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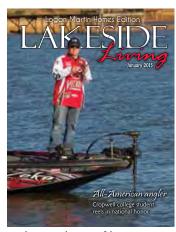
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Logan Martin is one of three upper Coosa River reservoirs drawn down for winter and is currently down 3-4 feet. Like Weiss Lake and Neely Henry Lake, the lower portion of Logan Martin Lake is safer for navigation than the lakes headwaters and the lower lake generally has clearer water and better fishing throughout winter.

But there are exceptions.

This is not to imply the upper lakes headwaters are not worth investigating – but proceed with extreme caution due to low water obstructions now hidden just below the water's surface.

With lightly stained water and warming water, the main river flats and ledges hold some big wintertime largemouths and some hefty Coosa River spotted bass.

Check out the lower lake creeks Clear Creek and Rabbit Branch Creek.

During cold fronts and high pressure conditions, stick with slow, bottom-dragging worms, lizards, jig combos, tube baits, creature baits, shad imitations and crayfish imitations.

Deep running crankbaits and jigging spoons also fall in this category.

When warming trends bring bass shallow, look for aggressive bites on spinnerbaits, jerkbaits, mid to shallow running crankbaits, rattletraps and even topwaters such as buzzbaits, zara spooks, Sammies, Spittin' image, Baby torpedoes and Pop-r's.





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Named for the two-faced Roman deity Janus (he used one face to look behind him into the past and the other to look forward to the future), January is also an homage to the Latin word for door (ianua), since the month figuratively opens the door to a new year.

When we first glance through that door, however, what we see is usually less than appealing. After the active, bright and festive month of December, January can easily appear dull, dark and depressing. With the turn of the calendar page, the whimsical Jack Frost of yuletide songs morphs into an angry Old Man Winter by the first week of the new year.

While Logan Martin Lake is undeniably a terrific place to be at any time of year, life by the water doesn't seem as leisurely, laid-back and carefree in January as it does during spring, summer and even early autumn. But as with many things in life, it can be a matter of perspective.

Maybe January's bleakness is why whoever decides such things filled the month with a series of innocuous and humorous unofficial holidays. During January, National Science Fiction Day, National Cream Puff Day, National Buffet Day, National Spaghetti Day, National Whipped Cream Day, National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day, National Dress Up Your Pet Day, National Strawberry Ice Cream Day, National Fig Newton Day, National Blueberry Pancake Day, National Chocolate Cake Day and National Pie Day are observed.

Silly? It's hard not to think so. But look closer at what some of those days celebrate. Cream puffs. Spaghetti. Whipped cream. Hot sandwiches. Pets. Ice cream. Cookies. Cake and pie. Those are things that make us happy and provide a measure of comfort. And maybe that's what we all need in the middle of winter

FROM THE EDITOR

Opening the door to a new year

 something to take our minds off the cold and help us look forward to the months ahead.

We hope this issue of Lakeside Living will do that for you. This month, we're checking in with All-American bass fisherman Zeke Gossett, who has some winter fishing tips for anglers who will be out on the lake this month. Also, local Alabama Power manager Alyson Tucker introduces us to her new triplets – Victoria, Davis and William. We'll also take a look back at Lights in the Park and look ahead to some fun lakeside events that are coming up soon.

So while the mercury may be low on the thermometer, you'll find the magazine you're holding to be anything but dull, dark and depressing. Thank you once again for starting the new year with Lakeside Living.

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Alabama's largest marine expo will pay tribute to Logan Martin Lake this month during the Birmingham Boat Show's 45th consecutive run at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex.

Logan Martin's time in the spotlight is scheduled for the third day of the show, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, on the Seminar Stage. Conducted by Lisa Gaither, executive director of the Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce, the program "A Special Salute to Logan Martin Lake" will highlight destination getaways around the lake. It will also include giveaways and presentations from chamber of commerce

members.

Smith Lake will be saluted earlier that day, at 12:30 p.m., sponsored by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. Similar programs recognizing both lakes were part of last year's boat show, and organizers said they were popular enough to bring back for the upcoming event.

The show opens from noon-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, and Friday, Jan. 22. Hours are from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 23 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free when accompanied by a paid adult.





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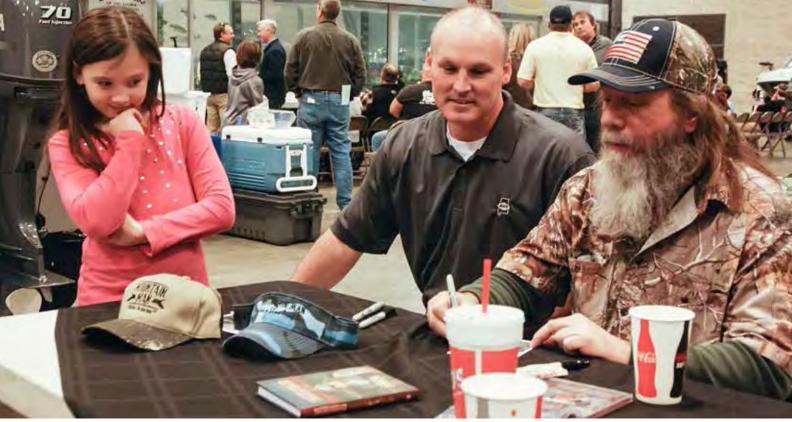








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Shane Beasley and daughter Karlie Beth get an autograph from Duck Dynasty's "Mountain Man" Tim Guradey during last year's boat show. Celebrities expected to be on hand for the upcoming show include professional angler team Dannenmueller Sr. and Garrett Steele, professional wakeboarder JD Webb and Mike Bolton, author of The Ultimate Guide to Alabama Fishing.

More than 21 watercraft dealers from throughout Alabama will display the latest innovations in boating during the expo, at which attendees will have opportunity to register for the grand prize giveaway of a 2016 WaveRunner and trailer to be awarded on Jan. 24.

Lucky's Bait & Tackle of Cropwell – the show's featured tackle retail dealer – will give one free fishing lure to each of the show's first 500 visitors on Jan. 21. On Friday, the first 500 consumers will receive a free lure from Grabow Outdoors.

The first 1,000 visitors on Jan. 23 will receive a coupon for a free hot dog from Boat Show Concessions, courtesy of America's First Federal Credit Union. They will also receive a free fishing cap from sponsors Sylacauga Marine & ATV and Tracker Boats.

According to organizers, the boat show's message for the past several years has been that "families who boat, fish and participate in outdoor activities gain a unique ability to bond together as a close family unit. Keeping children involved in the great outdoors creates the positive foundation on which they are able to learn and become productive adults. The Birmingham Boat Show is the perfect starting place to gain the necessary knowledge for both the beginning outdoor enthusiast as well as the seasoned professional."

Besides the dealer displays, the expo also offers free seminars, entertainment and attractions, including the popular rainbow trout pond. "The happiness of watching your child catch their first fighting rainbow trout is priceless," show organizers said. "Many parents experienced the same rush as a child at the Birmingham Boat Show and are now reliving that thrill with their own children. Catching a fighting rainbow trout straight from the icy waters of Ava, Missouri, at the show is truly one of those life moments to be treasured."

Another returning crowd-pleaser is the 16th annual Kid's Fishing Show, scheduled for Jan. 23 on the seminar stage. Hosted by longtime broadcast personality Reed Montgomery, the program teaches basic fishing techniques, proper fishing etiquette and water safety. Prizes donated by product retailers and manufacturers will be given away during the presentation.

Airport Marine will present the Oklahoma Bass Tub, a 10,000-gallon bass tank that will serve as the setting for fishing demonstrations by professional anglers from across the nation, who will explain different techniques for reeling in lunker bass.

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Vulcan Power Squadron and the Alabama Marine Police will be on hand to provide information about boating safety and law enforcement on lakes and rivers.

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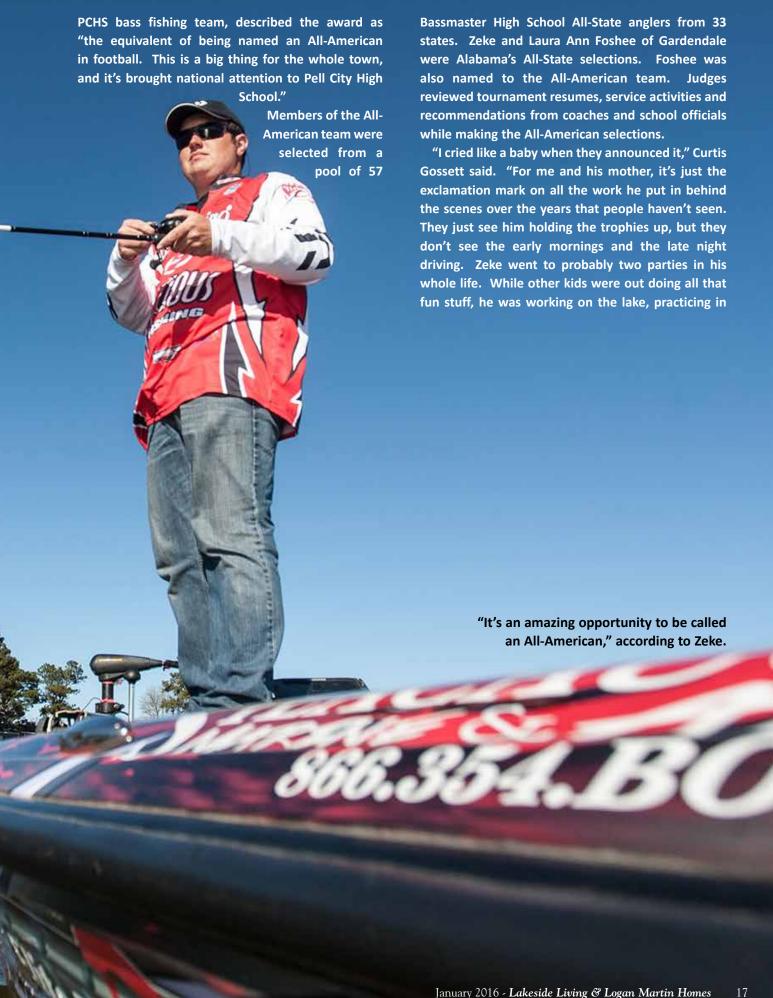
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The past year has been more than a little eventful for Zeke Gossett.

Besides finishing his senior year at Pell City High School, joining his fishing partner Hayden Bartee in being named Alabama BASS High School Anglers of the Year and starting his freshman year of college at Faulkner University, the Cropwell native was one of 12 students selected as members of the first Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team.

"I'm very humbled and blessed by it," Zeke said while on holiday break from Faulkner's Montgomery campus, where he's studying business management on a bass fishing scholarship. "It's an amazing opportunity to be called an All-American and to have that title."

Curtis Gossett, Zeke's father and coach of the







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While on holiday break from Faulkner University - where he's helping develop a bass fishing team with his former PCHS classmates Hunter Bartee, Bre Wyatt and Joseph Lacy – Zeke heads out to drop a line at one of his favorite spots on Logan Martin Lake.

the excruciating heat and unbearable cold. We're very proud of him for all the work he put into his accomplishments."

After the All-American selections were named, the 12 student anglers met for a special tournament held in conjunction with BASSfest on Lake Barkley in Tennessee. Zeke won the tournament, reeling in five bass weighing a total of 14 pounds, 3 ounces, never having fished the lake before, demonstrating what Gossett calls his son's "sixth sense" when he's

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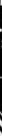




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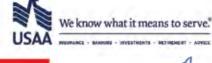
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Zeke's Top Five Tips for Fishing in January

degrees, but when the sun comes over the treetops, that's your best time."

Have a slower mindset. "The water is colder, so the fish will be moving slower. You won't be going out and catching fish one right after the other. January is still a good time of year to fish, but you have to be a little more laid-back."
 Locate the bait fish, such as shad. "Use your electronics to find them and make sure you stay around them,

2. Locate the bait fish, such as shad. "Use your electronics to find them and make sure you stay around them because that's where the bass will be.

3. Fish flat-sided crank baits. "They have a tighter wiggle that looks more natural in the water this time of year."4. Get an early start. "Even though it's cold, the peak time to fish is when the sun rises. It might be 25 or 28

5. Dress in layers. "A lot of people laugh about that, but it you're cold and shivering, you're not going to fish well. Check out Stormr gear. I wear their Strykr jacket, and it's worth investing in. They make gloves and other things, too."

and how to draw them out. "A lot of kids struggle with developing the ability to do that."

Zeke is quietly modest about it. "It's God-given, mostly. He's blessed me with it. And it comes a little from working hard and spending time on the water."

Since the fall, Zeke has been at work helping develop Faulkner's bass fishing team. "There were only two or three people on it last year, but now there are four from Pell City down there, including me. We're trying to build a strong team."

Bartee, Bre Wyatt and Joseph Lacy — also attending Faulkner on fishing scholarships — won state championships with Zeke as members of the Panthers bass fishing team and are on the same team again as college freshmen. "Since we were a team for four years here at Pell City, it's an easy transition for us," Zeke said. "I believe it will enable us to have a lot of success in the future."

The team competed in the FishLife tournament series during the fall, in which Zeke had two top 12 finishes. The main college tournament season begins in the spring, when the local college anglers will fish the Bass Anglers

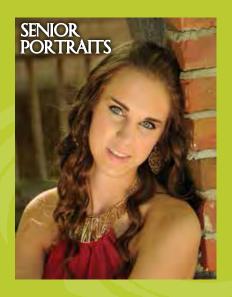
Sportsman Society (BASS), Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) and Cabela's series.

In the meantime, Zeke has qualified to fish the BASS Regional Tournament next month at Lake Martin. The top 15 anglers will qualify for the national tournament. In the spring, he'll be facing competitors from 19 other states in the BASS Central Regional Tournament at Lake Guntersville and travel to Table Rock, Arkansas, for the Bass Federation FLW Southeastern Regional Tournament.

Sponsored by Extreme Printing & Signs, Daiwa, Stormr, Salt Life Optics, Strike King, Vicious Fishing, Elite Tungsten, Woodrow Lures, Power-Pole and Moment, Zeke said competitive angling is often viewed as "just fishing" by those unfamiliar with the effort, practice and travel involved.

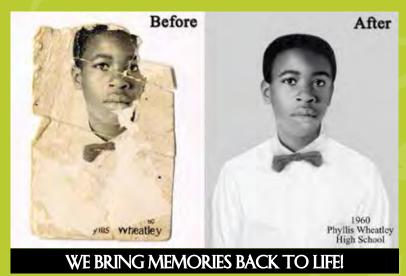
"People don't realize how much skill and endurance are involved in it. When someone thinks there isn't, I invite them to come fishing with me for a day when it's 32 degrees with 30-mile-per-hour winds coming out of the north and try to stay mentally strong for eight hours on the water. Then you can say it's just fishing."











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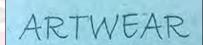
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Alyson and Michael Tucker welcome triplets to their lakeside home

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS Photos by BOB CRISP

From a sofa in her spacious sunroom situated a few yards from the Logan Martin shoreline, Alyson Tucker glanced back toward the living room, where her infant daughter and two sons were sleeping.

"If you'd told me this time last year I'd have three children, I'd have told you, 'no way,'" the first-time mother said. "I carried them and I live with them every day, but sometimes I

still look at them and can't believe I have three children."

Tucker and her husband Michael have become known as "the triplets' parents" since Victoria, Davis and William were born four months ago. Married for four years, "we were older getting married and knew we wanted a family pretty quickly. We never thought we wanted just one child, but we weren't expecting to have a full family instantly like this."





She vividly recalls the day the couple learned it would be having triplets.

"We knew very early, at just under eight weeks," she said. "My doctor's office called and said my bloodwork was abnormal. I didn't know that's code for more than one baby. I must have had a gut feeling, though, because at the last minute I called my husband and asked him if he would meet me there. They pulled up the ultrasound, and there they were – three little individuals.

"It was a shock. We didn't know anyone who had triplets, so it took some time to wrap our heads around the fact that we were. But to say we were excited would be an understatement."

Tucker carried the children for 34 weeks. "The goal for triplets is 32, so I did better than expected. Every day you carry them is better for them." They were born at Brookwood

Medical Center, Victoria weighing four pounds and her brothers weighing five each. "I was born there, so it was like coming full circle."

Her feelings at the triplets' birth also remain a vivid memory, she said.

"We were so concerned about getting all three of them here safely, that it was a great sense of relief when they were born. When they told me in the delivery room that they were all healthy and had good heart rates and good lungs, I knew at that moment they would be okay and that the rest of their time in the hospital would just be to grow and develop. It's hard to describe how you can love someone you've never even met. It's a crazy feeling most parents can identify with."

Most new parents, though, don't get to meet three children at the same time.

"It is a lot different than just having one," Tucker said. "You quickly start to learn each one's temperament and distinct personality. You think the cutest one is the one in your lap at the moment. Your heart definitely grows when you have more than one."

Tucker describes motherhood as "better than I thought it would be. It's the best thing I've ever done but also the



The Tuckers purchased their spacious one-level, 1960s-era Cropwell home shortly before learning they would become parents. "We plan on being here a long time, and I'm glad the children will get to grow up on the lake," Alyson said.



hardest thing I've ever done. It's hard when we're exhausted from little or no sleep, but anything worth having requires work and commitment. I have these incredible little people who are part of my husband and part of me, and the Lord has entrusted us with the responsibility of raising, caring for them and molding them. It's an incredible gift.

"Oddly enough, I always thought I wanted a boy, and my husband always wanted a girl, so the Lord answered both of our prayers. I wanted a boy because I love sports and grew up at the ball park with my older brother, but I'd be lying if I said I didn't love buying hairbows and frilly outfits for my daughter. Between her daddy and these two brothers, I have no doubt she'll be well protected."

Having triplets has required the Tuckers to make some unexpected adjustments to their plans. "For one thing, we both drove small sedans, so I had to trade my car in and get a minivan," she said. "We were also in the middle of some pretty heavy renovations to the house when we found out





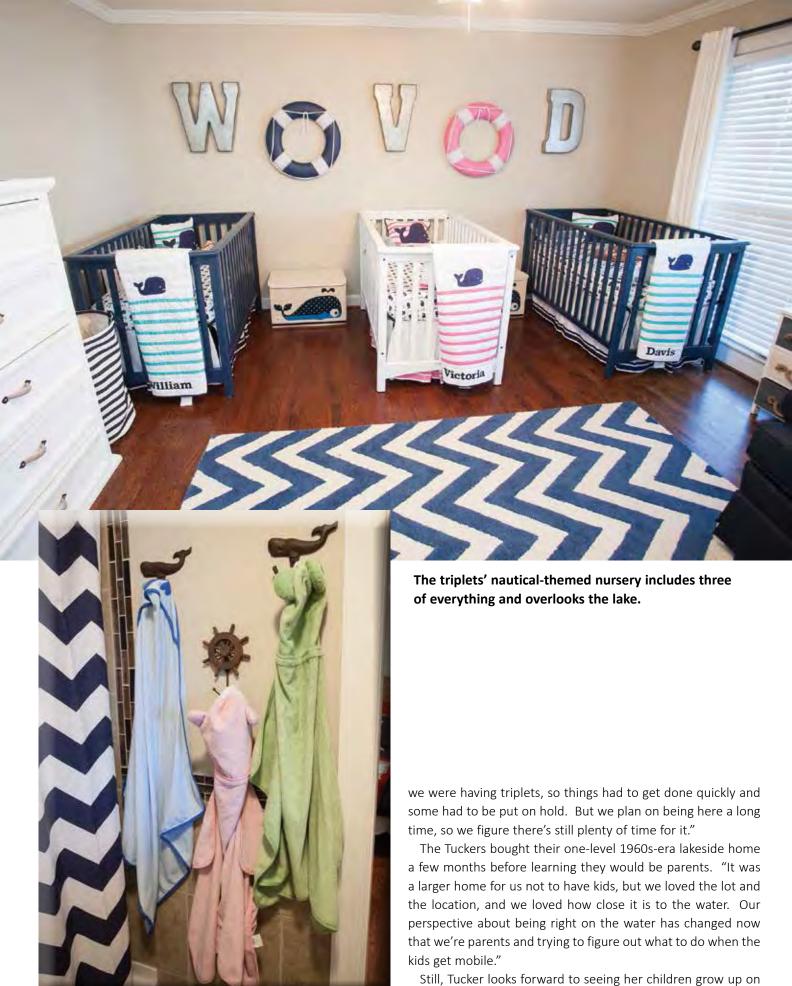


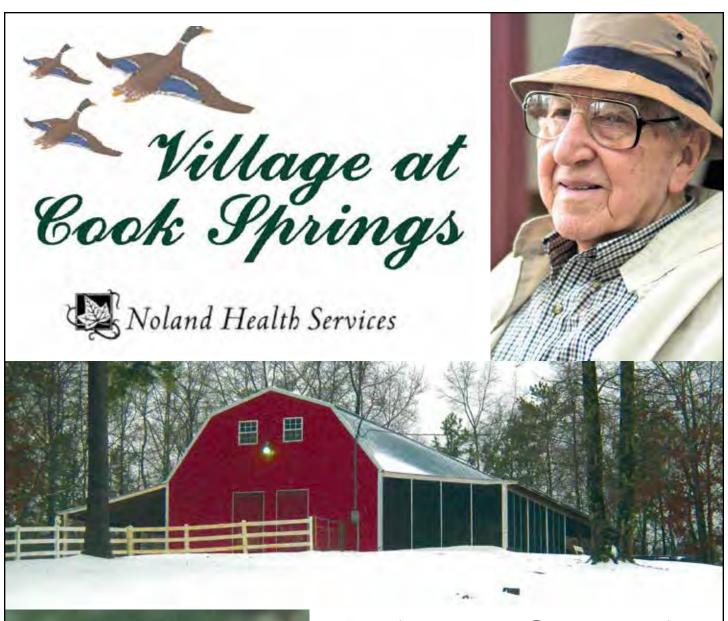
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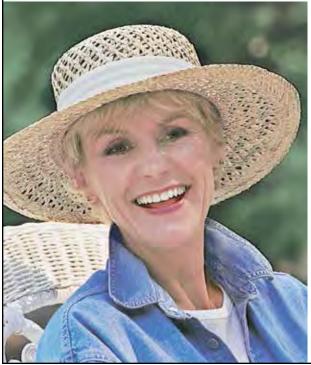
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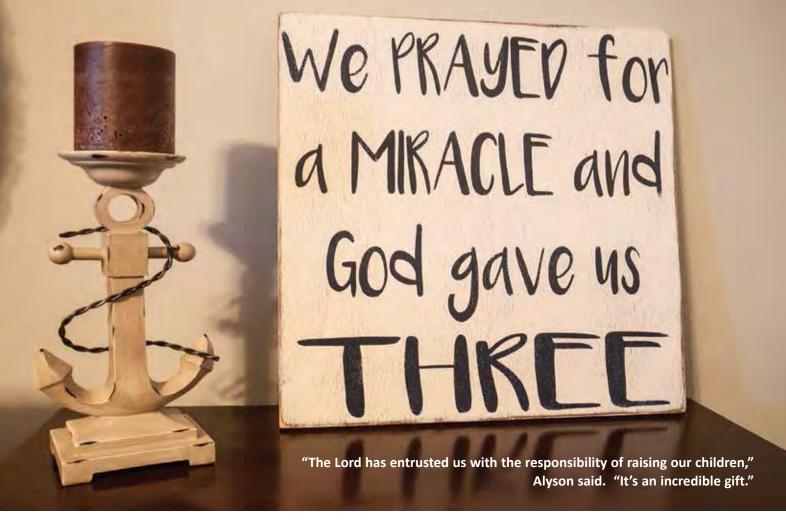
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the lake. "They'll get to see a lot of special things here. Like the day I was sitting here looking out the window and a deer came running by and jumped into the lake and started swimming. Growing up by the lake, they'll get to enjoy things they'd never see if we lived in the city."

She returned last month from maternity leave to her job as Alabama Power's business office manager for Pell City and external affairs manager for the utility provider's eastern division.

"I'm thankful to work for a company that understands that this has been a life event. The community has also been so great to us. Everyone has been intrigued and so concerned, thoughtful and generous," she said, describing how gifts of baby supplies have been dropped off at her office. "You gotta love that about a small town in the South. Things like that wouldn't happen if we lived in Manhattan."

Raising the children in such a small town setting "is going to be a lot of fun," she said, "and it will allow us to put down some really deep roots in this community. It's said that it takes a village to raise a child, and I promise you it takes a village to raise three."







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What will the new year bring to Lakeside Park?

Splash pad, clean-up and tournaments are on the schedule

Photos by BOB CRISP

Lakeside Park is one of Logan Martin Lake's prime attractions and each year plays host to a number of events that bring thousands of visitors from across Alabama and the country to the lake.

While winter isn't the prime season for activities on and near the water, organizers of many events have already made plans at the park for the coming year, and January can be a good time for marking the dates on your calendars.

Possibly the most anticipated event at Lakeside Park during 2016 is the opening of the long-awaited Pell City Splash Pad, under construction across from the Kids Kastle playground. Work began on the project last fall, and its grand opening is expected this spring.







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With a total cost of slightly more than \$1 million, the splash pad is expected to cycle 10,000 gallons of water through its multiple slides, waterfalls, fountains, and platform surfaces for children to play in and on.

Following is a schedule of other events already slated for the coming year at Lakeside Park, including a

contact and phone number that may be called for more information.

- Feb. 27: Boy Scouts Camp Out. Johnny Kay, 205-405-0980.
- April 2, 9: Lake Clean-Up.
 Mike Riley, 205-531-2372.

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- April 9: Chicken Head Run 5-K. Randy Mason, 205-405-4781.
- Saturdays, May 4-October 4: McSweeney Foundation Fishing Tournaments. Matt McSweeney, 205-999-6210.
- May 7: Fishing League Worldwide-Bass Fishing League Bama Division Fishing Tournament. Alan Gray, 270-703-5441.
- May 20-22: Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show. Justin Hogeland, 205-516-4565.
- May 28: Mark's Outdoors Canoeing. Blake Marlowe, 205-799-1192.
- July 23: Sports Complex Rodeo. Michael Watkins, 205-753-9740.
- August 6: American Treeing Feist Association rally. Jackie Gant 205-919-5630.
- August 13: Toughman Alabama Triathlon.

- Theresa Bynum, 205-222-3564.
- August 20: Auto Show. Casey Cambron, 205-200-0359.
- September 3: Blues & BBQ. Lisa Gaither, Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce, 205-338-3377.
- September 17: Magestic Outdoors Fishing Tournament. Tim Miller, 205-410-2129.
- October 1: Fishing Tournament (35 boats). Dan Bojo, 205-310-0213.
- October 8: Fall Frenzy, benefiting the Pell City School System. Bill Pruitt 205-338-6400.
- October 29: Cross Bike. Theresa Bynum, 205-919-6006

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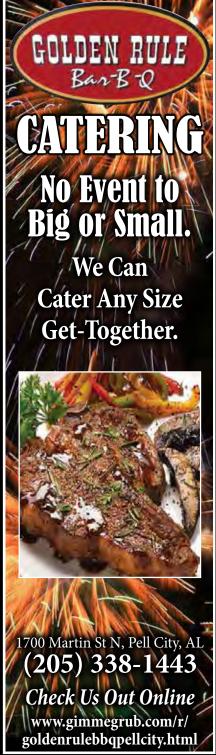
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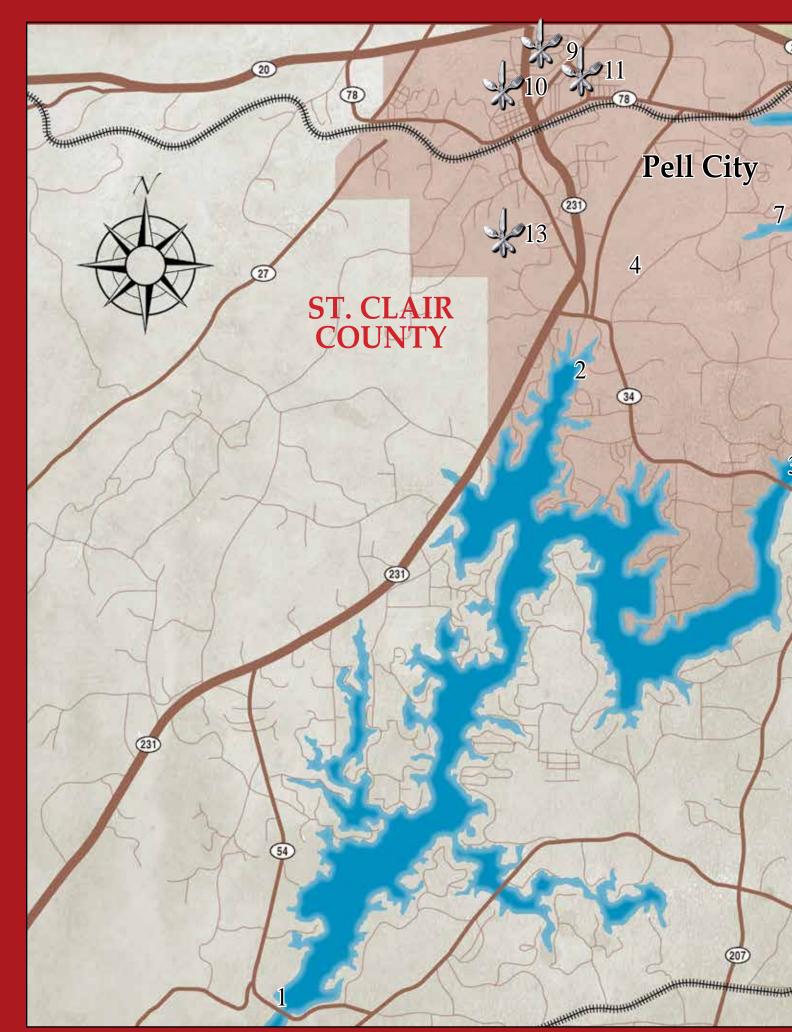


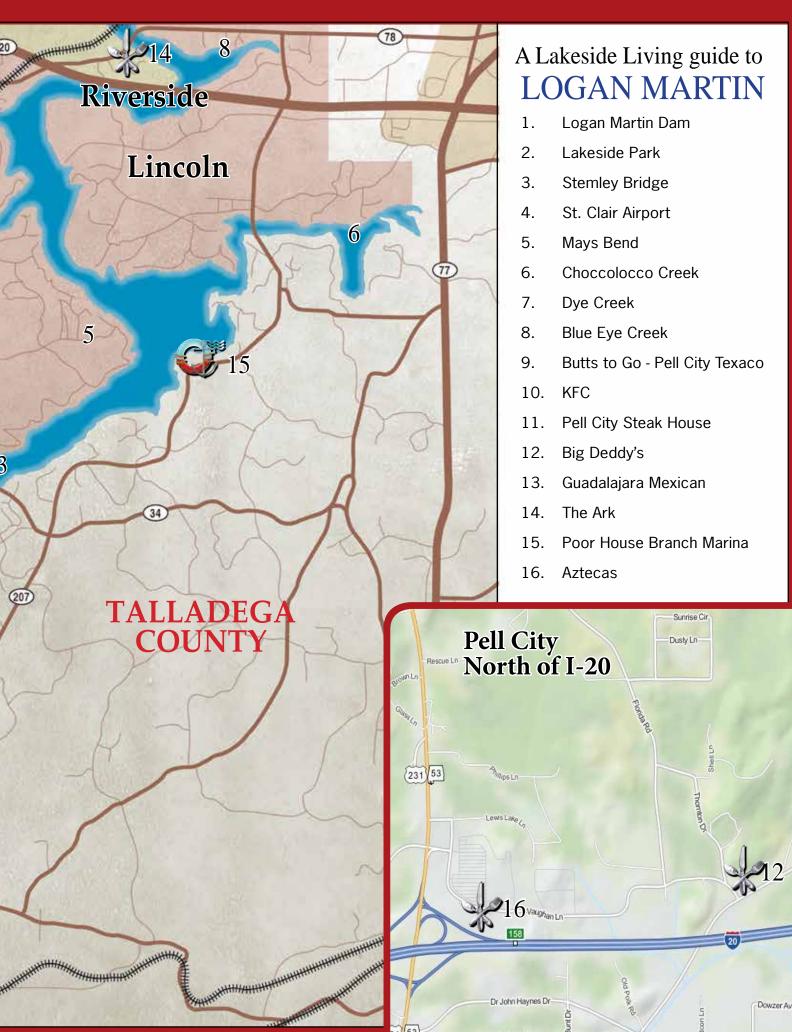






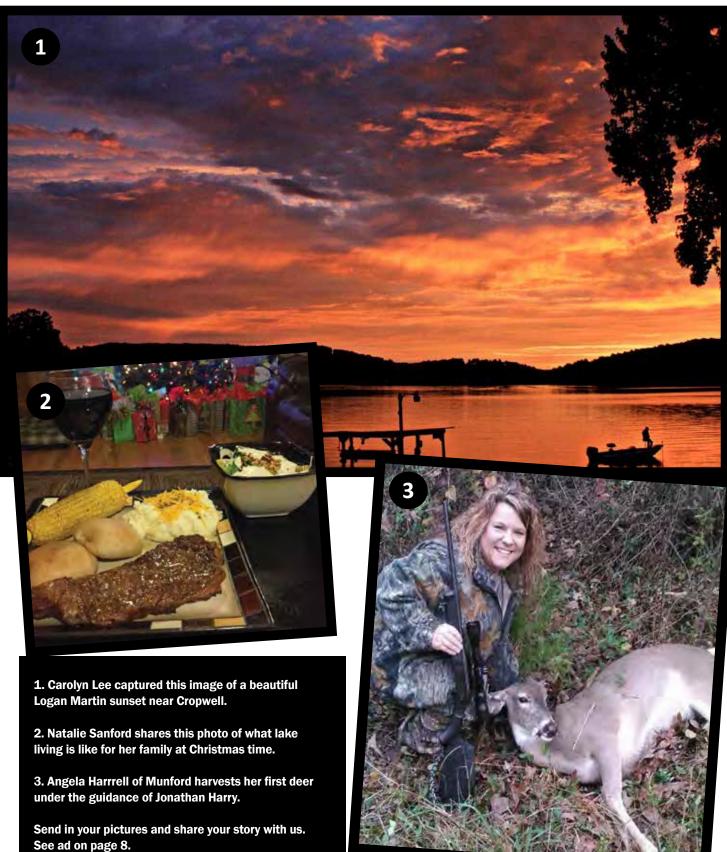






Every picture tells a story. What's yours?









Story and Photo By BUDDY ROBERTS

Dr. Elena Llivina

It's not uncommon to find Dr. Elena Llivina relaxing by the water.

"I love being at the lake and in nature and feeling like I'm getting away from it all," she said. "Being there makes me feel carefree, reflective and more in touch with myself."

Llivina is a dermatologist specializing in detection and treatment of skin cancers whose practice, Southern Skies Dermatology and Surgery, has offices in Pell City, Birmingham and Gadsden. While the busy schedule of a medical professional may not give her as much time by the water as she'd like, she recently spent part of an afternoon there discussing her medical background, comfort food and why skin needs protection from the sun even in cold weather.

The beginnings of a doctor: "I knew from an early age that's what I wanted to be. I grew up close to my grandfather, who was a doctor. He was a dermatologist who trained in France, specialized in leprosy and infectious diseases and practiced in Cuba and later in Puerto Rico. When he joined my parents there, it was around the time I was born, and I grew very close to him, so it was a natural thing that I would want to be like him. He was well-respected and always made medicine approachable, even to a child. I remember signing my name when I was 8 or 10 and putting M.D. after it. It's funny, but I didn't change course."

Her medical training: Llivina obtained her undergraduate degree from John Hopkins University, where she studied biology and minored in art history. She graduated from Tulane University's School of Medicine before serving in the U.S. Navy as a medical officer. While a lieutenant commander, she cared for Naval pilots and Marine recruits.

The road to Southern Skies: She completed her dermatology residency at the University of Arizona, an area with the

highest concentration of skin cancers in the United States. Her private practice in Tucson focused on detecting and treating cancers in older patients. She served as an attending physician dermatologist at Loma Linda University in California, where she taught and practiced general and cosmetic dermatology. She relocated to Alabama in 2010, establishing Southern Skies Dermatology and Surgery with Dr. Keith Harrigill.

What she enjoys most about her work: "From a medical challenge standpoint, no two patients are alike, so it never gets boring. From a patient standpoint, I enjoy being able to treat them for the scariest thing ever, cancer. I like being able to detect it, diagnose it and let my patients know that I can take care of it for them. It makes a big impact in people's lives."

A common misconception about skin cancers: "That they don't kill, that they're just skin deep. Many people put off seeing a dermatologist for too long because they're under the impression that they can wait. Sometimes there are no consequences, but sometimes timing is crucial, because skin cancer can spread, metastasize and kill."

A common misconception about sun damage to skin: "That it's something you only have to worry about in warm weather. There is never a time of year when you don't need sun protection. You might think, 'It's cold and I'm out skiing or in the mountains, so I don't need sunscreen,' but that's not true." Your skin needs protection year-round." For more information about skin protection, visit www.southernskiesdermatology. com.

The food she could eat every day: "Being from Puerto Rico, my ideal meal would be pulled pork, rice, beans and plantains. That's my comfort food. It makes me happy and transports me back to home. In fact, that's what we make for Thanksgiving and Christmas. And coquito – coconut eggnog."

Thursday-Saturday, January 14-16 Three Nights of Moderne Vaudeville

Birmingham's historic and beautifully restored Lyric Theatre opens for the first time this century with this three-night vaudeville-style revue with a contemporary twist. Hosts Dolores Hydock, Sharrif Simmons and Bobby Horton will navigate your way through a cavalcade of entertainment featuring performances by Three on a String and The Birmingham Sunlights.

This is the first production in the Live at the Lyric 2016 performing arts season. The Lyric Theatre was opened as a vaudeville venue in 1914 but was converted to a movie house by the 1930s. This year's performing arts season is the theatre's first of its kind in 80 years.

For more information or to order tickets, visit www. lyricbham.com.

Saturday and Sunday, January 16 and 17 BrickFair 2016

The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex's exhibition halls will play host to this 58,000-square foot exhibition of LEGO models and displays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. both days. BrickFair brings together adult fans of LEGO from across the North America to show off their projects in an event that is fun for the whole family. Vendors will be offer LEGO shirts, hats, figures, models, keychains and more.

Admission is \$12 at the door, and children ages three and younger will be admitted free.

Thursday, January 21-Sunday, January 24 Birmingham Boat Show

The oldest and largest boat show in Alabama begins at noon Jan. 21 in the East Exhibit Hall at the BJCC. With more than 250,000 square feet, the show spotlights the latest in watercraft, motors, fishing gear, guides and outfitters.

Hours are from noon-9 p.m. Jan. 21 and 22, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 23 and noon-5 p.m. Jan. 24. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free when

accompanied by a paid adult. With the exception of American Express, all major credit cards will be accepted online and at the gate.

For more information or to order tickets, visit www. birminghamboatshow.com.

Saturday, January 23 Beekeeping 101

Sponsored by the East Alabama Beekeeping Association and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the four-week class begins at Holmestead Farm, 6582 Clay County Road 7, Talladega. The cost is \$50, which includes a workbook.

The class is primarily for beginners who have little or no experience working with honeybees. Conducted by certified master beekeeper Damon Wallace, the class schedule includes:

- Jan. 23: Introduction to honeybees, hive location and equipment introduction and selection.
 - Jan. 30: Diseases, pests, pollination and plants.
- Feb. 6: The Alabama Beekeeping Symposium in Clanton. The fee for the symposium is not included in the class fee.
- Feb. 13: Equipment assembly, protective gear, lighting the smoker and a visit to a virtual bee yard.

Classes are from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., except for Feb. 6, which is an all-day event. To register, email Dani Carroll at carrodl@ aces.edu.

Saturday, January 30

An Evening with Peter Boyle and Sunset Rizing

This special performance and CD release event featuring the Pell City musician begins at 7 p.m. at the Pell City Center for Education and Performing Arts. Joining Boyle on stage will be Blair Boyle on vocals, Jamison Taylor on lead guitar, Keith White on drums, Judge Alan Furr on mandolin, Ryan Ollard on rhythm guitar, Nate Burch on keyboard and Scot Smith on bass.

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Story by BUDDY ROBERTS Photos by BOB CRISP

Prospective homebuyers who are seeking a spacious house with plenty of amenities, extensive acreage and a waterfront view may find what they're looking for in this 5,090-square foot split level property at 3148 River Ranch Road in Ragland.

"This house has it all," said agent Karen Bain of Fields/ Gossett Realty. "It's a custom-built home on 10 acres with 800 feet of waterfront and a spectacular sunset view with a mountain backdrop. This home was built for entertaining."

One of six bedrooms, the main-level master suite features a double-sided fireplace and a sitting area overlooking the lake and an inground pool. The master bath — one of the homes four full and two half bathrooms — has large walk-in closets.

The main level also features an office, large laundry room and an elevator for all three floors. The basement includes a vault room with an alarm, a tornado shelter, a large den with a kitchenette and exercise room.

The kitchen features stone countertops, built-in compactor and dishwasher, convection oven, gas cooktop, self-cleaning electric double oven and stainless steel appliances.

Other amenities include three boat docks, hot tub, two other fireplaces, sound system with surround sound and remote control, sprinkler system, attached garage and basement parking, storage building and screened porch.

The property lists for \$899,900. For more information, call Bain at 205-473-4613.

Helping others find happiness through real estate

Story by CATHERINE FOOTE Photo Submitted

Joel Jones isn't new to real estate, but he is a new agent. Out of retirement for the second time, he's been with F&G Realty for about six months.

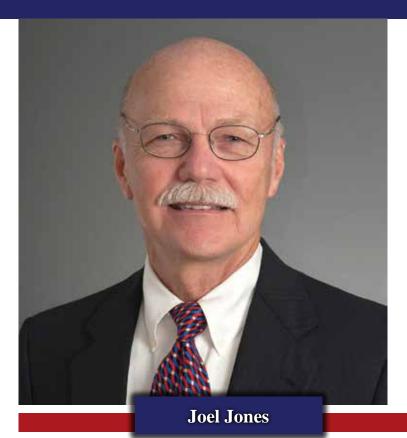
"I've been interested in real estate for many years," Jones said. For the last decade or so, he's enjoyed looking at listings and house plans, and "I've purchased several pieces of property myself."

Jones has an intriguing past that he uses to his advantage in his new line of work.

A 1979 graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he was a Southern Baptist minister for 33 years. His missions work in the United States and his desire to help people have spilled over into other aspects of his life, including his 25-year stint working the State of Alabama's food assistance, child support and revenue maximization programs.

Jones' passion for people shines through in his new career as a real estate agent. "I didn't have time to pursue this career until I retired. I've already retired twice. I'm in this because I want to help people. I enjoy helping people, and if I can help, I'm glad to do it."

He speaks highly of his employer at F&G Realty. "Scott Fields is a good friend of mine and drew me in this



direction," he said. "I know his whole family well, so that's how I ended up at this particular company."

When asked about his favorite part of the job, Jones gives all the credit to his clients. "I guess the thing that sticks out in my mind concerning real estate is that you're helping people make a decision on one of the largest investments in their life. I look forward to working with clients and learning from them. You have to hear people and listen to what they're saying and learn about what they like."

Jones offers good advice for home buyers. "Check the area. Make sure it's somewhere you'd like their family to live. Take your time in making your decision."

A client's budget is a very important aspect of home buying, he said. "Make sure you're not spending more than you can afford. Be in a home you enjoy, but make sure you're enjoying your life as well."

Above all, Jones believes that a client's happiness is what's most important. "I really want people to be happy -- home is where you need to be happy. And if you're not satisfied at home, you won't be satisfied anywhere else."













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HENDERSON LANE, TALLADEGA \$12900. This Home Offers Three Bedrooms And Two Baths. Hugh Greatroom With A Fire-place. Open Floor Plan. Two Sets Of Sliding Glass Doors That Open Up For View Of The Lake. Screen Porch For Your Enjoyment. Your Own Personal Pier. MILS 731982



RIVERSIDE-1 UNIT - \$275,000. 3Br, 2 Full Bathrooms, This is a rare find in a condo, completely remodled, eastle front door, hardwood floors and ceilings, crown molding, rock fireplace, wood plantation shutters, floored attic space, stanless 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 one wood pier. Master bedroom has a sitting area overlook the lake. Boat launch, tennis courts and pool. MLS# 613374



922 COMER AVE, PELL CITY \$89,900. This property is a commercial building on main street. The building has been updated with new sheet-rock, new electrical and new Train heat and air system. The building has a big storage area in the back with a toll up door. There is parking on the side street and back of the building, MLS 734189



HWY 78 -COMMERCIAL PROPERTY \$550,000 9 acres, hook up for mobile home, chert pit, two mini warehouse buildings built 2005, 76 units total, double bay mechanic work shop, roll up doors, built 1998, power, cable, bathroom, 1 well, 2 septic tanks. MLS#721675



817 33RD ST, PELL CITY. \$120,000. This commercial building can be used for different business. New plumbing for a laundromat. There are ADEM approved gas tanks in the ground. There is a handicap bathroom. The inside has been painted. The building has been architect engineered supported. The windows have been replaced. MLS 734190



DICKEY DRIVE \$219,000.00 - 3 bd, 2 bath, full brick, hardwood floors, floored walk up attic storage/ could be made into a room, corian counter tops, Jennair stove, double oven, plantation shutters, work shop w/ ventilation system, back yard fenced, screen porch, formal dining room, office, laundry sink in laundry room, sprinkler system. MLS #725648



DOVE COVE \$324,900. 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



COMMERCIAL BUILDING in the high traffic area. \$169000 This building has a reception area, conference room, 3 office spaces, 1/2 bath, kitchenette, storage room, approx 1416 sqft, and plenty of parking. City sewer and water. MLS#729394



WATER OAK LAND - \$350,000 - Logan Martin Lake, 1 lake lot approx. 3200 sq ft, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, two fireplace, large deck, boat house, 2 great rooms, kitchen on main level, small kitchen in basement, covered patio, open deck. MLS #725439



334 CANE CREEK DR, PELL CITY - 3 BR/3 BA. - \$89,900 Walk in closets, fireplace, abundance of cabinet space and pantry in the kitchen. This home has a storm shelter and playground that is equipped with a pirates ship jungle gym. Also offers a large library with full Bath. MI.S #726282



PATTON CHAPEL RD,LINCOLN - \$124,900, three bedroom, two bath, 100+ heart pine floors, country front porch, double garage, 1.16 acres, room for 2nd house or out building, fenced back yard, convenient to I 20, Honda MIS#721644



MAYS BEND - \$239,900 - Lake access, 4 bed, 2.5 bath, approx. 2762 sq ft, outside entertaining area w/fireplace, inground salt water pool, granite counter tops, abundance of living area, master suite w/bonus room attached, double stair case, loft, 26 x 26 double garage, 26 x 26 play rec room. MLS #617094



465 OAKLEAF CIR. PELL CITY - \$212,000
- 3 BR 2.5 BA. Country front porch, fence around back yared. Hardwood floors, Large kitchen with stainless appliances, master bedroom has two closets, jetted tub, double sinks. In-ground fenced pool. Upstairs den could become 4th bedroom. MI.S #727145



697 COVE POINT DR, RIVERSIDE - \$335,000 - 3 BR/2.5 BA, cedar siding granite counter tops and stainless appliances. Formal dining room, greatroom with fireplace. Hand scraped maple hardwood floors. master suite with jacuzzi, walk in shower and closet. Boat launch, boat house and seawall. MLS #734813

4 TOE RIVER LN #LOT4 CROPWELL \$42,000 3.12 ac. great lot on paved road in wooded neighborhood. MLS# 568489 O INDIAN TRAIL RD #1 PELL CITY \$80,500 23ac. Great for hunting camp backs up to Wnnataska. Has water and power. MLS#734809 135 HONEYSUCKLE WAY #1 RIVERSIDE \$24,000 1.24ac. All utilities and septic ready. Pell City School system. MLS# 734510

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240 Cove Dr. Pell City, AL 35128 - Bottom pine floors that flow throughout the living space & into the spacious lakeside sunroum? I level home offers so much space with Master suite, 2nd bedroom & bath easily accessed from the living areas. The master BR has french doors that open into the sunroom & screened porch, with main channel lake view! Both bathrooms have mable showers & floors, while the hall bath also has a soaking tub. The kitchen that overlooks the open living with fireplace & breakfast room is a chefs dream with granite, stainless appliances, lots of cabinets & wood floors. Office space next to the kitchen and large space off of the 2 car garage. Either of these could be additional bedrooms. Large deck and boat dock with lift. MLSF 370431.



5604 Smith Road - 3 BR , 2 BA home in Pine Harbor subdivision! Pool house/workshop wth covered patio is large enough to create a second living space! Kitchen has granite, all stainless appls, living rm with gas FP. Master has a large closet, walk in shower, jacuzit ub & double vanity. The spacious 2 & 3 BR's share a BA with large stone shower & countertops. Plantation shutters, gleaming hardwood floors, tile in kitchen & baths. mls# 727088



2101 1st AVE. N. - Conveniently located to I-20, retail & hospital. Located in the Historic Downtown area of Pell City, this special & stylish property is currently set up as a fully licensed cafe/restaurant with a comm kitchen, however, it would be very easy to convert to a wonderful office/retail site. The property is 2500 sf of livable space and there is a storage/garage area which could easily be finished for additional shop/office space. mls# 720988



75 HODGENS DR- Main level has a formal living/dining room with wood floors. The den/family room has wood floors. Half bath is in hallway. Master suite has carpet with a very spacious bath with a jacuzzi tub, separate tub/shower, double vanity. Kitchen has beautiful oak cabinets, breakfast bar, black appliances, ice maker & a breakfast room with large windows. The upstairs offers 3 more bedrooms with a playroom, office space, a huge storage / media room & a full bath. Perfect home in a country setting for a growing family or if you just need more room! mls# 725037



362 Hickory Valley Rd. - 5 BR/4.5 bth overlooking 4 acres. The master suite has lush carpet, jacuzzi tub , his & her vanities, huge stone shower . The kitchen has hardwd floors, granite countertops , Irg island with gas stove & wine cooler, black/stnls appls & Laundry rm. The open floor plan allows a view into the family rm with fireplace & dining rm. Finished basement has 2nd kitchen, full bth, den/5th BR , a safe room & 3 car garage! 1 acre underground radio fence. mls# 732244



5112 LAKESHORE DR. - Main channel lakefront property year round water frontage! 5 BR, 3 BA, main level gourmet kitchen has Thomasville cabinetry, induction cook-top with pot filler faucet, granite counter tops & tile floors. Large master suite on main & 2nd master on 1st level, all glass low e & low e with argon gas for heating & cooling, solar powered attic vent, 22x44 in-ground pool, 3 car garage, boathouse, exterior deck, storage building. mls# 629131



LOTS & LAND

587058 - 115 CHERRY TREE LN, #18 CROPWELL, AL - \$20,000

587110 - 130 CHERRY TREE LN, #20 CROPWELL, AL - \$25,000

587104 - 20 OLD ROAD WAY, #32 CROPWELL, AL - \$20,000

587052 - 75 DELLWOOD LN, 11 CROPWELL, AL - \$15,000

586925 - 60 OLD ROAD WAY, #30 CROPWELL, AL - \$25,000

586914 - NIXON RD, #9.7 AC CROPWELL, AL - \$99.000

NEW LISTINGS - 2 Lots in Catatoga Estates

733035 - Lot 27 Ingram St. - \$26,000 733040 - Lot 28 Ingram St. - \$26,000



Pleasent Valley Road - 18 acres. Heavily wooded, level acreage off of Hwy 78. It backs up to the industrial park in Pell City. Located only minutes from the interstate. mls#733052



6462 Cromer Circle #16 - 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage home in located in Southern Trace subdivision. Dining room, spacious kitchen, breakfast/keeping room, 2 story den with see thru fireplace & LOTS of windows, half BA & a great master suite with jacuzzi tub, separate shower & double vanities, on the main level. Upstairs 2 BR with nice closet space, a full BA & bonus room that can be anything, to suit your needs. mls# 727929





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LINCOLN \$389,000. Beautiful I level brick 3BR/2BA lake home in lovely subdiv.Land-scaped lot with amazing lake view. Great room has FP, media center with bookcases & hardwoods. Nice sunroom, kitchen has quartz counters, ice machine & pantry. Sec system, irrigation sys fromlake to road, all new decking, including stairs to guest apt with separate HVAC, entrance, kitchen, bed & bath, boat launch plus 300+ shoreline, circular drive, concrete to the lake, 2 slip boat port with 2 lifts. MLS=634599









TALLADEGA \$350,000. Great for weekender or year round, nice water-front, poured concrete seawall, new pier system. 3BR/2BA home with metal roof, vinyl siding, carport, living room with fireplace, sunroom. MLS#733109





PELL CITY 5295,000. APPROX 5.3 WOOD-ED ACRES ON LOGAN MARTIN, 300 FT OF WTFG, GREAT PLACE TO BUILD OR SUBDIVIDE. PELL CITY LIMITS. NICE MH WITH FRONT PORCH OVERLOOK-ING THE LAKE, MLS#633317



TALLADEGA REDUCED! \$144,000. GREAT LOT FOR BUILDING ON WITH BIG WATERFRONT VIEW OF YEAR-ROUND WATER, COUNTRY CLUB ES-TATES IN CUL-DE-SAC, MLS#635187





REDUCED! RIVERSIDE \$179,500. PAR-ADISE ISLE 2BR/2BA CONDO ON LO-GAN MARTIN, MAIN CHANNEL VIEW. MLS#627856





LINCOLN \$26,000. 2 BEAUTIFUL LOTS IN EASTLAND SHORES SD. WATER ACCESS, 1 ACRE EACH, READY TO BUILD ON. MLS#611817 & 611818



ALPINE \$75,000. 3 LAKEVIEW LOTS & 1 LAKE ACCESS LOT, 2.6 ACRES. UNIQUE BUILDING OPPORTUNITY! MLS#582712

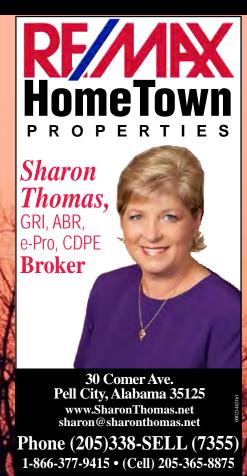
RIVERSIDE \$450,000. Beautiful one level lake home with 4BR/3.5BA. Great patio with cabana/grill area, inground pool ready for summer, all overlooking waterfront and new covered boat dock. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, dining and office area open to kitchen with island and breakfast nook. Nice master with jetted tub, sep shower and walkin closer. New 30 yr roof, new heat pump. MLS#630845

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