, and a lot of them still live here in Pell City.”

Out in the country: “My dad took me out with him all the time when I was little, so I’m a country girl from way back. I love the country, I love camping, I love riding around on the four-wheeler and I love the water. Being on the lake or out on the river calms me and makes me happy.”

Her biggest catch: A five-pound catfish. “It was overcast when I caught it. It was the best day.”

Lakeside style: “Usually I go in jeans, a t-shirt and tennis shoes. I’ve gone in flip-flops, but I do a better job of reeling in when I’ve got good tennis shoes on. And plenty of sunblock.” 



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Story by BUDDY ROBERTS
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Jud Alverson didn't grow up on Logan Martin, but after he and his wife Lindsey bought their first lake home in 2002, he realized life elsewhere just wouldn't be the same.

"Once lake life gets in your blood, it's hard to leave," he said. "I took it for granted."

The Alversons resided in Pell City's Pine Harbor

community for five years before moving to a larger home away from the lake at a time when Jud, a mortgage loan representative, "thought it would be a good time to take advantage of the market. I regretted it, and we bought this lot when it came open. I missed the lake, and I missed Pine Harbor, and we were lucky enough to be able to do



something about it.”

Their current home – across Logan Martin from Lakeside Landing and just south of Lakeside Park – was completed in 2012. “This house fits our family,” Jud said. “I have no desire for a mulligan on this house. We love the views. Every room on the first level has a view of the water.”

The 3,500-square-foot house sits on “three-fourths of an acre, maybe seven-eighths.” It has four bedrooms and

three-and-one-half bathrooms, with a patio space that looks down on 225 feet of water frontage with a beach area, boat house and 135-foot boardwalk.

“We use all of it,” Lindsey said. “We knew exactly what we wanted when we had it built. It’s cozy all the time, and when the weather gets warm, this is where we want to be every weekend. Saturdays are for grilling out, going out on the boat and hanging out on the patio, and Sunday we do



Above: Lindsey Alverson says the open kitchen is her favorite room in her family's Pine Harbor home.



At Left: A functional wood-burning fireplace is the centerpiece of the Alversons' living room.

it all over again."

She decorated their home in traditional style in cooperation with Southern Manor Interiors in Pell City, naming the kitchen as her favorite room. "That's where we spend most of our time. It's an open kitchen, so we can all see each other and the lake. I'd say 70 to 80 percent of our time is spent between the kitchen and the breakfast nook, then we're out the door and on the boat."

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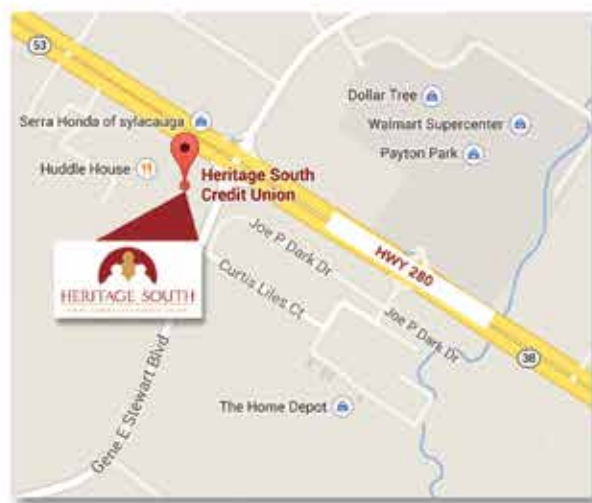
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Above: "Seventy to 80 percent of our time is spent between the kitchen and the breakfast nook," Lindsey Alverson said.

At Left: She describes the home's décor as "traditional with country influences."



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Above: The Alversons' home sits on slightly less than an acre with more than 200 feet of shoreline.

At Left: Their patio and fire pit area is "a great place to watch the fireworks from," Jud Alverson says.



the middle of their lake frontage that water does not reach, even when the lake is at full pool. Water depth is between six and seven feet – "probably closer to seven" – at the end of the Alversons' pier, dropping to less than three during the off season.

"It's a great spot to watch the fireworks from," Jud said. "Plus, where we are, we can see and hear all the boats when they launch out of Lakeside Landing for tournaments. Those are some of our favorite parts of lake life."

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Above: Jud and Lindsey Alverson with their two daughters Amelia, 7, and Caroline, 4.




patio fire pit, Jud said he and Lindsey can usually be found hanging out on the pier.

"I fish from there because I don't have a fishing boat," he said. "The girls like playing with the minnows."

"And I sit in the swing and hold the camera, waiting for them to catch the big one," Lindsey said.

"That rarely happens," Jud said wistfully, leaning on the kitchen bar and propping his face on his hand as he looked out at the water.

"It has a few times," Lindsey replied.

"At the end of the day, we just love living in Pine Harbor," Jud said. "I'm not saying it's better or more special than any other neighborhood, but we think it's a unique community because of the great people who live out here." 

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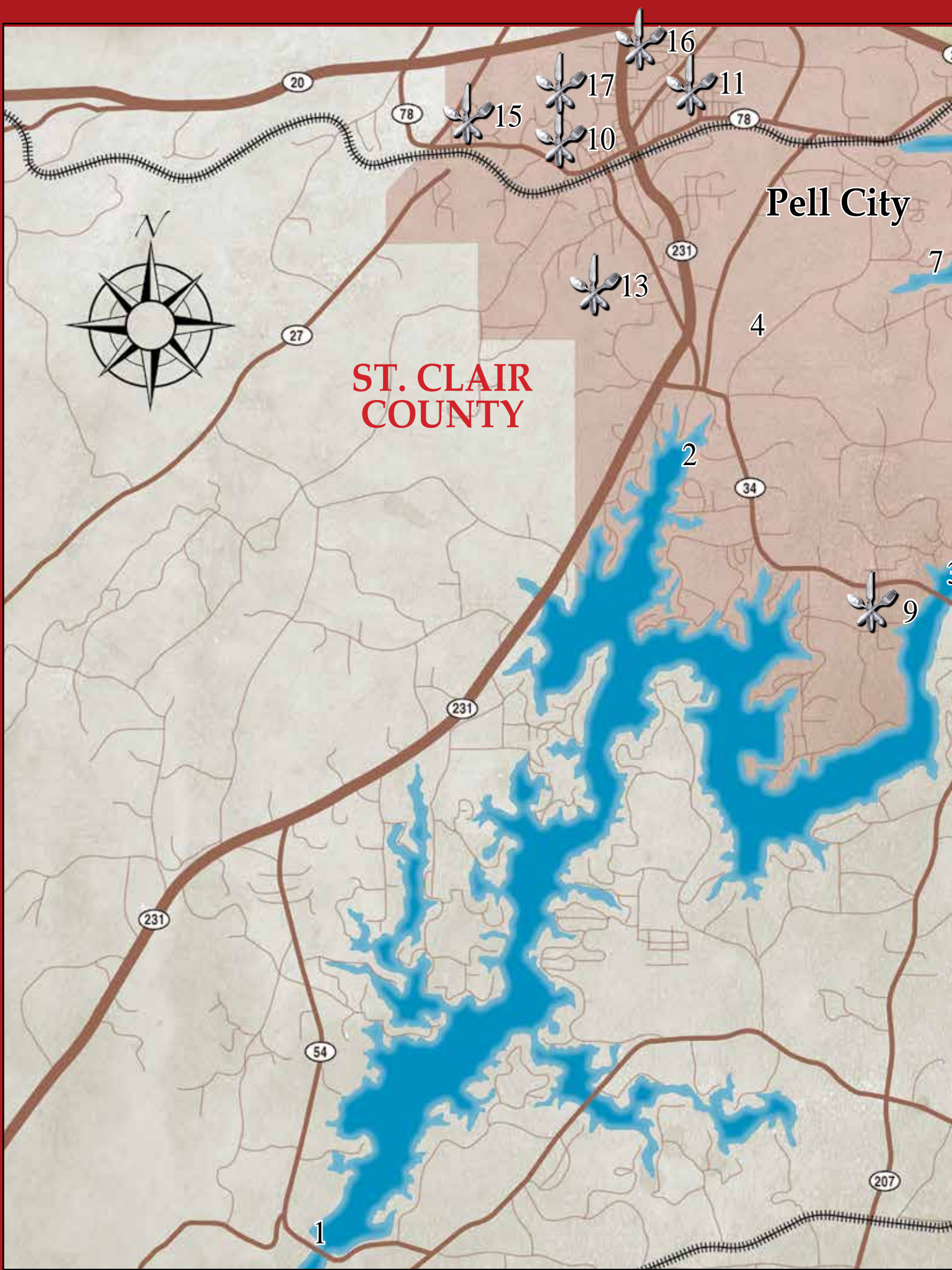
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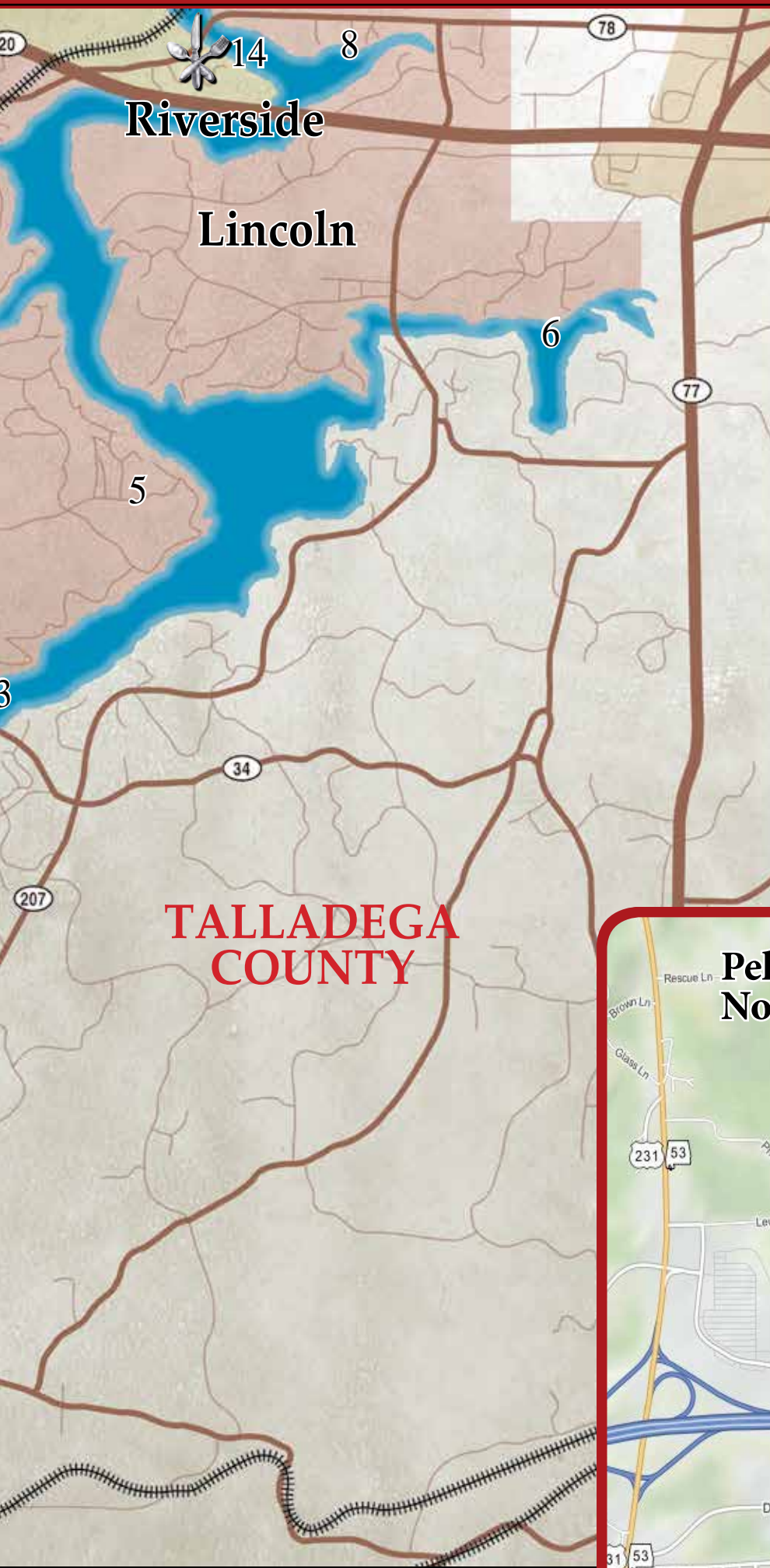
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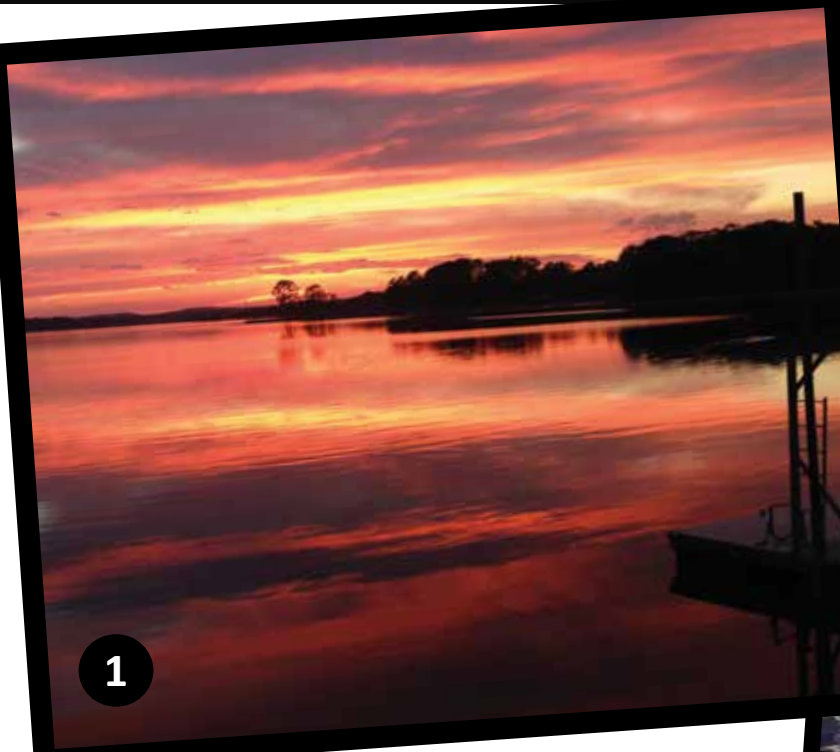
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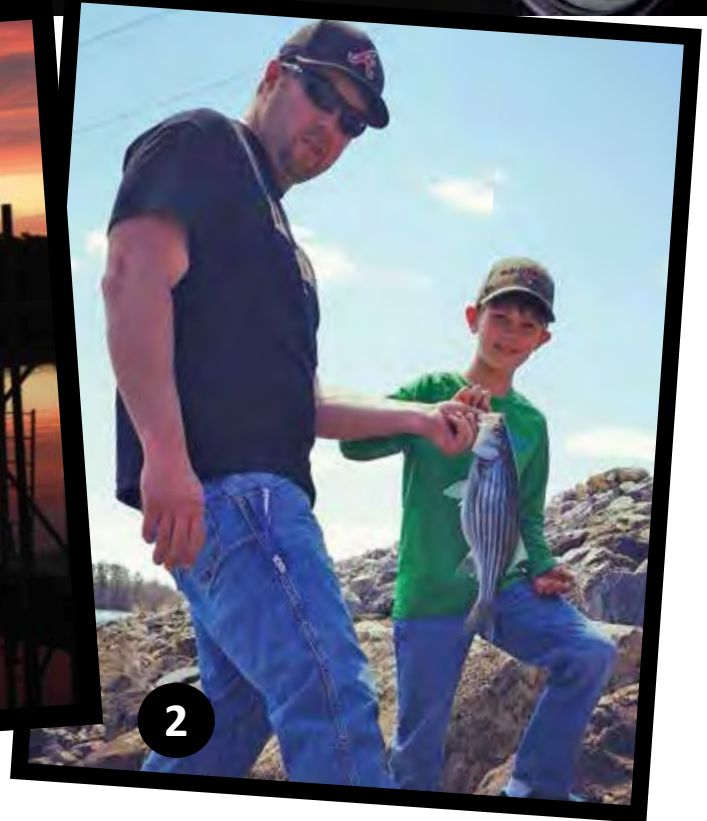


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1. Beth Cox of Pell City says she feels blessed to be able to photograph God's creation from her lakeside home.
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Community Calendar

Saturday, May 9

Alabama Bass Trail

Lakeside Park in Pell City plays host to the tournament. A mandatory registration and pre-tournament meeting will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Celebartions, 3005 Martin St. South, Pell City. Each team member is required to attend and present a valid fishing license and proof of boat insurance. Launch will be at safe daylight, and boats will return to Lakeside Park for the weigh-in. Largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass will be accepted. For more information, visit www.alabamabasstrail.org.



Friday, May 15

Racing City Classic

The Talladega Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police will play host to the annual golf tournament at Timber Ridge. The cost is \$60 per player, which includes golf cart, lunch, goody bag and refreshments. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start to the tournament at 12:30 p.m. Teams will be four-man scramble, with golfers to be verified by the committee. Prizes include cash, trophies and door prizes. There is also a \$10,000 prize for the first hole-in-one. For more information, please call Timber Ridge at 256-362-0346 or Bobby Graham at 205-396-9719.

Saturday, May 16

"An Evening to Remember"

The Distinguished Young Women of St. Clair County Scholarship Program will present the benefit concert and silent auction featuring The WingNuts playing music from the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties at the Pell City Center. Silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. with the concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at stclair@distinguishedyw.org or call 205-616-7783.

Saturdays, May 16 & 30

The Logan Martin Championship Trail

The trail, presented by Buck's Island and Bass Attacker, continues with two tournaments launching from Town & Country. Entry fees are \$60 per boat, which includes big fish and a \$5 championship fee.

Launch is at safe daylight, with weigh-ins at 3 p.m. Both tournaments have a five-fish limit, and only largemouth and spotted bass are allowed. Guaranteed prizes are

\$400 for first place if 20 boats compete and \$500 for first place if the field is 25 boats.

Tournament sponsors are Costa, Humminbird, Skeeter Boats, Strike King, Buck's Island, Minn Kota, Yamaha Outboards, Lew's, Riverside Outdoors, Bass Attacker, Town & Country and G3 Boats.

For more information, call directors David Hopkins at 205-904-4446 or Mike Szlokoly at 205-814-8444.

Saturday, May 23

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Mark's Outdoors sponsors the tournament at Lakeside Park from safe daylight until 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$125, including boat launch.

A total of \$85,000 in cash and prizes is guaranteed. Payout is \$1,000 each for places 1-10, \$500 for 11-15, \$300 for 16-20, \$175 for 21-30, \$150 for 31-41 and \$125 for 42-60. Prizes of \$500 each for the top 10 big fish will also be awarded. A tournament big fish record will be awarded \$25,000, and the first 7-pound largemouth bass weighed in will earn the angler \$25,000.

Participants will be eligible to qualify for a Ranger Boat test drive giveaway. Test drives must be taken at Airport Marine between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. May 19-21.

A meet the pros event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Mark's Outdoors (1400-B Montgomery Highway, Birmingham). Scheduled to be on hand are Mark Menendez, Jimmy Mason, Greg Vinson, Kota Kiriya, Bill Lowen, Randy Howell, John Murray, Fred Roumbanis, Brandon Coulter, Ott DeFoe, Derek Remitz, Hank Cherry, Matt Lee and Jordan Lee.

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Eagle Point lakeside home is practical and aesthetically pleasing

Story by CATHERINE FOOTE

Photos by BOB CRISP

Nestled next to Logan Martin Lake, the spacious home at 558 Eagle Pointe Lane in Pell City boasts five bedrooms and three full bathrooms.


Sitting on nearly one and a half acres, the home, built in 1999, features several updates, including black bamboo flooring in the main-level master bedroom and custom-built bookcases.

For extra comfort, the living room features a fireplace, vaulted ceiling and crown molding while the master bathroom offers his and her vanities and restrooms, heated floors and a dry sauna. The home has ceiling fans throughout and central air conditioning to keep occupants cool during hot summers.

The kitchen, fit for a chef, has custom cabinets, granite countertops, a breakfast bar and eating area.

Aesthetically pleasing but still practical, the home includes plantation shutters, recessed lighting, bay windows and balconies.

For those who prefer the outdoors, the home has two gas grills, a sprinkler system for easier yard maintenance, a gazebo, boat pier and lift and lush landscaping to enjoy all year.

Anna King of ERA King Realty, describes the home as “a must-see” that is “absolutely stunning and sits right on the water.” 

For Scotty Walters, Real Estate is All in the Family

Story by CATHERINE FOOTE

Scotty Walters of Lake Homes Realty seems to have been destined to work in real estate.

"I worked for my dad's excavating company in Liberty Park [in Vestavia], driving a bulldozer before I had my driver's license," Walters said.

After buying a tornado-damaged home in historic Pell City, Walters met his wife, Nicole Anderson Walters, who is also a real estate agent with Lake Homes Realty. "I was restoring a house that got hit by the April 27 tornado. They didn't think it could be built back," Walters said. "A huge tree fell down the front side. I had to build the front of the house back, about one-third of the house."

Walters met his wife during the reconstruction. "She brought me a cup of coffee and it was all over," he said. "My wife is a real estate agent. I fell in love with her and what she does and decided to take it up." For Walters, it all just made sense - excavating with his father, buying and renovating his home and meeting his wife: "It's all tied together somehow," he said.

Walters says this is his first year as a real estate agent. "I started in January," he said. "My favorite part is meeting new people and trying to help figure out what they want and meet their needs," Walters said. Besides working with people, Walters says he loves "getting to drive around the lakes all day."


For first-time lake home buyers, Walters says it's important to know about flooding. "Be aware of flood



Scotty Walters

certification certificates, flood elevation surveys, and whether or not the property is classification A or X. The price of your flood insurance will vary based on those things," Walters said. "The classification is part of the survey," Walters said. According to Walters, classification A means that the property

is in a 100-year flood zone. "You have to have flood insurance, and X will be less expensive, because it's out of the 100-year flood zone," Walters said.

Walters seems to be sold on enjoying his work as a real estate agent. "I wasn't expecting to be this busy this fast, for sure," he said. 



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LINCOLN LAKE \$196,900. LOGAN MARTIN LAKE access home on large lot. 3BR/3BA with hardwood floors, split bedrooms, large dining room with wainscoting, attic storage. Fenced backyard is perfect for pool or kids' swing set. Convenient to I-20 & Honda. Community swim area & boat launch just a gold cart ride away. Large deck, basement den and full bath. MLS#568506



RIVERSIDE-1 UNIT - \$375,000. 3Br, 2 Full Bathrooms, This is a rare find in a condo, completely remodeled, castle front door, hardwood floors and ceilings, crown molding, rock fireplace, wood plantation shutters, floored attic space, stainless appliances, extra sub zero refrigerator, steam shower, granite counter tops thru out, pantry, soaking tub with rain shower. The sunroom over looks the patio where there is a grilling area and room for the whole gang to gather. This condo comes with three wood piers and one aluminum floating pier with fifteen thousand pound lift. Master bedroom has a sitting area overlook the lake. Boat launch, tennis courts and pool.



Morning Glory, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full brick, fenced back yard, covered porch, double garage, security system, hardwood floors, granite countertops.



PELL CITY - \$239,900. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath approximately 3200 square feet home with water access on 1 acre more or less. Home has granite countertops, a double garage with room above the garage, salt water pool, and outdoor fireplace.



FOX HOLLOW - THE COVE - New Construction - \$125,900. 3 bed, 2 bath, double car garage. You pick your colors.



DOVE COVE \$339,900.00 Logan Martin Lake, four bedrooms, three bath, three living areas, full brick, two master suites, 3375 sq ft per owner, 1.2 acres covered boat port. MLS#619217



LOGAN MARTIN LAKE - \$259,900, 5 bed, 2 bath, two decks, sunroom, approx. 2200 sq. ft, 1.17 ac.



CROPWELL - \$249,000 -The only way to truly experience the benefits of this unique cottage is to enter through the cozy front door. Located on the Logan Martin Lake, this cute home offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, cozy living area, quaint kitchen, and sunroom. Watch the kids play in the water from the open deck or the screened porch. Take it as you see it, owner to leave most furnishings for you to enjoy. MLS#: 610820



PELL CITY - \$110,000. 4BR/3BA, Large level lot, Split Bedrm Plan, 1 Story, Corner, Subdivsn, Some trees, Dishwasher BtIn, CookTopElec, Refrigerator, Oven Elec, Laminate Counter, Deck Open. MLS#564165



CROPWELL \$249,200. 3BR/2BA, great room w/fp surround sound, private patio with a hot tub off the master, bonus room. The guest house offers 1BR/1BA, den, huge foyer, bonus room, ample parking. Raised herb garden in the spacious back yard. Swings hanging from the beautiful oak trees. Garage has a track room, green house, work shop and a train room complete with tracks and trains. There is a whole house generator. MLS #607332

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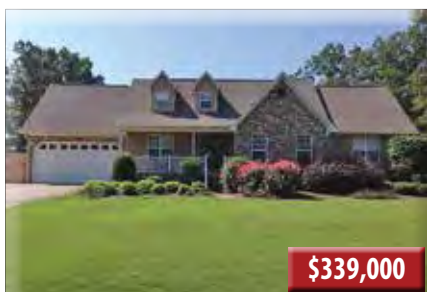


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\$549,900

5 BR, 4.5 BA home on lake w/yr round water! 151 ft of shoreline, alum floating boat dock with upper deck. A salt water pool surrounded by a patio & open decks. Main level offers a LR with vaulted ceilings, hwd floors & FP. Updated kitchen w/new cabinets is open to the LR & dining area. 2nd & 3rd BR's share a BA. Master suite w/large walk thru closet, Jacuzzi tub, stone shower & separate vanities. 4th bed/bonus room over 2 car garage has its own bath & entrance. Full basement has a 5th BR, BA, den, gameroom & storage room. mls# 618253



\$339,000

4 BR, 3.5 BA home on level corner lot. NEW interior paint & refinished hwd floors, fenced back yard in-ground salt water pool, a pool house with a 1/2 BA, outdoor kitchen with concrete countertops, grill deck, huge lounging areas and lovely landscaping!! Huge master suite & 2nd BR on the main level, while BR's 3, 4 & potentially 5 are upstairs with a full BA. Master suite has brand NEW CARPET, large walk in closets, Jacuzzi tub, separate vanities, huge tile shower & linen cabinet. This fabulous home wont last. mls# 609251



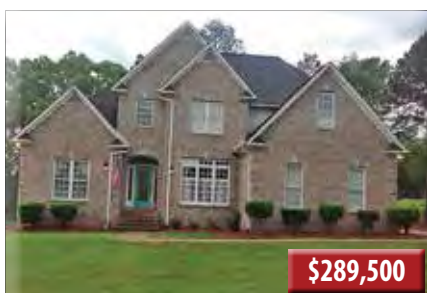
\$384,900

4 BR, 3 BA home has been freshly painted & has new flooring throughout. 2 kitchens, dens & FP's make this the ideal home for entertaining. Sit on the screened porch or covered patio & watch the sun set on the lake. Main level offers 3 BR, 2 BA, a kitchen & spacious den with FP, while the basement has a large BR, a BA with shower, laundry area, large kitchen & den w/FP & doors that lead out to the covered patio & lake. The waters edge has a new seawall & floating dock & boat launch with 240 +/- feet of year round water!! mls# 629131



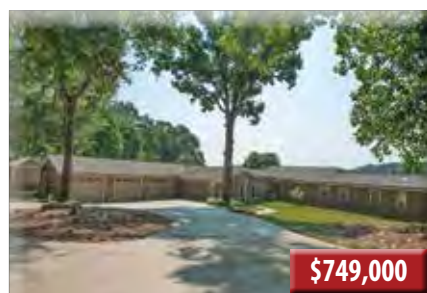
\$329,000

Beautiful 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 half BA home in well established Eagle Pointe Subd has never been on the market & will not last!! Kitchen with granite countertops, top of the line SS appliances, breakfast bar, breakfast room & open deck on rear. The master suite has beautiful hwd floors, tray ceilings, walk in closets, jetted tub, separate shower & vanities. 3 other spacious BR's have a shared BA. The finished basement has a den & office space w/ built in bookcases, half BA & 2 car garage. Enjoy lake access, boat launch, comm pool & tennis courts! mls# 597553



\$289,500

5 BR, 4 BA home has a lovely front door with lead glass. Enter the foyer onto the gleaming hwd floors, greeted by the soaring ceiling in the LR & the large FP with marble tile surrounding it. Master suite is to your left & DR on the right. 2nd BR & BA on main level is perfect for a nursery or mom in-law space. 3 spacious BR's upstairs w/BA. Newly finished man cave/hobby room in the basement, with wood floors has a full BA with a tub/shower combo, 2+ car garage in the basement, with work/storage space. mls# 629405



\$749,000

Main channel lakefront property year round water frontage! 5 BR, 3 BA, main level gourmet kitchen has Thomasville cabinetry, induction cooktop with pot filler faucet, granite countertops & tile floors. Large master suite on main & 2nd master on 1st level, FP is propane/ventless logs, 3 heat pumps, thermostats operated by wi-fi, all glass low e & low e with argon gas for heating & cooling, solar powered attic vent, 22x44 inground pool, 3 car garage, boathouse, exterior deck, storage building. Private, community boat launch. mls# 629131

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