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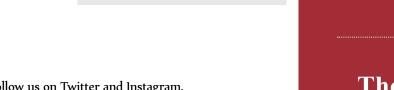


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Talking tacos, dance, and family by the lake

Lake communities are the crossroads of the world.

They are home to families with deep generational ties to the land and water as much as they are home to those who have relocated there from other states and even other countries.

It was at Pell City's Lakeside Park earlier this year that I crossed paths with Karen Gomez, a dancer and choreographer who falls into the latter category.

"I am from Queretaro, Mexico," she said, strolling through the white sand of the lakeshore beach. "My husband Kevin brought me here after I fell in love with him."

"With Queretaro I am unfamiliar."

"It's in the center of Mexico, a big city of about 1.4 million people, one of the fastest-growing in the country. It is known for its role in the independence of Mexico. There is a beautiful



aqueduct, a pyramid, mountains, lakes, hot springs. I love the culture and the food."

"Do you like being here on Logan Martin?"

"Very much. I enjoy being close to the lake because the water and nature relaxes me. I enjoy walking on the beach here with my bare feet the sand, and my ideal day by the lake would be a picnic with my husband and son."

"What are some of the differences you've found between life in Mexico and life here in Alabama?"

"There are several," Karen replied. "Culture, transportation, weather, food."

"I'm sure the food is quite different."

"I will give you an example. The food I could eat every day is real Mexican tacos -- real tacos you can buy on the street, consisting of a handmade tortilla of corn or flour wrapped around any ingredient. There are so many combinations of flavors because the ingredients are variable, such as chili, orange juice, nuts -- it depends on each person preparing them. Tacos in the United States have already undergone modifications and adaptations."

"I know you've worked on choreography for some of the local Dancing With the Star events," I transitioned. "Do you enjoy traditional Mexican dance as much as traditional Mexican food?"

"Yes, I have enjoyed my Dancing With the Stars experiences. It was really fun to see the different styles of dance in Alabama. Salsa is my favorite. Listening to that music, it is as if the rhythm runs through my veins. As soon as I listen to it, it seems that my feet have a life of their own. Dance, tacos, and my family are three things I can't live without."

Individuals such as Karen are the reason why lakeside communities have such fascinating character. They are an amalgam of cultures, backgrounds, and personalities, constantly evolving, growing, and sharing. Here at Lakeside Living, we're happy to share more fascinating Logan Martin stories with you this month. From a visit to a lake home that served as a wedding venue earlier this year to an endurance race through local waterways to an expedition to a Cropwell rookery to contemplations of autumn on the Coosa River and local history, we are sure you will enjoy spending time with this issue.

We hope it will remind you of why you believe the lakeside area is such a special place.

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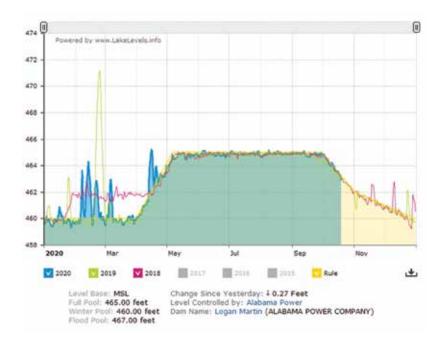
Benefits of bass fishing in November

Shorter days and cool temperatures can curb many an avid angler's desire to put the boat in the water and go fishing for bass this time of year. But autumn - especially mid-November to mid-December - offers some terrific opportunities to catch bass. Some fishermen consider it one of the best times of the year.

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.

On warm sunny days, anglers can often find fish relatively shallow, gathering on weed lines or rocks 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.

Boat docks can also be a great place to target bass in November. Look for wood docks, on which algae grows below the water line. This algae is a food source for many species of prey fish. Bass, being ambush feeders, 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.



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Nov. 03	FAIR	Evening
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Nov. 05	BEST	Evening
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Nov. 08	POOR	Morning
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Nov. 22	GOOD	Evening
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Nov. 25	POOR	Evening
Nov. 26	BEST	Morning
Nov. 27	GOOD	Evening
Nov. 28	POOR	Evening
Nov. 29	POOR	Evening
Nov. 30	POOR	Evening

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Lake Levels

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

This graph and information come from the LakesOnline.com website. For up-to-date lake levels, log on to http://www.loganmartin.info/level/



WORLD-CLASS ATHLETES RACE THROUGH LOGAN MARTIN LAKE

Local waterways are once again part of The Great Alabama 650

WRITTEN BY LAURA GADDY PHOTOGRAPHED BY DAVID SMITH

In late September, a highly competitive class of athletes paddled through Lake Martin in a race to the Gulf of Mexico.

Open to just 20 boats, The Great Alabama 650 attracted some of the best competitors in the United States in the 2020 event, in part because of an unexpected twist delivered by COVID-19. The race forced other long-distance races to postpone competitions in 2020. As a result, paddlers who planned to enter the Alabama race in a later year were able to prioritize participating in The Great Alabama 650.

The three lead boats were occupied by racers who had previously competed in or won elite paddle races, including The Great Alabama 650. For example, the lead boat was occupied by Atlanta's Paul Cox, a Youkon 1000 finisher, and Joe Mann, who months before had been one member of the winning boat for the MR340, a wellestablished race beloved by the many highly-competitive U.S. paddlers.

The 2019 Great Alabama 650 winner, Bobby Johnson, came in second overall, taking the solo men's title as well.





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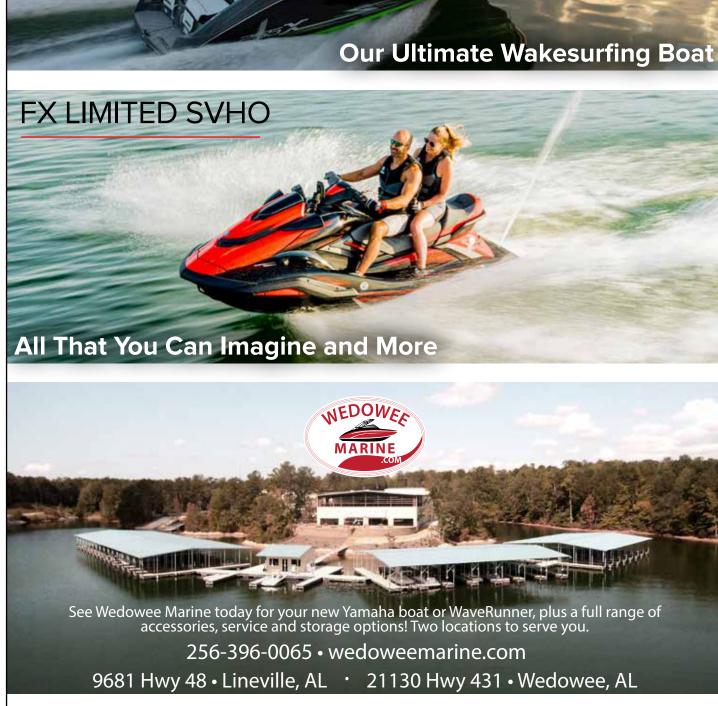
The 2019 runner-up, Salli O'Donnell, achieved third place and again took the women's division title. These two competitors developed a devoted following in 2019, earning support from people who cheered them on from the river banks and posted support on social media along with the hashtags #TeamBobby or #TeamSalli.

The AL650 is the longest annual paddle race in the world, and it is one of the toughest endurance contests on the planet. Racers faced





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whitewater battled tidewater currents and hiked around a dozen dams in this 650-mile adventurestyle paddle race.

Tandem boats have an advantage in the race, allowing racers to alternate paddling and resting in the boat. However, tandem teams aren't guaranteed a win. Johnson and O'Donnell, for example, edged out tandem boats in last year's race, and tandem boats again finished behind them in 2020.

The race also included racers who have decades of experience, those training to win world records in paddling, and a competitor from Hawaii who has represented the U.S. abroad. This year's race also included six women, a notable demographic in a sport in which competitors often defy gender stereotypes, as is evidenced by Salli O'Donnell's success in the race.

One of the female racers, Jennifer Fratzke, detailed her race on an Instagram account operated by California-based paddlesports company Puakea Designs. This unique coverage of the race gave curious spectators an up-close look at what it takes to complete a journey like The Great Alabama 650. Social media users can look for the handle @ puakeadesigns on Instagram to see highlights from the race on the company's page.

The racecourse doubles the core section of the Alabama Scenic River Trail, a 6,000-plus mile mapped river trail in one of the most biologically diverse regions of the United States. The core section of the river trail extends from the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama through

Top: Paul Cox and Joe Mann won The Great Alabama 650 last month.

Middle: Salli O'Donnell, shown with a member of her support crew, has won the female solo division of The Great Alabama 650 for two years in a row.

Bottom: Bobby Johnson, won the Great Alabama 650 in 2019, and claimed the second place and male solo titles this year. He is seen here at left with his support crew members. (*Photos provided by the Alabama Scenic River Trail*)









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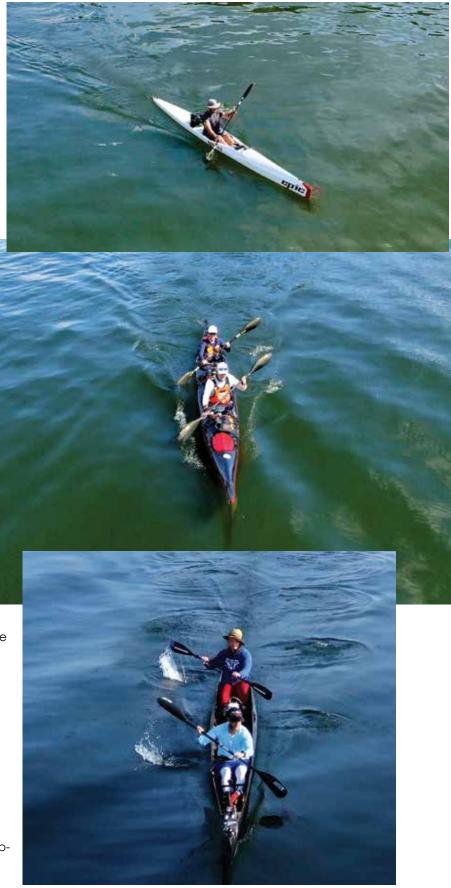
alligator country to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Great Alabama 650 exists to bring an epic, one-of-a-kind endurance race to paddlers and to highlight the Alabama Scenic River Trail as a paddle destination for the world. Not only is the river trail the longest single-state river trail, but it is also federally recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Prior to The Great Alabama 650, which was held for the first time just last year, only about 30 people had been recognized for finishing the core section of the trail, and most took about a month to complete the journey. In contrast, racers only had 10 days to complete the course, and the winning boat finished in fewer than 6 days.

Spectators followed the event virtually at www.AL650.com, where race organizers posted a live map that reported up-to-the-minute updates on each boats' whereabouts. The map was augmented with Facebook and Instagram posts from the field, which followers can still find by following official race accounts or by using the hashtag #AL650.

Notably, several spectators -- including many residents of Logan Martin Lake and the Coosa River -- took to the riverside to cheer racers on, recreating a unique aspect of this race that began in its first year. Racers recognize this aspect of The Great Alabama 650 as one of the best parts of the competition, and returning competitors said they were not disappointed by the support they received in 2020.





ABOUT THE ALABAMA SCENIC RIVER TRAIL

The Alabama Scenic River Trail was established in 2008, when it was comprised of just one 650-mile stretch of contiguous waterways, extending from Weiss Lake in northeast Alabama to Fort Morgan through Mobile Bay, a waterway so biologically diverse it is called America's Amazon. Fewer than 10 independent canoe and kayak rental shops or outfitters populated Alabama river banks at that time. Powered in large part by volunteer labor, the river trail has expanded to include more than 6,500 miles of accessible waterways. Today, about 60 boat rental shops exist to help paddlers tour the state's vast aquatic resources.

The Alabama Scenic River Trail is both a destination and a non-profit organization operated by a small team of employees and a network of volunteers. It has developed statewide safety and education initiatives, established 216 campsites for paddlers, and in 2017, the organization used grant funding to erect more than 200 informational signs on waterways across the state.

For more information about the trail, visit www. alabamascenicrivertrail.com and its Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.





THE GREAT ALABAMA 650 RESULTS

- Joe Mann and Paul Cox: 5 Days, 22 Hrs, 8 Min (New Record)
- 2. Bobby Johnson: 6 Days, 3 Hrs, 51 Min
- 3. Salli O'Donnell: 6 Days, 5 Hrs, 7 Min
- 4. Holly Orr and Mollie Binion: 6 Days, 7 Hrs, 0 Min
- 5. Rod Price and Scott Miller: 7 Days, 9 Hrs, 35 Min
- 6. Marc Oddo: 7 Days, 19 Hrs, 31 Min
- 7. Jennifer Fratzke: 7 Day, 21 Hrs, 30 Min
- 8. Ryan Gillikin: 8 Days, 19 Hrs, 44 Min
- 9. Bill Siersdorfer: 8 Days, 22 Hrs, 47 Min
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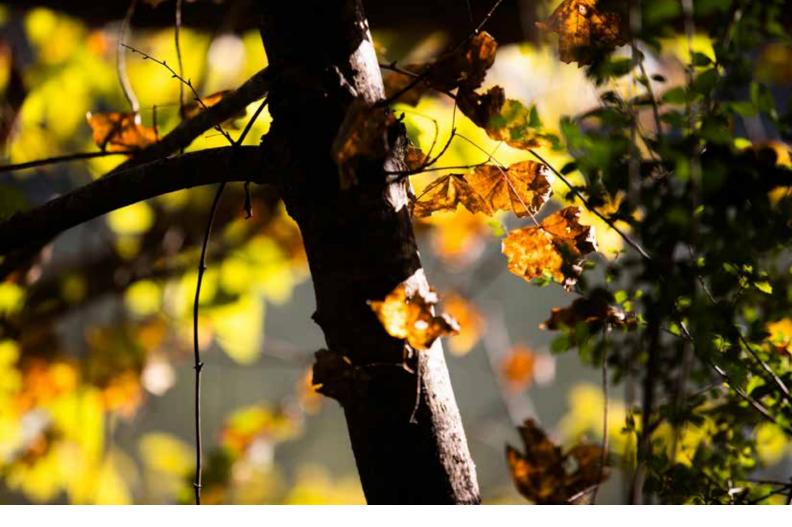
Seasonal changes transform the Coosa into an even more magical place

WRITTEN BY **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN** PHOTOGRAPHED BY **BOB CRISP**

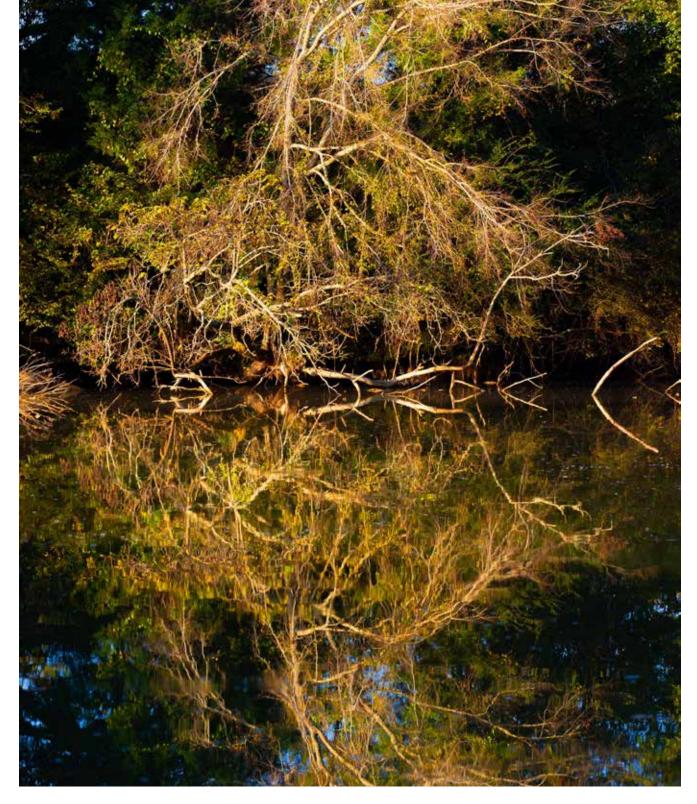
"What do you miss about living on the river?" I asked my former neighbor Ginger as we stretched out under the sun in her backyard, complete with the pool, quietly enjoying a warm Sunday afternoon in early autumn. We were neighbors for a few years, and she had lived in the last house in our five-home neighborhood on a peninsula off the main channel of the Coosa River.

"The birds in the fall," Ginger responded as she took a sip of her drink. When she mentioned the birds, images of the swirling flocks flitted across my mind as I recalled egrets, ospreys, herons, and many others their southward migration in the fall. I appreciated how the birds were the natural confetti that glided gracefully over the water, and my favorites were the ospreys, as they were brilliant white, abundant, and close together.

Ginger continued to share her memories about how she missed watching the birds as she sat outside, enjoying her morning coffee as her dogs explored and sniffed along the edge of the river. I smiled as I listened to her, because I shared many of those mornings with her across the grassy lot between our houses as I let my own dogs out. We waved at each other good morning.







The best mornings took place in autumn when steam rose from the river, creating a different world of sensations that promise goodness and peace in the remaining months of the year. Waking up to see the fog over the river soothed me as I guided the dogs through their morning routines. The smokiness seemed to calm the dogs except when they spotted a flock of birds -- any kind -- and started barking, their legs a blur as they gave chase, turning an organized flock into a fluttering mess of a loosely crocheted blanket in the air.

Usually after putting the dogs up, I returned outside to enjoy the mysterious feel of the smoky fog cloaking the river. Ambling up across the boat pier and feeling the steaminess, I sought to listen for any secrets that

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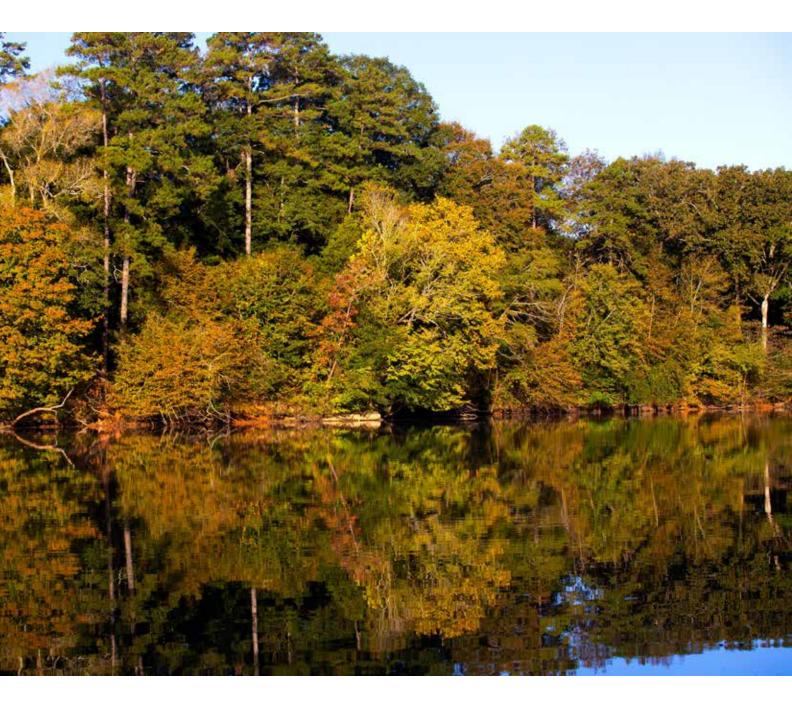
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might reveal themselves through rising from the water. The quietness was the biggest secret revealed as I allowed the sereneness seep into my bones. Whenever I enjoyed these mysterious mornings at the river, I brought my phone to take pictures to capture the smokiness and spirituality that transformed the landscape.

I liked how the fog changed the landscape, obscuring trees that still hold on to their leaves and sharpening other trees that were letting golden and reddish leaves fall. The increasing barrenness of trees added to the transcendental feel that the fog produced. When the leaves blanketed the ground, I watched my neighbors blow the leaves into the river. The mounds of leaves would remain on the surface as they were pulled slowly by the current before gradually sinking. I was told that fish liked going to the areas where leaves finally settled, creating strong ideal spots for fishing.

Large-mouthed bass, catfish, spotted bass, crappie, and other types of fish populated the Coosa River, which lured fishermen from other states and even coun-

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tries. Tournaments and championships seemed to occur more often than I could keep up, since I had to share my backyard with strangers angling their poles around the boat piers.

Some early mornings, I had forgotten to make sure my appearance was decent before stepping outside to let the dogs out. When I stepped out and saw a fishing boat situated next to the boat pier, I hastened back inside to brush my hair and throw on more appropriate clothing than pajamas. Thankfully, the fishermen were polite and quiet as they minded their business. Other than this morning awkwardness, I got to enjoy feeling the sense of anticipation across the water as I observed how these anglers patiently waited for their catch of the day.

This sense of anticipation extended to how the nights fell earlier, their darkness crystallizing the illumi-



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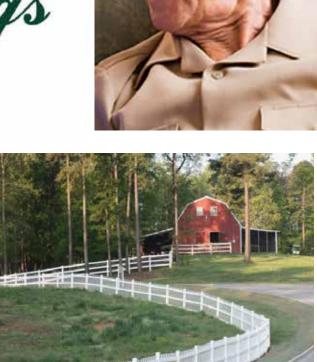




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nation from boat lights, outdoor televisions within open boathouses showing football games, lamps streaming out of house windows, and the stars with their night-reigning moon. As the sky got dark earlier each night, more lights were strung up to celebrate the holidays. Similar to steam rising from the river, the crystallized illumination at night helped continue the transformation of the Coosa into a different world with more serene, spiritual senses that evoked anticipation.

Remembering the autumnal changes to the Coosa River landscape made me smile as I leaned back in my lounger, listening to Ginger describing how the bald eagles and hawks would swoop down to capture fish jumping out of the water. The birds are indeed the confetti of the river life, swirling up the landscape, drawing attention to the autumnal changes including how the steam rising from the water creates a different world.

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'Respect the history'

Reminders of the past still exist in lakeside, riverside communities

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY **BUDDY ROBERTS**

"Old friends always show back up," a wise individual once said to me.

And it never fails to surprise how often it happens at or around the lake.

Take Beth Youngblood, for example, whom I have known for more years than either of us care to remember. We went to high school together back in northwest Georgia. She was two grades ahead of me, but we had journalism class in common, in which Beth was assigned as a photographer and I as a writer for our scholastic publications.

When, as serendipity often has it, we unexpectedly

encountered one another here at the lake, I learned that Beth, during the more than two decades since we'd crossed paths, has become a published author. Her book, *Haunted Northwest Georgia*, has sold out of its first printing, and she's at work on a sequel.

"I don't remember you being interested in the paranormal," I told her.

"I'm as interested in the historical aspects of the legends I write about as the supernatural part," she said. "Maybe more so. Despite the subject of my book, I'm a historian, not a paranormal investigator. I went out with an investigation team one night, and I will never do that again."

I smiled. Ghost stories aren't my thing at all, but I share

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Beth's interest in local history, folklore, and historic places.

"History fascinates me," Beth continued, "but not the history you read in books. I'm talking about the history behind legends and unsolved mysteries, especially Southern ones. The South is so steeped in history -- not all of it good -- and there are some old, old, old mysteries that date back to well before some of the Southern states were formed."

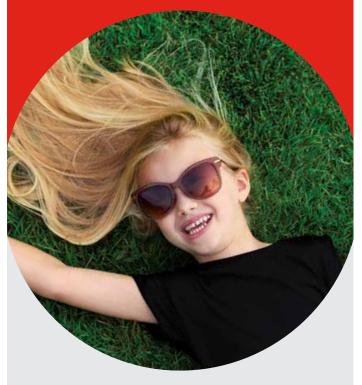
"Southern legends do tend to have their own unique character, don't they?"

"Oh, yeah. You can hear legends in Kansas or Idaho or Iowa, but they don't have the kind of hoodoo and folk magic we have here in the South. It's important to



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"Do you ever visit the sites connected to the legends you write about?"

"When I can. I love taking pictures of them. Sometimes, though, they're in really hidden, out-of-the-way places that are now impossible to get to, or they're no longer there. A lot of our history is getting torn down and grown over, and that's really sad."

Loss of vestiges of the past to development and the passage of time are one thing, but even sadder is when they are lost due to deliberate damage or destruction.

"It breaks my heart when I see old cemeteries and houses destroyed by graffiti and vandalism," Beth said. "I blame a lot of that on wannabe ghost hunters. They get themselves some fancy gadgets and video equipment, think they're real investigators, and then go trespassing and trash the place. I hate that. It makes me mad when people destroy places. And then someone comes along who cares about preservation and asks permission, and they get told 'no' because of what these upstarts have done. Real investigators and historians operate by rules and strong code of ethics, one of which is to leave a place like you found it."

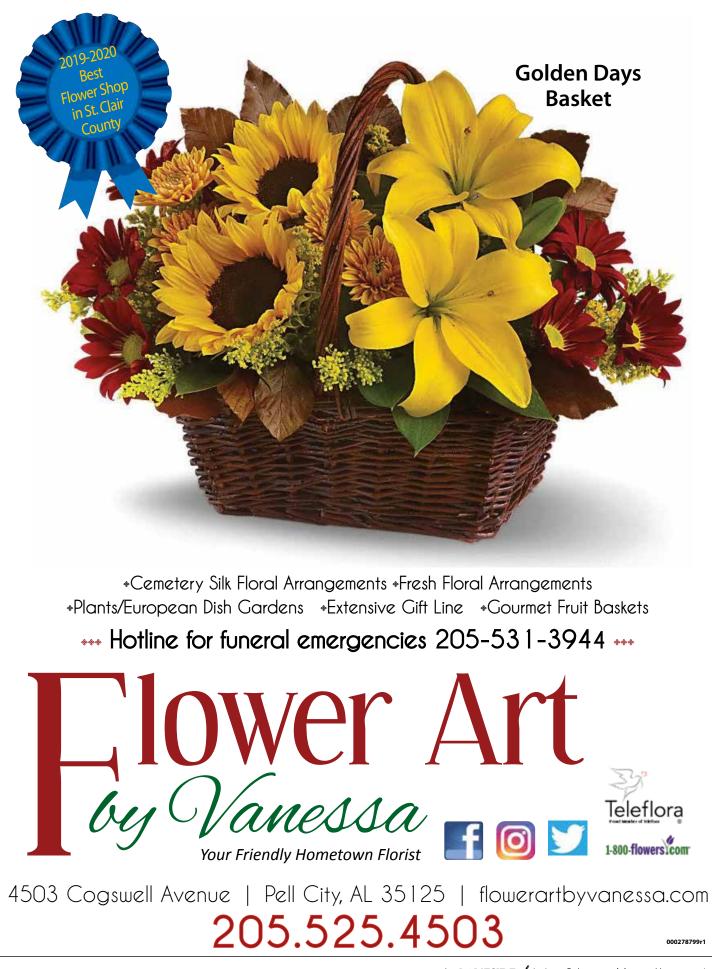
"Do you ever share the locations you write about?"

"Never an exact one. Many of the stories are connected to cemeteries and old houses that are on private property, and I cannot encourage trespassing. Through my research, for example, I know of some pristinely preserved private cemeteries, but I will never reveal their locations, because I want them to stay that way. I've had some readers get upset with me because I don't reveal locations, but my response to that is, if you want to find it, do the research like I did. And if you do find it, show respect for the history when you go there."

Old cemeteries, old houses, old schools, old buildings -- regardless of their condition in the present day, it is a privilege for them to exist in local communities. They are direct connections to our collective past, reminders of who we once were and continue to be.







My old friend is right. They are entitled to our respect, and Beth's remarks inspired thoughts about vestiges of the past in the lakeside area. Although Logan Martin itself dates back to the mid-1960s, the cities and communities around it are much older. It boasts shorelines on both Talladega and St. Clair, two of the most historic counties in Alabama. St. Clair itself is older than the state. Both counties are home to a host of historical monuments, structures, and locations -- some well known, others with not so much renown but full of history all the same.

Such thoughts prompted a visit to a lakeside area cemetery, not far from the Coosa River, where the accompanying photographs were taken. The public has access to this historic site, which contains memorials engraved during the late 19th century and as recently as 30 years ago. Time may have taken its toll on certain areas of the cemetery, some of the headstones may be so weathered that they're no longer legible, but they maintain their solemn, silent vigils as a testament to the people who once lived their lives here.



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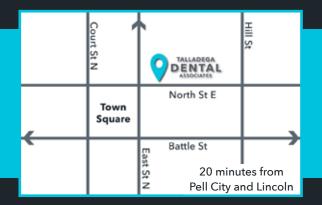


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Lakeside couple documents visits to island rookery near Cropwell



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There are many places on Logan Martin Lake where nests of great egrets and great blue herons can be seen dotting the skyline above the trees like those at Bird Island. The large nest of the osprey can be seen on the tops of poles and towers like the one at Logan Martin Dam. There have even been several sightings of bald eagles nesting around the lake.

But a tiny island in Cropwell wins the prize as a true

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Green heron



Cattle egrets

insects kicked up as the cows graze, but they nest in colonies along the water. Usually solid white, they grow golden plumage during breeding season.

A small dark blue bird flies in and catches us off guard. I had heard of a little blue heron but had never seen one before. Much smaller than a great blue heron, it stands a full 22 inches tall, with a beautiful dark blue body and a purple and maroon head and neck. They blend in with the foliage, but we spotted many nesting on the island. Their babies are solid white when born and as they mature, they grow beautiful blue feathers.

Black crowned night heron

rookery. This little island covered in large trees and surrounded at lake level by dense shrubbery is the host to multiple breeding species of herons and a few vultures for atmosphere.

Approaching the island, the first thing you notice, of course, are the large egrets and herons nesting in the tops of the trees, but getting closer, the large amounts of small cattle egrets flying around and sitting in the low bushes are amazing. Tim and I sat watching them go in and out of the thick forest floor bringing out twigs and building their nest. The cattle egret, a member of the heron family, is only 20 inches tall and is usually seen in pastures with cattle. They eat the small

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Great egret

A strange brown and tan bird with yellow eyes is perched on a limb. As Tim clicks away with his camera, I research this unknown creature. It is a juvenile black crowned night heron, and, sure enough, his parents are not far away. The adults have a black cap and back and a pale grey body with grey wings. Their most striking feature is their red eyes.

As we circle the island to get a closer look, Tim spots a green heron in the bushes along the water line. She is going in and out of the bushes, and we soon find out why. Babies appear but stay close to the nest. The green heron is about 17 inches tall but keeps its neck pulled tight against its body, so it seems much smaller. Its glossy greenish black cap gives it away, with a chestnut neck and the green fading into shades of grey and blue to the wings. The young are not as colorful as their parents and have streaks of brown on their bellies.

After several trips to this island, we thought we had seen all it had to offer, but we were wrong. On previous visits, we would catch a glimpse of something flying in but could not really identify what it was. But this day, it revealed itself. An American white ibis.

It was spectacular but illusive to photograph, so it



Juvenile green heron



American white ibis



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became Tim's mission. After several trips and several failed attempts, it finally happened. Not only an adult but babies. It was so exciting. The American white ibis' beak is its giveaway. It is a solid white bird with reddish pink legs and a curved reddish orange bill. The young are dark and born with a straight bill that curves downward as they mature. To see them here was a great surprise.

As we ventured to the back of the island, we noticed large dark shadows roosting in the trees. Upon closer examination, they proved to be turkey vultures. Not the most glamorous of birds, but fascinating to see. This island is probably their year-round home for these scavengers of the bird world, and for a group that preys on the dead, they seem totally unbothered by the activity of life only a few yards away. Turkey vultures and black vultures roost together and provide a weird back-



Little blue heron





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Maris Greene looks out on a portion of Logan Martin's shoreline with more than fond memories.

The deck she stands on was built by her father to be the base for her June 20 wedding ceremony. "When I go out back and stand here, it's such a nice memory," the newlywed said. "My parents actually kept the archway we used at the ceremony, and the lights are all still there. It's still pretty special."

Maris says that while she knew she wanted to have her wedding by the lake, finding a venue that met the dream wedding she had in her head was a more difficult choice.

After searching for the perfect venue and coming up empty, she and her fiancé started





considering a more personal venue -- her parents' lakeside home. "We thought, 'Well, this house is huge, so as many people as we want to invite would be able to fit.'" Maris said there would be something special about being able to see her wedding venue every time she visited her parents.

Once the decision was made, Misty and Luke Dorough began their journey to making their daughter's dream wedding come true. Maris said while they used outside sources for her dress (McClendon Bridals in Sylacauga) and for catering, her family made everything else, right down to the floral arrangements. "My dad did everything as far as lighting and





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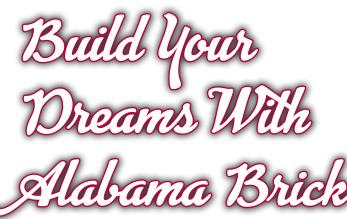


building the deck. As far as the flowers and all of the decorations, my family is very creative, so they took care of all of the flowers and all of the decorations."

About 130 people were invited to the evening wedding, the ceremony and reception all took place at the house, and the venue was the perfect showcase for a Logan Martin sunset. "There's nothing like it. Especially at my parents' house. You're right on the water and it's just beautiful. The colors are amazing and they bounce off the water. It's just incredible."

Having a lake wedding was always in





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the cards for Maris, who describes herself as "a really outdoorsy person" who feels at home on the lake. "I really love the lake. We lived there for like three years before I moved out, and when I lived there I would just sit outside all the time and just stare at the water and stare at the trees. I just love the lake."

Maris said she knew her wedding would be perfect because she was surrounded by family and close friends who helped make her day so special. "I was really excited. I was surrounded by people that I love. I knew that it was going to be perfect because it was the day I had been waiting for for about four years. Iwas happy."

Her parents went to every length to make sure their home was perfect for their daughter's special day. Seeing their home in such a new light was both familiar and foreign. "We took out all the furniture, everything off the walls. It didn't even look like their house. It looked like a wedding venue by the time we



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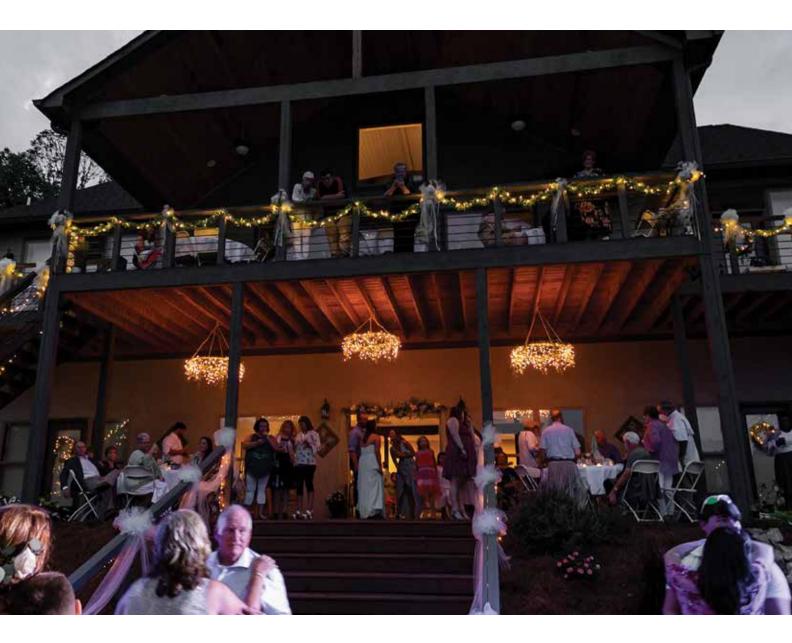


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were done with decorations. It was also strange because you wake up there every day and eat breakfast there every day and so it was kind of weird because it was this feeling of familiarity mixed with, 'Wow, this looks like a totally different place.'"

Maris said one of the decorating aspects she placed particular focus on was lighting. Since her wedding was outdoors, making sure the lighting was bright enough for people to see but dim enough to set an ambiance was very important. "Aside from the food and the cake, everything was outside, so lighting was a very big deal. I'd say we worked for about three months working on what kind of lighting we wanted and how we wanted everything arranged."

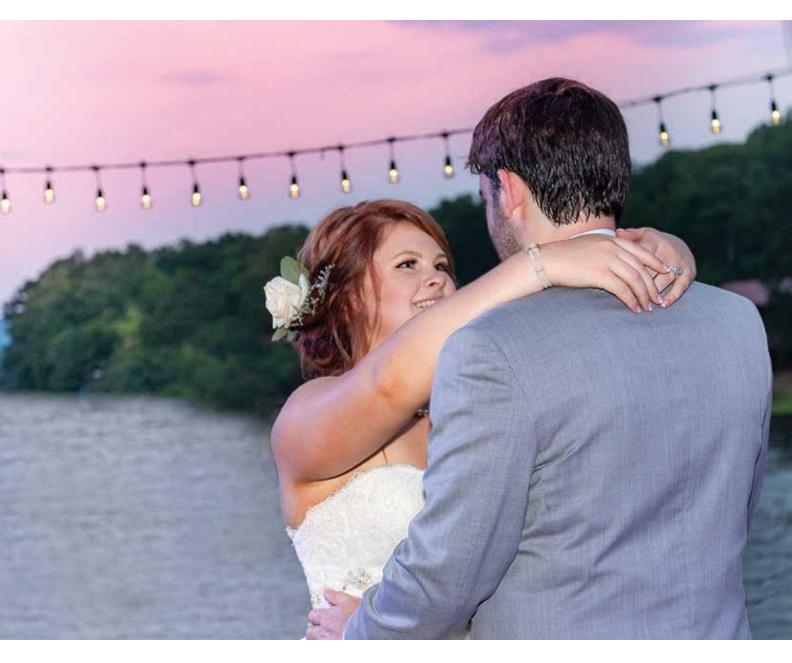
Her parents' home was also particularly helpful considering the COVID-19 pandemic. "One of the benefits of having it at my parents' house was we were able to do what we wanted to do and have it outside where people could social distance and do what they felt they needed to do to stay safe."

Maris felt the love and care from her family every moment of the wedding day. Standing on the deck in front of her family and friends, she and her now-husband were reminded of how much love



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and care had shaped their special day.

"Right in the beginning of our ceremony, after my dad had given me away, our preacher had us turn around and look out into the crowd of everybody that was there, and he was basically like, 'You know, this day goes by so fast so I just want you to look out and see all these faces of people who love and support you and came out to support you and your marriage.' And that was when I started tearing up a little bit because I realized, 'Oh, my gosh, this is actually happening.'"

When she visits her family now, Maris says she can

always see things that remind her of her special day. Her parents even kept the archway under which she and her husband recited their vows. "Everything that we've done outside whether it be riding our bikes or kayaking or riding on the boat, all those memories are right there."

Her gratitude to her parents, she says, is immeasurable. "I'd like to say thank you to my parents for making it exactly what I wanted it to be. It was beautiful, and it was perfect, and I wouldn't change a single thing about it."



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From the Reader's Eye





✓ This frighteningly festive pirate ship display adorned the front yard of Russ and Suzy Brizandine's Cropwell home last month. The family moved to Logan Martin Lake from California, where they held an annual Halloween food drive promoted by the decor, the last of which raised \$1,100 and 680 pounds of food for their West Coast community. This Halloween was their first drive since moving to the lake.



▲ "God's Promise" is Stephen Parkes' title for this stunning photo of the rainbow seen over the lake on October 11. He captured the image at the Yacht Club on Logan Martin.

▲ Joshua Rawlinson proudly displays his recent catch of the day. The 10-year-old angler was fishing near Stemley Bridge when he reeled in the massive mudcat. He is the son of Jacob and Heather Rawlinson.



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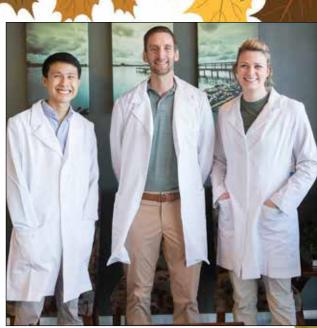
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The flower of the dawn



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

The phrase "to eat lotus" is used metaphorically by numerous ancient writers to mean "to forget" or "to be unmindful."

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I stared at the last lotus of summer as if it were a dying flame. Right on schedule, the seasons have turned from spring to summer, summer to fall, even though day-to-day life has largely remained unchanged.

Looking at the pale yellow lotus petals hovering above the lake, I can't help but think of the Lotus-Eaters mentioned in Homer's Odyssey. An island where the people consumed the lotus flower, forgetting their former lives and routines, living out each day in a dream-like, monotonous state.

These days, sameness seems to be a chief complaint. We rise, dress in practically the same clothes as yesterday, eat basically the same meals, complete a similar set of tasks,



mostly in the same place, sleep, and hit repeat. So go the days. It's like we've been shipwrecked each to our islands, slowly forgetting the way life used to be.

I glance again at the delicate blossom rising above the murky depths of the lake and think about how lately, it's easier to look on the darker side of life. But aside from its mythic associations with forgetfulness, the lotus plant has been admired and prized as a symbol of purity, persistence, and new beginnings for centuries.

Each lotus plant begins its life embedded in the thick muck of the lake bottom where the slender stem grows slowly upward through the dark waters, searching for the light of the surface. Then, in the soft glow of early morning, the lotus flower blooms.

Often dubbed "the flower of the dawn," the lotus

flower opens each morning, closes its petals in the afternoon before sinking back beneath the water's surface only to repeat the same process the next day and the next and so on until the last petal falls. Though born from mud and submerged underwater every evening, the flower remains remarkably pristine. A special wax coating on the petals repels all traces of dirt and muddy water, leaving the bloom untarnished despite its environment.

There's a lesson in the life cycle of the lotus if you care to look for it, and I'm starting to think now that the Lotus-Eaters missed the point. Forgetfulness isn't bliss. Living unmindfully isn't the path to pleasure. If the lotus teaches us anything, it is to live with purpose, conscious of our passing days, even when they seem tedious or the same.

Meet Me by the

Ingram Dean Written and photographed by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

"I love lake life," Ingram Dean says as she saunters through the grass on a Logan Martin shoreline. "My ideal day at the lake consists of sunshine, warm air, boat rides, good company, throwback country music, willow flies, cornhole games, the smell of deliciously grilled food, and the most beautiful sunsets."

A passerby notices that Ingram, clad in a vivid blue dress, has chosen not to wear shoes on the balmy afternoon.

"I go barefoot all of the time," Ingram replies with a laugh. "I'm most comfortable with wearing no shoes because I love feeling the earth beneath my feet."

It's one example of how the past few months have taught her to appreciate the little things in life. She's all too aware of how, due to a nearfatal accident during the summer, she could easily not be around to enjoy such simple pleasures as walking shoeless through the grass.

"I'm not sure I'll ever be able to fully mentally process what I've been through over the last few weeks or be fully ready to talk about the entire experience," she says, but, with the sun glistening on the water behind her and boaters launching their craft into the late, she makes the attempt, discussing the life-changing accident, her painful recovery, and what it has taught her about thankfulness and appreciation for life and her family.

The accident: "July 11 marks the day of the ATV accident. After being ejected from the RZR, I instantly knew that something was majorly wrong. I lost feeling in both legs and feet and was experiencing the worst pain of my entire life, or so I thought at the time. I was rushed to Citizens Baptist to be examined and then rushed to UAB for further imaging/testing and spinal surgery. They wheeled me straight to the trauma ER."

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12 centimeters. The normal colon size is two centimeters. I was now in the absolute worst pain of my entire life, literally moments away from being taken back for emergency surgery to remove potentially all of my colon, moments away from having to wear a colostomy bag for the rest of my life."

Change of plans: "My husband and mom prayed over me, and tears filled all of our eyes. Then, literally less than five minutes later, the doctor came back in and said that he and his team wanted to try one more route before committing to surgery. It was God stepping in. He heard our cries and answered our prayers instantly. Shortly after the change of plans, another doctor and set of nurses came in and injected a round of Neostigmine through my IV. The first round wasn't as successful as they hoped, so they went for a second round a bit later. Still not as successful as they hoped, but my colon hadn't dilated any larger which was good. All pain medication had been cut by this point. I hadn't eaten or drank anything in a week. I was weak, I was tired, I was so ready to see my girl, so ready to shower, so ready to go home, so ready to give up."

Then, progress: "There came the light at the end of the tunnel that I had been praying for 12 days straight. The swelling was finally going down in my abdomen. I was finally allowed to eat, I was finally able to get up and walk around, then I was FINALLY released to come home. I cried and cried tears of joy and relief from the second the doctors released me from the hospital until I was able to wrap my arms around my baby airl."

Four months later: "I still have moments where I cry tears of joy and relief. I cry watching Ella Grey play and run around. I cry thinking about how blessed and lucky I am to still be here as her mommy, how blessed I am to still be able to be a wife, a daughter, a granddaughter, a family member, a friend. I cry while lying awake in bed at night while thanking God for pulling me through all of this."

Advice she now gives to others facing difficult challenges: "What I've learned after fracturing t3-t12 of my vertebrae, breaking seven ribs, puncturing my lungs, having major spinal surgery and a spinal fusion



resulting in 17 screws, two rods, and 45 staples, is this: trust God. ILean on Him, stay faithful to Him, live for Him. Forgive. Pray. Love. Cry. Cry again if you need to, but then wipe away those tears and keep fighting, even when it feels like you can't anymore. Fight for your life that is so worth fighting for. And never take anyone or anything for granted, ever."

In the season of thanksgiving: "I am so thankful for my family, and as strange as it may sound, I am thankful for the difficult times I have faced and continue to face, as they have opened my mind and heart up and have allowed me to refocus my life to concentrate on the gifts God has given me. So, here's to living my life for God, being the best mama and wife possible, being a good example to those around me, and getting myself better. If I can give someone hope to press on, I feel I'm doing God's will."

How she describes herself: "God fearing, dedicated, down to earth, a lover of all things dance, outdoorsy, sometimes bashful but always goofy."

The best advice anyone ever gave her: "The advice that I will forever cherish and carry with me through every walk in life is, 'May you always find a time to dance,' from my beloved ballet teacher, Lynn Sims. I was blessed to dance under her instruction at Little House Dance Studio for 14 years."

Something an acquaintance might be surprised to know about her:

"When I was younger, I bottle fed and raised a baby goat until it was old enough to eat on its own. It even slept in the bed with me. I also had a pet squirrel named Zoom-Zoom."

Three things she can't live without: "God, family, and boiled peanuts."

The food she could eat every day: "Chicken. I eat chicken for almost every single meal."

The food she hopes to never eat again: "Raw oysters. Yuck!"

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Saturday, November 7 TURKEY SHOOT

Organized by American Legion Post 45, the event is scheduled from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tallasahatchee Road at Emauhee Creek Bridge, near Alpine. Signs will be posted the day of the shoot. For more details, call Lanny Merit at 256-391-5601 or Jon Hall 256-245-6884.

STEELE TRAIL DAY

Sammy Raviv and Bob Farley, area representatives of the Southeastern Climbers Coalition, will host a trail day and cleanup event from 9 a.m.-noon at the SCC-owned crag in Steele. Participants are asked to bring maks, water, lunch/snacks, bug spray, sunscreen, and a rain jacket/pants. Closed-toe shoes, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts are recommended. CDC protocols will be in place. Participants are asked to meet at 1816 Chandler Mountain Road in Steele and to visit https:// www.seclimbers.org/stewardship/ prior to arrival.

November 11-14

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD CONFERENCE

The 30th annual inspirational event will be held live and virtually at Word Alive International Outreach, 122 Allendale Road, Oxford. For details about the conference schedule, speakers, activities, and attendance packages, call organizer Jill Robinson at 408-513-1461 or email jill@transformourworld.org.

Thursday, November 12 DESIGNS FOR HOPE

The 8th annual benefit dinner will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Mathews Manor, 3279 U.S. Highway 11 in Springville. Tickets include a full-course meal, admission to the live auction, and entertainment. Proceeds will help Designs for Hope's efforts to assist churches in developing countries. To order tickets, visit www.designsforhope.org/events.

November 13-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Homestead Hollow hosts this favorite holiday festival daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafts, food, activities, entertainment, and a host of vendors will be featured. Homestead Hollow is at 1161 Murphrees Valley Road in Springville. For more information, call 205-467-2002.



Saturday, November 14 AUTO SHOW

The Greater Odenville Chamber of Commerce will host its second car show from 8 a.m.-noon, next to the new Shell station at Highway 411 and Simpson/Sanie Road. Proceeds will benefit the Odenville Police Department. The event will include door prizes, food trucks, vendor booths, music, an auction and plenty of cars, trucks and motorcycles to admire. For more information, call Paul Perry at 205-919-7903 or Pat Shipp at 205-296-4691.

November 15

AN EVENING WITH NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALLSTARS

The Backyard Concert Series at Grand River Drive-In in Leeds kicks off with a performance by the acclaimed duo of Luther and Cody Dickinson, who have produced 10 studio albums and been nominated for three Grammy Awards. The open-air, socially distanced event is scheduled from 4-10 p.m. CDC protocols will be in place. For ticket information, call 205-352-9180.

Saturday, November 28 HOLIDAY CRAFTS

A Santa and ornaments making class is scheduled for 10 a.m.noon at The Craft Studio, 200 North Broadway in Sylacauga. For more details, call 205-901-6510.

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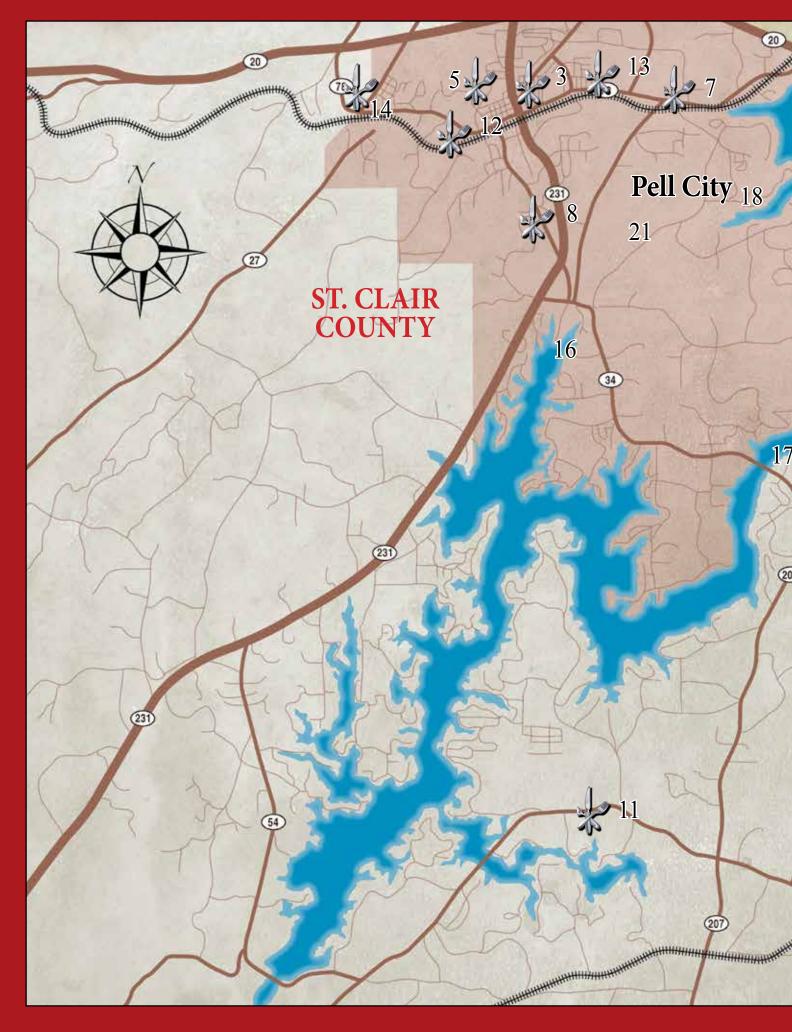
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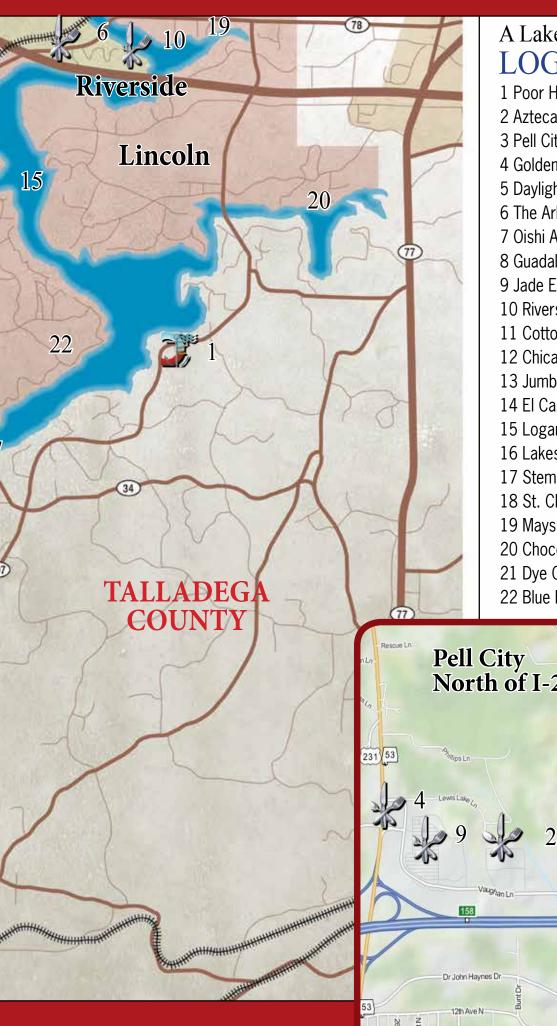
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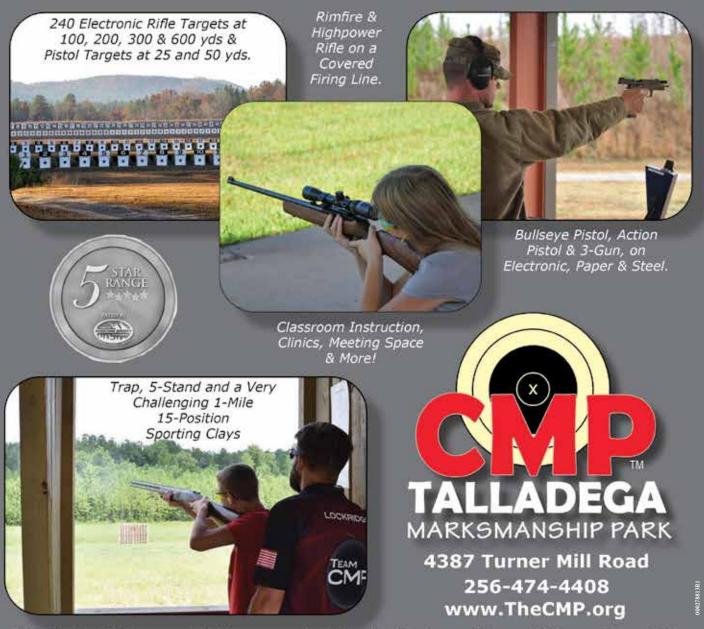


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Fairmont Realty owner enjoys helping home buyers

Written by VALLEAN JACKSON Submitted Photo

reg Tubbs knew at the age of 15 that he wanted to work in real estate. It could be said that real estate is in his blood. Watching his father's passion and dedication as a real estate broker led him to follow in his parent's footsteps in helping families find the places to call home. He is now a Realtor and owner of Fairmont Realty.

"Real estate has been good to me, I will say. I love being in a profession where every morning I wake up and I feel my day is going to be filled with fun. When you love what you do, it's not work. It's fun and enjoyment, and that is what real estate is for me."

With more than 20 years of experience in the profession, Tubbs knows how stressful buying a home can be, but he wants buyers to know that being a homeowner is worth the hassle. As a Realtor, he is dedicated to his clients, assuring that they not only find a home they are pleased with but that they are also making a good investment.

"You don't talk to a plumber about how much a house costs," he said. "You reach out to a Realtor. My expertise is in Sylacauga and the surrounding cities. If I get asked to step outside of my expertise, I don't have the same knowledge. So I'm going to refer you to someone who knows the area more and that is going to take care of you because I don't have the knowledge they do. That is being fair and honest as a Realtor, and keeping my client a priority rather than the thought of commission."

Tubbs believes that his favorite selling

experiences are not those involving properties with the biggest price tags, but those involving perhaps houses priced at \$50,000 or \$60,000 houses that were just right for those specific buyers who just needed the right direction. He's proud that he was able to accommodate their needs.

To prospective buyers, he advises researching the Realtor they plan to use and being knowledgeable about the properties they would like to view, so that upon touring -- or even before -- they can have the best idea about whether a property will be their ideal home and a good, satisfying investment.

A native of Weaver, Tubbs now resides in Sylacauga, where he serves on the Realtor's board, and in his spare time enjoys fishing and golf.

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A Real Estate Property Guide for Logan Martin Lake and Surrounding Areas



ERA King Real Estate 2319 Cogswell Avenue | Pell City, AL 35125 | 205.338.7320

Pell City property features luxurious home, spacious acreage in lakeside area



Written by VALLEAN JACKSON Photographed by BOB CRISP

Prospective buyers seeking a magnificent modern home in a beautiful secluded setting that's just minutes away from Logan Martin Lake are sure to love the property at 1692 Florida Road in Pell City.

The single-family brick home, constructed in 1996 and situated on 38.40 acres, has three bedrooms, three bathrooms and a total of 5,346 square feet.

A foyer separates the living room and dining room. The living room has wood floors, a high vaulted ceiling, a fireplace built-in shelves, a ceiling fan and a large floor-toceiling window that welcomes plenty of natural light and offers a wonderful view of the property. The kitchen has recessed lighting, wood cabinets with plenty of storage space, granite countertops and built-in appliances. At its center is an island, and a double-door pantry is to the right of the island. To its left is a small breakfast nook.

The 1.5-story home also features an office, sitting area in the master bedroom, a laundry room and a safe room.

Exterior amenities include a fabulous 20x40 in-ground pool, deck, fenced patio, storage building, wraparound driveway, two-car garage and storm shelter.

The property lists at \$675,000. For more information, call Caran Wilbanks of ERA King Real Estate at 205-338-7320.

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802 N 36th St., Pell City, AL 35125 \$115,000 Newly Remodeled from head to toe. All new Plumbing, wiring, windows, flooring, appliances, floor joist, deck, paint, etc. Two bedrooms and a large full bath. Stainless appliances, big sunroom, large great room, deck overlooking fenced back yard. Detached garage PLUS area that could be storage or made into an efficient apartment. Convenient to town, hospital and I20. MLS 898513



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1692 Florida Rd., Pell City, AL 35125 \$675,000 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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1050 BAY DR PELL CITY, AL 35128 4 BR, 2 BA

2,390 Sq. Ft. 1.74 Acre Lot MLS #897215

Property sits on 1.74 acres at the end of a cul de sac on Logan Martin Lake with 930 +/- feet of shoreline. Custom built in 1982 by these original owners. Amazing sunsets, pecan trees and lake activity from almost every room in the house. Relax on your patio and watch the boaters come and go from Pirate Island ! The home is being sold AS IS although it has been well maintained. Newer roof, HVAC and hot water heater.





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Home is in Twin Oaks. Low maintenance. Large rooms, great storage and a screened patio. The private master suite has a jacuzzi tub, double vanity, separate shower and walkin closet. Bedrooms 2 & 3 share a hall bath. The garage has a work shop space in addition to the storage building. Large flat back vard

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609 SEQUOYA CIR Anniston, AL 36206 3 BR, 2 BA

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2,194 Sq. Ft. 0.4 Acre Lot MLS #896280

Exceptionally manicured neighborhood to the groomed yard with hardscapes, a water feature, a huge deck, new storage building & fence back yard, it has it all and thats only the outside. Hardwood floors in the foyer. Dining & living rooms with high vaulted ceilings. French doors leads into the open den with gas fireplace & kitchen that connects to your private deck! The master suite has a see-through fireplace, new tile floor, jacuzzi tub/shower, double vanity, lrg closet & french doors that lead onto the deck. Spacious laundry room is next to the master bdrm & kitchen. The 2nd & 3rd bdrms with hardwood floors share a hall bath on the opposite side of the home.



235,000 **0** Lake Ridge Lane Unit 10 Talladega, AL 35160 1.97 Acres MLS #895679

265.000

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BEAUTIFUL 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home located in Fox Hollow, This CUSTOM home features an open floor plan and includes many upgrades! The kitchen features granite counter tops, recessed lighting, a walk in pantry and tile floors. Spacious living room with gas logs fireplace. The Master Suite includes a walk-in tile shower, granite vanities, and his/her walk-in closets. The home also features a nice covered patio for enjoying your morning coffee. Additional amenities include street lights, underground utilities, community in-ground pool and clubhouse.



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125 Florence Boulevard Oxford, AL 36203 MLS# 897561 \$

gas fireplace. Eat-in kitchen with island, granite countertops and updated appliances. Large master bedroom with master bath includes a beautiful walk-in tile shower and new vanity. This home has so many updates including the hardwood floors, kitchen and bathrooms, updated plumbing, all new windows, new HVAC, new roof, and new water heater! Full brick. Level lot. Large fenced-in backyard with storage building to remain. Located just minutes from the Oxford Exchange, Wal-mart, schools and the interstate. Check out this home today before it's gone! It won't last long!



1405 13th Ave. Pleasant Grove, AL 35127 MLS# 896877

FABULOUS 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath home. This home features a large family room with gas logs fireplace, built-in entertainment center with bookshelves, crown molding and beautiful hardwood floors. Formal dining room with wainscot & crown molding. Spacious kitchen with lots of cabinets and eating area. The master suite and large master bath with walk in shower & double vanity along with the 1/2 bath complete the main level. Upstairs features three oversized bedrooms with huge closets and a full bath with double vanity. Downstairs you will find a nice bonus room and 2-car garage. Fenced backward. Located in a guiet neighborhood.



property and has a long term rental history. Located on main highway that offers maximum traffic for business. Parking available in the back as well. This building has been well maintained.



COMMERCIAL 4850 Stemley Rd. LOCATION! LOCATION! There are 6 metal Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 889577 ^{\$}949,000

buildings 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.



316 1ST Ave. N Pell City 35128 REDUCED MLS# 888899 ^{\$}119,900

3 beds 3 baths – sqft 1940 build 9 days on site. Fireplace. Home offers a STUDIO STYLE APARTMENT ALSO ATTACHED WITH HOME, THAT IS ONE ROOM WITH A FULL BATH AND KITCHENETTE.



412 Talladega Avenue Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 891536 ^{\$}149,900

Single Family Home for sale in Talladega, AL with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. The lot size is 0.25 Acre(s).



135 Blair Circle Pell City, AL 35177 MLS#891771 ^{\$}269,900

This 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath home features recently updated cabinets and light fixtures in the kitchen and bathrooms. Enjoy the HUGE Master Bedroom with trey ceilings, LARGE eat in kitchen with stainless steel appliances, separate dining room, and the large open living area with hardwood floors. Downstairs has been recently remodeled to include a 2nd Living Room complete with bar, a 4th Bedroom, and additional Full Bath. Screened in porch and gazebo. Privacy fence and a custom swing set. Large 2 Car Garage with plenty of storage area. New roof installed in 2018!



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425 Patches Lane Pell City, 35128 MLS# 895462 \$**399,900**

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4 Bedroom/3 Bath Full Brick home located in the sought after Eagle Pointe subdivision. This home features granite countertops, hardwoods in living area/ bedrooms and tile flooring throughout the bathrooms. The finished basement is complete with 2nd living room, full bath, bonus room, bar area, and pool table to make the perfect man cave. Outside features open deck Other amenities include lake access, boat launch, community in-ground swimming pool and tennis courts.



190 Coves Drive Pell City, 35128 MLS# 892040 \$**899,900**

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING 4 BEDROOM, 4 1/2 BATH LAKE HOME ON DEEP YEAR ROUND WATER!! The main level living area features a formal dining room, office, den with gas logs fireplace and coffered ceilings, Gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, granite countertops, a large master bedroom with sitting room, and two additional bedrooms with jackn-jill bath. Upstairs you will find the 4th bedroom and a full bath as well as a bonus room that could be used as 5th bedroom. Downstairs includes an additional family/entertainment area complete with bar. Storm shelter in basement and plenty of space for storage. The home features a fabulous in-ground pool and stunning lake view!!



Lincoln Harbor, Unit 4420 Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 889873 \$**189,900**

This 2 Bedroom/ 2 Bath Condo located on the 4th floor and has an absolutely BREATHTAKING view of Logan Martin Lakel The Kitchen features some stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops with an island with bar stools. This condo also features a balcony with a BEAUTIFUL SUNSET VIEW. This condo is Fully Furnished and Move In Ready, so you can enjoy the Lake Life! Amenities include: Community Pool.Community Boat Dock, Board Walk. All Buildings Have An Blevator For Your Convenience!



451 Eagle Pointe Dr. Pell City, AL 35129 MLS# 887916 \$795,000

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Come and see this GORGEOUS LAKE home that sits on over 2 ACRES situated on a picturesque point with a PANORAMIC View of the Lake. This Lake Home is located on the Main Channel with approximately 450 ft of year round water located in the EAGLE POINTE Subdivision. Home features two covered boat docks with two boat lifts. Long lighted drive, BRICK home with lovely HARDWOOD floors, UPDATED kitchen, large windows for natural light and an open floor plan. 3 bedrooms and 3.5 baths! Home features Finished basement with a large living room, spare bedroom, and full bathroom. There is a HUGE unfinished basement area with lots of storage space! Fireplace and covered back porch!! This subdivision also features a community pool, private boat launch, and tennis court !



6051 Stemley Rd. Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 897610 \$**379,900**

BEAUTIFUL 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath home on Logan Martin Lake. The home features an open concept floor plan. Large kitchen with breakfast bar and eat-in area with lake view. The master suite is located also includes a beautiful view of the lake as well. Just off the master is a

large open deck overlooking the lake. Two additional bedrooms and full bath complete the main level. Downstairs you will find a 4th bedroom, another full bath and a bonus room. This home is a MUST SEE and won't last long!



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Lot on 115 Noah's Dr . is across the street from the lake. Great building lot.

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0 Valley View Cir. Pell City, AL 35128 Lot perfect for building dream home right across street from Logan Martin Lake. MLS #843853 \$14,900

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WATERFRONT LOT **River Oaks Dr.** Cropwell, AL 35078 Main channel of Logan Martin Lake. Covenants and restrictions apply. MLS #856049 \$343,000

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LINCOLN \$389,000. SPACIOUS & SECLUDED 4BR/3.5BA, IMMACULATE WITH PRISTINE YARD, AL-MOST 10 ACRES. IN-GROUND POOL, LARGE FINISHED BASEMENT, COULD ALSO HAVE AN APART-MENT WITH SEPARATE ACCESS. MLS#887047



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PELL CITY \$795,000 COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON US HWY 231, 1 MILE FROM I-20. GREAT LOCATION FOR NEW BUSI-NESS!



PELL CITY \$339,000. NICE BRICK 3BR/2BA HOME ON APPROX 2.9 ACRES, VERY CLOSE TO HOSPITAL, RES-TURANTS, SHOPPING,I-20. ALSO HAS PECAN TREES. THE PROPERTY BEING SOLD IS A PORTION ON THE PARCEL. MLS#888474

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- LINCOLN \$9,300. NICE SLOPING LOT, DOWNTOWN LINCOLN, READY TO BUILD ON. MLS#829155
- LINCOLN \$42,000. GREAT BUILD-ING LOT ON STEMLEY ROAD, CON-VENIENT LOCATION TO 1-20 AND BLOCKS FROM LOGAN MARTIN LAKE. MLS#763796
- CROPWELL \$108,360. NICE PRIVATE WOODED LOT WITH NICE VIEW IN A WELL-LOVED LOCATION, APPROX 15 ACRES. MLS#803484
- PELL CITY \$129,000. 20 ACRES IN TOWN NEAR I-20, SCHOOLS, HOSPITAL, VA HOME, SHOPPING. PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN SURVEYED FOR A 34 LOT SUBDIVI-SION. GREAT SITE FOR BUILDING WITH ALL UTILITIES. WATER TANK HILL. MLS#591453



PELL CITY \$269,000. PRIVATE CABIN, WITH APPROX. 30 WOODED ACRES, MLS#821732



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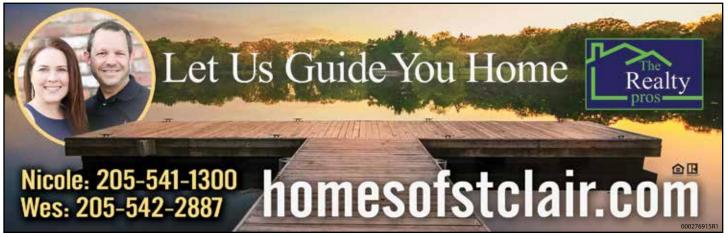
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