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Editor's Note

'Superhero rock' returns to Logan Martin for LakeFest

"There's no real story to it," Cameron Flemer replied when I asked how The Velcro Pygmies got their name, a question he's probably heard about as often as Don McLean has been asked to decipher American Pie.

"When we were getting started in Louisville, every Thursday the Courier-Journal would print the names of the bands that would be playing in town that weekend so that consumers of live music could decide who to see. We wanted a name that would make people ask, 'What in the world is this?' So we made up the name."

He added a fun fact: "We got sued by 3M for our use of the word 'velcro.' They sent us a cease-and-desist order, but our attorneys negotiated a settlement. We are now the only entity other than 3A that can legally use 'velcro' in its trade name. That's probably a more interesting story than how we got our name."

I thought both stories were more interesting than Cameron seemed to (but I'm a sucker for behind-the-scenes show biz stories), so we moved on to the band's upcoming concert. Billed as "the greatest rock 'n' roll force for freedom ever assembled in the history of the world," The Velcro Pygmies bring their 1980s-infused style back to the lake this month when they headline the 14th annual Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show, performing from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 11. They headlined last year's event too, proving so popular that LakeFest organizers asked them back for a return engagement.

"Everybody at LakeFest probably

saw us when they were in college, and their kids who are in college are seeing us now," Cameron said. "And you know how it is – kids don't want to go see a band their mom and dad saw, and a lot of times that's justified, but the kids see us, and they say, 'I

see us, you know we're a rock band, and you know what kind of rock band we are."

With set lists that include such arena rock standards as "Rock and Roll All Night," "Walk This Way," "We Will Rock You," "We're Not Gonna Take It," "Purple Rain," "Don't Stop Believing," "Play That Funky Music," and "Sweet Home Alabama," The Velcro Pygmies' LakeFest show will once again be family-friendly while still delivering "undiluted rock 'n' roll energy that unites" and takes the audience on "a trip back to a time when music was in its prime."

Here's another fun fact about the band: It supports a groovy organization called Reach and Teach, a nonprofit that offers "authentic educational experiences to students across the globe," especially identifying with students "who struggle to engage and succeed in a traditional classroom setting." Through Reach and Teach, students plan, promote, and produce real rock concerts and entertainment broadcasts. It's an impressive initiative – check out

www.reachandteach.rocks to read all about it.

You can also read all about LakeFest in this issue of Lakeside Living, along with a recap of April in Talladega and the most recent LMLPA meeting, a profile of a fascinating lakeside artist, and a visit to a local waterfront home.

Then be sure to turn out on the 12th to welcome The Velcro Pygmies back to Logan Martin Lake.



The Velcro Pygmies are, from left, drummer Chris Eddins, bass player Max, lead guitarist Chase West, and front man Cameron Flemer.

can't believe Mom and Dad liked this!' So it's neat in that regard, that we're able to make Mom and Dad look cool."

The reason, according to Cameron, that the band appeals to audiences ranging in age from late teens to late 50s, is consistency.

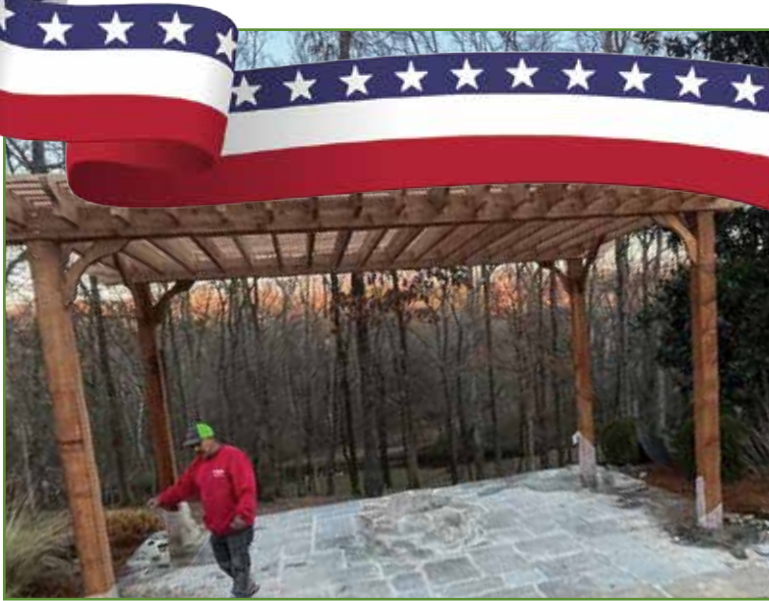
"Our delivery and image has not changed at all. Bands like us don't really exist any more, and that's why we're able to do 200 shows a year. I refer to what we do as superhero rock – a band with big guitar shredding, a vivid image, and '80s soul. When you

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The famous Coosa River shad spawn can be some of the most exciting fishing of the year.

The shad spawn (a broad term for the spawning of shad) is a yearly event in which shad will flock to the banks and seemingly glisten as the sun rises. These small baitfish will make a push first thing in the morning and will spawn for a couple of hours. The shad will spawn longer in cloud cover conditions.

Shad will seek hard objects such as rocks and trees that have algae on it. Shad will also spawn directly on weeds and vegetation. The algae on the rocks, weeds, and trees offer the shad a suitable spot to lay their tiny eggs.

Once you locate a shad spawn, you will notice the seemingly thousands of shad glistening on the surface of these shallow objects such as wood, rock, and vegetation. This yearly spawn is truly magnificent, as the shad are in a complete rush to accomplish their yearly reproductive cycle. When these shad are spawning, the bass are feeding heavily and taking full advantage of this yearly instance.

When locating a shad spawn on sea walls, rocks, or other hard objects I opt for a topwater Spook or a Pop-R. These shad-imitating lures will entice the hungry feeding bass and can yield

some amazing top water blowups.

Logan Martin is full of rocky sea walls, and a topwater bait is great for these conditions. If you're fishing the upriver portions of the lake, you might opt for a swim jig or small swimbait around the grass. Both largemouth and spots will ambush the spawning shad on the inside edges of grass lines. The swim jig is a popular lure for such. Be sure to use heavy line or braid for the grass fishing. You'll definitely need it for hauling out those large bass.

When the morning bite slows down in shad spawn areas, I will go back through these areas and fish slow. A lot of times the bass are still there, and they will react to bottom lures such as a flipping bait or Shakey Heads.

Look for spawning shad on the banks of Logan Martin in May, enjoy the late spring, and God bless.

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A black bear cub is climbing a tree trunk. The cub is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its head and front paws visible. It is looking towards the right. The tree trunk is thick and has a rough, textured bark. The background is a blurred green forest.

MOUNTAIN LIONS, BEARS, AND ALLIGATORS – OH, MY!

**Logan Martin Lake Protection
Association discusses wildlife and
water safety at spring meeting**

Written by **LACI BRASWELL**
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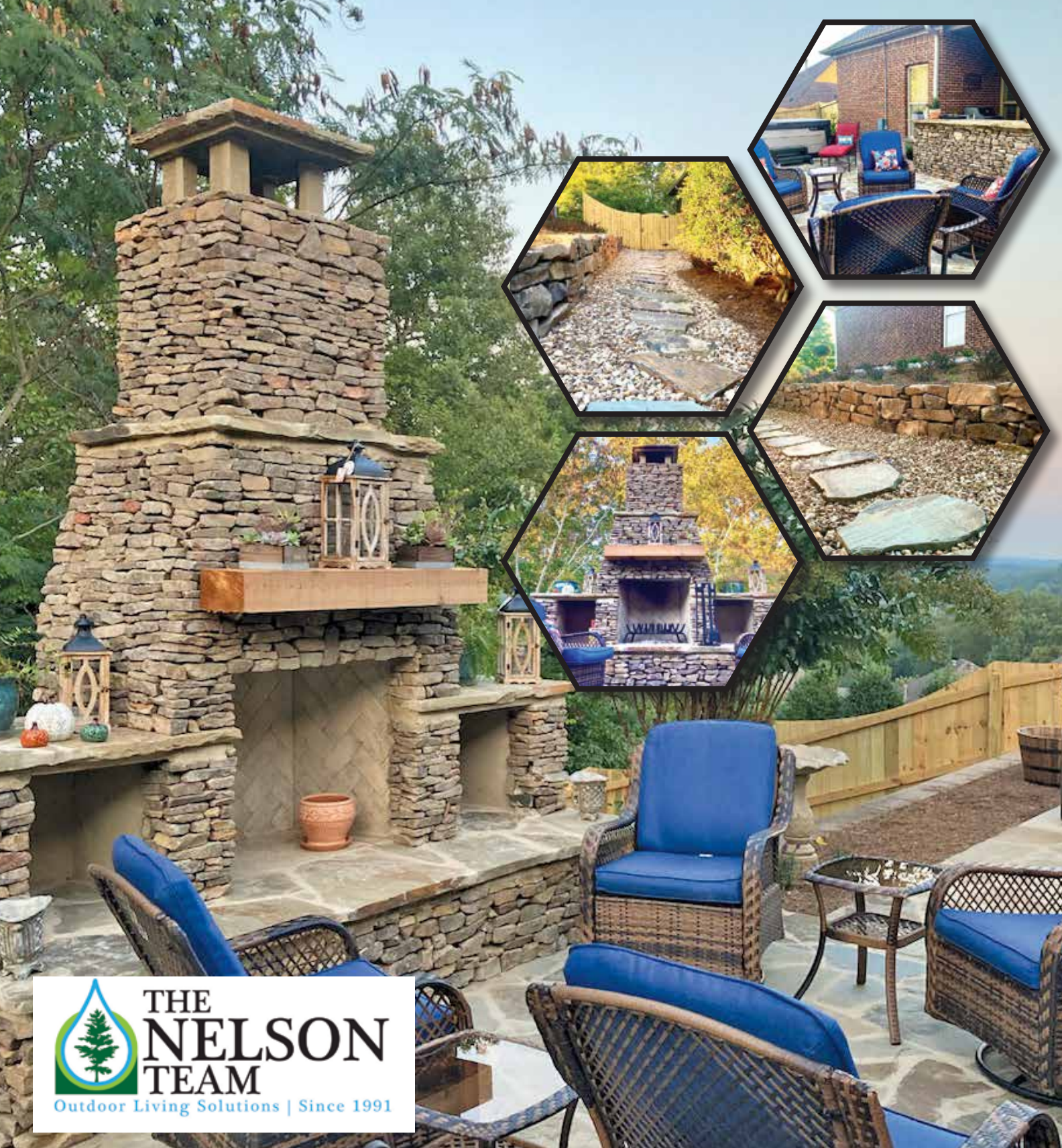
Although I may not live on the lake (or really near any body of water), I've always appreciated our state's waterways and wildlife.

Which is why I enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association's spring meeting at St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church in Pell City. LMLPA board member Arlene Johnson greeted me as soon as I arrived. "We are so glad you could come," she said.

So was I. The program was extremely informative. The first speaker, Lucas Allison, is a field manager for the Coosa Riverkeepers. "We are a 501c group," he said. "Our main goal is to protect, promote and restore the Coosa and all of its tributaries."

I must admit, I didn't know this group existed but was curious to learn more about what they do.

"We look for polluters throughout the year," Allison said. "We also educate the public on new and existing contaminants in the river. A river has a head and a mouth, but not a voice to speak for it -- that's where we come in."



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Lucas Allison, field manager for the Coosa Riverkeepers, displays a map of the proposed limestone quarry in the Talladega National Forest.



Allison also discussed a proposed limestone quarry between Calhoun and Cleburne counties. "It is set to be located in the Talladega National Forest. It will mainly affect the Sunny Cove and Cider Ridge communities." The Coosa Riverkeepers organization opposes the project, joined by many members of the community.

"A lot of them have well water and they are concerned," Allison said. "We've spoken out against it at several meetings, but right now I really don't have more to share about it."

He also discussed the group's swim guide program, which is all about water quality. "We test 50 sites for toxins and pollutants along the Coosa. The main thing we are looking for is E. coli." Social media updates are presented weekly.

Since my family and I periodically take our pontoon boat out on the water, it makes me feel a lot safer getting in the water, knowing that it will be thoroughly checked. And since I do live near a lot of woods, the next two speakers really grabbed my attention.

Game wardens for Talladega and St. Clair counties, Shawn Nixon and Breanna Davis spoke and answered questions about the lakeside area's wildlife, specifically those the public tends to be afraid of: bears, alligators, and even mountain lions. The game wardens said they get the most calls and questions about black bears.

"They don't have a breeding population here, but they do in northeast and south Alabama," Nixon said. "What we often see in our area are transient males that come over from Georgia looking for a female to mate with." Nixon noted the mating season for the bears is typically from May until July.

"Black bears are the smallest of the American bears and average about 250 lbs and can even see color," he said.

During Nixon's presentation, I learned black bears can run up to 30 miles per hour and even live 30 years in the wild.

Fortunately, the game warden calmed my fears when he said that bears are typically only a threat if it's a female bear with a cub.



Shawn Nixon and Breanna Davis serve as game wardens for Talladega and St. Clair counties, respectively.

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"Occasionally, we will get calls about a nuisance bear, but if you call us we can remove them and relocate them safely," Nixon said. "Just don't try to feed them or leave garbage out near your camp site or house."

Nixon also answered questions about panthers and mountain lions.

"We have gotten calls, but the thing is, with all the game cameras we have around the state, no one has ever been able to capture a clear picture. We haven't been able to ever confirm anything, but it certainly is possible."

Nixon said there have been confirmed sightings of mountain lions in Tennessee, and the animals can travel great distances. Additionally, he also spoke about the potential of alligators living in Logan Martin Lake.

"We haven't gotten a call in over two years," he said. "Typically, if they are here it's because someone got it as a pet as a hatchling and let it go illegally."

Nixon said it's also rare to find them on the lake because of all the boat activity. "They like to live in sloughs, and try to avoid people. If you do, however see one, please don't feed it. Several years ago we got a call of a nuisance gator because someone was trying to feed it Cheetos and marshmallows."

I couldn't help but laugh as I pictured a gator chowing down on some Cheetos.

As the meeting concluded, I felt more knowledgeable on the lake and its wildlife. I encourage Lakeside Living readers to support the LMLPA, the Coosa Riverkeepers, and our game wardens. Their work is crucial to keeping our area safe while preserving the land and waterways we love.

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At the wheel with VIRNA SETTLE

Logan Martin ceramics artist enjoys her creative space on the Cropwell shoreline

Written by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

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Virna Settle offers a bright smile as she welcomes two visitors to her garage ceramics studio.

"It's a mess," she says of the space, as if an area where messy work takes place should be expected to be otherwise.

Clad in denim overalls and an apron, Virna takes a seat behind her potter's wheel, presses a lever to start it spinning, and slaps down a carefully measured blob of clay on the wheelhead.

"I'm making a small bowl, so this is only a pound," she says as she wets her hands to begin throwing the clay. "For larger vessels, it can take up to four, four-and-a-half pounds."

She centers the clay on the wheelhead, leaning over it with an intense focus as she bends it, watching it stretch gradually into the shape of a cylinder before ultimately being molded into the desired bowl form.

"Now," she says, having left the wheel and placed the bowl on a rack, "it will cure for a week or so before going into the kiln. It has







to dry out because if you fire it prematurely, when there's still a lot of water in it, it will disintegrate. There's always at least a week's delay after I throw anything for that reason. Then it goes into the kiln, and after that I glaze it, color it, and it will have to fire a second time. The entire process from throwing to completed ceramic can be a month. Even longer in the wintertime, because the clay doesn't dry out very quickly."

"That kiln was given to us," says Virna's husband, retired cardiologist Dr. Harold Settle, indicating the octagonal chamber that cooks the clay and turns it to ceramic. "We were at the house across the street, and our neighbor knew of her interest in pottery. He said, 'You know, the previous owners left this in a corner of the garage, and it's just taking

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up space. Would you be interested in it?' It was a kiln and everything that goes with it. So we wheeled it up here, and I had an electrician put the 220 current in, and it works flawlessly."

Cleansing her hands of clay residue, Virna leads the way from the garage into their house, pointing out several vividly colorful paintings of landscapes and female studies along the way. They are also her creations.

"I was a painter first, before I took up pottery," she says. Vivid color is a hallmark of Virna's artistic style, one that she traces back to her first effort, a pre-cut wooden fish at a local sip-and-stroke class.

"It was very amateurish and just as skewed as it could be," she says with a laugh, "but that's what started it."

"That fish has cost me God knows how many thousands of



Pottery by Virna Settle is often available at local arts shows.

dollars," Harold adds with an approving smile. "She painted that fish, and then it was nonstop. Her work is impressionistic, it's abstract, and her color palette is incredible. She enjoys mixing the colors and the textures."

As most artists eventually do, though, Virna eventually felt the

need to stretch.

"I got tired of painting and wanted to do something different, more challenging. So I thought I'd look around and see who teaches pottery. I took the classes, and I enjoyed it. The first piece I made was a small vase. I still have it here. It was so exciting to see a half-

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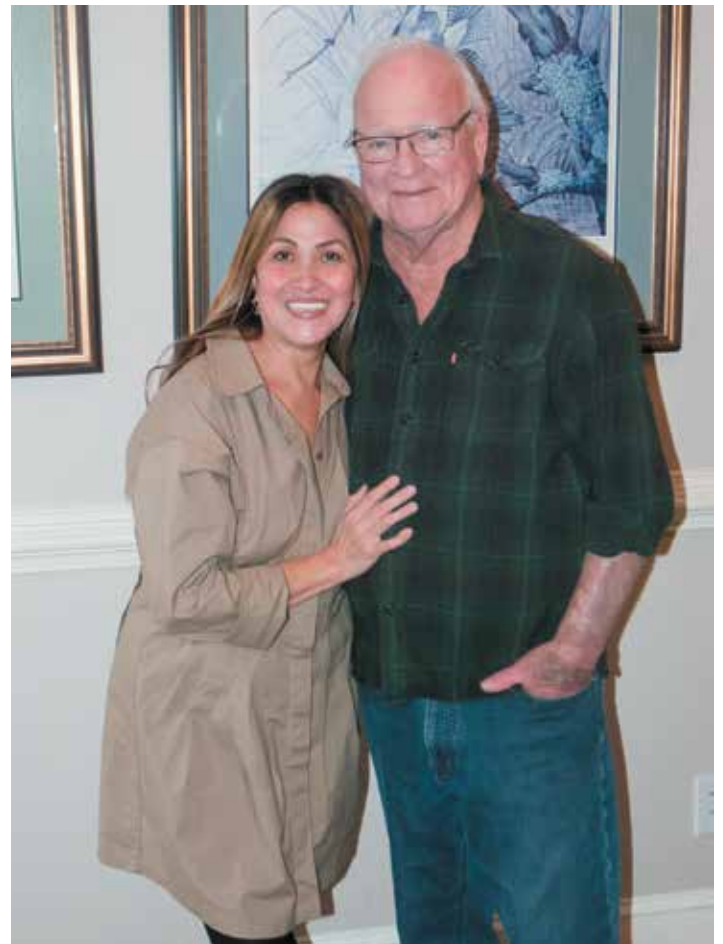


pound of clay become a vase, especially after it was glazed. In some ways, it's more satisfying than painting. Painting is easier. It's the canvas, the brush, and the different colors on the palette. But with pottery, I'm making something with my energy, my muscle. It's a different feeling."

Creating ceramics comes with its unique challenges that Virna doesn't have to be concerned about with her paintings.

"I think the most challenging aspect of pottery is centering," she says. "People think, 'Oh, that's easy,' but it isn't. You can't make anything until you've learned to center. That's the first thing you learn. It takes a lot of practice to get centering right. If you don't put that clay in the very center of the wheel, it's going to be lopsided. You'll end up with a pitcher instead of the vase you're trying to make."

A native of the Philippines, Virna has lived in the United States since 1987.



Virna and her husband, Dr. Harold Settle



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THE LAKESIDE LIVING GUIDE TO THE 14TH ANNUAL LOGAN MARTIN LAKEFEST AND BOAT SHOW



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and **BOB CRISP**

Logan Martin's preeminent event returns this month when Lakeside Park in Pell City hosts the 14th annual LakeFest & Boat Show presented by AmFirst.

For more than a decade, thousands of families and boating enthusiasts have come to the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake to attend the three-day benefit festival, which has proven so popular that it has given back almost a half-million

dollars to nonprofits, schools, and benevolent causes in the lakeside community.

Lakeside Living, as part of the Consolidated Publishing family (which also includes The Daily Home and St. Clair Times), is proud to once again be one of the official LakeFest sponsors, and we're happy to provide the following information to help you get the most out of your LakeFest experience -- whether you've attended every year or will be a first-timer this spring -- as we celebrate 14 years of LakeFest on Logan Martin Lake.



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WHERE IS LAKEFEST?

"The beautiful shores of Logan Martin Lake at Pell City's Lakeside Park," its organizers proudly answer. Lakeside Park is at 2801 Stemley Bridge Road.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND LAKEFEST?

Whether you come to Lakeside Park by land or by water, admission and parking are free. Any cost involved would be whatever attendees choose to spend with retail and food vendors. Many crowd-favorite vendors from past events are expected to return, and several new food vendors will make their LakeFest debut this year, according to organizers, who ask that drivers be conscious about following direction they may receive from parking attendants and Pell City Police officers as they arrive at the park. Composite docks – construction of which has been funded by a donation from the Logan Martin Charity Foundation – will be available for boat parking.

WHAT KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE AT LAKEFEST?

LakeFest routinely attracts crowd-pleasing performers from throughout the South. Here's this year's weekend lineup, which includes some local favorites along with a returning headliner:

Friday

4-6 p.m. Patrick Barnett (central Alabama-based country singer-songwriter)

6-9 p.m. Matt Bennett (Kennesaw, Georgia-based county musician)

After dark: Fireworks show honoring residents of the Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home, sponsored by Bennington Pontoons. Estimated start time is 8 p.m.

Saturday

Noon-2:30 p.m. Tyler Nichols (classic rock-influenced singer-songwriter)

2:30-5:30 p.m. Kudzu (high-energy Birmingham-based band)

6-9 p.m. The Velcro Pygmies (Louisville, Kentucky-based '80s-themed power band)

Arrangements for Sunday's live entertainment had not been finalized as Lakeside Living went to press.



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WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

Lots of new vendors. Organizers say the number has already surpassed last year's by 20 or 30, including three new food trucks. The third day of LakeFest coincides with Mother's Day, so all mothers are eligible to receive a free mimosa and special gift presented by AmFirst at the Mimosas for Mom tent near the main entrance. Also, LakeFest has partnered with The Next Round for a live pre-event show at Buffalo Wild Wings in Pell City from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday May 7.

WILL THERE BE GIVEAWAYS AGAIN THIS YEAR?

Yes. Door prizes (such sporting equipment and lake lifestyle items) will be presented throughout the weekend, but the big prizes won't be awarded until 3 p.m. Sunday. Top prize is a Tracker ATV (presented by Tracker Off Road and Sylacauga Marine & ATV), and another major prize (as yet unidentified) will also be given away. No purchase is necessary to win, as everyone who attends LakeFest will receive one free

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LakeFest is organized by the Logan Martin Charity Foundation. Its mission, according to foundation board members, is "to celebrate one of the area's greatest natural resources, Logan Martin Lake; to promote Logan Martin Lake and the surrounding communities as great places to live; to raise money for local charities; to showcase local businesses; and to provide value to our vendors and partners."

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The April in Talladega experience

Southern hospitality abounds in community celebration of history and tradition

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

The drive from Auburn to Talladega has been filled with reflections on the preciousness of life, a sentiment made all the more poignant by the conversations with family within the walls of the house in the Farmville community outside of Auburn that my great-great-grandfather built alongside his brother. I am struck by the profound sense of history embedded within its heart pine flooring and ceiling.

Through the brightness of the sun overhead, I notice the Helen Keller Campus of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind as I pass by. I crane my neck, attempting to recall any familiar buildings from the brief week-long summer camp I attended there when I was 8 years old. Memories come back, flooding my mind's eye, as my hands instinctively tighten on the steering wheel, acutely aware of the passage of nearly three and a half decades.

Navigating my oversized sports utility vehicle through the quiet streets of the Silk Stocking District, I double-check my GPS. To my surprise, I am impressed by the sight of the Talladega Campus of AIDB situated directly across from the Beaux Arts-styled





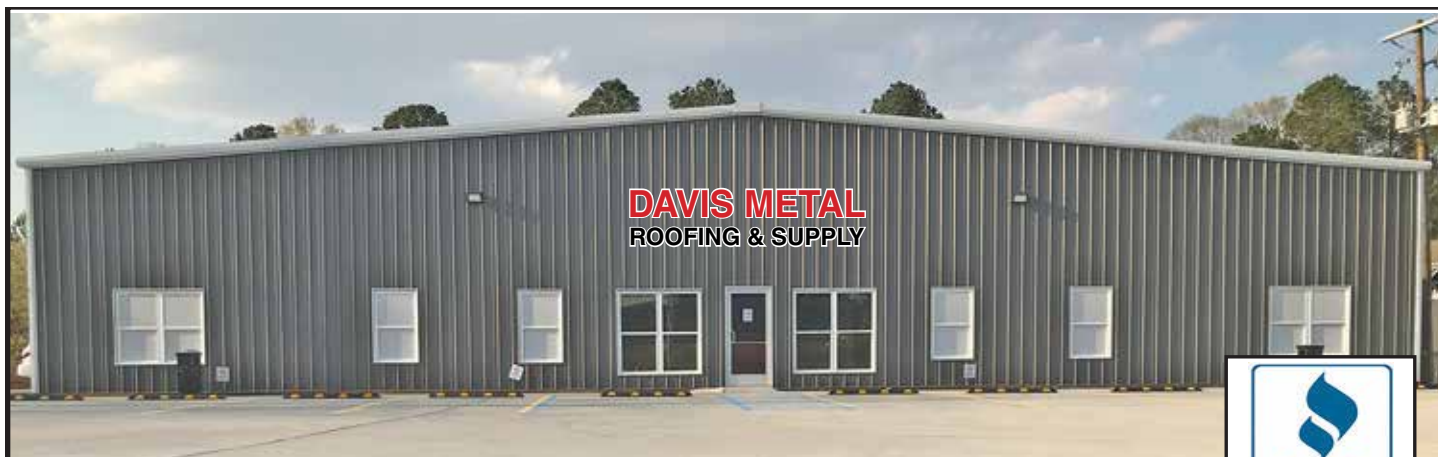


Jemison-Carnegie Heritage Hall Museum. Feeling a mix of anticipation and curiosity, I leave the car behind and make my way towards the front entrance flanked by two Ionic columns, where the wine & cheese party marks the beginning of my April in Talladega experience.

Upon entering, I notice people milling about, with more gathering to the right where a beautiful buffet of hors d'oeuvres is displayed. Adjacent to it, the side bar holds an array of wine and water. Turning my gaze briefly towards the bustling buffet, I opt to veer left, drawn to explore the inviting exhibition showcasing watercolor paintings of antebellum and Victorian houses, a glimpse into the area's rich history and architectural charm.

After immersing myself in studying Tommy Moorehead's watercolor masterpieces, I glance up to admire the impressive dentil crown molding when I am greeted by someone with a warm smile. Introducing herself as Valerie White, the museum director, she adds a personal touch to my exploration of the artwork. Listening to her, I learn about the transformation of the original Talladega Public Library into the Heritage Hall Museum, funded by the Talladega Heritage Commission and Jemison-Carnegie Foundation. I delve deeper into conversation with her about

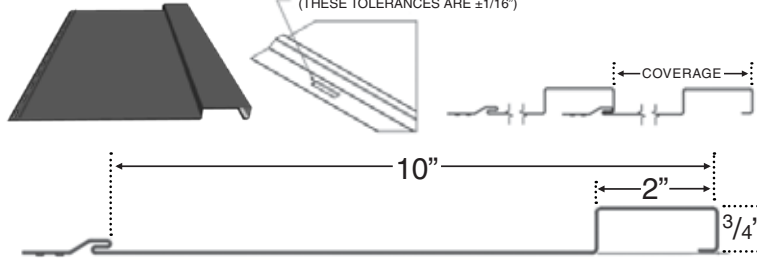




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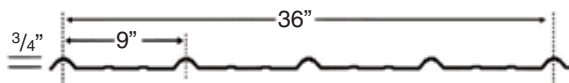
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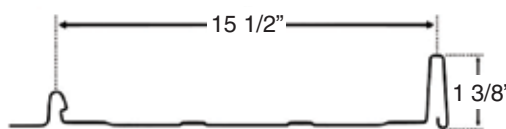


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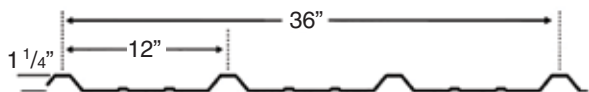
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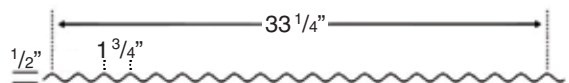
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the community of Talladega and her journey to becoming the director, struck by her dedication to preserving Talladega's architectural charm and moved by her choice to make the town her home. The town's unique character feels like a hidden gem beyond the widely known Talladega Superspeedway and the AIDB. As our conversation progresses, she remarks on my thoughtfulness in attending this event, noting it as a fantastic start to my historic tour of Talladega, given our shared appreciation for historical architecture.

As I relish the delicious cocktail shrimp, stuffed pimiento bell peppers, and chicken salad bites accompanied by a glass of pinot grigio, I take a moment to check my phone. In the midst of this, I find myself captivated by the conversation about a local restaurant led by Donnie Miller, the executive director of the Greater Talladega and Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce. He then extends a friendly introduction, welcoming me warmly. He encourages me to fully embrace the April in Talladega festivities, highlighting the upcoming block party scheduled for the following afternoon. We continue chatting about Talladega, and I interrupt him by rhetorically asking, "You know what I noticed right away this evening?" I smile at him before noting how well people communicate here in Talladega. I ponder whether it is influenced by the nearby AIDB and how residents might be accustomed to being clear and open in their conversational skills.

Donnie nods in agreement and gestures, suggesting that it is indeed a reflection of Southern hospitality. I affirm, "Yes, Southern hospitality plays a part, but it is more than that. It feels genuine. People here truly pay attention and understand the importance of being articulate."

That sentiment resonates throughout the rest of the evening, with several more individuals approaching me, engaging in pleasant conversation, and uniformly expressing, "I am so glad you came!"

This warm reception continues into the next morning when I return for the Historic Tour. The gracious lady exemplifies Southern hospitality as she guides me through the former railroad depot, now home to the chamber of commerce, completed in 1906, with its tile imported from Italy. Enthralled by the exquisite Italian tile, I



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feel compelled to capture its beauty as she recounts the history of the bustling depot, where travelers once awaited trains in the early 1900s.

Filled with a sense of wonder, I leisurely make my way to the next stop on the tour. Along the inclined sidewalk to Talladega Square, I immerse myself in the architectural beauty of the surroundings. Pausing to admire the Historic Ritz Theatre, one of the few remaining main street theaters built in the 1930s, I am delighted by its art deco details. I quickly snap pictures before stepping inside, eager to experience the deep red of the carpet and the comfortable seats extending all the way to the screen.

Not wishing to linger too long, I decide to continue on the tour and return later to watch the documentaries. Stepping out from the cool interior space, I am greeted once again by the brilliance of the sun. As I approach the Wren House, the array of stained glass windows leaves me in awe. Upon entering, I observe the ongoing renovation work with appreciation, especially how the heart pine is being diligently preserved. I commend Greg Walton and Melissa McEwen for their dedication in undertaking the daunting task of restoring such a beautiful house. Their meticulous preservation of intricate details like the stained glass windows and hardwoods, while updating modern amenities such as plumbing and the kitchen, is truly commendable.

"Whenever I feel sore or overwhelmed, I look up to see the stained glass windows and remember why," Melissa comments as she shares the house's origins, which began in the late 1890s and was completed around 1900. Intrigued by her plans for restoring the house, which she and her husband purchased back in 2018, I eagerly anticipate returning once the restoration is complete.

Returning to the porch, I gaze up at the impressive steeple of the First Methodist Church. Taking heed of the helpful advice from the hospitable ladies assisting with the



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Wren House tour, suggest approaching from the side rather than climbing the cascading grand staircases to the front, I make my way. Once inside the historic sanctuary, the sight of the organ stops me in my tracks, instantly transporting me back to my days working at Jacksonville State University. I vividly recall my former boss, Dan Miller, regaling me with his faithful Sunday performances on the organ. I wonder if this is the church where he played.

Exploring beyond the sanctuary, I find myself in the ladies' parlor room, where I am warmly greeted with a gift of their cookbook filled with the rich history of the church, along with some refreshing homemade lemonade. I am then ushered upstairs to learn about their quilting ministry, where I receive even more thoughtful gifts. This tour is becoming increasingly filled with hospitality and love.

As I peruse the table covered with printed materials documenting the beginnings of Auburn University and Birmingham-Southern College, both founded 1854 in Talladega as part of the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I am overcome with emotion. Being among those employed at Birmingham-Southern College, and with the college set to cease its operations as of May 31 of this year, I feel a mixture of nostalgia and sadness. Reading about the history of both higher education institutions, which hold great significance to me, brings about a bittersweet feeling.

Walking away, I feel a deeper connection to this tour, realizing that I am exactly where I should be. It is moments like these that remind me of the small-world nature of Alabama, with Auburn being my hometown.

Rushing to the remaining stops of the tour, I revel in the blooming sights and the heady scents of gardenias, dogwoods, magnolias, and azaleas lining the sidewalks. The Dogwood and Embury homes stand as lovely examples of restoration efforts, their beauty a testament to the town's dedication to preserving its history.

Arriving at First Presbyterian Church, I enter yet another sanctuary graced with its own impressive organ. Intrigued by the design supporting the middle of rows of wooden pews,



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I strike up a conversation with the lovely lady, Dede Elliott, about the church's history and her insights on Talladega. As I notice the handbells nearby, I share a smile with her, remarking on the importance of wearing gloves before handling them to create music.

As the tour comes to a close, I make a special request for the organist to play "It Is Well with My Soul." The haunting melody reverberates through my soul as I gaze upon the majestic stained glass windows, reminiscent of those at my childhood church, Farmville Baptist Church of Auburn.

Slowly passing the pews illuminated by the afternoon sun shining through the stained glass windows, I turn around one more time for another look at the sanctuary before stepping outside. I return to the Talladega Square, which is now filled with crowds milling around vendor booths for the block party. With a margarita, I settle in the Ritz to watch one documentary film, about the different types of landfills and how we Alabamians need to increase our environmental awareness efforts, before the tour officially ends at four o'clock.

Nevertheless, as the Jeff Hallman's "Linger Longer" mural beckons, I remain in the Talladega Square by relaxing on the lawn of Alabama's oldest courthouse in continuous use. I linger longer by enjoying some scrumptious barbecue and homemade mac and cheese, which I wash down with a generous freshly squeezed strawberry lemonade.

Yearning to linger even longer, I reluctantly stand up from the table to walk back to my vehicle, my exit quiet as I let my thoughts linger over how much April in Talladega means to the community and for the state of Alabama.



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Graceful hawks are symbols of tenaciousness and tradition



Written by
SARAH E. MOREMAN
Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

The crack echoes as the ball connects with the bat. My gaze tracks the ball as it arcs through the air, soaring beyond the diamond. Instead of focusing on the baseball players hustling between bases, my attention shifts upward, drawn to a conspicuous, bulky nest constructed of large sticks perched atop the lights.

A sizable, sleek-bodied hawk boasting an impressive wingspan of six feet circles gracefully above the nest before descending to join its companions on the perch.

The *Pandion haliaetus*, more commonly referred to the osprey, has returned. These birds signal the renewal of life in their chosen habitat. Their cream-colored eggs mottled with rust coloring are usually laid in late April. The eggs, as well as the chicks once they hatch, are vigilantly protected



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from the predatory grasp of bald eagles and great horned owls. Hence, ospreys demonstrate a strong preference for perching atop the towering forty-foot utility and light poles due to the limited availability of tall, bare trees in their habitat.

Although the nests, spanning five feet across and reaching a depth of two feet, are meticulously crafted from a diverse array of materials like sticks, twigs, bark, sod, grasses, vines, and algae, forming a robust and well-insulated structure for nesting, they still pose a risk of electrical fires and power outages. To address this concern, several measures have been put in place, including constructing platforms above crossbars and/or lights. However, it is crucial to obtain a special permit before undertaking any nest removal.

The presence of ospreys serves as an indicator of the health of our environment, particularly our waters, given their exclusive fish-based diet. Although ospreys may occasionally prey on mammals like squirrels and rabbits as well as reptiles such as snakes, their preferred and primary source of sustenance remains fish. The spicules on their sharply curved talons are exquisitely designed to securely grip fish. With this remarkable adaptation, they can effortlessly carry fish weighing up to three or four pounds, showcasing their impressive strength and precision.

A cheer draws my gaze back to the home plate, where the white pants of the two players are now streaked with red dirt, evidence of their sliding into home. I smile, joining in the applause. In synchrony, a duet of ospreys takes flight, their wings distinctly kinked, forming a silhouette

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Settling back against the cool aluminum of the bleacher seat, I shift my position to catch a clearer view of the ospreys gracefully gliding towards the lake beyond the baseball complex. After a few moments of hovering, I watch in fascination as they plunge talon-first into the water, completely immersing themselves from head to talon. As they emerge, fish wriggle in their grasp, their reversible outer toes firmly gripping the slippery prey.

The sun, now dipping lower in the sky, casts a gentle warmth as I think of my uncle, who departed two years ago. Much like these fish hawks, he possessed a tenacious spirit, always striving to return home and uphold cherished traditions of family reunions, holiday feasts, and spontaneous gatherings.

As the ospreys steadfastly return to the same nest and mate year and year, my uncle's memory serves as a poignant testament to the enduring power of loyalty and determination in facing life's trials. Having recently laid another loved one to rest near my uncle's final resting place, our family has gathered, bound by our shared trait of no-nonsense resolve—we are not afraid to meet each other's gaze if someone steps out of line such as saying something inappropriate or not providing hospitality. Like the ospreys, we hold firm to our traditions, whether it is coming together to watch a baseball game or simply offering support to one another in times of need.

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BRIAN AND STEPHANIE LONG LOVE FAMILY LIFE ON THE LAKE

Couple relocates to Logan Martin from Atlanta metro area

Written by **FAITH DORN**

Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

Brian and Stephanie Long moved into their home on Logan Martin Lake in December, 2022. The semi-retired couple came from Paulding County, Georgia, after selling the business they owned for more than three decades in Dallas, Georgia.

"We had wanted to live on the lake for a long time, and we knew for a fact it was a great place that our kids and grandkids would want to visit," said Stephanie.

The Long home is a three-bedroom house in Cropwell on the lake's main channel. The home also features three full and two half-bathrooms, plus a bonus room.

Stephanie says her favorite part of the





French country-style home is the view when you walk into the house. "This is what sold us. You are immediately looking at the lake."

Each room in the open-concept house has a great view of the water. There is also a 200-square-foot screened-in porch that allows for more appreciation of the outdoors.

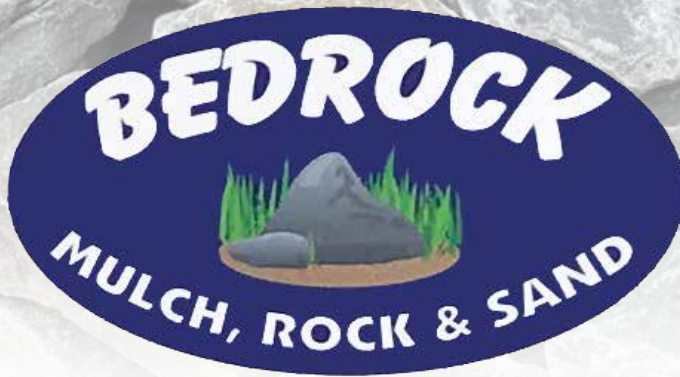
The color scheme inside the nearly 4,000-square-foot home is very neutral.

"We haven't had a tremendous amount of time to make any changes. Our next project will be the master bedroom," Stephanie said. "We want to change some furniture and maybe paint,

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but that will be a fall or winter job. We want to make it more along the lines of a French country home."

Last year, the Longs began changing the landscaping on the property.

"We tore up all of the landscaping and did all new landscaping. The gentleman and his wife who built the house in 2019 had put in a lot of green shrubbery, and we like color," said Stephanie.

There is currently a small fire pit on the property, but in the next year, the Longs are hoping to build an outdoor kitchen and a huge fire pit.

"Something about the house that is unique to me is that all of the doors in the home are eight feet high, whereas most doors are six feet, eight inches high," Stephanie said.

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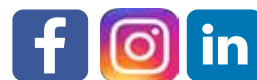
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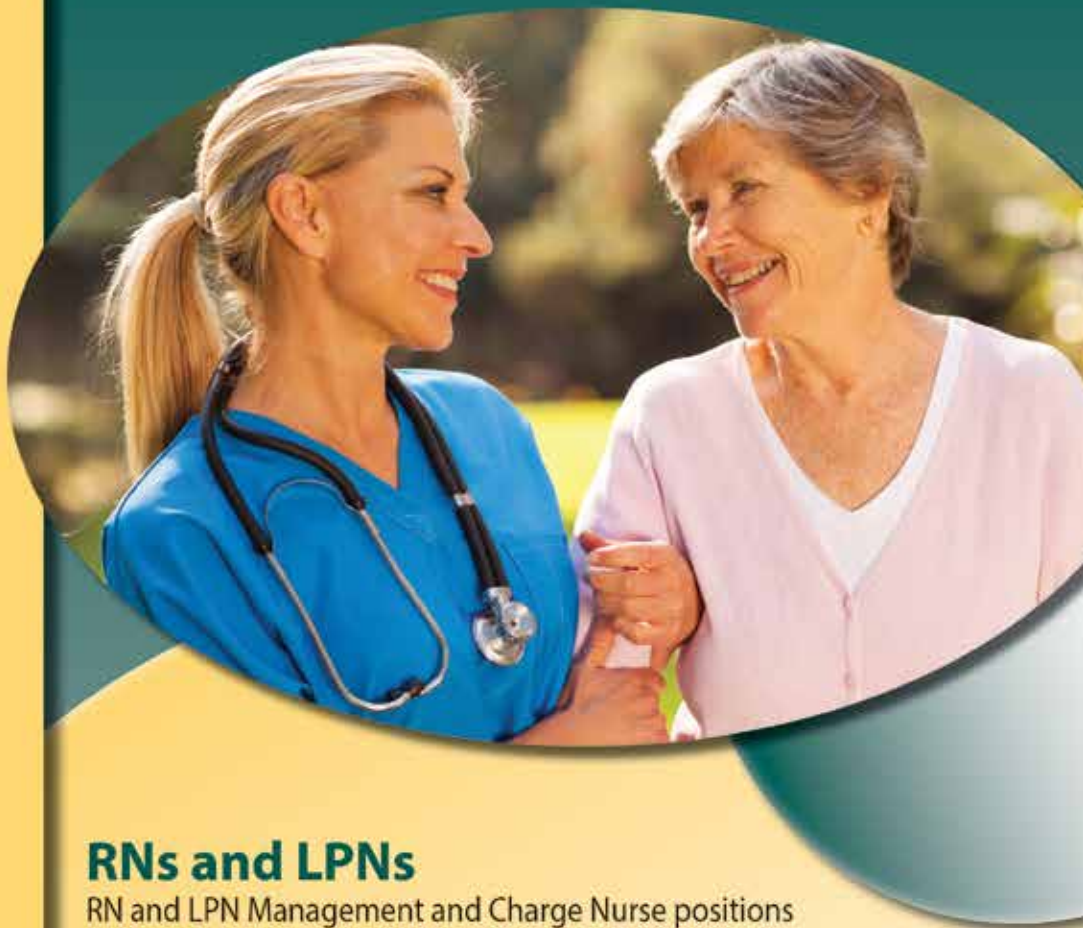


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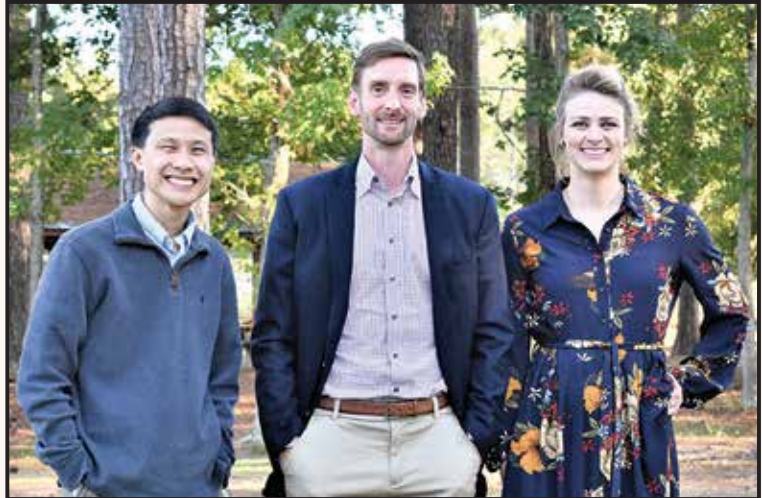
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The Longs own a tritoon and two jet skis.

"We love being able to get out on the boat and visit the restaurants on the lake or ride the jet skis. One time, we rode the jet skis all the way to Gadsden and back. That was about 70 miles," Stephanie said, laughing, "I may volunteer to stay at the house with the grandkids next time."

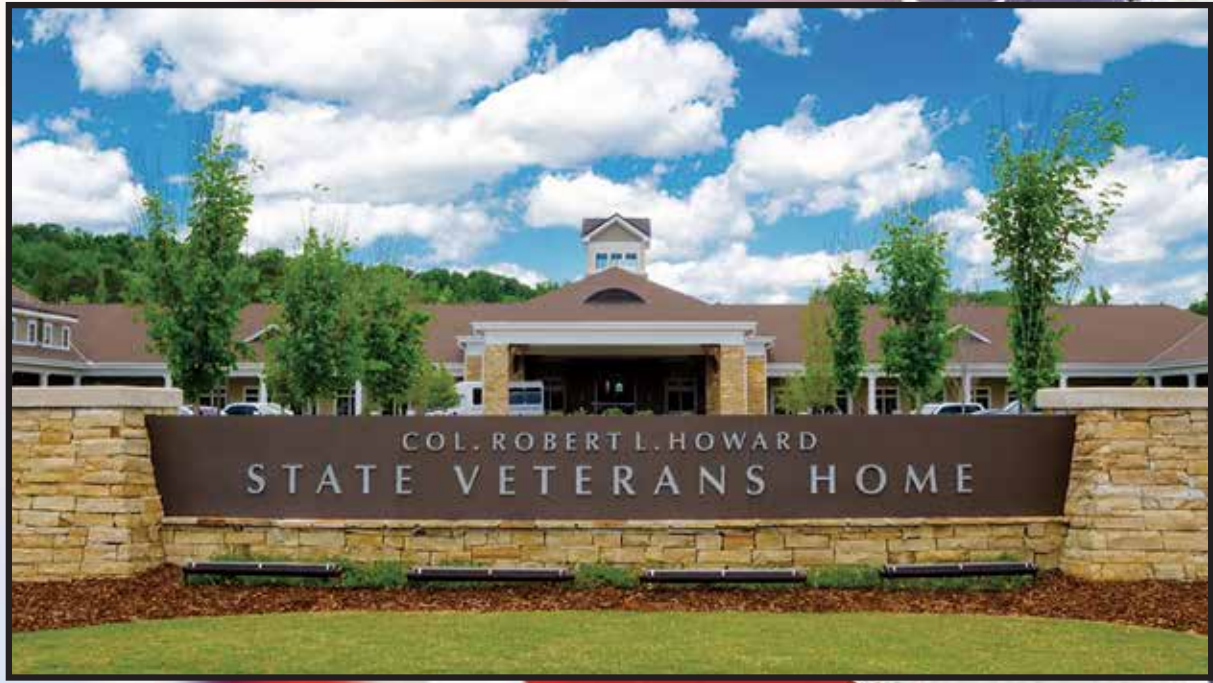
The Longs also enjoy all of the events that happen at and around the lake. "We loved Boo Bash last year. There is just so much to do."

The Longs love the view from their home, but they love the frequent visits from their family, including their five grandchildren under four years old, even more.

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May 4 SUNSHINE SATURDAY

This 48th annual family-oriented event is hosted by the Talladega Family Life Center on West Battle Street from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The festival will feature arts and crafts, clothing boutiques, live entertainment, food, games, live pony rides, a gaming station, laser tag, a rock wall, and other activities. For more details, visit the Sunshine Saturday Facebook page.



May 11 "KICKIN BASS" VETERAN CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Dovetail Landing, in partnership with the City of Lincoln, hosts this tournament benefiting

veterans and their families in Alabama returning home from the military. It starts at safe light, with weigh-ins at 3 p.m. at Lincoln's Landing. The tournament offers a \$2,500 payout based on 40 boats. Dovetail Landing is a veterans' transitional and wellness community in Lincoln that aids Veterans and their families returning to Alabama after honorable military service. For registration information and other details, visit the event's Facebook page..



May 17 AN EVENING WITH THE WINGNUTS

The fan-favorite local band presents The Classic Rock Cassette Era, a historical exploration framed by classic rock songs from Grand Funk Railroad, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Marshall Tucker Band, The Eagles, America, Supertramp, The Moody Blues, Tom Petty, Stevie Nicks, Eric Clapton and more. Showtime is 7 p.m. at Talladega's Historic Ritz Theatre. For ticket information, visit www.ritztalladega.com.

May 18 11TH ANNUAL MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sylacauga Country Club hosts this benefit event starting at 8 a.m. This year's tournament is a 4-man scramble with a hole-in-one grand prize of a new Dodge truck. Registration includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, goodie bags, drinks, snacks, and lunch. This year, the tournament benefits international children's ministries in South Africa. For registration information, visit the event's Facebook page.



May 18 LEEDS CREEK BANK FESTIVAL

Leeds Memorial Park hosts this 29th annual event from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., presented by the Leeds Area Chamber of Commerce. Admission and parking are free. The day's will feature hula hoop contests, balloon artists, face painting, arts, crafts, specialty vendors from all over the Southeast, food trucks, and the Cruising the Creek Bank Charity Car Show. For more details, visit www.CreekBankFestival.com.

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May 18

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May 24-25

MUSIC & CRAFTS FEST

Horse Pens 40 hosts this event beginning at noon Friday and concluding at 6 p.m. Saturday. Local crafts vendors, food vendors, and musicians will be set up throughout the park. For ticket information, call 256-458-3545. Horse Pens 40 is at 3525 St. Clair County 42 in Steele.



May 31

THE HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR

Featuring The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger featuring Joey Molland, The Vogues, and The Cowsills, this evening of chart-topping hits from the 1960s and 1970s begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Oxford Performing Arts Center. The concert will include such popular songs as "She'd Rather Be With Me," "This Magic Moment," "Come a Little Bit Closer," "Cherish," "Windy," "Day After Day," and "Five O'Clock World." For ticket information, visit www.oxfordpac.org.



June 1

25TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN BLOCK PARTY

This beloved summer event celebrates its silver anniversary this year, returning to downtown Pell City from 3-9 p.m. With live music,

food, more than 100 vendors, kids' activities, a car show, and more, the Pell City Chamber of Commerce is excited to host this local tradition again this summer. For vendor, sponsorship, and information for attendees, visit www.pellcitychamber.com.



June 15

RIVERSIDE POKER RUN

Presented by the Riverside Beautification Organization, this 15th annual event is scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Riverside Landing. Registration is set for 4-7 p.m. Friday at the landing and remains open until 1 p.m. Saturday. The entry fee (which includes poker packet, chips to bid on dock prizes, and a map to 7 docks, including the mystery dock at which more cards can be purchased) is \$15 person. Prizes (for hands with and without mystery cards) are \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Hands must be turned in by 2 p.m., and winners will be announced at 2:30. A rain date has been scheduled for June 22.



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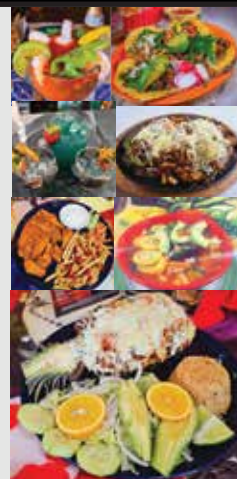
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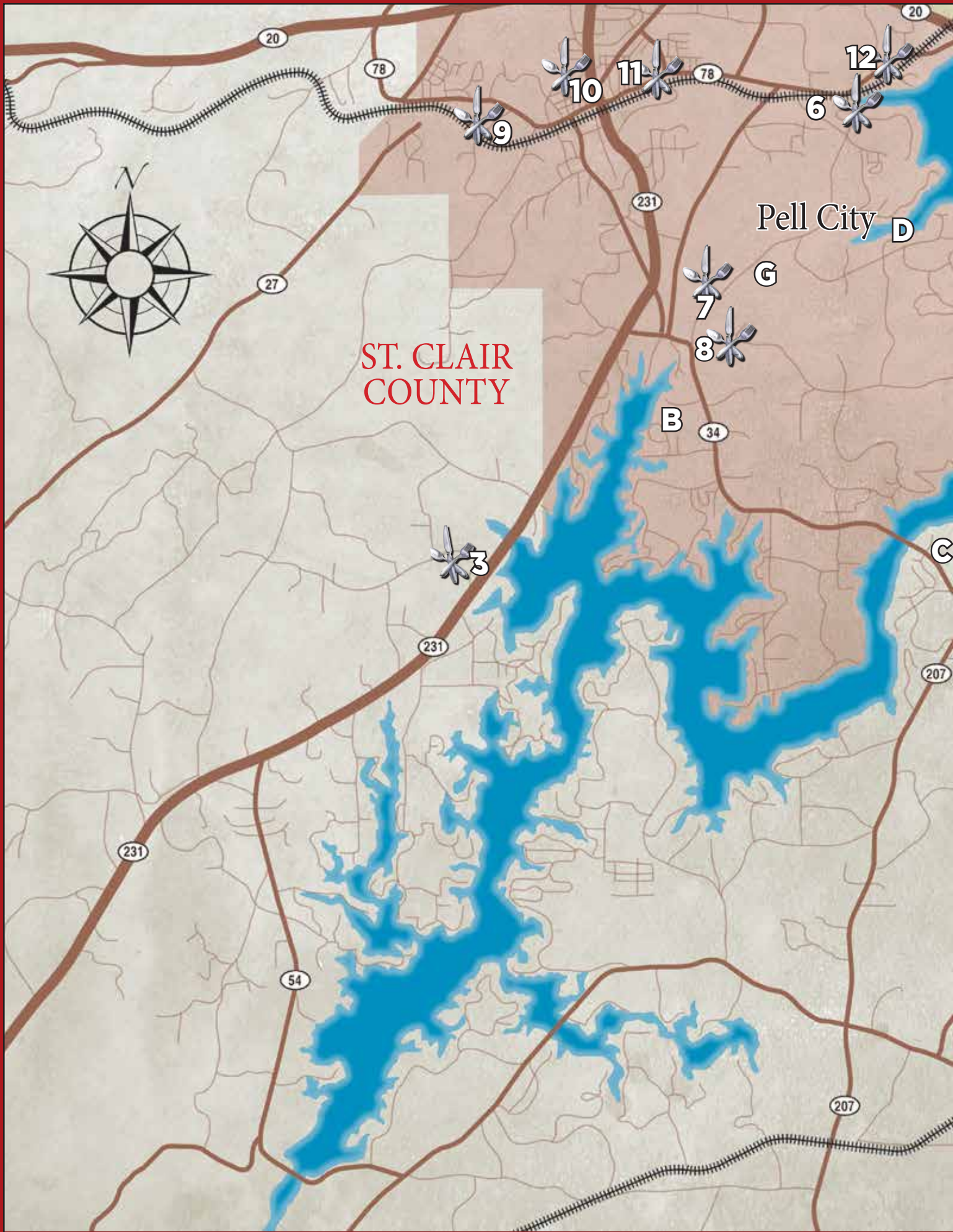
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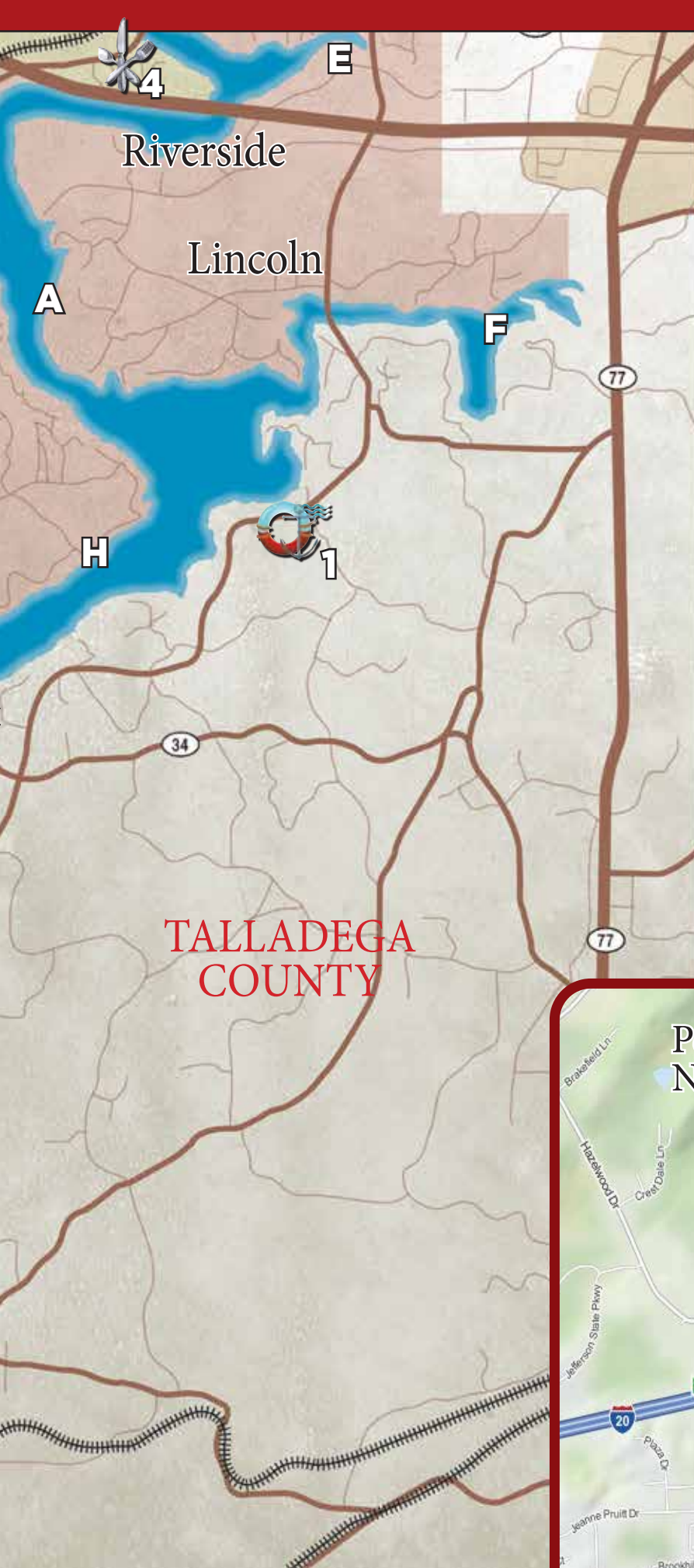
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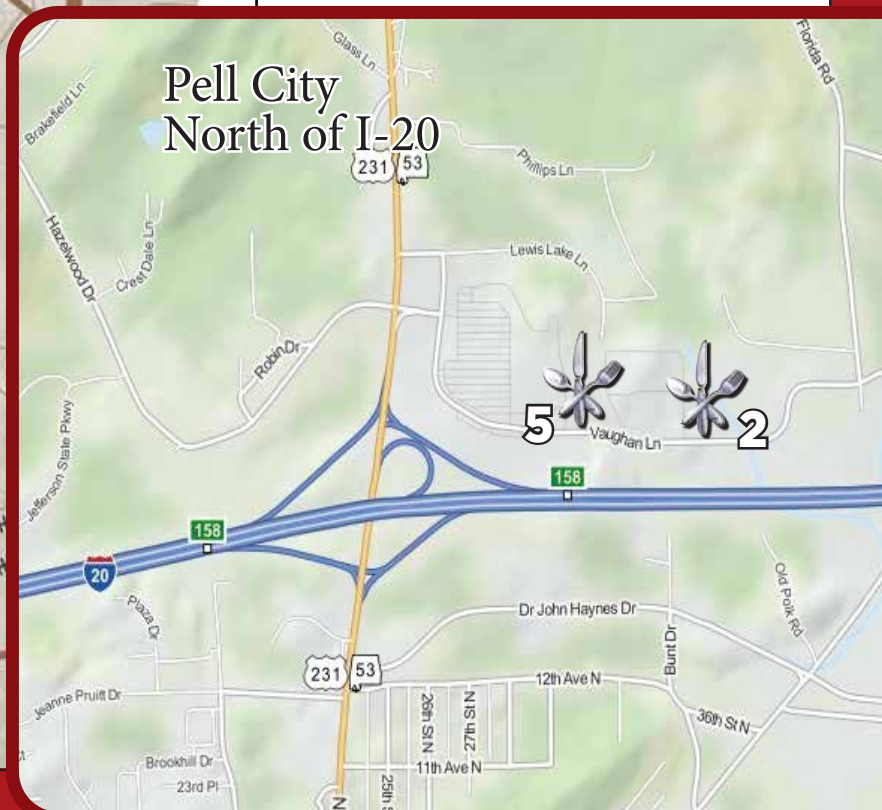
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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**

Submitted photos

Prospective home buyers who are looking for a dream home on Logan Martin Lake will want to see the property at 711 Shannon Lynn Shores in Talladega.

The newly remodeled one-story home is nestled just away from the lake. It sits on 2.5 acres and was built in 1969. With a brick and vinyl siding exterior, it has three bedrooms and two bathrooms within its 2,091-square-foot interior.

The closed-concept floor plan offers a traditional feel with a modern approach. The spacious living areas can be transformed into multiple concepts to fit a small or growing family. When entering the home, the vaulted ceiling, wood flooring, and large bay windows quickly give the feeling of home. Other interior features include exposed wooden beams,

recessed lighting, a ceiling fan, and a built-in stone wooden fireplace.

The kitchen has wood flooring, recessing lighting, white cabinets offering plenty of storage, black and stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops with a tiled gray backsplash, a large window that offers a great view of the lake, and a white breakfast bar. The laundry room is situated on the main floor and has an electric washer and dryer hook-up.

A distinctive feature about the home is its detached three-car garage that can also serve as a guest house, with its own bath.

The exterior features a long and circular driveway, patio, deck, a two-slip boathouse, pier, workshop, and a large back yard.

The property lists at \$949,999. For more information, call Donna Breland with Signature Realty at 205-910-8799.



Coming to America introduces local Realtor to her new career

Written by VALLEAN JACKSON

Submitted photo

Shirley Kujan discovered her passion for real estate upon coming to the United States and looking for a place to call home.

"When I first came to this country," she said, "I looked at houses, and as I was being shown the houses I felt like I could see myself doing the same thing. I knew I needed a change in career but was not sure what direction to go in. I had worked in Bermuda for five years and knew I wanted something different and I didn't want to be in an office. So I tried it, developed a passion for it, and have not strayed away from it since."

She now has 32 years of experience and has seen the market transition and develop over the decades. She works with The Realty Pros part-time while also working in marketing at Servpro, and she believes that the two match well together. She is also heavily involved within the community through the Pell Chamber of Commerce as its president-elect and the St. Clair Association of Realtors as a member

of its board of directors.

Kujan says that being a Realtor means being able to make the transaction as seamless and as painless as possible for her clients. She believes that what makes her unique as a Realtor is her honesty, and that when it comes to clients, she will have their best interests at heart, and she will work to get their house sold or the help them find the perfect house to move into.

"To circle back, one of the things that inspired me to get into real estate was my journey to buying my own house and it did influence the way I sometimes deal with clients. In our search for a home, setting realistic expectations early was important. We knew what we could afford, and we narrowed it down. This is why I encourage people to not look at more than six houses in a day because it may confuse you, and before even looking at a home, please get prequalified. That give you direction in a sense, lets you know what you can afford, and gives you realistic expectations."

One of the most rewarding parts of her job is being at the closing table and seeing her clients be "so excited. The smile on their faces and their eagerness to move in is completely satisfying to me to have happy clients."

When it comes to sellers, "the advice that I would give to them is to maintain curb appeal," Kujan says. "Make sure the front door and the steps, if there are any, all look inviting. The lighting within the home is also important. You do not want any harsh lighting and make sure to keep everything as clean as possible. Then as far as temperature, keep it cool in the summer and warm in the winter. The best way to sell a home is to paint the picture for buyers of what home for them could feel like."

A native of Lancashire, England, Kujan now resides in Pell City. She is married and has two grown children. Her favorite food is carrot cake, she has a cup of tea every afternoon, and when she is not working, she enjoys lounging by the pool and going on cruises.



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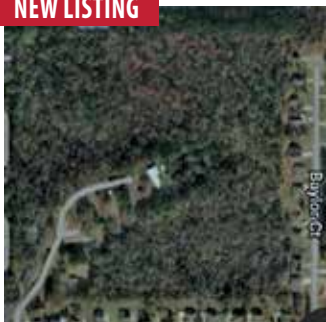


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\$275,000

NEW LISTING



MLS# 21376211
36th St, Pell City
Great opportunity - 30 acres joins
industrial park on the north and
well established subdivision on
the south and east.
\$300,000

UNDER CONTRACT



MLS# 21370544
90 Britt Mountain Ln
3 bedroom 2 bath
\$125,000

NEW LISTING



MLS# 21381948
Saddlewood Dr
4 bedroom 3 bath
\$330,000

UNDER CONTRACT



MLS# 21376290
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Unit 807**
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5021 Collins Drive, Pell City
MLS #1329406 \$949,000

Fabulous waterfront home with awesome view on Logan Martin Lake. Huge living rooms open to kitchen and dining area. Big windows to enjoy the lake especially the master bedroom and bathroom. Cute kitchen with ideal place to entertain family. Basement partially finished with extra bathroom and separate shower with new tile. Bedroom in basement along with office area and workshop. Extra unfinished area for storage. Great back deck with plenty of space to entertain. Two separate garages for storage. Circle driveway with beautiful trees for privacy. Breathtaking view to enjoy lake living everyday. Call for appointment.

Proposed Commercial

8 Acres



363 164 Lewis Lake Lane, Pell City, AL 35125
MLS #1361480 \$999,363

Proposed commercial property close to interstate, walmart, home depot and ideal for new business. So many opportunities with St. Clair County growing with huge development all around. Approximately 8 acreage with older home and beautiful woods and creek. The older home is on property but value is in the land. Right down the road is several commercial properties which is developing quickly. Call for appointment to see this fabulous land.



235 Lakeview Cir, Cropwell, AL 35054
MLS #21379377 \$299,000

This is a great investment opportunity with separate apartment right across from the street from the lake.



Reduced Price

0 Haven Cir, Riverside, AL 35135
MLS #1305821 \$77,777

Beautiful waterfront lot in Riverside Estates. Ideal for building a home. No mobile homes per covenants. Riverside estates covenants and restriction apply. Also, City of Riverside regulations and zoning. Gated community boat launch just for residents of Riverside Estates. Absolutely awesome sunsets to enjoy each day. Old survey on record. Great opportunity to live on Logan Martin Lake. So close to interstate and restaurants. The lot has beautiful trees on the property. Water hydrant close to the lot. The neighbor has several new homes so this would be ideal for your lakehome. Also, new shopping center in Pell City not far away. Talladega Speedway is close by for the nascar fan. Barbers Motor Speedway is so much fun to see the races too. Great fun fishing or boating on Logan Martin Lake.



Possible Commercial



Great investment opportunity, **5 acres +/- with water frontage** on Logan Martin Lake. Close to interstate. Ideal for campground or all kinds of investments subject to verification on zoning. Beautiful land with so much potential. Fabulous area to build your dream of property with great waterfront. Just needs some tlc to make a this investment grow.



475 Riverbend Lane, Lincoln, AL 35096
MLS #1348052 \$249,900



1913 Kent Circle, Leeds, AL 35094
MLS #21372920 \$278,000

Beautiful home in great neighborhood of Oliver Crossing. Awesome home with fabulous open floor plan. Great living room open to kitchen and dining area. Wonderful back yard with covered porch setup as sports bar entertainment paradise and above ground pool with deck. Just such a unique home with so much space for a family with spacious master bedroom and bath. Extra bedrooms with plenty of space for kids or office along with extra bathroom. Walk up attic with great bonus area that could be turned into room and lots of storage. Huge yard all fenced with plenty of space for family. The home is in back of neighborhood on cul-de-sac. Roof replace approx. 8/23. Heat and air replaced approx. 5 years. House painted approx. 8/23. Approx. 650 feet of covered entertainment area. Refrigerator replaced approximately year old. Call for appointment request 24 hours notice.



367 Lewis Lake Ln., Pell City, AL 35125
MLS #21363926 \$979,363

Great acreage so close to Walmart and Homes Depot, plus interstate. Ideal for all sorts of business opportunities! Fabulous property so close to so many new business plus hospital, stores, hotels and new subdivision. So many possibilities for a new potential commercial property. Several new business right down the same street which would be ideal for your new commercial property or access to so much so close. Must have appointment to see property. Strictly land only.

Possible Commercial



1800 Martin St., Pell City, AL 35128
MLS #1333698 \$399,777

Beautiful home with such spacious rooms. Huge living room and kitchen with eating area. New flooring in kitchen and one bathroom. The kitchen is huge and ideal for a chef. Big master bedroom with separate dressing area in the bathroom. Extra bathroom with separate shower just remodeled. Big extra bedrooms with plenty of close space. Garage with washer dryer area. Covered back porch overlooking fenced back yard. Such a charming home so close to restaurants and shopping. Must have appointment to see this home. Selling home as is! Bring an offer! Potential for commercial in the future subject to being rezoned.

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Talladega, AL 35160**

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3 ACRES



**61 Idalia Rd
Talladega, AL 35160**

2 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21369590

\$190,000

LAKE FRONT!

1.6 ACRES



**95 Roberts Circle
Lincoln, AL 35096**

2 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21378153

\$445,000

3 ACRES



**300 Deerbrook Rd
Talladega, AL 35160**

3 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21368788

\$350,000



**7509 Mountain Top Circle
Trussville, AL 35173**

4 BR, 4 BA MLS# 1302932

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**1022 Forest Ln
Anniston, AL 36207**

4 BR, 2 BA MLS# 1345537

\$265,000

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**9219 Mark Ryan Dr
Kimberly, AL 35091**

3 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21373606

\$315,000

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**5842 Horizons Pkwy,
Pell City, AL 35128**

3 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21371402

\$275,000

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**924 Brecon Access Rd
Talladega, AL 35160**

3 BR, 2 BA MLS# 1336212

\$159,900



**355 Hill Ln #1
Lincoln, AL 35096**

20 Acres MLS# 1340645

\$190,000

UNDER CONTRACT



**1005 Magnolia Circle
Leeds, AL 35094**

3 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21380814

\$375,000



**0 Stemley Bridge Rd #1
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5991 Stemly Rd., Talladega
MLS# 21379392
\$499,999

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183 Marina Dr, Talladega
MLS# 21373539
\$875,000

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661 Pamela St., Birmingham
MLS# 21368858
\$409,900



1729 Vestwood Hills Dr
Birmingham
MLS# 21365872
\$129,900

+/- 76 ACRE FARM



400 Morgan Bridge Rd #1/1
Ragland
MLS# 21376122
\$694,900

23+ ACRES



4030 Old Cahaba Pkwy, Lot 3,
Helena
MLS# 21379153
\$325,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION



330 Saint Smith Cir, Cropwell
MLS# 21381951
\$224,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION



360 Saint Smith Cir, Cropwell
MLS# 21381944
\$224,900



717 Deerwood Dr, Pell City
MLS# 21381938
\$274,900

WATERFRONT



711 Shannon Lynn Shores Ln,
Talladega
MLS# 21381896
\$949,999

UNDER CONTRACT



1338 Lister Dr, Pell City
MLS# 21380524
\$279,900



805 49th St N, Birmingham
MLS# 21380494
\$259,000

WATERFRONT



1415 Shannon Way, Talladega
\$2,800,000



60 Old Road Way, Cropwell
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8908 McClellan Blvd., Anniston
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\$699,000

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0 Reel Ln., Pell City
MLS# 1343464
\$625,000

COMMERCIAL



0 Vaughn Ln, Pell City
MLS# 21373880
\$2,000,000

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3450 Wolf Creek Rd, Pell City
MLS# 21373868
\$229,000



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	<p>299 Marsh Ln. Oxford, AL 36203 MLS# 21375803 \$709,900 LAKE FRONT</p>		<p>475 River Forest Ln. Ste 4120, Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21378884 \$259,900 LAKE FRONT</p>
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3909 Hastings Dr.
Oxford, AL 36203
MLS# 1362091
\$329,900
IN-GROUND POOL

UNDER CONTRACT

364 Fox Run Ln.
Pell City, AL 35125
MLS# 21371242
\$247,900

**UNDER CONTRACT**

6 Kreek Knoll
Lincoln, AL 35096
MLS# 21373861
\$279,900

SOLD

1132 Ranch Marina Rd.
Pell City, AL 35128
MLS# 21374918
\$449,900

UNDER CONTRACT

2126 Cedar Springs Rd.
Jacksonville, AL 36265
MLS# 21377033
\$189,900

NEW LISTING

9000 Brookhaven Ln.
Odenville, AL 35120
MLS# 21381120
\$439,900

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117 Hickory Ln.
Pell City, AL 35128
MLS# 21371778
\$239,900

**UNDER CONTRACT**

4002 Verbena Dr.
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MLS# 21377392
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190 Meadow River Rd.
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MLS# 21377448
\$234,900

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Moody, AL 35004
MLS# 21378405
\$289,900

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632 Paden Dr.
Vestavia, AL 35226
MLS# 21380326
\$549,900

NEW LISTING

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Pell City, AL 35125
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5018 Collins Dr, Pell City
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This NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BR and 3.5 BA home has an abundance of upgrades! The oversized lot sits majestically in the beautiful subdivision of The Reserve with boat launch and common area. The outdoor patio comes complete with a stacked stone fireplace and sitting area perfect for enjoying family and friends.



5012 Collins Dr, Pell City
\$679,000

A NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BR and 3.5 BA home with almost 3000 sq ft will be the perfect entertaining home with an oversized family room and upgraded kitchen and an outdoor patio complete with a stacked stone fireplace. This beauty sits on an approx. 1 acre lot and is seconds away from Logan Martin Lake!



31 Brakefield Ln, Pell City
\$119,900

2 BR and 1.5 BA Manufactured Home on 5 lots with a detached 2 car garage just seconds away from the VA home and the hospital! This is a private and quiet street but so convenient.



1480 Stemly Bridge Rd, Talladega
\$350,000

This custom built one level brick 3 BR and 2.5 BA home sits on approx. 12 beautiful acres with a CREEK! Love to entertain? This home has a large patio and an outdoor kitchen!



268 Lyles Dr, Odenville
\$237,500

This 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom home is perfect for those family members who like to have their own space and still enjoy family time with two large family rooms! Sits on 4.5 acres!



8733 Hwy 231, Pell Cropwell
\$268,000

Oh, WHAT CHARM! This adorable home that has been recently remodeled from inside to outside has 2 bedrooms, both with ensuites, kitchen, laundry room, dining area, and a large family area. There is so much history in this nostalgia home sitting on approx 2.86 acres, and the owners have maintained the home to perfection!



503 Markeeta Rd, Leeds
\$349,900

Need a place of worship, school, or wedding venue? This beautiful church building has been well taken care of and includes all of the furnishings such as pews, tables, chairs, and audio and visual equipment. The recently remodeled basement includes a fellowship hall, new appliances, new countertops, and new tile flooring. Plenty of parking spaces and outdoor areas for activities for large gatherings. There is also 3.7 acres in total, so there would be plenty of space to expand.



595 Willingham Rd, Talladega
\$975,000

You can use this 30 acres with over 900 ft of waterfront property for your own private use or develop it as a campground or subdivision and be the envy of all on the Logan Martin Lake!



9266 Jardin Cir, Leeds
\$429,500

(Leeds but St. Clair Co)-Move-In READY! This beautiful 4 BR and 2.5 BA with 2380 sq ft home is filled with Southern Charm and many extras. The open floor plan from the front door, through the family room, and into the kitchen is so inviting and perfect for indoor entertaining and also has several large decks for outdoor entertaining with a fenced-in backyard!



0 Hwy 33, Pelham
\$569,000

Pelham-Zoned B2 Commercial property with 5.27 acres in a high traffic area! Perfect for a general business like a laundromat, convenience store, church, equipment rental and more!



3396 Old Beavers Rd, Cropwell
\$394,900

Would you want an unrestricted and level 2 acre piece of heaven with mature trees and also areas of openness with a 3 BR and 2 BA open floor plan home with an additional 1100 sq ft of an unfinished upstairs bonus area? So beautiful!



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23 Pinewell Dr, Cropwell
5 BR, 3.5 BA - 45 Acres


\$1,200,000



**139 Wolf Creek Rd N,
Pell City
3 BR, 2BA**

\$255,000

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**0 Lake Ridge Ln,
Talladega
Lot 21 & 22**


\$300,000

**LOGAN MARTIN
SOLD**



2004 River Oaks Point, Cropwell
6BR, 5BA

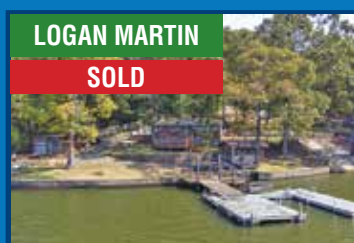
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**0 Shady Grove Rd,
Talladega
Lot**

\$7,500

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**1776 Davis Acres Dr,
Alpine
3BR, 2 BA**

\$350,000

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454 Eagle Point Dr, Cropwell
4BR, 4BA

\$525,000



**23 Stonegate Cir,
Lincoln
3 BR, 2 BA**

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6BR, 4BA

\$699,000

LAKE FRONT
UNDER CONTRACT



**45 Willow Point Ln,
Cropwell**
3BR, 5BA

\$650,000

COMMERICAL POTENTIAL
UNDER CONTRACT



**3402 Cogswell Ave,
Pell City**
3 BR, 1BA

\$280,000



**225 Kay St,
Pell City**
2BR, 2BA

\$199,000



**2115 Sprayberry Rd,
Pell City**
3BR, 2BA

\$102,900

COOSA RIVER



**551 Liberty Shores Dr,
Vincent**
20 Acres

\$245,000

WATERFRONT



**269 Arrowhead Rd,
Cropwell**
2BR, 1BA

\$165,000

LOGAN MARTIN
2+ ACRES



**490 Pepper Rd,
Cropwell**
3BR, 2BA

\$649,000

LOGAN MARTIN



**385 Eastland Dr,
Lincoln**
4BR, 3BA

\$789,000

UNDER CONTRACT



**George Rd,
Ragland**
Lot #1

\$99,500

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**Autumn Ln,
Pell City**
Lot 13

\$30,000

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**0 Killough Dr,
Talladega**
Acreage

\$250,000



**111 Taylors Farm Rd,
Lincoln**
4BR, 3BA

\$235,000



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\$1,250,000 - 4721 Red Hawk Trail - RARE FIND in this 37.83 ACRES m/l with private setting with magnificent landscaping that features 4 bedroom, 3 bath one level home, greatroom with rock fireplace, foyer with marble floors, dining room with hardwood floors, updated kitchen and appliances. Located downstairs is a play/rec room, keeping room, bedroom and full bath with loft area located upstairs. Relax on screened porch watching the wild ducks and other wild life and view the PRIVATE LAKE for fishing after driving through the orchard of different fruit trees to this awesome cedar (vinyl) siding and rock construction. MLS #21378572 Call Lee 205/812-4530



\$625,000 - 190 Morning Glory Circle - SPECTACULAR VIEWS WITH YEAR ROUND WATER with this one level 4 bedroom, 2 bath home that consists of some vaulted, tongue and groove ceilings and reclaimed heart pine hardwood floors. Living room with gas fireplace, master bedroom with a relaxing sitting area and basement with den. Outside features gentle sloping lot, covered dock, pier, seawall, boathouse, greenhouse and small fenced area for dog. MLS #21373148 Call Karen 205/473-4613 or Adam 205/369-2704



SOLD
\$339,000 - 140 Cherry Lane - DESIGN BUILD 4 bedroom, 3 bath home that features all the upgrades of granite counters, custom cabinetry along with large eat in kitchen. Master suite features a bedroom large enough for a sitting area and the bathroom boasts a large walk in shower. Downstairs is bedroom, bath and den which is great for additional family member. Easy access to I-20, Pell City and surround areas. MLS #1363513. Call Jacque 205/369-2883



\$394,900 - 3396 Old Beavers Rd. - NICE SETTING. For this one level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with open concept, family room with fireplace and large unfinished area upstairs for more potential living space and located approx. 2 ACRES with mature trees. MLS #21368417. Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$559,900 - 2711 Stoneybrook Circle - PRIVATE, WOODED SETTING located on 6.1 ACRES m/l with this large 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home that features family room with fireplace, (2) kitchens and den with fireplace with the second story including 2 of the bedrooms, bath and huge master suite with large office area. The basement is finished with bathroom and storage area. Included is 2-car main level garage, inground pool and separate building. MLS #21378641 Call Adam 205/369-2704



SOLD
\$169,900 - 160 Tripp Drive - DISCOVER THE ALLURE of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath one level home that features kitchen with brand new appliances, including washer and dryer. Back yard is flat with deck that is ideal setting for entertaining. This home is nestled within a tranquil 15-minute drive from Pell City's new shopping center and close to other amenities. MLS #21370788 Call Lauren 205/352-5319



\$334,900 - 1319 Lake Joyce Rd. - GREAT WATERFRONT PRICE for this one level 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home that features family room with fireplace dining room and den and spacious sunroom. The private above ground pool is located in the backyard with the lake. MLS #21370875. Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$415,000 - 521 Lomar Dr. - ONE LEVEL, 3 bedroom 3 bath LAKE HOME that features great room with fireplace, two master bedrooms and sunroom with great views of the lake. Home has been updated with large island accenting granite counter tops, drawer storage, hardwood and bamboo flooring, tankless water heater, windows and roof approx. 10 years old. The large carport has a storm shelter and crawl space is encapsulated. This Home Offers Fun, Relaxation and Serenity! MLS #21376907 Call Karen 205/473-4613



\$265,000 - 1700 3rd Avenue - CHARACTER, CHARM and ELEGANCE with this 2 story 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that features living room with fireplace, dining room, original, well maintained hardwood floors that add to overall beauty. Quaintness of the neighborhood is true to the era of the home and located convenient to downtown and I-20. MLS # 21368330. Call Alesia 205/495-0860



UNDER CONTRACT
\$585,000 - 150 Tumbleweed Lane - GREAT FOR ENTERTAINING is this Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3.5 1.5 story home that features greatroom with fireplace (2) master bedrooms and large, gourmet style kitchen. This home has large pool, pergola, fenced yard and extra garage space (3 car attached to the house, 4 bay detached and a one car/utility garage and with a circle driveway for plenty of parking. MLS #21380316 Call Karen 205/473-4613 or Adam 205/369-2704



\$334,900 - 935 Mount Olive Dr. - 3 ACRES m/l with NEWLY REMODELED 2- story 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that features fresh paint inside and out, refinished hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen with new appliances, quartz counter tops and tiled flooring. Large deck that stretches across the back of the house, nice firepit area and shed great for cars and boats. MLS# 21375156 Call Karen 205/473-4613 or Adam 205/369-2704



\$158,000 - 5948 Princess Blvd. - OPEN FLOOR PLAN with this 2 bedroom, 2 bath one level home that features outdoor patio and the privacy of fenced in backyard, with location close to shops, churches, restaurants and schools. MLS #21376946 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



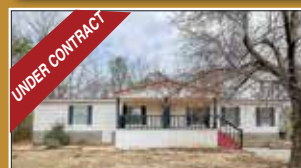
\$286,000 - 8733 Highway 231 - CHARMING AND ADORABLE older 2 bedroom, 2 bath home that has been recently remodeled from inside to outside, featuring living/dining, large family area and kitchen with all appliances remain including the washer and dryer. Home is located just outside city limits with no subdivision restrictions and sitting on approximately 2.86 acres. MLS #21373394. Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$245,900 - 1102 28th St., N - CONVENIENT LOCATION for the one level 3 bedroom 2 bath home located in established neighborhood close to I-20 and new shopping stores. Great eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, family room with fireplace and large master bedroom and bath. 2-car garage and located on nice level lot. MLS #21371398. Call Carey 205/901-0652



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