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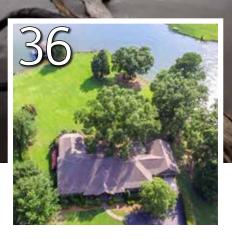
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# The Sea Monster of the Coosa

t's been a while since I've visited this topic, but if you're a regular reader of what appears in this space, you'll remember that I subscribe to the school of thought that every lake should have its own monster.

Alabama waterways, however, seem rather sparsely populated by monsters. One reportedly appeared near Northport during the 1970s, and there's the zeuglodon (a 70-foot creature whose remains – *Basilosaurus cetoides* – were named the state fossil by the state Legislature in 1984) that swam around south Alabama during prehistoric times. But the state lags far behind its northern counterparts in the area of cryptid population.

My ongoing disappointment that no monster has yet raised its green reptilian head above the waters of Logan Martin Lake was happily dispelled a couple of weeks ago when I came across a story – apparently based on old newspaper accounts – about a creature called the Sea Monster of the Coosa (so dubbed by the media of the day) that roamed the river during the late 19th century.

According to the reports, Marcus L.

Foster (described as "a respected citizen") saw the creature in the summer of 1877 while boating on the Coosa River. On first sight, he believed it to be a man standing in a slow drifting boat near the opposite bank. As it drew nearer, its appearance changed to resemble a woman standing in the water. Getting within 50 feet of it, he determined it to be a scaly and finned serpentine monster about 20 feet long with a head and neck "like that of a horse," large bulging eyes and a vividly red tongue. The respectable Mr. Foster quickly paddled away as he watched the creature submerge.

While reportedly choosy about the audiences he told the tale to, he subsequently learned that the creature had been seen at least three times before, beginning in 1862, and it was seen at least three more times in 1877. Then the story gets really good.

It seems that the Sea Monster of the Coosa may have been a descendant of the creature that was reportedly killed by St. Clair County settlers near Ten Islands in 1816. The pioneers, according to the story, discovered an ailing monster (which, regrettably, they neglected to describe in any detail) laying half on shore, half in the water and mercifully put it to death.

Naturally, they performed a vivisection, which revealed that the monster had recently eaten a deer, an unfortunate canoeist and his entire vessel, a bow, a quiver of arrows and a rifle. It was their belief that the monster became sick from eating the rifle.

Speaking of a rifle, use of a firearm factors into one of the features we've prepared for you in this issue of Lakeside Living. You'll find it on page 16, and it's the inspiring story of a local waterfowl hunter. It's accompanied by a touching lakeside love story, some tips for fishing in murky winter waters and how a filmmaker with lakeside roots is working to preserve the past for the benefit of future generations.

And speaking of the past, be sure to keep an eye out when you're on or by the Coosa River. After a 142-year absence, the monster is surely long overdue to reappear. When it does, I hope it's been laying off the rifles.

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### **Bass fishing tips for February**

### Where to Find Them

According to the bass fishing resource website Largemouth Bass Tips, bass tend to stay in about 10 feet of water during the mid- and late-winter season. However, keep in mind that February has highly variable weather patterns, which will cause the bass to fluctuate their depths. As the hunting and fishing resource Game & Fish Magazine notes, on cold, dreary February days, bass tend to mope down into deeper waters, while on warmer days with lots of sunshine, bass will perk up and move into shallower areas. Regardless of the weather, you will likely find February bass hanging around boat docks and pillars, as these structures conduct heat into the water surrounding them.

### **Shallow-Water Tactics**

Jigging is the go-to strategy for those fair-weather February days when the bass move into shallower waters. It involves casting—or dropping, if you are ice fishing—a weighted artificial bait (the jig) on to the bottom, or just above it, and then flipping or jerking it up and down. According to professional bass fisherman Greg Hackney, when it comes to selecting the colors of your bass jigs in February, darker is better. Some of the best choices include purple, blue, black, green and brown.

### **Deep-Water Tactics**

For colder, more wintry February days, Greg Hackney recommends using a suspend bait, particularly one that resembles a shiner. Unlike with a jig, with a suspend bait the goal is to leave the bait still: the less movement the better. This will—ideally—trick hungry, lazy bass into thinking your bait is a rested or wounded prey item. Another deep-water February bass fishing strategy is dropshotting, which, as Game & Fish Magazine notes, is similar to using a Carolina rig in reverse. While a Carolina rig has a sinker, or weight, between the rod and the baited hook, for keeping the bait on the bottom, the drop-shot has its weight below the bait so that the bait stays just off of the bottom. For optimal dropshotting results in February, use small, rubbery artificial worms, about 4 inches long, for bait.



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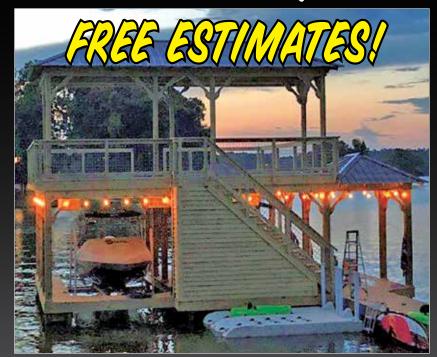








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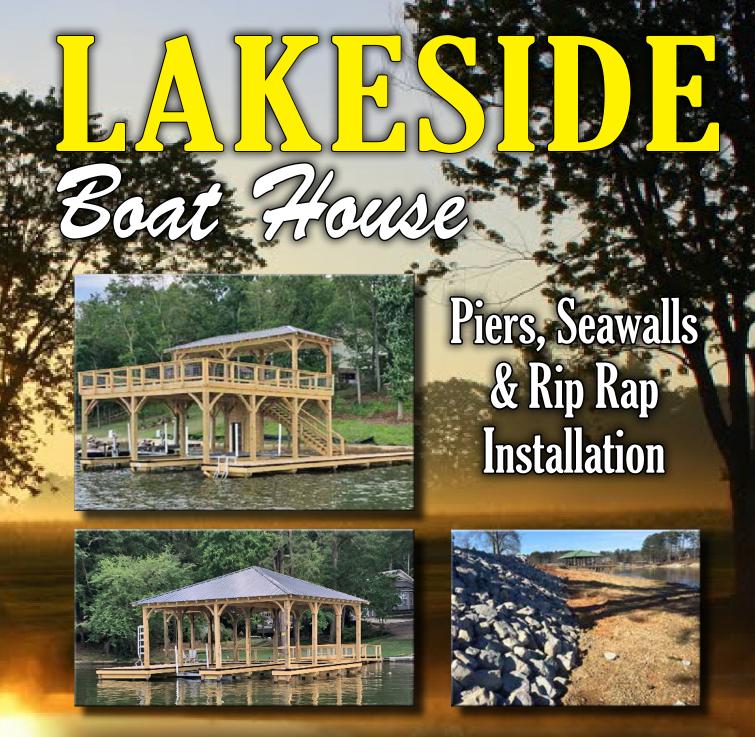
### Proper lures, patience can overcome challenging conditions

othing can make the heart of an angler sink faster than arriving at the boat ramp and seeing a muddy lake. The water appears more like chocolate milk rather than a fishy clear-green color. And to make matters worse, it is a tournament day. **Recent rains have** stained and muddied many of Alabama's lakes and reservoirs. including

parts of Logan Martin. What

> are anglers to do? Hang their heads and leave hoping for better conditions next week? There's no need to panic. Fish can still be caught in muddy water. It takes a different approach and a change in tactics.

Fish usually feed by sight and/or smell. Artificial lures perform best when the water is



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Anglers fishing muddy water should slow down their retrieve to give the fish a chance.

clear and the fish can see the bait. But fish also have a sixth sense. A lateral line running the length of the fish on each side is a mechanism that allows the fish to feel vibrations, like baitfish or crawfish moving through the water column or on the lake bottom.

Anglers can search for less stained water in the upper reaches of a large creek or the backs of coves. Also, the lower end of most lakes takes a little longer to become muddy. On large reservoirs there are usually some areas that are less muddy or stained.

Certain lures can be used in muddy water conditions and still produce strikes. Anglers understanding which lures to cast and where bass might be hiding in stained water can enjoy catching a few fish.

"Fishing in muddy water is a little different," said Bart Smith of Pell City. "There are certain things you can do to help get a strike."

One of Smith's favorite lures for muddy water fishing is a spinnerbait. He said the lure is versatile and can be fished in a variety of methods in and around cover or open water.

In muddy water, lure color is key. With spinner baits, a chartreuse or chartreuse/white is Smith's go-to color. Sizes range from 3/8- to 1/2- ounce with the larger blade a



gold color. Some lures are designed with one blade gold and the other nickel colored. With a large willow blade and a smaller Colorado blade combination, the bait produces a good vibration.

A good vibration from a lure in muddy water is key. This allows the bass to home-in on the source of the sound. The angler should be able to feel the vibration of the lure through the rod tip. Adjusting the speed to the retrieve can change the vibrations or thump of the lure as it moves though the water.

"In muddy water you want to slow down your lure retrieve," Smith said. "Bass will not chase a fast-moving bait in muddy water."

In most muddy water situations, bass will move up shallow in around 2-to-5-feet deep. Bass also prefer some type of cover whether water is clear or muddy. In heavilystained water, bass will generally want to hang close to some type of wood. On cooler days, the bass can be found holding tight to rocks that are warmed by the sun.

Another top lure choice for muddy water is a crankbait. A shallow to medium-depth diver lure can be fished around cover like stumps, logs and rocks. Color choices for crankbaits are chartreuse or black and chartreuse or a crawfish pattern with an orange belly.

The plastic bill or lip on a crankbait gives it the action or vibrations. A squared-bill lure generally has a tighter wiggle than a slender or contoured bill. Either option is great for muddy water conditions. Choose a crankbait that has some type of rattle built into the lure. This added sound will increase the effectiveness of the crankbait to help bass locate it in stained water.

"A slow, steady retrieve works for the spinnerbait or crankbait," Smith said. "Try to keep the bait close to any cover."

Crankbaits can be retrieved to make contact with the lake bottom. The lip on the lure digging on the bottom imitates the sound of a crawfish scurrying along. Rocky points and the back of coves are top spots to search for bottom feeding bass.

One other lure Smith will fish in almost any water condition is a Shaky head with a 7-inch Trick worm. Dark colors like green pumpkin or black will work best in muddy water. These lures can be cast into thick cover like brush tops with minimal hang ups.

The Shaky Head is fished slowly with a short hopping action. The head will make a "ticking" sound when contacting the lake bottom or bumping limbs in the brush.

Anglers don't have to forego fishing a muddy water lake. Using the proper lures and a little patience can lead to a productive day.



Above: Bart Smith shows off a bass caught from muddy water on Logan Martin Lake.

Below: Crankbaits are a wise choice for fishing in muddy conditions.







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# A morning in the duck blind with an extraordinary hunter

Written by John Dowd Submitted photos

n cold winter mornings, many lakeside residents are content to remain indoors, perhaps sipping coffee in front of a fire or at the breakfast table, but those who love to hunt know the thrill that only chilly air and an early start can bring.

One who appreciates that thrill, along

John Paul Montgomery overcomes physical challenges, remains active sportsman

with the smell of the water in the early morning and the adrenaline rush filling his body, is waterfowl hunter John Paul Montgomery. On a recent morning, at around 5 a.m. he joins his father and their friend Adam Bain as they arrive at a location near Pell City (which, as shrewd hunters, they requested remain



Montgomery uses a special rig for his shotgun.

undisclosed), where they set up surveillance to wait for ducks to fly over.

Duck hunting, which has grown in popularity in Alabama in recent years, isn't typically considered an

extreme sport, but it still presents many challenges for an ordinary hunter, let alone an extraordinary one, and John Paul is definitely an extraordinary hunter.

He opens the doors on his specially-equipped truck





From left, John Montgomery, John Paul Montgomery, Adam Bain and John Dowd display the results of their early morning hunting trip.

and pushes a button that activates a small lift, which rises to the level of the truck floor, and he rolls his wheelchair onto it. Holding a remote control, he lowers himself down. With some assistance from his father John and Bain, he wheels his way to the duck blind.

John Paul's legs have been paralyzed for 15 years. When he was a student at Pell City High School, he played football as a cornerback. After a fateful tackle during a practice, he found himself in the hospital with a broken neck, his C5 vertebrae shattered. He lost the use of his legs and some degree of control over the rest of his body.

"The first thing he said" his father recalls, "was that he guessed that was it for his hunting days." His father replied that that was nonsense, and that together they would make it work. Several years and many hunts later, John Paul has bagged a variety of game, including deer, duck and an elk.

He uses the latest technology when he hunts, including a rig for his wheelchair that takes most of the weight of his shotgun and allows him to fire it while sucking into a small tube that sits near the cheek rest. He goes hunting as frequently as he can.

"If you're gonna be paralyzed, you might as well do something," he said when asked what advice he could give to others in a similar position. Asked if he likes to fish, his answer was, "Some. It feels kinda weird sitting in a wheelchair in a wobbly flat bottom boat with something pulling hard on the other end of the line."

He considers himself grateful to be alive and credits his family with keeping him going. Besides his outdoors pursuits, John Paul has earned a degree in psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is eagerly awaiting the start of the 2019 college football season.

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Pell City couple meets, gets engaged, marries on Logan Martin

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For two Pell City natives, Jordan and Jennifer Alverson, a sunny July day in 2015 was the time, and a popular anchoring spot in front of a high rocky cliff on Logan Martin Lake was the place, where a chance encounter led to an instant connection that evolved into a once-in-alifetime love.

"We met on the lake at what we call The Rocks, and I was in a boat with one of my girlfriends, and he was in a boat with

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one of his guy friends, and those two knew each other," Jennifer said. "So when me and my friend dropped anchor to swim, they pulled up beside us and tied on. That's how Jordan and I met, and there was an instant connection between us."

"I remember thinking she was absolutely gorgeous," Jordan said. "Then, when we started talking, I realized there was something different about her, and there was an instant connection that I had never felt before with anyone."

They talked for hours under the summer sun that day. They sat in the gently rocking boat and discussed their Pell City roots, their interests and their families, including Jennifer's toddler-aged twins, Parks and Claire. With so much in common, they were surprised that they had never met before. They also took occasional dips in the cool, deep water when they needed a break from the heat. As they swam, splashed and laughed, they were amazed that it felt like they had known each other forever.

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"There were a lot of boats anchored there that day, people were swimming and jumping from the cliffs, but for me, it was like time stood still when we were together," Jennifer said.

And when the sun began to hover just inches above the horizon, and as the evening breeze cooled their sun-kissed cheeks, they exchanged phone numbers and promised to



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Jordon proposed to Jennifer at The Rocks, where they had met the previous summer.

keep in touch during the week. They said goodbye, both knowing that they would see each other again soon.

"And from that point on, we were together, and we grew closer in the following months," Jennifer said. "We went to church together, and eventually, he met the twins. He just became a part of my family, and he was a piece that we really didn't know we were missing."

Their first year together was spent boating and fishing with friends and family on the lake, attending Alabama football games for her, Auburn football games for him, dining out at local restaurants and just doing things that young couples do for entertainment.

By July of 2016, they had been together a year and had discussed marriage but had no solid plans. Later that summer, Jordan decided to propose to the love of his life at the exact spot he met her. He bought an engagement ring with an eternity band and secretly planned a boat trip to The Rocks. He enlisted his sister and some of Jennifer's friends to help get her on board the evening he planned to propose.

"The proposal was a total surprise," Jennifer said, smiling at the memory of it. "My friends





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suggested to me that we all go out to eat somewhere on the lake, and that we go on the boat. We were at a friend's pool that day, just hanging out having a good time, and it sounded like a good idea to me."

After getting dressed for dinner, they all hopped aboard the boat, and Jennifer was none the wiser.

"I noticed that he was unusually quiet that evening, but I didn't think anything of it. I was hungry, and I was thinking about food, and then as we got closer to The Rocks, my friend turned on a speaker and a song by Train called 'Marry Me' was playing. Then when we pulled up to The Rocks, he stands up and grabs my hands and pulls me close to him. Then, he drops down on one knee." "I was excited

The couple has been inseparable since meeting on Logan Martin Lake.

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The Alversons are expecting a daughter in May. This photo was taken during their general reveal party in December.

and nervous and hoping she would say 'yes,'" Jordan said. "I knew without a doubt that she was the woman I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. I was, and still am, head over heels in love with her, and I just want to make her happy. Making her happy is what makes me happy."

"He told me how much he loved me and how much he loved Parks and Claire, and how blessed he was to be a part of our lives. Then, he put a ring on my finger and asked me to marry him. I knew without a doubt I wanted to, and I said 'yes,'" Jennifer said.

They planned a destination wedding in Costa Rica and looked forward to staying at a resort in Papagayo,

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Jordan and Jennifer with twins Parks and Claire.

but as Christmas approached and Jordan's mother and brother were planning to drive from Texas to Pell City for the holiday, the couple decided to have a simple, intimate wedding at her sister's lake house first. For them, it was a celebration of love and family.

"It was one of the best days of my life," Jordan said. "Family means everything to me. It's what matters most in life. Having both our families there for our wedding was a blessing."

It has been said that love makes the world go round, but family is what makes the ride worthwhile. Jordan and Jennifer are expecting a daughter in May. Her name is Hattie.

"Our love story hasn't ended," Jordan said. "It continues every day that we are together as a family. We are looking forward to what the future brings for us."

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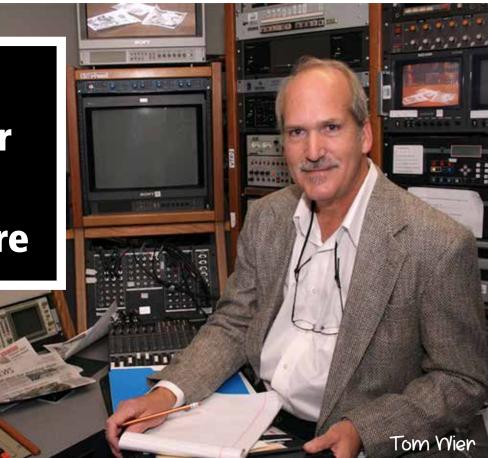


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# Preserving the past for the benefit of the future

Film producer with lakeside roots belieues in documenting history



Written by Sherry Kughn Submitted photo

om Wier's childhood roots in Lincoln and around Logan Martin Lake shaped his life.

Now a filmmaker and the owner of Cahaba New Media, he wants to share his interest in his hometown, the lakeside area and surrounding communities through a special project he's been working on.

The project is about the legacy of the Creek and Indian tribes in Alabama, especially in Talladega and Calhoun counties. It will reflect his fondness for the many family members that still live in the area. They are descendants of the Wier and Vincent families, namely his parents, Thomas Bernard Wier and Margaret Bernice Vincent.

Both were born in Lincoln into large families. His father owned a small farm near Lincoln, where Honda Manufacturing of Alabama is located today, property he bought with money he sent home as a soldier in World War II. The family enjoyed visiting the farm until it sold about 30 years ago.

Wier is also linked to the Lincoln area through his grandfather, Tom Vincent, who was known for many years because of his ownership of Tom's Grocery Store, which once stood at the crossroads in Lincoln near Alabama Highway 77.

"He lived to be 94 years old," Wier said. "I would go to the store to help out during the summers."

Wier also grew up spending time tinkering in the basement where his father had set up a repair shop for television and radio equipment. After graduation from high school, Wier left home to major in English at the University of Alabama, but he ended up studying broadcasting and film. He later received a master's degree from Asbury University in Kentucky.

After having worked in the film industry for decades, he developed a reputation among media companies and fans as a successful video producer.

His career includes eight years working with the Birmingham School System producing videos that help students learn reading, writing and mathematics. Then he worked for 17 years for Alabama Public Television (APT) as a producer, editor, and cinematographer.

"I have known Tommy Wier for close to 30 years, going back to my first days here at public television." said Mike McKenzie, program director for APT. "He was our 'shortstop,' with production and promotions. He was

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doing various editing jobs for me. He did a great job on the Rosenbaum House video that we broadcast many years ago, to this past year, finishing a great document called 'Direct Action.' Tommy's a great professional who really loves to tell good stories with his video work, and he has created wonderful bits of programming for us and for others as a free-lancer."

Today, Wier produces many commercial videos for various companies, including Yelp, Zillow, Groupon and AT&T. He has filmed man-on-the-street surveys for Snippies (a New York video production company), experiments for a scientific research group and depositions in the field of law. He also served as an adjunct instructor for television production at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Montevallo.

He has produced two films he considers important to the history of Alabama. One is about the Rosenbaum House in Florence (designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright). It continues to be shown during tours at the only home Wright designed in Alabama. The film includes Wier's interviews with the house's original owner, Mildred Rosenbaum.

He's also proud of "Direct Action: A Tale of Two Governments in 1963 Birmingham," released in 2017. The documentary tells the story of how Birmingham leaders, black and white, worked together to stop the racial antics of Bull Connor, the city's commissioner of public safety during the Civil Rights Movement. It includes interviews with Alabama Supreme Court Justice Janie Shores; former Birmingham city councilman Alan Drennen and Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge and civil rights historian Helen Shores Lee.

"It is important to document history to see and hear people tell their own story before they are gone," Wier said.

He has fond memories of an idyllic childhood, playing in the forests of Talladega County, climbing trees, and feasting on the bounty of wild plums, green apples, and blackberries. He has two older sisters, Judith and Deborah, and he is still close to the cousins with whom he explored, fished and swam in the Coosa River, Blue Eye Creek and Logan Martin Lake

Wier still visits Blue Eye Baptist Church where many of his relatives, including his parents are buried. Several of his cousins still attend the congregation, and the families have reunions a couple of times a year in Lincoln and Oxford where many of them still live.

"Growing up and spending time in the country made me appreciate family," said Wier, "and gave me a deep appreciation for the natural world around me."



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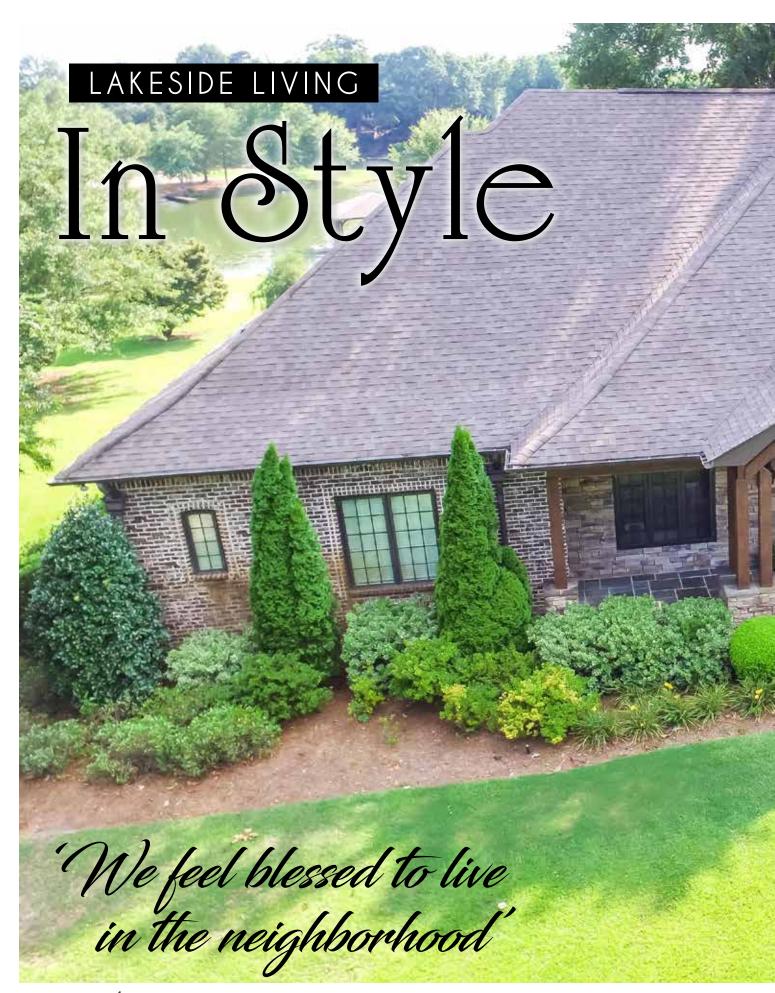
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# **Pine Harbor family** enjoys its lakeside home and community

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Written by Sherry Kughn Photographed by Matthew Pope

ayne and Jan Smith

are natives of Pell City, the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake. Although they

lived downtown when they first married, the lakeside neighborhood of Pine Harbor caught their eye as they began considering an opportunity to live in a great community on the water.

When the Smiths eventually had the chance to buy a house there, they purchased it before it ever came onto the market because of its view, location and the friendly neighbors.

Life brought surprises for the couple, though, and as they contemplated adding on to the house, they discovered the process would be too expensive. So they had it torn down and built the home that they now enjoy.

Featured on the house's exterior are tan stone walls with a light-brown dimensional roof. The backyard holds an open deck and outdoor kitchen area connected to the home with an arched walkway. The ample backyard, which leads to the lake, holds a play space for children. On the water is a deck and covered boat slip.

"There are a lot of great people in Pine



Harbor neighborhood, and that is the thing we like most," said Wayne, senior vice president at Metro Bank in Pell City.

Jan, a registered nurse who spent 12 years in the medical field, decided to switch to a career in

education. She teaches a certified nursing assistant course and other health-science classes at Pell City High School.

The neighborhood fits the Smiths because their two sons, Wales, 11, and Camp, 8, like to play in

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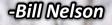


their ample yard with friends.

The Smith family enjoys the house, too. It is a one-level home with a great view of the lake – especially sunsets – from the kitchen, living area and master bedroom. The open-floor plan allows the family to enjoy the double fireplace between the living area and kitchen. One of the mantels is of special interest. It's made of reclaimed wood that was originally in the

The entryway leads to the dining room, living room, kitchen and views of Logan Martin.

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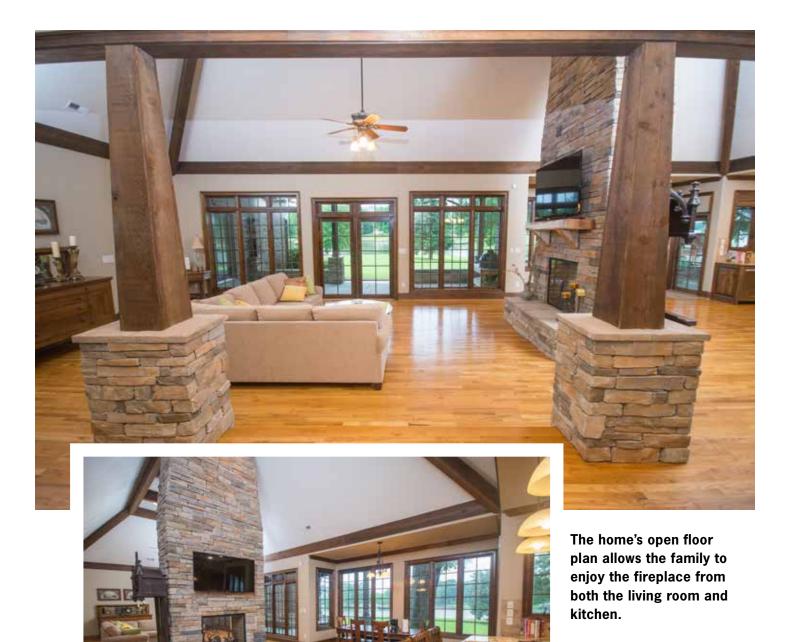
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old Avondale Mills textile manufacturing plant in Pell City.

"It has old paint on it, and some that is flaked off," Wayne said. "It is very rustic."

The home's "old" feel is highlighted in several rooms. A 9-foot 17th century bishop's chair, for example, sits next to the fireplace. "We purchased it from an estate sale," Wayne said.

Another special piece was a gift from a family member. It is a bench from the 1920s that is located in the foyer. It was formerly in a hotel in Chicago, and Wayne's stepfather, Don Campbell, gave it to the family.

The color theme for the house, which has

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Hardwood floors and earth tones are among the home's hallmarks.

hardwood floors throughout, is based on earth tones. Accents include several pieces of original artwork of wildlife by Pell City artist Wayne Spradley. Draperies are by Gerald Ensley Jr., owner of Southern Manor Interiors of Pell City.

The Smiths chose cabinets from a local builder, Switzer's Custom Woodworks, also of Pell City. "The builder made our kitchen cabinets, our bathroom vanity, and bookcases for the study," Wayne said. "Also, he built French doors in the study, and in each door is leaded glass that came out of an old restaurant, glass that is built into the doors."

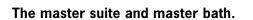
The history of the dining room in the Smith's kitchen is of special importance to him. It was the same table that his grandfather, James Ingram,

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ate at when he was a child growing up in Easonville. "It is from the Ingram family farm," Wayne said.

The family has a boat, which it enjoys from time to time, but as the boys are involved with sports, the family's time is often occupied by watching and cheering for Wales and Camp when they're on the field.





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Two of the home's other bedrooms.

The Smiths' lives are always busy with family, careers and home, something Wayne said he appreciates.

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#### WEDNESDAY



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The renowned Talladega College Choir will perform during the adult lecture series program presented by SouthFirst Bank at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library in Sylacauga. The choir will inspire the audience with lovely, uplifting songs. Refreshments will be provided at 11 a.m., and the program will begin at noon. For more information, call 256-249-0961. Admission is free.

#### THURSDAY



SYLACAUGA ARTS COUNCIL DINNER THEATRE

Writer, humorist and novelist Sean Dietrich, known for his commentary and stories of life in the South, will entertain the audience during the Sylacauga Arts Council's 2019 Dinner Theatre presentation from 6-9 p.m. at J. Craig Smith Community Center. Tickets, including dinner and show, are \$25 each. They may be purchased at Magnolias, B.B. Comer Memorial Library or by calling the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce at 256-249-0308.



Lakeside area musicians Alan Furr, Glenn Wilson, Jamison Taylor and Julie Funderburg will perform in this entry of the Pell City Center for Education and Performing Arts' Local Sounds concert series. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children age 12 and younger will be admitted free. To order tickets, visit www.pellcitycepa.com/ tickets.





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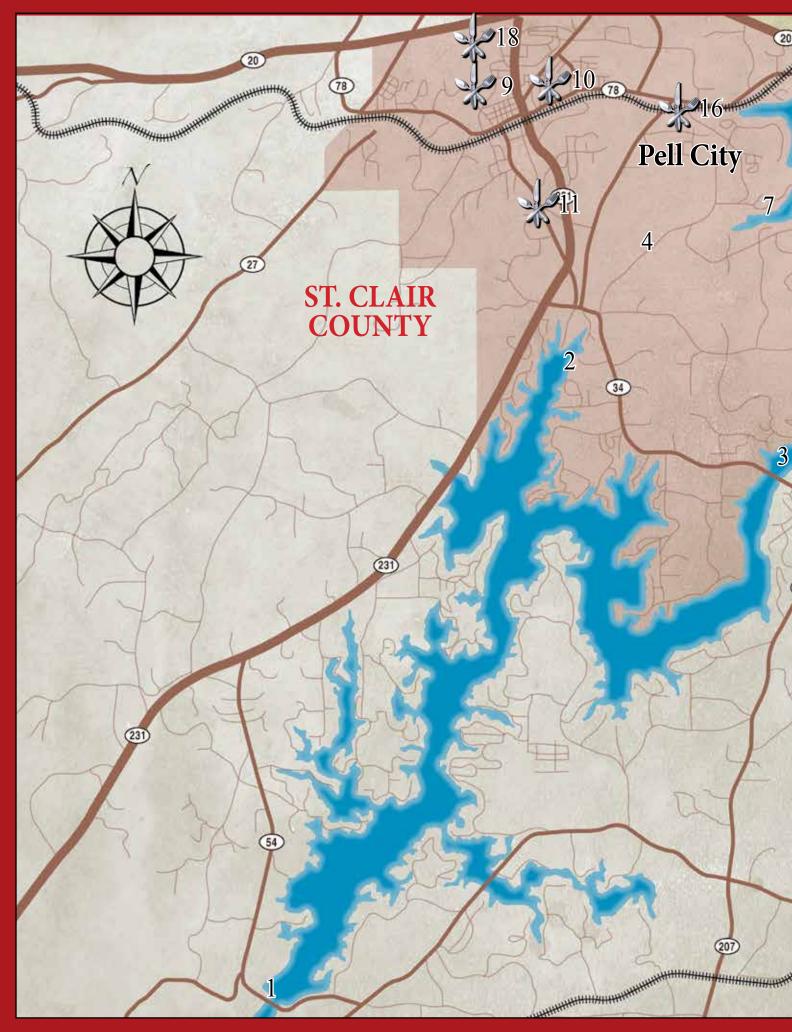


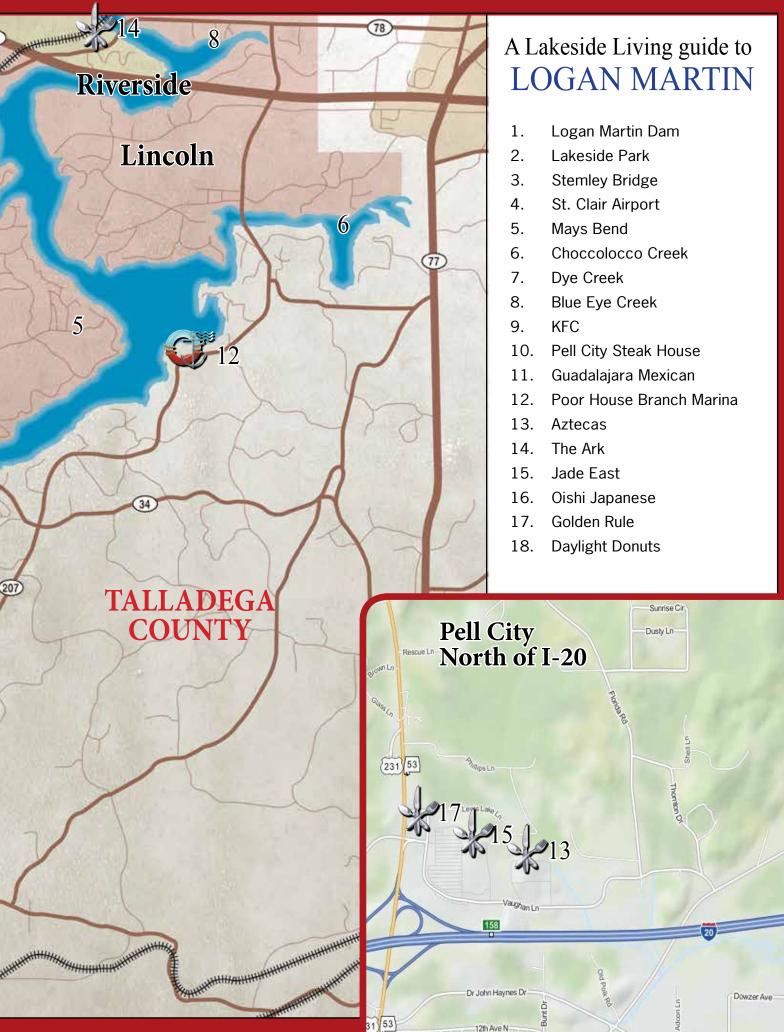
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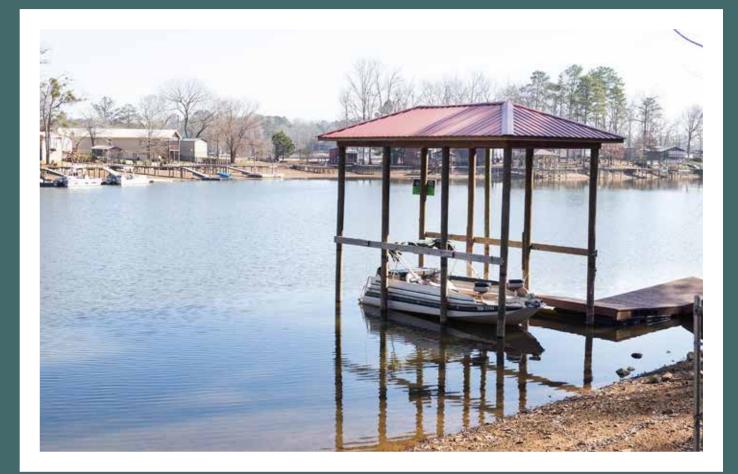
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A Real Estate Property Guide for Logan Martin Lake and Surrounding Areas



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# Cozy Cropwell home perfect for enjoying the lake on weekends or all year long

Written by Buddy Roberts Photographed by Bob Crisp

ome buyers seeking a cozy little weekender or a modest year-round residence on the lake may find what they're looking for in the property at 465 Oak Street in Cropwell.

The well-kept three-bedroom, two-bath manufactured home is situated on a shoreline that is perfect for swimming or as a launch for boating, fishing and skiing. Its private covered pier has new wood decking. The screened porch is ideal for enjoying views of the lake, and the fenced yard is perfect for family activities.

Interior amenities include a full kitchen with refrigerator, electric stove and built-in dishwasher, a living/dining area with a wood-burning fireplace and hardwood laminate and tile flooring.

The property lists at \$179,000. For more information, call agent Rita Foster with The Realty Pros at 205-369-5783.

# Lakeside agent enjoys working with first-time homebuyers

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For Bill Goza, working in real estate is all about making people happy.

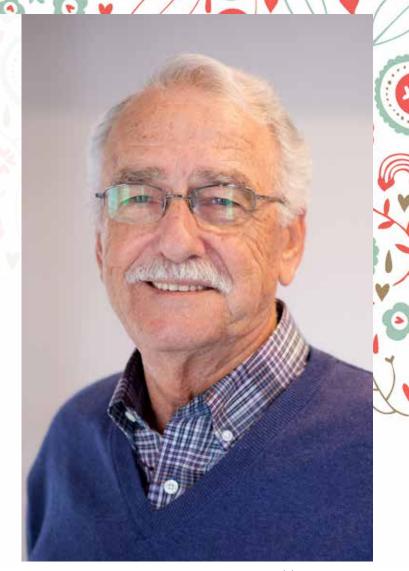
"The thing I enjoy most about it is meeting people," the agent with RE/MAX Hometown Properties in Pell City said. "You get pretty close to them and sometimes become friends with them while trying to help them find the house they're looking for."

Goza obtained his real estate license in 1987, "and I did it on the side until 2000" while working as corporate safety director for Irondale Industrial Contractors, which took him "from Maine to California" to inspect various projects.

Twelve years ago, he and his wife purchased a home on Logan Martin Lake's Treadwell Island while residing in Birmingham. The lake home is now their full-time residence, and he returned to real estate in January of 2018, after retiring from his corporate job five years ago.

"I got all my projects done around the house and finished my basement, so it was time to get out of the house," he said. "I still had my license, so I decided to go out and sell some real estate. It's not something I have to do to make my living. It's just something I enjoy doing."

Goza especially enjoys working with first-time



### Bill Goza

homebuyers. "I enjoy seeing the excitement that glows from them." The primary advice he shares with clients new to the home buying process is that there is an advantage to being represented by a licensed agent.

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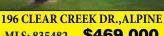
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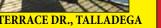


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2816 Hubbard Lane, Oxford, AL 36203 MLS# 825193

This freshly painted home has all the amenities you could ask for in a home! It's conveniently located near the Oxford Exchange. It has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with a large fenced in back yard. Located in the Oxford school district. Don't miss this cute and cozy home at a great price!

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#### 130 Jane Street, Vincent Al 35178 MLS#833944

59,9 3BR/ 2 Bath. This Home has a breathtaking view of Logan Martin Lake! Located on a flat level ot featuring two boat docks, and a shared boat slip. \*\*Home has a Vincent address but is zoned for Pell City School System \*\* This home is Lake Life at its finest featuring granite counter tops, hardwood floor, walk in tile shower and much more. Home features a screened in porch that is perfect for your morning coffee, enjoying the evening sunset, and great for entertaining guest. This home was recently updated with new Paint, Granite, and Counter Tops. The hot water heater and heat pump were replaced in the last year. Home includes a 1 Year Home Warranty.



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

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



home. Land like this is a rare find. It also has a well on the land but not in working order and would need to be checked by someone licensed in that field.Owner is deed restring property to site built homes only



UNDER master bathr utures a full unfinished ba CONTRAC n make vour own. It also has a second of the provided of the provided of the provided of home. This home also features a sellers warranty. Home has a new roof and gutter system that was replaced within the last year. Also, all new decking on the back of them home! Do not let this lovely ome getaway! NEW REDUCED PRICED!



122 Peaceful Lane, Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 832192

This Stunning Brick Home Is Located In The SouthBend Subdivision. It features Granite Counter Tops, Hardwood, Tile, Large Master Bedroom and Master Bathroom. It Also Features A Newly Added "Mother In Law" Suite with its own private bathroom and Office/ Study. This Home Has A Full Basement With A Two Car Garage. Zoned for the LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT. This Home Is Move In **Ready And Includes a 1 Year Home Warranty!** 





#### 475 River Forest Lane, Unit 4410, Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 836698

This 3 BR/ 2BATH condo located on the 4th floor has a breathtaking view of Logan Martin Lake!! This FULLY furnished condo located at LINCOLN HARBOR is move in ready. It has a gorgeous sunset view with a LARGE balcony! Condo has granite counter tops, breakfast bar, stainless steel appliances, stone fireplace and much more. It has everything Lake Life has to offer.





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

4BR, 4.5BA. Waterfront Home. This home has one of the best views of Logan Martin Lake. It has a FLAT lot with a breathtaking view of the Lake. Plenty of amenities to make this house stand out from any you have seen before! It features a gorgeous pool, outdoor grilling and entertaining area, and gorgeous bay windows so you never miss a view of the lake while you enjoy this lake home. The panoramic lake view is a Must SEE! It also features 2 Master Bedroom Suites, over-sized Walk-In Closets, and 4.5 Baths. The pool overlooks the lake while you can enjoy the 20x40 ft pier with walkways and a boat launch. This home is one of a kind with its breathtaking view, which you can enjoy while having your morning coffee or while entertaining guest at night with the beautiful lake setting.

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105 Rising Fawn Rd., Harpersville, \$300,000. Located in Unincorporated Shelby County, boasts 10 +/- acres. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths nestled between two of your very own lakes. Longleaf pine floors. Spacious kitchen with new stainless appliances, lots of kitchen cabinets and tons of counter space! The



475 River Forest Lane, Unit 3120, Logan Martin Lake. \$169,000. First floor condo on Lake Logan Martin. The kitchen has granite counter-tops, breakfast bar and stainless appliances. (All appliances remain.) Washer and dryer will remain. The living room has french doors opening to the covered patio great for grilling. The master bath has a large soaking tub, separate shower and a massive walk in closet. The community amenities include an in-ground pool, boat launch, boat docks, beach and playground. Fresh paint thru out. Most furniture to remain. MLS #825420.



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



160 KOA Road, Riverside. \$219,900, This home is sitting on approximately 1.3 acres. 4 bedrooms 3 full baths. Approx 2100 sq ft. Kitchen with Corian counter tops. Eat in space in the kitchen. Great room with gas logs fireplace Hardwood floors. Basement den with fireplace. Double car garage. Great outbuilding/Work shop. Shop 20 x 20 with underground utilities. MLS 806300



105 Cotton Ln ., 225,000. Convenient to I-20 Pell City School system. New Construction Open Floor Plan. One level. Modern Design, kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Granite counter tops. Vaulted ceilings. Extra Large Master Suite, large closet. Double garage. Located on a cul-desac great for the kids to play. MLS 833266



246 Bucks Dr., Logan Martin Lake. 275,000. Lake and mountain views. Two piers boat launch, picnic area. 3 bedroom and 2 baths. Two dens. Open floor plan, Huge covered deck and covered patio. Tile counter tops, Island with eat up space. Dining area, laminate hardwood floors, tile bath floors. Vaulted and tongue and groove ceilings. Storage space. Fenced yard. Circle drive. MLS 833756

3595 Griffitt Bend Rd . \$155,000.00. 4.68 ac m/l full brick home mostly fenced. You have your own private storm shelter!! Three bedrooms and 2 full bath. Major remodel 6 yrs ago. Fresh paint throughout most of the house. Both bath rooms have been updated along with the kitchen. Master suite is new w/large master closet. Large aundry room with storage closet. Kitchen has

been updated with large pantry. Double garage with possibility of third bay. Detached carport. Most furniture remains. Approx 2332 sq ft MLS #829046



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



Hwy 280 14.27 Acres, Sterrett, \$1,500,000. Commercial Property, Chelsea Tax District. Across from Chelsea Park Subdivision. Road frontage approx. 497 feet 1285 ft deep, utilities at the street. MLS# 773072

private boathouse features a covered fishing peer. A must to see. MLS 808360



4905 Lee Rd. Pine Harbor \$194,000. Approximately 2600 sq feet for only \$194,000. In Pine Harbor!!! New paint, New roof, new tile floors, new carpet in game room/4th bedroom, new hardwood. Game room with huge storage room and large laundry. Great room with gas log fireplace. Formal dining room. The master has a BIG private deck overlooking Logan Martin Lake. Double car carport with major storage/work shop MLS #829051



1201 Logan Martin Dam Rd. \$499,000. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 24.5 fenced acres. Master has walkin closet, 4'x4' shower w/ dual shower heads and rain shower. Upstairs bedrooms have their own full bath and are separated by a loft/TV area. Eat-in kitchen Oversized laundry/utility room includes pantry. Beautiful hardwoods and stained glass throughout the

house as well as plantation shutters. Lots of closet space. Attached 3 car garage with floored, walk-up attic space. Wrap around porches with built-In benches and picnic tables. 60,000 gal saltwater pool. 5 stall horse barn with tack room and hay loft. Property is fenced for livestock with two ponds -lg pond has pier and is stocked with catfish, bass, and bream. Detached workshop. Included is a Kubota tractor w/implements. MLS #817832.



110 Green Street, 135,000. 4 bedroom 2 bath home. Covered front porch and large deck on back. Fresh paint thru out the home. Great room, dining room and laundry. Large master with spacious closet. This home is sitting on 1 1/2 lots. Detached double garage. Pull down attic storage. Convenient to Pell City and I-20. Washer and drver to remain. MLS 832717



201 Brookshire Ln., 239,000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath hom with Lake Access and underground utilities! Freshly painted. Kitchen has beautiful cabinets with built in desk, granite counter tops, breakfast bar, and new stainless appliances. Separate laundry room. The master bedroom has a trey ceiling with crown molding, master bath with separate vanities, two walk in closets and a jetted tub. The back deck can be accessed from the master bedroom or the living room. Living room has wood burning fireplace. Large formal dining room. In-ground pool, patio area, and beautiful landscaping. Back yard fenced. MLS 833932

195 Bellbrook Drive, \$289,900. This 4 bedroom 3 bath, Has a great view of Logan Martin Lake. Lots of recent updates which include: hardwoods, granite countertops, limestone tile, mosaic tile "rug" in dining area and custom oak cabinets. There is a built-in entertainment center and gas fireplace in the den. Circular drive. Plantation shutters remain and most window treatments remain. Pantry, Study

and dining room has door opening to screened in porch. Laundry room with utility sink and oak cabinets. Storage area in garage and pulldown steps to attic with floored area for storage. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms. MLS #814870



835 Funderburg Bend Rd. Is approximately 85% new construction. Striped down to the studs and rebuilt. Kitchen has new Quartz counter tops, stainless appliances, soft close painted cabinets, Island and pantry. Floors are Luxury vinyl waterproof planking hardwood. Fresh paint throughout, new light fixtures and ceiling fans. Beautiful tile shower in master bath and full bath. New roof. Majority of the windows have been replaced. New decks on back of house, updated deck on front of house. Beautiful shutters and landscape. Approx 1800 sq ft. \$224,900 MLS #829756

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