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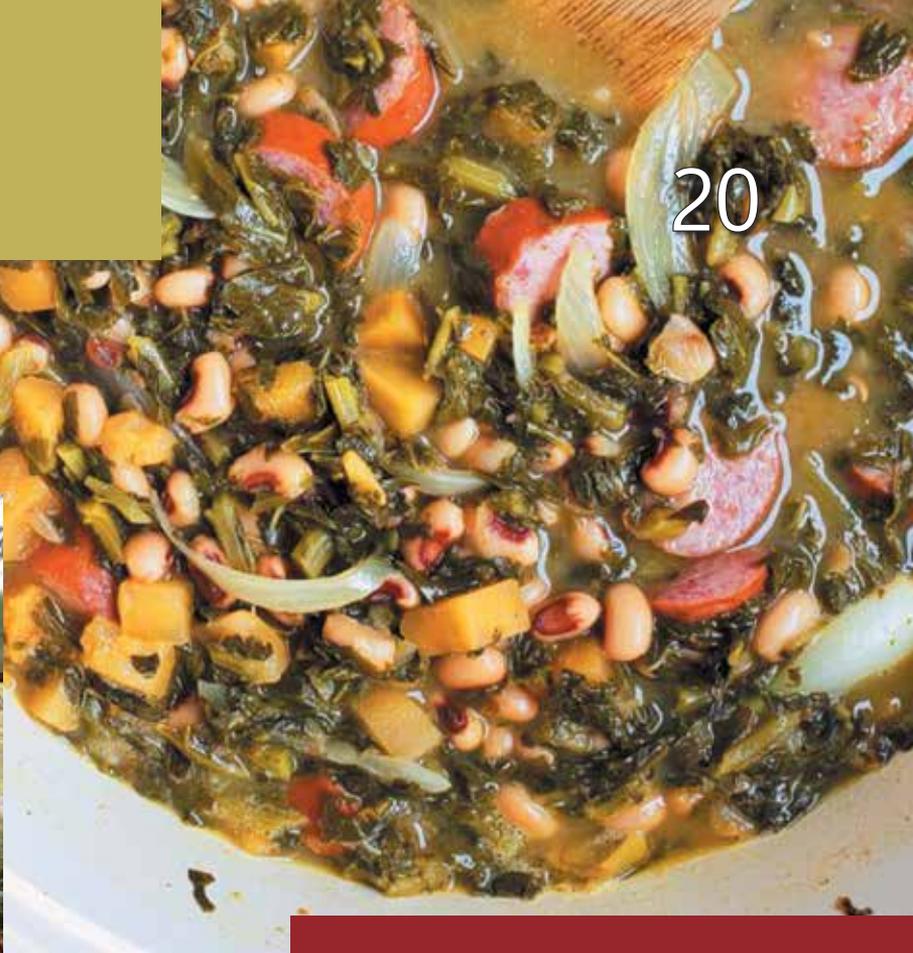
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AT MARTIN STREET MERCANTILE

"There will be something for everyone here," Amanda Anderson-St. John said as she welcomed me to Martin Street Mercantile in advance of its grand opening late last month, just in time for Black Friday and Small Business Saturday shopping. "We offer gifts for men, women, children and the home."

"Congratulations," I replied. "This is a great space. And in a great location. I have always liked this building."

"Have you seen upstairs?" Amanda asked.

I hadn't.

"Come on, I'll show you."

I followed her to the top level of the old Landis Antiques building at the corner of Martin Street and 12th Avenue N in Pell City, which Amanda and her wife Nicole (both award-winning Realtors with Lake Homes Realty) have transformed into the new offices of The Anderson Group. Although it had housed offices before Nicole and Amanda moved in, I remember the space best from the happy occasions I spent walking the creaky old boards browsing the collection of vintage items when it house the venerable antique mall.

"This is really nice," I said to Amanda. "You've made it your own while preserving the character of the building."

"We're happy to be here. I grew up in Ragland, and when we'd

come to Pell City when I was a kid, this was a landmark building even then. We spend most of our time here already, even before the gift shop opens downstairs."

We had descended to the retail space when I asked how long she and Nicole had been planning the



store.

"Not that long, really. We were considering what to do with this space, and the idea came to us. Kind of crazy."

"Well, some of the best ideas come from a little crazy inspiration. I like it."

I am confident you'll like it too,

if you haven't already stopped by Martin Street Mercantile since its November 22 opening. The shop is classy yet fun, sophisticated without pretention, and a purveyor of locally produced wares (such as those by Good Night Moon Candle Company and Red Bike Coffee).

"The gifts are pouring in," Nicole said a few days before the grand opening, pointing out the variety ranging from coffee mugs to beard balm to hot sauces to cocktail smokers to pet charcuterie boards (which I didn't even know existed). She and Amanda are great friends of Lakeside Living, so we encourage your support for their new venture.

Actually, we encourage your support of all of our advertisers during the current shopping season and the rest of the year. It is because of them that we are able to produce Lakeside Living for you each month. We hope you'll enjoy what has been prepared for this issue, including a tour of the shoreline home of Tracey and Wade Cole, a visit to Novi Vineyards & Winery, and a conversation with the owners of the above-mentioned Good Night Moon Candle Company.

And as 2024 closes, thank you for spending another year with us.

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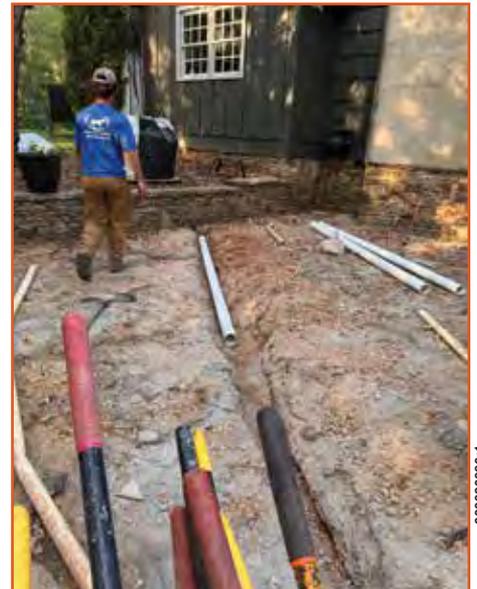
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If you've ever shopped in the fishing sections at Bass Pro Shops or Academy Sports + Outdoors, you'll notice that there are thousands of different fishing items. Finding the perfect Christmas present for fishing enthusiasts can be challenging, but with a good understanding of Logan Martin Lake, you can narrow down the options.

First, we will need to get an understanding of the person on your Christmas list.

Is this particular person a tournament fisherman or casual fisherman?

- What species do they prefer to fish for?
- Is the person a live bait or artificial bait angler?
- Are they a nighttime or daytime fisherman?

Answers to these questions are vital for finding the right gifts.

If you know anything about Logan Martin, it is no secret that the lake is very diverse and healthy. Our lake is home

to multiple species of fish. Bass, crappie, stripers, bream, and catfish are all sought-after native fish, so the most important thing you should determine about your special angler is the species of fish



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they intend to target. Once you have that information, you can really narrow down your options.

So keep it simple. Whether it is bass, crappie, or catfish, try to buy lures and items that make logical sense. I have a simple approach to fishing, and that is to match the hatch. Matching the hatch simply means to buy products that look similar to what the particular gamefish feed on.

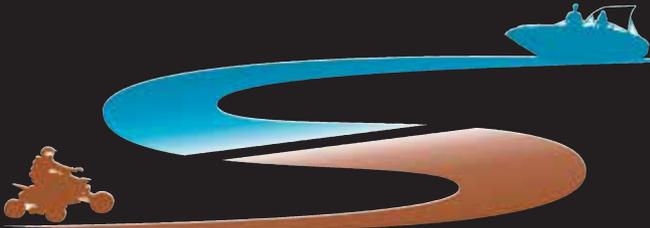
On Logan Martin, the primary forage is shad and crawfish for

all species of fish. Therefore, the only colors you'll need to shop for are shad- and crawfish-colored items. Stay away from the bright and odd colors that are on the shelves. Colors like shad, crawfish, white, pearl, baby bass, green pumpkin, and watermelon red are simple yet very effective color choices for any of the Coosa River impoundments.

And remember that you can always ask for help. Odds are that the fine folks working in the fishing departments will have a good general knowledge about the products, especially at such establishments as The Tackle Box in Oxford, Mark's Outdoor Sports in Birmingham, and Bass Pro Shops in Leeds. Gifts of locally produced baits from Davis Bait Company in Sylacauga are also highly recommended.

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Lakeside Living's *2024 Holiday Shopping Guide*

Written by **FAITH DORN**
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(with some contributed photography)

The search for the perfect holiday gifts -- whether your shopping list includes jewelry, the latest fashions, customized home decor, or sporting gear -- can often add extra stress to the holiday season, but shopping locally with lakeside area retailers can alleviate anxiety and ensure that you have the merriest of Christmases. Here are some ideas to consider as you decide what to put under the tree this season.



OAK GROVE FEED AND TACK

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 Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon

Oak Grove Feed and Tack, owned by the mother-daughter team of India and Tulsa Cabaniss, sells items for life around the farm, as well as items for hunters. Having been in business for 24 years, the women know what items their clientele prefer.

"If you have a hunter in your life, sometimes they like to get what they need, not just what they want," says Tulsa.

Coveralls and water boots were very popular items for outdoorsmen last year. Something deer hunters also may be interested in is the collection of deer urine products from Native Scents.

The owners believe their store has the best prices on clothing and boots. It also sells heating lamps and water heating accessories for use during cold weather.

Although it is difficult to just pick one thing, Tulsa says her favorite item at Oak Grove Feed and Tack this year is the new puffer-style jacket from Ariat. "They always have really good jackets in new colors and styles for men and women."

"We value our customers and are very grateful for everyone that chooses to support us," she added.



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Griffins Jewelers has provided high quality jewelry for the community since 1950. Michael Abernathy, vice president of marketing and sales, is proud of the store's long-standing relationship with the community.

"We have been part of the community, not just a store in the community, for 72 years now," he said. "We carry a lot of classic designs that can be passed down generations. We also carry trendy items. We have options for everyone."

Stud earrings, solitaire pendants, flex bangles and pearls remain favorite items for customers of all ages. Prices vary.



One of the popular jewelry trends over the last few years has been lab-grown diamonds. Lab-grown diamonds are genuine diamonds grown by using a "seed diamond" from a mined diamond.

"They have been around for a while, but a lot of folks are interested in them. They are real diamonds, and there is no visual difference between mined diamonds and lab-grown diamonds. We have plenty of both mined diamonds and lab-grown diamonds," Abernathy said. Prices vary, but lab-grown diamonds are less expensive than mined diamonds.

Just in time for the holiday season, Griffins Jewelers has received a new shipment of Le Vian, a family-owned jewelry company founded in the 15th century famous for its chocolate diamonds. Griffins Jewelers



is one of the largest independent Le Vian dealers in north Alabama.

"Le Vian only uses the top five percent of gemstones in their pieces. They have every color gemstone imaginable," said Abernathy. Prices vary.

Abernathy advises that Griffins Jewelers can also help you find the perfect statement piece for the men in your life.

"Men love watches. I know Apple Watches are popular now, and people thought they wouldn't need a timepiece, but men still love watches," he said. "And they also love gold chains."

Griffins Jewelers sells multiple solar watch designs from Citizen. These watches never require a battery change, and each charge lasts six months to a year. Prices vary.

Griffins Jewelers offers layaway and financing for approved customers.



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After retiring from Honda in 2020, Robin Henry

opened Sanctuary Art Furniture Etc. in Pell City.

Sanctuary Art Furniture Etc., more widely-known as the "SAFE" store, sells painted furniture, unique decor and gifts.

"I have loved to paint all my life," Henry said. "When I was a child, the first piece of furniture I



painted was an oak secretary desk, and it had about five coats of white paint. Back then, you could get furniture paint remover that worked. My stepdad showed me how to use a toothbrush to get down in the grain of the oak, and I just fell in love with it." Everything I do is one-of-a-kind because it is all hand done and not perfect. I try to give everything a piece of uniqueness, and if you want perfect, I'm not the one."

She makes wreaths that can be customized. \$50+

Henry also makes bows. Prices vary, but they cost about \$12 depending on colors and size.

Her favorite item currently in the store is an oak chest with three drawers.

She also takes custom furniture painting orders. "I have painted a simple picture on a piece of wood for about \$10, and I have done a project that cost \$1,500. It all depends on budget and how long it takes me."

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Lular's Boutique is a size-inclusive clothing boutique in Pell City offering clothes for men and women, as well as home gift ideas. Lauren Branch, owner, opened the store in May.

The boutique sells women's clothing in sizes small-3X.

"We have really cute dresses. There are Christmas dresses perfect for pictures with family or going to church on Christmas," said Branch. \$40

Sequin shirts and embroidered sweatshirts are also popular this year. \$40

Lular's Boutique has assembled a big stocking stuffer bar filled with great ideas for small gifts, including shower oils, self tanner kits with brush and mitt, lip oils, mini body butters, shower oils, sugar



scrubs, Christmas fuzzy socks and slippers, hand sanitizer mist, face masks, small jewelry dishes and more. \$10-\$20 per item

The men's section has shirts (\$40-\$50), golf hats and tees (\$20-\$30) and men's body spray (prices vary).

The boutique also has ornaments and home gift ideas like instant salsa and soup mixes. Prices vary.

Branch's favorite products this year are the products from Magnolia Soap and Bath Company based in Birmingham and the self-tanner from TMLL Beauty Co based in Tuscaloosa. Prices vary.

MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS AND BLUSH BOUTIQUE

1915 Cogswell Avenue, Pell City

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Pell City & Blush Boutique

205-338-2625

Hours: Tuesdays-Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



April Willis owns the Merle Norman Cosmetics and Blush Boutique in Pell City. She has been selling Merle Norman Cosmetics for a decade and started the Blush Boutique several years ago.

One of the most popular items this holiday season is the new eyeshadow palette from Merle Norman. There are also pre-packaged gift sets of eyeshadow, blush, and skincare products. Willis also sells Merle Norman gift certificates. Visit the store for pricing.

The boutique's jewelry is always a customer

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favorite. This year, Willis is selling Alex Carol stackable, anti-tarnish bracelets. Visit the store for pricing.

"Fashion is always a good option for gifts. All things fashion have always been my passion," she said.

Pricing on clothing varies, but most items in the store are \$25-\$100.

CELESTE HEAVENLY BOUTIQUE

2053 Martin Street South, Pell City
www.celesteheavenlyboutique.com
 205-520-8551

Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Meredith Horton owns Celeste Heavenly Boutique in Pell City.



"We are a boutique for all generations. We have clothing for infants, small children, juniors and women. We also have home decor, gift items, jewelry and candles," she said.

In time for the holiday season, Celeste Heavenly Boutique has a selection of Christmas sweaters, fun Christmas sweatshirts, and t-shirts. Prices vary.



This year, Horton says that juniors like the more casual Christmas sweatshirts and earrings to pair with a comfy pair of jeans. She also says that juniors and women like the Judy Blue brand blue jeans and pair them with a sweater.

T-shirts at the boutique cost around \$20. Most items in the store are not more than \$100, but some higher end items might cost \$160.

Celeste Heavenly Boutique can help you put together items like a tea towel and dip mix to create a cute hostess gift for holiday events. The store also sells mulling spices, Christmas mugs and dip bowls. Prices vary.

Customers enjoy the selection of jewelry available at Celeste Heavenly Boutique. \$10-\$200.

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 Hours: Mondays-Saturdays 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Michael's Men's Wear has been serving the Talladega community and beyond since 1969. "I have customers that drive here from Mississippi to buy their suits," said owner Michael Gee.

With a selection of 1,400 suits for a variety of occasions, as well as some casual wear, the store has an option for every man who wants to dress well.

Two piece suits start at \$99.95. The store also sells Steve Harvey suits. Steve Harvey two piece suits start around \$175, and the three piece suits start at \$199.95.

Suits and shirts are also available for men in big and tall sizes.

"We have them extra long through size 50, pants through size 60 and shirts through 6X," said Gee.

Michael's Men's Wear also has jogger sets for sale. Each set includes fleece pants and a fleece top. \$34 Jeans are available starting at \$19.95.

The dress shirts in the store start at \$19.95, and the Stacy Adams neckties start at \$15.

Gee advises that turtlenecks and sportcoats are popular now, as well as plaid pants.

Michael's Men's Wear offers free alterations for customers.



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Collard Greens & Black-Eyed Peas:

A traditional start to 2025

Written and photographed by
ANDREA MATHIS

When bringing in the New Year, a few Southern traditions and superstitions come to mind.

My mom always made sure that she did not wash on New Year's Day because she feared that she might "wash" someone out of her life. She also made it her mission to remove every single Christmas decoration before the New Year so that we would not have bad luck.

Food is no exception. Growing up in the South, it's totally unacceptable not to have collards and black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. We would always have an abundance of them so that our year would be filled with good fortune and prosperity. I thoroughly enjoyed those meals, and I make sure to carry out those same traditions with my family.

This year, I decided to make this easy One-Pot Black-Eyed Pea Soup with Collard Greens & Sausage. This soup is full of all the good stuff that's perfect for New Year's Day – black-eyed peas, collards, turkey smoked sausage, vegetables and seasonings. It pairs perfectly with cornbread or even a warm grilled cheese sandwich – and it's even better reheated the next day.

To save some time in the kitchen, I used several canned foods to make this recipe, including Glory Foods Collard Greens and Black-Eyed Peas. Their products are always so delicious and so well-seasoned. The peas are slow simmered in onions, garlic and a savory ham broth.

When making this recipe, I started by sautéing my onions and smoked sausage in a large pot. Then I added the rest of the ingredients and let the soup simmer for about 10-15 minutes. That's it. Super easy, right?

If you're looking for a yummy "good luck" recipe to serve on New Year's Day, go ahead and give this One-Pot Black-Eyed Pea Soup with Collard Greens & Sausage a try. I hope that 2025 brings you much happiness, love and prosperity. Happy holidays.







SERVES: 8

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 small yellow onion, sliced
- 1 (14-ounce package) turkey smoked sausage, sliced
- 3 (14.5-ounce cans) black-eyed peas
- 1 (27-ounce can) collard greens, drained
- 1 (14.5-ounce can) diced rutabagas, drained
- 1½ cups chicken broth
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add sausage and onions and cook for

approximately 7-8 minutes or until onions are translucent. Add chicken broth, black-eyed peas, collard greens, rutabagas, cayenne pepper and garlic powder to the pot. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for about 10-15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve and enjoy.

Nutritional information

(1 serving): calories, 259; carbohydrates, 30 grams; fat, 7 grams; protein, 19 grams; saturated fat, 2 grams; fiber, 6 grams; sugars, 5 grams.

Andrea Mathis is a registered dietitian. Her recipe is published here in Lakeside Living courtesy of Beautiful Eats & Things and Alabama News Center.



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

"Hey, Abby!"

I smile as my blonde-haired friend opens the door to join me in the large vehicle. As I shift into gear, I start catching her up on the latest happenings in my life. The next 40 minutes are filled with our voices as Highway 280 from Birmingham turns into curvy country roads of Alpine, surrounded by lush hayfields and harvested cotton fields. The hum of rubber on asphalt shifts to a crunch as I steer the vehicle onto the limestone gravel, sharply marking our entry into a world of its own—a quiet Appalachian foothill valley, framed by longleaf pines and oaks with leaves turning color.

We slowly maneuver around the trellised vineyards, the vines hugging the wooden posts that line the way. A white barn-style house sits nestled on a small cliff overlooking the vineyards. I spot a fork in the limestone gravel driveway, marked by a sign for a private drive, which naturally leads me to veer left toward a parking area. A long, drawn-out bay greets us, though I have been hearing it ever since we entered the valley.

A reddish-brown dog—a coonhound

perhaps—its shiny coat gleaming, scampers down the large flagstone trail leading up to the white house. Abby and I take in the quiet valley before stepping out of the large vehicle and onto the pea gravel sidewalk that winds towards the house. As we make our way up, the dog darts back and forth, accompanying us with her musical baying greetings. A bearded, spectacled man in a neat red and white gingham button-down shirt stands at the wooden rail, his hands resting on it as he waits for us.

He welcomes us through the French doors, ushering us into a space with tasteful décor—architectural concrete adorned with dark bottles of wine featuring slate blue labels marked Novi in large serif font, pottery, candles, art, and greenery. The centerpiece is the wine tasting bar. My gaze is drawn to a round black board covered in white chalk, listing the types of wine: Norton, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grove Allen Red Blend, Lenoir, Port, Blanc du Bois, Chardonnay, and Rosé, along with the pricing for tastings, by glass, by bottle, and for charcuterie.

Noticing his patient curiosity, I let out a laugh before saying, "I am Sarah Elizabeth, and this is Abby. I have never done a wine tasting or been to

a vineyard. Neither has she. How does this work?"

"Sure, let me bring my wife Lisa over so we can get you all set up. I am Lee Moffett, by the way." He gestures beyond the wall as he walks around the bar counter, slipping on a black apron. As he finishes speaking, a smiling blonde woman in denim enters, as if they are in perfect sync. She greets us warmly as she sets down a white square bowl filled with crackers and two clear wine glasses. Lee places bottles of wine on the counter, fitting each bottle with a spout designed for pouring. With their well-practiced coordination, they share their wine crafting knowledge.

"We planted the vines in 2015. It takes five years for a vine to reach maturity." Abby and I listen as the Moffetts share the origins of Novi Vineyards and Winery. They also describe the process of crafting wine in Alabama, where challenges like climate and grape variety limitations require creative solutions to ensure quality. Growing European varieties is particularly difficult, so the couple has opted for a Californian fermentation approach.

The wine starts as juice in large 300-gallon plastic containers, often

called “totes”—described by Lee as “a big old milk jug, basically square”—secured in metal wire cages to prevent rolling during transport. After fermentation in California, the juice is sent to Alabama, where it continues aging in a controlled environment.

As he pours a generous amount of white wine into our glasses, he explains the fermentation and transportation process: “Let’s start with our white wine. We have three white wines. The Blanc du Bois is very similar to Sauvignon Blanc, probably closest to a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. It’s fruitier than a California, with notes of grapefruit and lemongrass. Try that and tell me what you think.”

As we sample the Blanc du Bois, we listen intently as they explain how the quality of each vintage varies, influenced by factors like sugar levels and pH. “The pH is what you try to balance, along with the climate and weather during the growing season, which affects the flavor of the grapes,” they explain. “This is our third vintage. We have our fourth vintage in the back. This is ’22, and we’ve already bottled ’23. You’ll hear people say, ‘Oh, that year was a good year for that Cab.’ Because of the temperatures, our growing season is shorter. The longer the grape hangs on the vine, the more flavor it develops. We pick our grapes in August, whereas in California, they’re just starting to pick now, having let the grapes hang on the vine for almost two extra months, adding more flavor.”

Lee pulls out another bottle. “This is an unoaked Chardonnay, with almost a citrus-neutral, buttery flavor. We got this from Mendocino County. And this last white is really a rosé, grown right here in Alabama, down in Chambers County. It has a green apple flavor and is real sweet when you press the juice.” He adds, “Be sure to eat a cracker between the different wines.”

The couple smiles as Abby and I sample each of the white wines, encouraging us to be honest about our preferences. “It won’t hurt our feelings,” they say. “Everyone’s taste is different.”

As I finish the last drop of white wine, I notice the dog at the French doors, tail wagging as if wanting to come in. I gesture toward her and ask, “Is that your dog?”

“That’s my dog. It’s my winery dog, Magnolia. She’s a redbone coonhound. Have you ever seen the movie *Where the Red Fern Grows*? Yes, that’s the dog.” He smiles proudly at her before turning his attention back to the bottles of wine on the counter. “Now, we’re going to proceed with the reds, beginning with Lenoir.”

As he pours the red liquid into our glasses, a group of couples enters the space. Lisa steps away from our cozy wine tasting to greet them.





After a few exchanges, she guides them through another set of French doors out to the patio on the side. Upon her return, I lean in slightly and soften my voice, asking, "What made you want to grow a vineyard and have a winery?"

Lee responds, "It was probably more my dream to build this, but she's on board."

The wife smiles and nods, "It's been a really fun journey. If you had told me 10 years ago that we would be together 24/7, I probably would have run, but this has been such a great experience."

"Now that you have built all of this, what is the best part?"

"It's meeting the people," Lee answers. "We probably would never have met 95 percent of these people if we hadn't done this."

Lisa tucks a strand of hair behind her ear before continuing, "It's really the relationships we've developed with people, and that's completely different from anything I've done before. We wanted to foster a community and offer our customers a little peace and rest with a good glass of wine, enjoying it with family and friends. Right now, we

have a book club out here. They come to talk about their book over wine. We are always trying to think outside the box with events. We even have ladies come out here to knit. They'll grab a bottle of wine, find a cozy corner, and spend the afternoon knitting together. Next Saturday, we have a pottery dinner led by a pottery instructor from Southern Living, which offers a unique creative outlet for our guests." She excuses herself to attend to the group on the roofed patio.

Abby picks up her glass to take a sip of the red, drawing Lee's attention. He smiles and says, "If you hold it up to the light, you can see the color is a bit transparent. It's very easy drinking." He waits until we've finished our first red before pouring another—this time, a Cabernet Sauvignon. "This is the third vintage we've gotten from the vineyard. It is the sister through Chardonnay from the same family vineyard, and I never oaked this," he explains. "That's the spiciness that you get from a Cabernet Sauvignon, a peppery spice. In essence, Cabernet Sauvignon carries a hint of pepper and a touch of fig."

"It smells like Christmas," I say,

savoring the bouquet of the liquid in my glass, my mouth watering a bit. Lee laughs and pours another red into our glasses once we finish the Cabernet Sauvignon.

He holds up the bottle. "Norton." He pauses before continuing, "This is the original American grape. Developed in 1826 by Dr. Norton, a physician in Richmond, Virginia. It has been oaked. If you smell it, you'll pick up a little bourbon and a little leafy tobacco on the nose. It's going to be the driest on your palate—oak, smoky, woody, with an earthy aspect to it." He waits as we finish off the Norton before presenting another bottle.

"My son wanted a red wine for his rehearsal dinner," he says. "I suggested we try a blending, and this is what we came up with—a fruity, smoky, smooth blend. Grove Allen, which blends both the smoky, fruity richness of Norton and the peppery boldness of Cabernet." Abby and I nod in approval as we sample the red blend.

I feel a sense of anticipation as he brings out a bottle, different from the others—shorter and stouter.

"Our port is called 'Ruby Magnolia.' I decided on that name after my



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redbone dog," Lee says, and I feel a flutter of happiness as I glance around for the honored dog before turning my attention back to the winemaker. He is still holding the bottle of port. "Most port-style wines are real syrupy. This is not. I did back-sweeten it to knock off the bite of the alcohol." He describes how a port style can either be a Tawny or a Ruby depending on the color tones of orangey-browns and reds.

Typically, I stay away from dessert wines. I hesitate before taking a sip from the port poured into my glass. "Oh, this is not so bad." I comment, looking up to Lee, who agrees, "It's a sipping wine that pairs very well with chocolate, or you can pour it straight on top of vanilla ice cream."

Smiling, I turn to Abby, raising my glass to clink with hers. "Cheers!"

After sampling their branded wines, I follow up with more questions about why and how they decided to build their winery. "When did you start making wine?"

"I got my license to make wine in October of '20, and it took a year before we could open in September of '21. It takes a while—about five years for a vine to reach maturity. You get your first grapes in three years, and it takes five years for the vines to fully mature. I actually started making wine in 2014."

"What sparked your interest in winemaking?"

"I guess what sparked my interest were some experiences we had going to the wine trails in North Georgia. One particular why is that they reminded me of my grandparents' farm, and I remember sitting out there, drinking and thinking, 'You know what? I think I can do this.'"

"Is this your only endeavor?" I ask as Lisa reenters the space, followed by a few others.

"I'm an engineer, and I have an engineering consulting business. She's retired from teaching. We do this on the weekends," Lee responds.

I spot a hardcover book in one girl's hands and gesture toward it, addressing the three ladies. "How do you like the book?" One girl shrugs, while her two friends laugh and share their thoughts, commenting on how much they enjoy it.

As the Book Club ladies purchase their bottles of wine to take home, the Moffetts encourage us to explore the grounds, especially the center of the vineyards where a wedding took place the Saturday before. It was the first wedding they hosted, an intimate affair with fewer than forty guests.

Refilled glasses of Grove Allen in hand, we stroll over to the open area beneath the lights, though they are not lit. The sun is tiptoeing to the treetops, casting a twilight glow. We take in the view of the long rows of trellised vines, sipping the finely crafted wine as Magnolia sniffs the autumn air, her tail wagging as she trots beside us. She occasionally pauses to investigate a fallen leaf or greet us with a friendly nudge of her nose. As we explore the vineyard, the redbone coonhound follows us, darting ahead and then circling back.

"Let's do a birthday dinner party out here. It would be so wonderful and cool!" Abby suggests, and I smile in agreement. "What a great idea!"

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Goodnight Moon Candle Co. offers festive seasonal stocking stuffers



Written by **FAITH DORN**
Submitted photos

Chris and Annie Andersen own Goodnight Moon Candle Co. in Pell City. The husband and wife team launched the candle-making business in August 2023 and have been positively received by the community and beyond, including recently selling out two days in a row at Homestead Hollow.

"The idea and the name were my wife's idea," Chris said. "She

wanted to start making candles. I thought it would just be a weekend thing, and now it's a full-fledged business."

"I just wanted a good candle," she said laughing, "Here I am today with a whole candle business."

The business name was inspired by the classic children's book "Goodnight Moon," which Annie used to read to her children. She has always enjoyed candles and wax melts, but Chris says that he never has been a "smelly" person.

The couple taught themselves how to make candles by watching videos of the process.

"We tried winging it when we first started making candles. We watched a lot of videos, and it was a lot of trial and error," said Chris.

"We thought the process would be to pour a little wax and add a little scent. Our house looks like a scene from Breaking Bad with beakers and everything," he joked. "We tested and re-tested everything until we got it right."

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“That is something that is important to us. We’re huge animal lovers, and we have a small animal kingdom at our house: three dogs and a turtle, and we want to be safe, too,” said Chris.

“The products we use are the best of the best,” Annie said.

“We’re just like anybody else. We love our community and our animals. We want to make sure we put out the best quality product that we can and have reasonable prices. We do everything in our ability to keep the cost down for the folks,” said Chris.

Their love for animals extends beyond their own pets. The couple regularly donates money to the animal shelter in Pell City to cover adoption fees.

According to the couple, soy wax has to cure for two weeks before you can burn it, so product testing can take a while. After two weeks, the Andersens make sure that the wick sizing and fragrance load is appropriate.

Other candlemakers have welcomed the Andersens into the industry with open arms.

“We have gotten a lot of info from other candle stores, and we are truly grateful for them,” Annie said.

Since opening their candle business, the Andersens have participated as vendors at many events. They enjoy connecting with customers and other vendors at the events.





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"Other vendors have given us tips, and we try to help them, as well. We don't gate-keep. We want other people to succeed, too," said Chris.

The Andersens sell candles, scent diffusers for cars and "squeezy wax," which is just like a wax melt but with twice the amount of fragrance in it. The candles are sold in 10-ounce (\$15) and double-wick 14-ounce (\$22) units. The "squeezy wax" is eight ounces (\$10), and the half-ounce diffusers cost \$8. The wax and the diffusers are popular stocking stuffers, according to Annie.

"We have scents that you probably won't find at Walmart. We don't do the typical apple pie or other



ones you would think of," Annie said "And we have unique names for all of our candles."

One candle in the fall collection is called "Stolen Hoodie."

"It really does smell like that stolen hoodie from high school. I have to give my wife credit for all of the names," said Chris.

Goodnight Moon Candle Co.'s all time best-seller is "Butterscotch Bourbon." For the holiday season this year, the Andersens anticipate that "Santa Baby" (frosted sugar cookie/sweet bakery scent) and "Under the Star" (Frasier Fir Christmas tree scent) will be the most popular products.

To guarantee you get your favorite scents from Goodnight Moon Candle Co., the Andersens recommend placing your order now. Customers can order online at www.goodnightmooncandle.com. The products can be shipped anywhere in the United States. If customers are local to Pell City, they may also schedule a time to pick up an order from the company's digital pick-up box.

"You schedule a day and time, and we will send you the code to get your order," Chris said.

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Sylacauga: 6 p.m. Thursday, December 5
Odenville: 7 a.m. Friday, December 6
Childersburg: 6 p.m. Thursday, December 12
Pell City: 7 p.m. Friday, December 13
Leeds: 7 p.m. Friday, December 13
Moody: 5 p.m. Saturday, December 14
Ashville: 7 p.m. Saturday, December 14

December 6 TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

The Heart of Pell City hosts this 7th annual event at 6 p.m. in front of the St. Clair County Courthouse. This year's theme is A Candyland Christmas, featuring Santa Claus, musical entertainment, live dance performances, children's activities, vendors, hot chocolate, and free candy bags (while quantities last).



December 6 CHRISTMAS GALA & SILENT AUCTION

The Arc Junior Board hosts this third annual event at the Pine Tree Country Club in Irondale, beginning at 6 p.m. to benefit the Art of St. Clair County. Ticket information is available at www.ARCGALA2024.givesmart.com.



December 13 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS WINE DINNER

John Piney's Barn at Pursell Farms hosts this event, beginning with a champagne reception at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The five-course menu includes antelope carpaccio, seared scallop, braised veal cheeks, heart of ribeye, chocolate pâté, and Duckhorn Vineyards wines. For reservations, call 256-208-2040.



December 13-15 CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

This beloved holiday event returns to downtown Talladega. Christmas on the Square is a rain or shine free three-day family friendly event held on the Historic Courthouse Square. Highlights of this annual event include Santa's Workshop, Food Truck Alley, outdoor ice skating, train rides, a giant snow globe, and Movies at the Ritz. For the full schedule of activities, visit www.talladega.com.



December 14 CHRISTMAS AT HAMILTON PLACE

Vocalist Kris Allen wraps up his 2024 tour with a holiday-themed show at Pursell Farms. Besides Christmas classics, Allen will perform songs from his 2024 album, "Pole Vaulter." For ticket information, call 256-208-2040.

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December 15

TOUCH-A-TRUCK PALOOZA

The St. Clair County Arena & Event Center (100 Arena Drive, Odenville) hosts this free festive community event organized by The Children's Place & St. Clair Children's Advocacy Center. Emergency vehicles, tractors, and

other vehicles will be available, and pictures with Santa, holiday crafts, and other activities are scheduled from 1:30-4:30 p.m.



December 19

A VINTAGE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Pell City's Center for Education and Performing Arts presents this performance by Rose Colored Glasses, a Birmingham-based band with a classic country sound that takes you back to Saturday nights listening to the Opry and jukebox classics. Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are available at www.pellcitycepa.com.



December 20

AN OLDE ENGLISH CHRISTMAS

Peter Noone pulls his Herman's Hermits hits from under the Christmas tree during his appearance at the Oxford Performing Arts Center. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Noone, a versatile entertainer from Manchester, England, rose to international fame with such songs as "I'm Into Something Good," "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Daughter," and "There's a Kind of Hush." Ticket information is available at www.oxfordpac.org.



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As my fingers lightly rest on the steering wheel, feeling the tires roll over the asphalt, I allow my thoughts to drift.

It's nearing Christmas, and I slow down, savoring the shorter days that make hot cocoa with marshmallows feel more inviting than ever. I'm on my way to see one of my best friends after

completing a half-marathon earlier this morning. A twinge of soreness lingers in my legs, so I shift slightly, easing off the gas pedal to relieve the sensation. As I reduce my speed, a red-shouldered hawk catches my eye, fluttering into my peripheral vision and gliding alongside my vehicle, its wings cutting through the air as it soars above the trees still damp from the morning fog.

Seeing the medium-sized bird with its sharp, curved beak intent

on its flight brings me a sense of comfort; I perceive the hawk as a sign of protection sent by God. After several minutes of traveling side-by-side in our own ways, the hawk rises, soaring higher into the sky as I continue toward my friend's lake house. Jane has invited me to stay the night for an evening of decorating her tree in the living room and catching up while we sit out on the floating dock. We cherish these early December evenings, when the air remains

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balmy and the lake settles into a calm smoothness for the night.

As I pull up to the front of her house on the circular limestone gravel driveway, I barely have time to turn off the engine before my dark-haired friend hurries over to my side, a broad smile lighting up her face. I laugh as I step out of the car and hug her. It is not quite dark yet, with the sun still gracing us with its warmth. As we hug, a loud “kee-aah” startles us and we look up in time to see a red-shouldered hawk soaring overhead, wings outstretched. Its underside reveals a plush, reddish brown downy plumage and a long, banded tail.

Is it the same one that accompanied me during my drive earlier? I muse as I follow after Jane into the house. The hawk’s presence draws my mind back to the past several months. I have experienced the loss of both Grammy and my bonus grandmother, Carlene, while also welcoming my cousin’s twin babies, named after Grammy and Uncle Frank. On top of that, I have started a new career focused on fundraising, grant writing, and relationship-building. I have also transitioned learning designs onto



a new platform for one role, while deepening my skills for yet another role.

In the little free time I had, between finishing half-marathons and spending time with loved ones, I managed to craft a third collection of poetry. Through it all, I feel grateful—not only for the work itself, but for the chance to share more of myself with the world, staying open and teachable as I collaborate with others toward our shared goals.

To me, the spirit of Christmas is about giving, and I feel blessed to have the time to devote to writing, to being with family and friends, and to enjoying the lake with a warm mug of hot chocolate—all while treasuring the greatest news of all time: a Savior has been born to be our perfect Lamb, our Protector, our Way—guiding us to live through serving others and growing in relationship with the Lord.



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Tracey and Wade Cole's stunning home in Mays Bend has been a work in progress for the better part of a decade. The couple purchased the home and moved from Pelham to Pell City in 2014 following several years of owning a weekend home in the area.

The Cole's house began life as a typical brick Ranch built in the early 1980s with some design points left over from the previous decade. The Coles transformed the house bit by bit, while maintaining much of its original character, into a Modern take on the traditional Ranch home.

"It was nothing like this when we bought it," Wade says.

While the previous owner took steps to bring the dated layout to contemporary standards, Tracey acknowledges it was difficult to envision herself living and raising a family in the house. She also says Wade wasn't certain she would find the house groovy either.







“When we moved in, he says ‘You’re never going to live in this house,’” Tracey says. “The girl that bought it had a really good taste. It was ‘70s, but she made it look really good. When she moved out, it was like ‘Oh, Lord.’ One room was purple, one room was green, this room was yellow. But she made it look good. She pulled it off.”

Today, white is the home’s dominant color with touches of rustic charm. The Coles painted the brick white, and added black shutters and new custom garage doors with a wood-grain design. Inside, most of the walls are painted white, with the exception of a single wall in the great room painted in navy blue.

Since taking ownership, the Coles have renovated the house twice, first focusing on renovating the bathrooms in 2016, then attacking the kitchen and great room in 2021. The second renovation proved to be the hardest for the Coles, starting when their daughter was a year old. They did much of the demolition on their own and often made important decisions by the seat of their pants, the most challenging item being an off-center



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fireplace that Tracey decided needed to go.

"We really didn't know we were going to tear that out until the day the crew got here," Tracey says. "We were like, 'We think we want to tear that fireplace out' and they were like, 'Okay,' and so they just started tearing it out."

"It wasn't easy tearing that fireplace out. It was a nasty job," adds Wade. "There was all this brick and we had to haul it all out with a wheelbarrow. It was a job."

Other improvements included converting a small bathroom into a pantry, reducing the size of a laundry room, allowing the Coles to enlarge the kitchen, and tearing down a wall with a small walkthrough from the kitchen to the living room, another last-minute decision. The result of the hard work has transformed the boxy interior into an open floor plan with views of the Coosa River from almost every vantage point.

The Coles also expanded the master bedroom closet, adding a custom-made sliding barn door, replaced the 1980s-era carpeting with hardwood floors, and stained the exposed ceiling beams in a natural wood color. The master bath has also been completely updated, including the removal of a huge sunken bathtub that they thought was a safety risk for their young children as well as being

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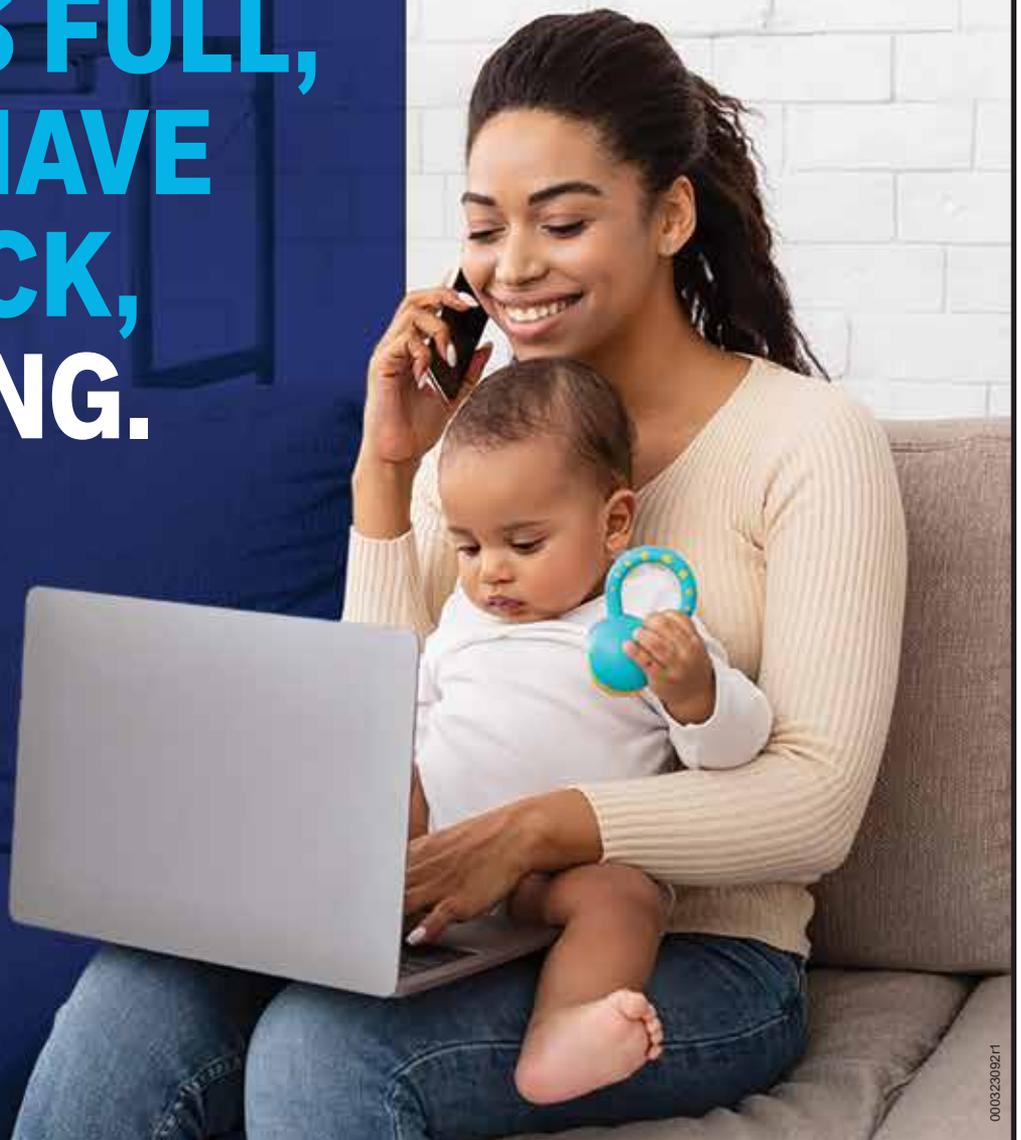


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completely out of date.

One Reagan-era design touch that Tracey wanted to remove but survived the renovation is wainscoting running throughout the kitchen, dining area, and great room. The wainscoting is a stylish nod to the home's past while still fitting in perfectly with the Coles' vision.

"I really wanted to rip it out, but by the time they did that second remodel, they just had to go," Tracey said. "I kind of laid off of that and figured maybe it would come back one day."

The Coles put loads of time and effort into outdoor living, building an enormous covered outdoor kitchen and living space, with a stone fireplace, modern cooking station (complete with a Big Green Egg) and ceiling beams matching those on the inside. An athletic family – their children are active in local sports – the Coles also built a basketball court in the backyard for games of one-on-one and HORSE.

With multiple renovations complete, the Coles' Modern Ranch house is poised to outlast design and living trends over the next 40 years.



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Ashley S. Mitchell



Written by **BUDDY ROBERTS**
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"I love coming here," Ashley Mitchell said as she took in the vista at Lincoln's Landing and contemplated the benefits of spending time by the water.

"It makes me feel relaxed and blessed," she continued. "My ideal day on the lake? A great sunny day with friends, jamming to easy 70s music on a boat. #sold."

The hashtag is one the Realtor with ERA King Realty enjoys having occasion to employ. An Oxford native and alumna of Jacksonville State University, she was taking a break by the lake to reflect on the season, the community, and her love for Logan Martin Lake.

Her favorite water-related activities: "Boating and tubing. In college, my friends and I got to purchase a very large tube called the Rock'n Roll Mega Bowl. It was terrifying and a great time at the same time. We all made it, so it was a good day on the water."

Her family's favorite December traditions: "We watch 'Christmas Vacation' after we put up the Christmas decorations, bake cookies for Santa using my grandmother's vintage cookie cutters, and, of course, 'Christmas in Dixie' by Alabama is a favorite in our home. Christmas is our top holiday of the year."

Her favorite things about the season: "Taking time to be with my family and friends. Also, the downtown parades have always been my favorite. My son and I have been riding with local the Shrine Club for the past few years, and he looks forward to throwing out the candy to everyone."

How she met her husband Darren: "We met at Jax State. After a few years of dating, we went our separate ways. We ran into each other again at a friend's event, and six months later were engaged."





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Now, over 11 years later, here we are hitched with a 10-year-old son named after our dads."

Three things an acquaintance might be surprised to know about her: "I was born on Elvis' birthday. My dad was once an Elvis' impersonator. And I got chosen to dance on stage at the NSYNC No Strings Attached concert at the BJCC."

Three things you can't live without: "Family, music, and sweatpants."

The last book she read: "'Are you there Vodka? It's me, Chelsea' by Chelsea Handler. I'm a huge biography reader."

How she describes herself: "Positive, high-energy, motivated, a people person, and an advocate for our communities. Sometimes loud, but that's my passion for life."

A community issue that's she's especially passionate about: "Keeping people in our area, especially our kids. They're our future, so if everybody keeps moving out of our area, where's our future gonna be? Growing a strong community is valuable for the kids coming up who will be our future leaders."

Ashley Mitchell style: "A blend of vintage, hippie, and rock 'n' roll



influence."

Her favorite meal at a favorite local restaurant: "A salad and pretty much whatever is the special that day at the Pell City Steakhouse. I always do the meat-and-three, and I love going there because it's a little family establishment. It's hard to find

places that anymore."

The food she could eat every day: "Pasta. My husband buys it in bulk for me."

The food she hopes she never eats again: "I don't know...I guess a clam. That wasn't good. And liquorice."

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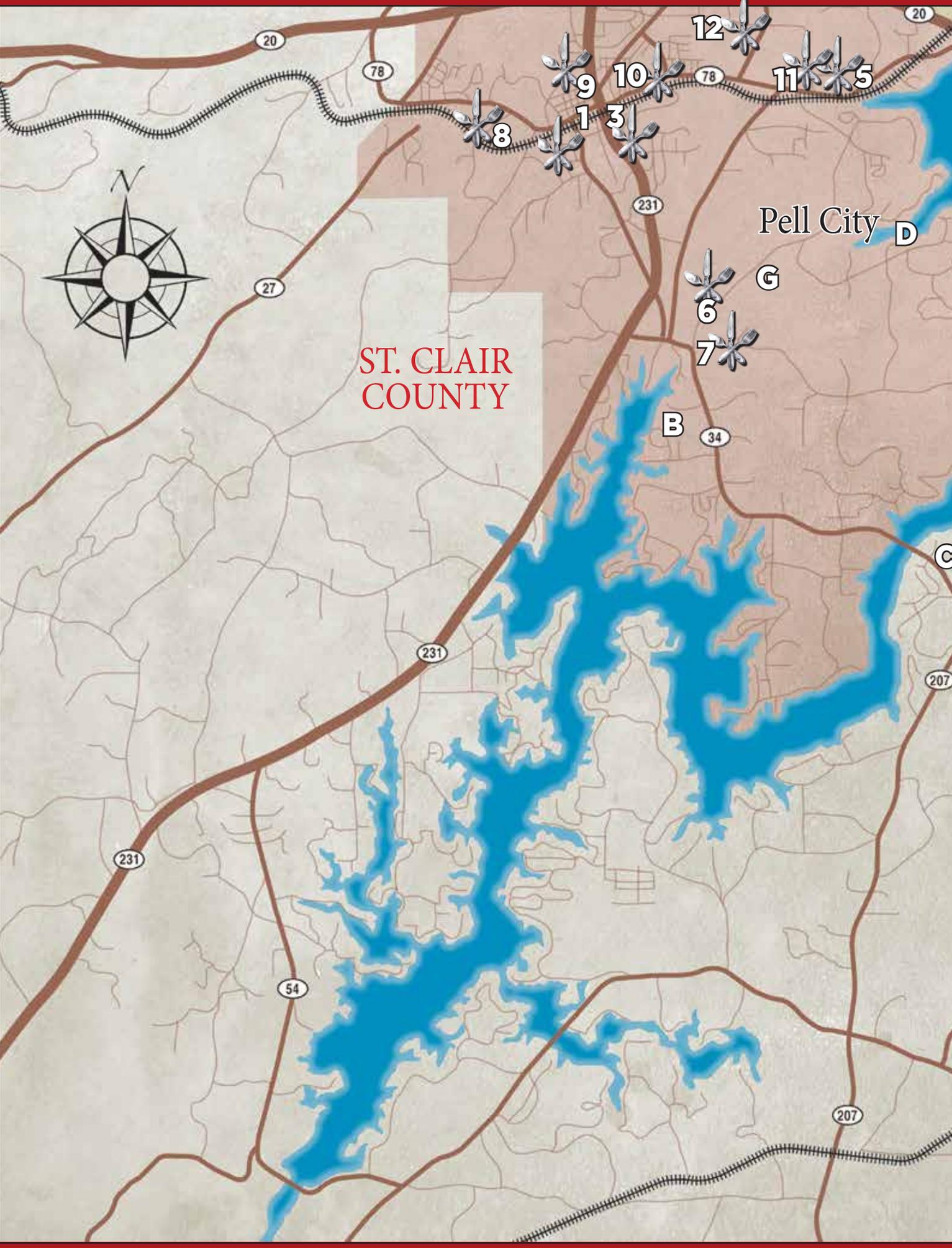
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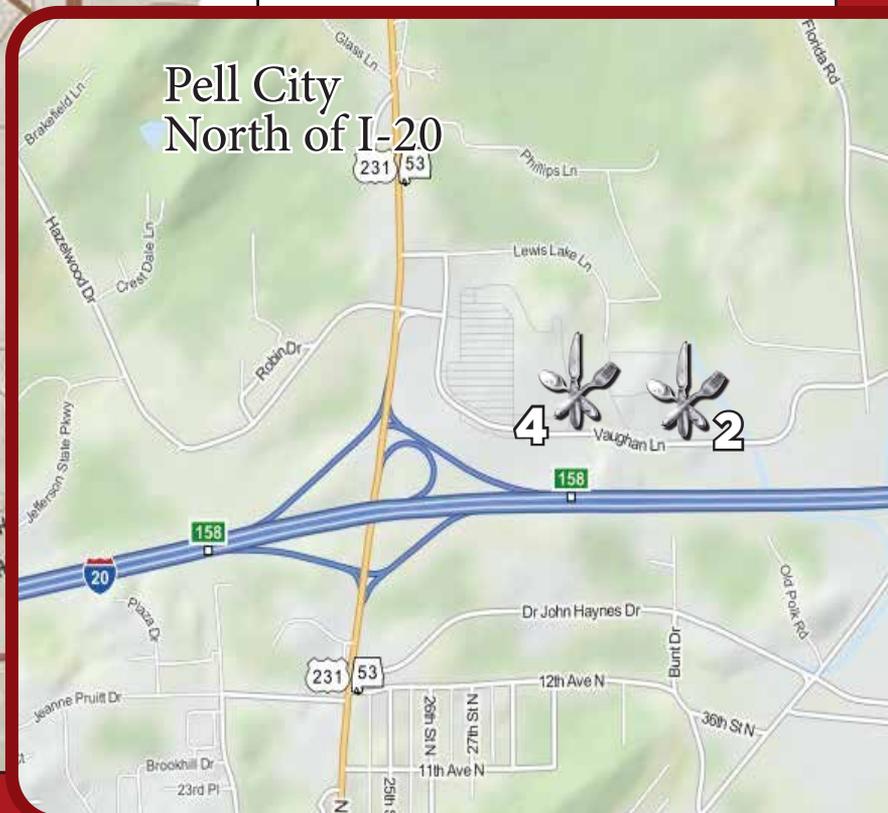
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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**
Submitted Photos

If you are looking for the perfect family home with lake access and plenty of upscale amenities, you will want to see 425 Patches Lane in Pell City.

Realtor Natasha O’Konski of Keller Williams Realty highly recommends doing so. “You have to see this home to fully appreciate it,” she says.

The modern 1.5-story brick home sits on less than an acre, was built in 2009, and has four bedrooms and four full bathrooms within its 5,258-square-foot interior.

The living room has wood flooring, high ceilings, built-in shelves with cabinets storage, a floor-to-ceiling brick accent wall with a built-in fireplace, a large window wall that welcomes plenty of natural light, and a ceiling fan.

The kitchen, which offers views of the living room and dining area so the cooks don’t have to miss out on the conversation while getting dinner ready,

is noteworthy for its spaciousness, tiled flooring, matching tiled backsplashes, granite countertops, white cabinets, stainless steel appliances, ceiling fan, and breakfast bar.

Among the home’s other distinctive features are the large window walls in various rooms, sliding barn door separating the kitchen and dining area from the laundry room, a small irregularly shaped room that would be great for an office space, and a finished basement that could easily be transformed into a game room or family theater.

Exterior features are ideal for those who love being outside. They include a large open deck with a built-in bench, a gazebo on the lower portion of the deck, a large backyard with a slight slope that would be a perfect setting for family functions, long driveway, and a three-car garage. Community amenities include a tennis court, in-ground swimming pool, lake access, and boat launch.

The property lists at \$589,900. For more information, call O’Konski at 205-812-4917.



15 Questions with an award-winning lakeside Realtor

Compiled and photographed by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

In October, local Realtor Amanda Anderson-St. John was presented with the Aqua Award for achievements in real estate during Lake Homes Realty's 12th annual National Agent Summit.

She subsequently answered the following questions during an interview with Lakeside Living.

How long have you worked in real estate?

"Five years."

What do you enjoy most about your work?

"Meeting new people and being able to help them find their perfect home."

What is the most rewarding aspect of real estate?

"The relationships and friendships that I form through the process is definitely the most rewarding part of my job. Those relationships mean the world to me. I have met people who have not only become great friends but family to me and my family."

What is its most challenging aspect?

"Not every deal is easy, so trying to work out all the kinks along the way can be something of a challenge."

What does the Aqua Award mean to you?

"The Aqua Award is one that Lakes Homes Realty awards for overall sales volume, and it means a great deal to me to win this award. I am so grateful for all my clients that trust me to help them with their decision when buying or selling their home."

Is the holiday season and start of the new year a good time to buy or sell a home?

"For sure. A lot of people have time off from their jobs to look for houses during the holidays, so it's the perfect time."

What advice would you offer to buyers and sellers at this time of year?

"Enjoy time with your family, and leave the work to us."

What do you enjoy most about this time of year?

"Christmas is probably my favorite holiday because it allows us time to be with our families and kids."

What do you enjoy most about Logan Martin Lake?

"Convenience, lakefront restaurants, and the friendly people who make up the lake community."

What are your favorite water-related activities?

"Water skiing, riding on the pontoon boat, and visiting our local restaurants on the lake."

What's something an acquaintance might not know about you?

"I am terrified of snakes."

How do you describe yourself?

"Laid-back, honest, hardworking, and loyal."

What is your favorite style?

"My most comfortable style is shorts, sweatshirt, and preferably no shoes."

What's the food you could eat every day?

"Cereal – morning or midnight – is my favorite food."

What's the food you hope you never eat again?

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INCREDIBLE VIEW from this gorgeous lake home on year-round water. As you enter, you find a living room or office area. The large, updated kitchen has quartz countertops and a farmhouse sink. The beautiful sunroom traverses the entire length of the house. The main bedroom and bath, a second huge bedroom, and a full bath are on the main level. The main level laundry room has an outside entrance from the lake for dropping off wet items. Downstairs is a family room with a gas-log fireplace; another large bedroom and full bath on this floor. Walk outside onto your covered patio with your outdoor kitchenette, which includes a sink and grill with a copper vent hood. Gentle slope to the double-stall boat house with lifts and sundeck. Concrete seawall with steps. Beautifully landscaped yard with mature trees where something is always blooming, located on a quiet, dead-end street. Neighborhood HOA Park with boat launch, walking trail, and picnic areas. A MUST SEE!



101 Paradise Isle Unit 101, Riverside, \$330,000

Waterfront oasis! breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, water view from the main living spaces. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom condo right on the water is so cozy yet feels spacious with the wall to wall windows. There is a sun porch. Big eat in kitchen. Breakfast bar that seats 10 people. Formal dining room. Great room with wood burning fireplace for cozy nights. Plantations shutters. If it's water therapy you're looking for, look no further. There is a boat launch, two floating piers, swimming, 2 salt water pools, tennis court, walking sidewalk and picnic area. HOA maintains all of the exterior for maintenance free living. Lake life on Logan Martin is only a phone call away! Call for your showing today! MLS 21401900



55 Steeplechase Ct., Pell City, \$252,000

Are you looking for a great full brick home in Pell City??? This Beautiful Garden Home is a MUST SEE! Perfectly made for easy living and low maintenance. The home features hardwood floors with a large great room with a gas log fireplace, The kitchen offers beautiful white cabinets and an eat up breakfast bar. Separate dining area. Three bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Master bath has a jetted tub and separate shower, double sinks. Single car garage. The covered back patio is the perfect place to sit and enjoy your morning coffee or enjoy the firepit with family. Great location and convenient to shopping and I-20. MLS 21402288



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MLS# 21399442
\$149,900



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\$500,000

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**101 Paradise Isle
Riverside, AL 35125**

3 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21401900

\$330,000



**208 Williams Ave.
Talladega, AL 35160**

2 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21395617

\$95,000



**168 Wilder St.
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\$315,000

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2 BR, 2 BA MLS# 21378153

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3 Car Garage



**310 Coaling Road
Sylacauga, AL 35150**

\$199,900

3 BD, 2 BA

MLS# 21401577



**312 County Road 488
Heflin, AL 36264**

\$159,000

1 BD, 1 BA

12 Acres

MLS# 21366208

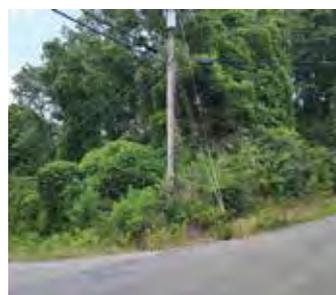


**Possum Trot Road
Piedmont, AL 36272**

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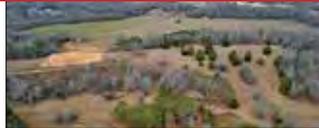
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NEW CONSTRUCTION



15 Old Roadway, Cropwell
MLS# 21389324
\$418,000

CUSTOM BUILT HOME



60 Old Road Way, Cropwell
MLS# 21384364
\$489,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION



330 Saint Smith Cir, Cropwell
MLS# 21381951
\$219,900

20+ ACRES



0 Hwy 231, Pell City
MLS# 1342987
\$3,000,000

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0 Reel Ln., Pell City
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\$625,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES NEAR I-20



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MLS# 21373880
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155 Nottingham Dr, Pell city
\$585,000

This beautiful custom-built 4 BR and 3.5 BA brick home in the Archers Bend subdivision of Pell City is a fantastic property! With features like a community clubhouse and inground pool, it offers great amenities for residents and an inviting home for family gatherings.



705 Watson Rd, Cropwell
\$478,000

Come and view this beautiful 4-sided brick 4-bedroom, 3-bath home in Cropwell near Logan Martin Lake highlighting a lot of appealing features, especially for those looking for both comfort and convenience and it includes an indoor pool and hot tub!



5006 Collins Dr, Pell City
\$659,000

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 with Logan Martin Lake access!



5024 Collins Dr, Pell City
\$639,000

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.

Make an Offer



0 Hwy 33, Pelham
\$480,000

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!



805 N Lakeshore Dr.
\$424,000

Ever wanted a cabin style lake home on year-round water for under \$450,000? This is it! This 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom lake home is perfect for the full time lake enthusiast or for a peaceful weekend retreat. The open floor plan contains an eat-in kitchen, bar seating, den with stacked stone fireplace, French doors opening to the recently added heated and cooled sunroom with extensive and unencumbered views of 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!



6470 Winslow Dr, Trussville
\$449,000

What a showcase home with an abundance of space for your family! This 4 bedroom (consisting of one master suite downstairs and one master suite upstairs) and 3.5 bathroom home with two family rooms is the perfect home for the growing family. There is a community pool with a splash pad and a playground to enjoy!

New Listing



145 N Lakeshore Dr., Talladega
\$389,000

Fishing, Swimming, and Boating on Logan Martin Lake are just a few steps away since the private community boat launch is located right behind your backyard, but you don't have to pay for an expensive lake front price home! Come and see this 4 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom spacious 2127 sq ft home on almost an acre.



398 Andrew Ln., Odenville
\$245,000

Move-In Ready! This newly built 2023 THREE bedroom and TWO bathroom home is located in a cul-de-sac of the newly developed part of Brookhaven subdivision in the Margaret/Odenville area. Just a 25 min drive to Bham! Home Warranty still applies!

Under Contract



595 Willingham Rd, Talladega
\$925,000

Have you ever thought about owning a campground? Purchasing and developing this beautiful and profitable property is the step in the right direction to making that dream a reality! There is over 900 ft of waterfront!

New Listing



121 Vann Cir., Trussville
\$349,900

Right in the heart of historic Trussville and just blocks away from the up and coming lively Trussville entertainment area sits this 4 sided brick spacious 3 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom home with 2 family rooms and an office/mud room area. The oversized deck is perfect for entertaining and connects to a fenced in backyard complete with a spacious storage/workshop with electricity. This home won't last long in this exciting housing market!

394 & 422 Lakeview Crest, The Reserve, Pell City.....\$110,000 & \$135,000



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UNDER CONTRACT



**748 Pine Harbor Rd,
Pell City**
4 BR, 5 BA
\$590,000

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35 Waters Edge Cv, Alpine **\$1,650,000**
4 BR, 3 BA

NEW CONSTRUCTION
UNDER CONTRACT



**139 Wolf Creek Rd N,
Pell City**
3 BR, 2BA
\$254,800

LOGAN MARTIN



**Autumn Ln,
Pell City**
Lot 13
\$28,000



**105 Wildwood Trail,
Leeds**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$175,000

LOGAN MARTIN



**0 Annesley Dr. # 0
Pell City**
2.5 Acres
\$399,900

LOGAN MARTIN
PRICE REDUCED



**862 Funderburg Bend Rd.
Pell City**
4 BR, 4 BA
\$760,000

UNDER CONTRACT



**2806 Ridgeway Rd,
Pell City**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$205,000

LAY LAKE



**234 L and M Trace,
Shelby**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$299,000



**612 Chaffee St,
Talladega**
4 BR, 7 BA
\$525,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION



**23 Stonegate Cir,
Lincoln**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$299,900



LOGAN MARTIN
UNDER CONTRACT

**638 Davis Acre Dr,
Alpine**
6BR, 4BA
\$687,100



85 River Oaks Ln., Cropwell
4 BR, 5 BA
\$1,195,000



**30 Pinewell Dr,
Cropwell**
5 BR, 3.5 BA - 26 Acres
\$875,000



**75 River Oaks Cir.
Cropwell**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$424,900



LAY LAKE

**250 L and M Trace,
Shelby**
3 BR, 3 BA
\$690,000



**425 Rabbit Point Rd,
Cropwell**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$659,900



**350 Woodland Trl,
Pell City**
3BR, 2BA
\$275,000



LAY LAKE
PRICE REDUCED

**551 Liberty Shores Dr,
Vincent**
20 Acres
\$244,750



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LAKE ACCESS



107 VIEWPOINT CIR., PELL CITY, AL 35128
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580 AVONDALE LN, PELL CITY, AL 35128
4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, SUMTER LANDING
MLS# 21388381 **\$439,900**



75 TREASURE ISLAND CIR., CROPWELL, AL 35054
1 ACRE, 4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, VIEWS OF THE LAKE, PRIVACY
MLS# 21385967 **\$349,900**



**0 BIG MITTEN LN,
LINCOLN, AL 35096**
MLS# 21397289
\$320,000

LAND/LOTS

4304 STEMLEY BRIDGE RD., PELL CITY, AL 35128 - MLS #21375454 - \$20,000 - 1 ACRE
0 FISH TRAP RD., CROPWELL, AL 35054 - MLS #21376180 - \$30,000 - .5 ACRES
1606 7TH AVE. S., PELL CITY, AL 35128 - MLS #21369803 - \$30,000 - 3 LOTS

**1005 Wolf Creek Road S., Pell City
\$499,900**



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Nicely updated farmhouse inside city limits on 8 acres +/- . Marvelous new kitchen with granite countertops and high-end cabinetry. New, energy efficient windows throughout. New HVAC upstairs. Wood burning fireplace. Fenced with livestock, grandfathered in. Very large workshop, barn, equipment shed, and storage shed. Property is minutes from I20 and downtown Pell City.

**70 Whispering Oaks Lane, Lincoln
\$765,000**



FISH! SWIM! SKI! You can do it all from this beautiful lakefront home with all the views. Boat launch, gently sloping yard, 5 garage spaces two kitchens, all hardwood and tile flooring. 3 bedrooms easily converted to four or more. Three full baths and one half-bath. Granite countertops. The yard has an irrigation system installed. The dock and balcony are made of composite decking. Please call for your personal showing.

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MLS#: 21378888



MLS#: 21378888

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46 Oak Forest Circle, Lincoln, \$185,000..... SOLD!

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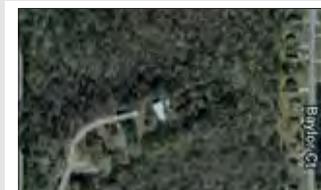
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\$1,140,000



MLS# 21401616
8585 Old Highway 280
Great commercial opportunity in Chelsea
\$77,000



MLS# 21400963
1754 Fairview Dr.
4 Bed, 2 Bath in Moody
\$249,900



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



MLS# 21396800
13 Buckhorn Ln.
4 Bed 2 Bath
Amazing floorplan and corner lot
\$239,900



MLS# 21401127
Dove Dr.
Just under 19 acres in Odenville
\$150,000



MLS# 21397142
634 Twin Ridge Cir.
3 Bed 2 Bath
On oversized lot
\$275,000



MLS# 21400040
Lot 4 Depot St.
Great Waterfront Lot in Riverside
\$135,000



MLS# 21395466,
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Lots 7-11 & 25-31 Greenbriar Place
Great building lots in Chelsea
\$385,000 for all



MLS# 21394358
136 Widgeon Dr.
3 bedroom 3 bath on a corner lot with a full basement Alabaster City Schools
\$370,000



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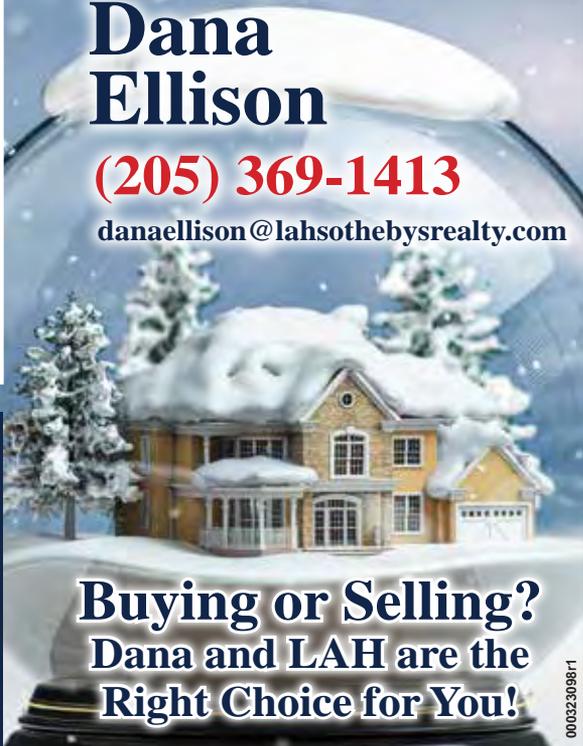
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