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## The Unidentified Floating Object

It's been seven years now since I've been spending time regularly in lakeside communities, and I'm still disappointed that there's been no sighting of a lake monster during that time. (I don't count the Riverside alligator.)

To my knowledge, there's never been a UFO sighting over the lake in recent years either. But there is an Italian watercraft manufacturer hoping to change that for Logan Martin and bodies of water all over the world.

Naples-based Jet Capsule has plans to produce The UFO (Unidentified Floating Object) 2.0, a futuristic fiberglass flying saucer-shaped vessel that the company describes as "a luxurious floating villa straight out of a sci-fi movie."

According to specs provided by Jet Capsule, the UFO prototype contains 1,030 square feet and is 66 feet in diameter, making it possible to accommodate as many as 100 passengers. That sounds a bit ambitious – not to mention crowded – but designers recommend that only for special events such as a launching and welcome party rather than on a regular basis.

The UFO's shell is comprised of three levels: the main living area with its 260 square feet of kitchen, storage and bathroom space, the 165-square foot sub-level offering a seabed or lakebed view and master bath and the terrace (also 165 square feet).

"The possibilities of usage and layouts are unlimited," a Jet Capsule spokesman said. "The UFO 2.0 can be used for a number of purposes, including a floating home, hotel room or restaurant. The external deck can be customized into garden


platforms, and teak can be installed instead of panels."

The prototype is equipped with 80 hp electric engines capable of moving the UFO at an estimated maximum speed of 9 knots. "Inside the disk, we have a lot of storage space, and it is possible to set up 16 batteries, which with solar panels and wind/water turbine will provide an unlimited autonomy to the vessel," the Jet Capsule representative said.

Naturally, this information made me curious about how much one would cost, thinking that J.P. Morgan's old adage about yacht prices probably applied, but Jet Capsule happily provided that too. Tooling around Logan Martin Lake in a UFO will set you back \$1.06 million, plus the cost of importing it from Europe.

That's provided the company's Kickstarter campaign to finance the construction of the first unit gets off the ground. So, alas, I'm not expecting any UFO sightings (flying or floating) on the lake any time soon. Disappointed again.

We don't believe, however, you'll have anything to be disappointed with in this month's offerings in Lakeside Living. This issue, we visit a spectacular lake home, learn about the recently-announced spring season at the Center for Education and Performing Arts in Pell City, find out what's new at a popular lake area attraction and get all the details about the annual Renew Our Rivers cleanup event.

And if you should happen to see Bigfoot and the Abominable Snowman cruising along the lake in a pontoon piloted by D.B. Cooper, be sure to let me know, okay? 

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Best Time: This column lists the best time of the day when, according to our formula, fish will be biting: MORNING; EVENING.

## Have a plan for caring for your catch

Many anglers practice catch and release, which has its place in keeping Alabama's fishing quality high.

All fishing trips should include a plan for how to care for the catch. Even for anglers who intend to catch and release fish, some fish may not be able to be released alive. Care of these harvested fish is important. Harvest of fish plays a critical role in the management of some waters, such as those with an overabundance of small largemouth bass.

Harvest is ethically correct when the fish caught has a low likelihood of survival when returned to the water. In fact, Alabama regulation 220-2-13 states, "It shall be illegal for any person, firm or corporation to kill or cripple any species of game bird, game animal or game fish without making a reasonable effort to retrieve same and include it in his daily bag or creel limit."

So Alabama anglers should always be prepared to keep some of their catch.

Often fish are kept in floating fish baskets or on stringers. These may work well in cooler weather, but fish die quickly in warm weather. Fish are best kept fresh on ice. To keep the cooler clean and to keep fish out of the water, use a plastic bag to isolate the catch from the water.

Source: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



## March 2017

Mar 01, 2017	POOR	Evening
Mar 02, 2017	FAIR	Evening
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Mar 04, 2017	POOR	Evening
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Mar 10, 2017	GOOD	Morning
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Information from the Farmers' Almanac.

## Lake Levels

Full Pool: 465 Feet  
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# CEPA continues to build momentum

## Spring season begins this month with Dueling Pianos

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS  
Photos Submitted

It was 7:55 a.m. one morning last summer, and Jeff Thompson – two days into his new job as director of Pell City’s Center for Education and Performing Arts (CEPA) – stood in the “pitch-black darkness” of the center’s 400-seat theater, looking down at the control board that he hoped contained a light switch.

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Momentum developed during CEPA's well-received fall season has been directed into the upcoming spring performance season, which begins next month and brings a variety of entertainment to the lakeside community. "Our spring season is going to be pretty fun," Thompson said. "I think we've put together a season people will like. Chances are, there's something on the schedule you'll want to come see, and there are a lot of reasons to be excited about these shows."

- March 10: Dueling Pianos. Performed by Fun Pianos! – an acclaimed group of traveling musicians that regularly performs all over the country – Thompson describes the season opener as “a really interactive fun show.”

- March 16: CEPA Comedy Night, featuring Comedienne Joy. The Birmingham performer – billed

students would be coming in for a dress rehearsal, and I was trying to turn on the lights so I could direct them to the stage,” he recalled. “I flipped every switch and pushed every power key and button on the thing, trying to get the lights on.”

Eventually, he got them on, and the young dancers found their stage. Now, Thompson looks back on the then-harrowing experience as a metaphor for what he and the center’s board of directors and staff have accomplished in the months since.

“We’ve turned on the lights, and we’ve built some momentum. That’s a word that keeps coming up when we talk about this place, and I’ve seen it since day one.”

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- April 7-9: *Bus Stop*. CEPA's new Spotlight partnership with Jefferson State Community College presents Willian Inge's Tony-nominated play about a group of characters snowbound at a rural Kansas diner during the mid-1950s. "We're very pleased to be able to present such a quality literary work on this stage," Thompsons said. "Our stage will be made up to look like a diner, which will be very cool to see."

- April 29: Martha Reeves & The Vandellas. "Man, I'm excited about this," Thompson said in anticipation of



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## Martha Reeves & The Vandellas

this performance by the famed 1960s Motown group. “We’re catching them on their way back through the South after a tour in Europe, so that’s a big score for us. Martha Reeves still gets rave reviews everywhere she goes, so it’s going to be a real treat.”

• May 12-14: *Sister Act*, presented by the Pell City Players. “We haven’t seen the Players here in a while, so it will be nice to have them back on our stage, especially putting on such a well-known production,” Thompson said. “It’s going to be stellar.”

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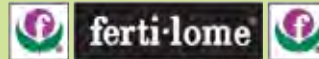
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*Comedian Tim Statum*

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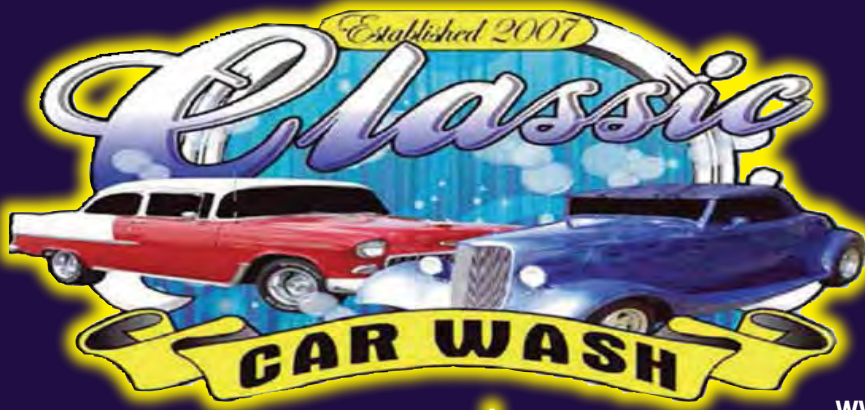
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# DESOTO CAVERNS REMAINS POPULAR LAKE AREA ATTRACTION

*Family fun park boasts  
new leadership and new features*

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS  
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**E**ver since she was a child, Joy Sorensen has enjoyed showing people her basement.

At least that's how she regards the naturally-formed underground chamber with the 12-story ceiling that serves as the main

attraction at DeSoto Caverns Family Fun Park in Childersburg, one of the lake area's most popular tourist destinations. The property has been owned by Sorensen's family for more than 100 years, and she's the fifth generation to be involved with its operation,



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having recently been named the company's president.

"I love this place," she said on a recent afternoon, seated at a table inside the park as crews were at work nearby renovating the welcome center and gift shop.

"I've been proud of it ever since I was little and my friends would come and visit. I always loved showing them my basement, so to speak. I've always thought it was an incredible place, and it makes me feel good to know that people who came to the cave when they were kids are now bringing their kids to see it."

Formerly known as the Kymulga Cave and home over the years to a Native American burial ground, Confederate munitions production and Prohibition-era speak-easy, it opened to guided tours as DeSoto Caverns in 1965 and has since been enjoyed by multiple generations.

Sorensen and the park's staff have been in "all-hands-on-deck mode" during the winter months upgrading facilities and working on new attractions. "I love it when things are like this with everybody working together, and I have a very gifted team to work with," she said. "I'm very excited about the park's future, and we have a lot in the works right now that we think our guests will be excited about too."

A major project is The Cave Café, which opens this month.



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“We’re so excited about it,” Sorensen said. “I was up until 2 a.m. working on the menu design.”

Although the park has sold refreshment items, it has never had a café or restaurant on premises before. “Not a legal one, anyway,” she acknowledged with a laugh. “The Cavern Tavern’ operated during the 1920s, but that was during Prohibition, and we won’t be serving anything that was served then.”

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“Escape games are so much fun, and they bring people together,” Sorensen said. “We went to an escape game conference in Chicago, and that helped us get it going. What’s so neat is that when it opens, it will be the one and only underground escape adventure.”

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and the cave are all designed for families to participate in together.”

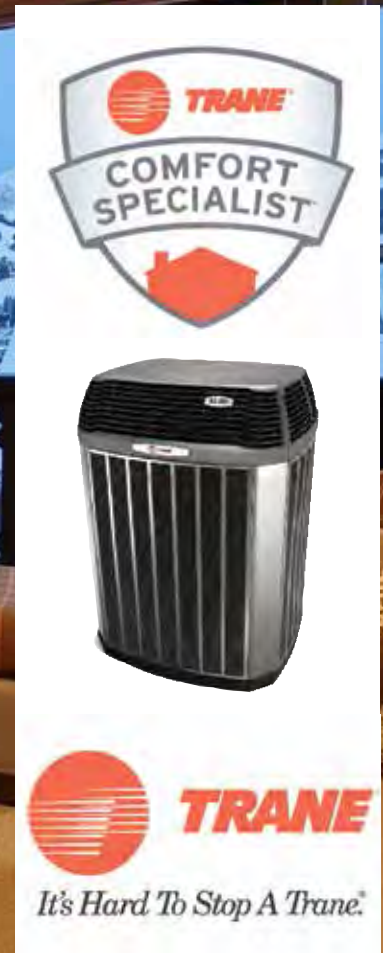
Her father, Allen W. Mathis III, began operating the park in 1975, transforming it from a small attraction to a tourist destination that routinely plays host to thousands of visitors from throughout the country. But Sorensen said the park continues to enjoy the support of visitors who live in lakeside communities.

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# In Style

Story by KELLI TIPTON  
Photos by BOB CRISP

Birmingham couple couldn't resist the lure of the lake

In 2008, Mark and Alison Calhoun of Birmingham bought a summer home on Waters Edge Way in Alpine with the

intention of retiring there. They moved in full time in 2014 and now enjoy all the benefits of living on Logan Martin



Lake.

The two-story, five bedroom, four and a half bath home is nearly 8,000 square feet, but it is an intimate space filled with family photos and warm, inviting colors.

“We bought it to retire here, but we haven’t retired yet, and it is close enough to Birmingham that my husband can commute easily,” Alison said. “I love living on the lake. I love the neighborhood and we have really good neighbors. It’s quiet here.”

Downstairs in the den, a gold-colored ornamental fire screen covers the fireplace, and a big screen television hangs above the mantel. The couch and chairs are covered in fabric that matches the colors in a large Oriental rug on the floor. The den connects to the kitchen, which was remodeled after they moved in.

“I totally gutted the kitchen. I added new marble countertops and lighter wood cabinets,” she said. The countertops and backsplash are a sandy-colored marble,

and the cabinets are painted to match the light sand color. Stainless steel appliances add a modern touch, and a red portable island in the middle adds a pop of color.

The formal dining room is painted a warm golden brown. A long, polished wood table has enough room to seat eight. A guest room, a laundry room and half bath are down the hallway.

Upstairs, there is plenty of room for their two daughters to bring their families from Birmingham to visit. The Calhouns have four grandchildren. “This room is where my grandchildren stay. It’s in a transitional phase,” she said with a smile. A large playroom across the hall keeps them entertained with toys, games and a television to watch their favorite movies and cartoons.

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Mark was one of the initial investors in Alpine Bay Golf Club, which reopened in July. It is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday. "Even if you don't play golf, you can come and eat. The grill is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.," Alison said. 



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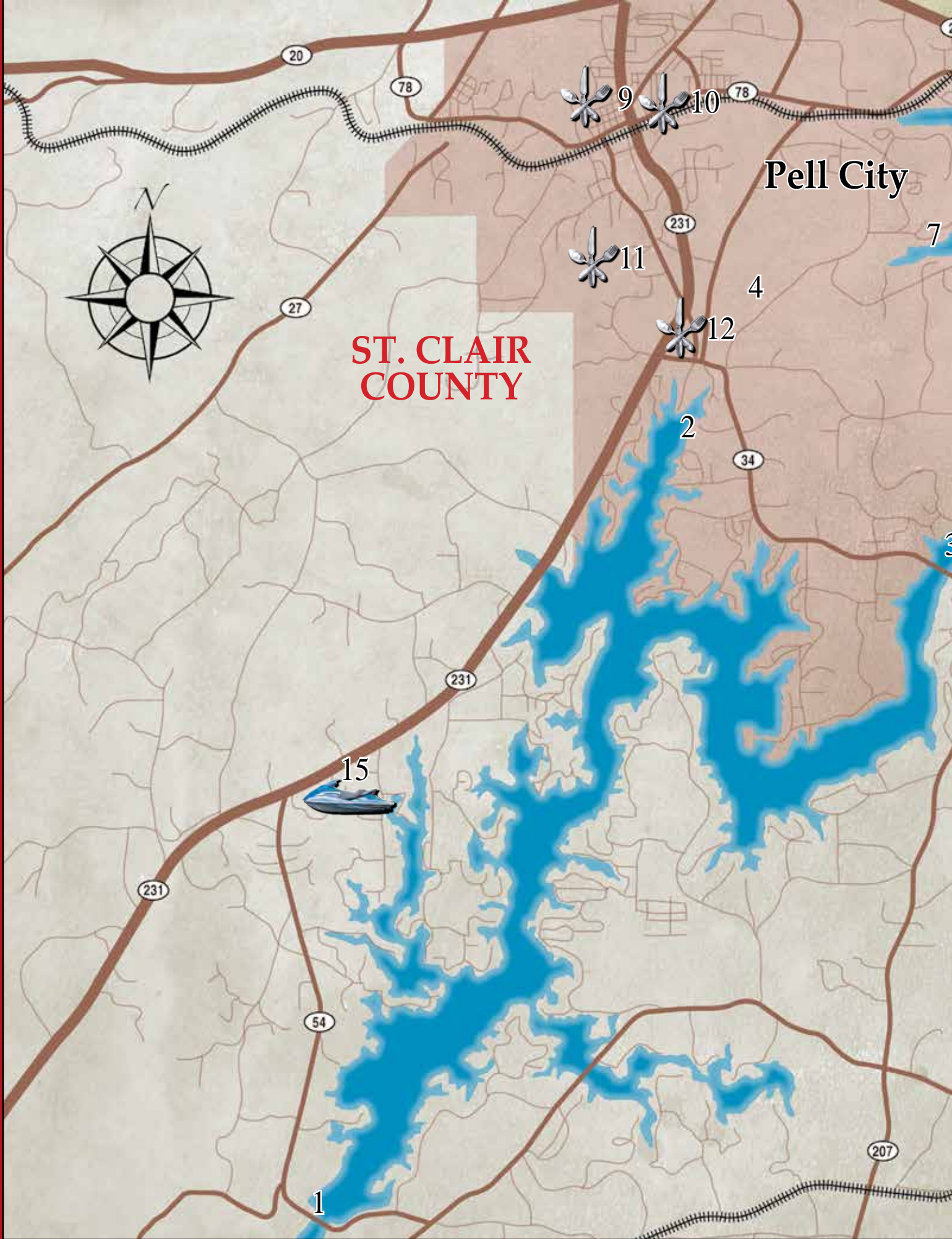
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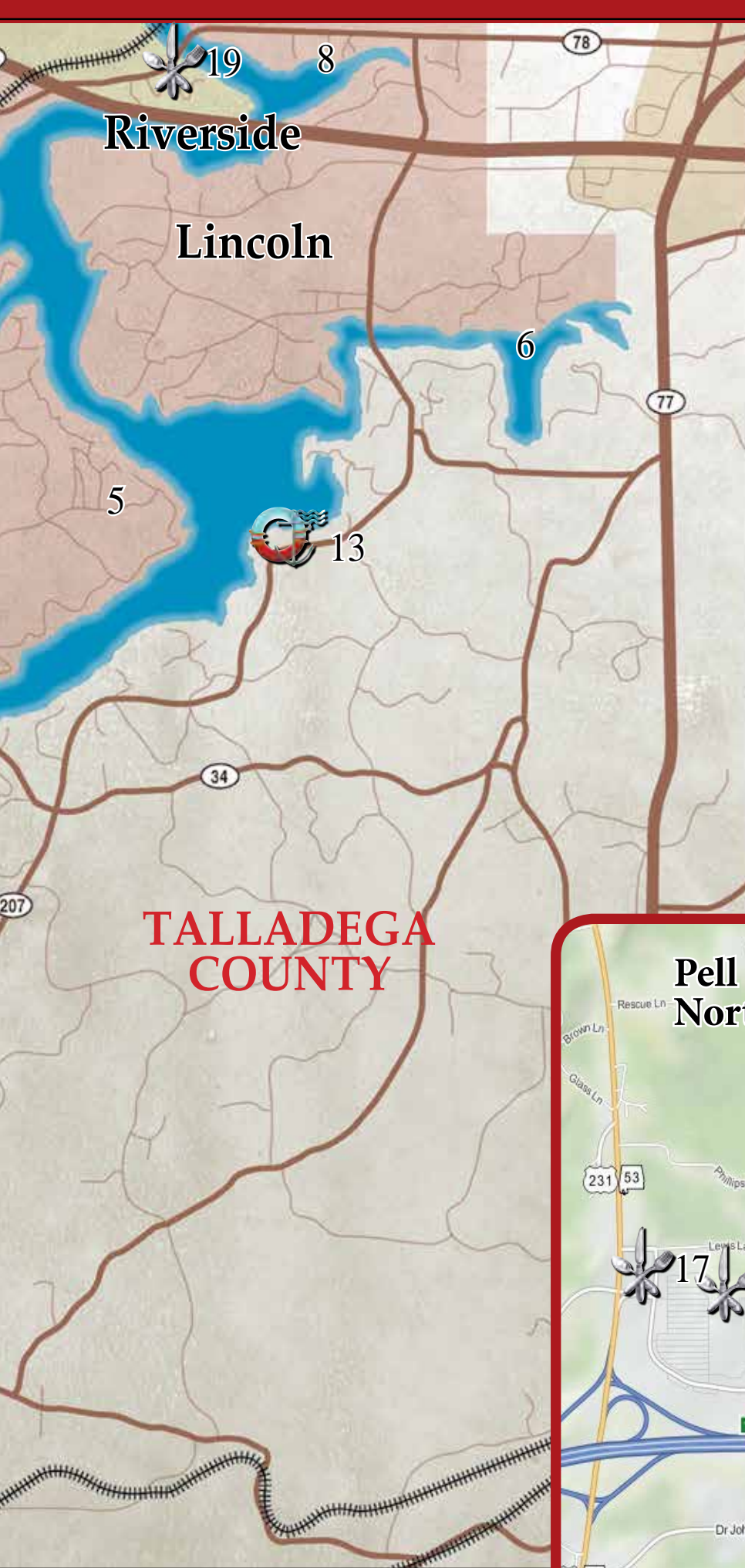
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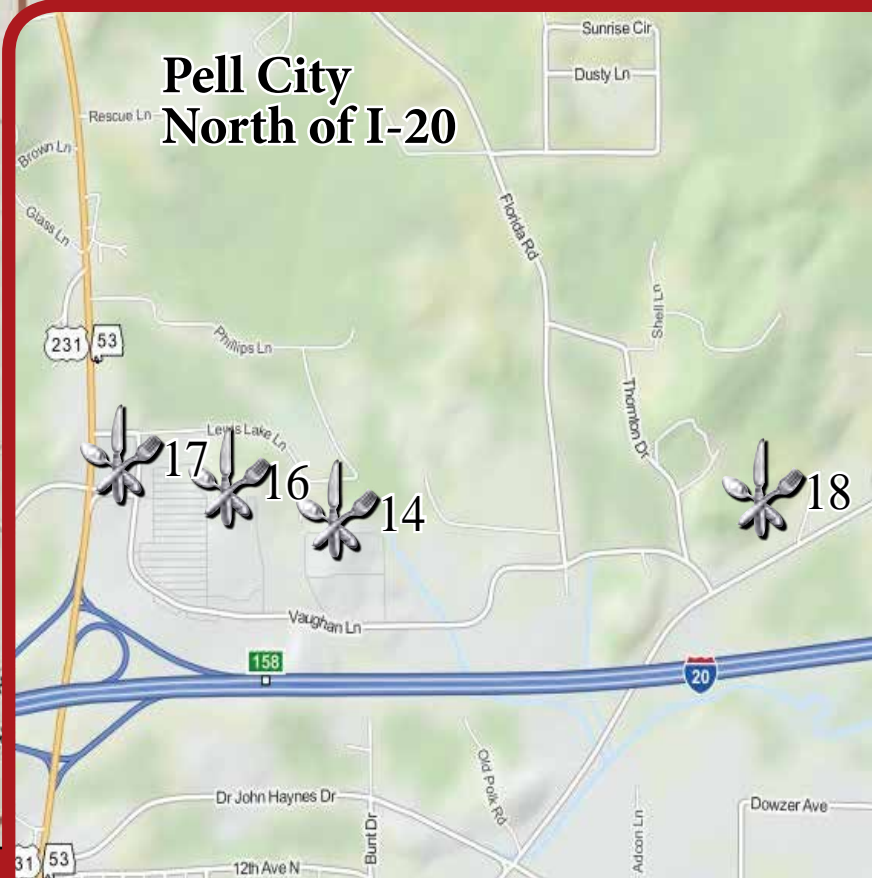
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# It's time to Renew Our Rivers



Story by LACI BRASWELL  
File Photos

**T**he 2017 Renew our Rivers cleanup initiative will take place on Logan Martin Lake Saturday, March 25, through Saturday, April 1. It is spearheaded by the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association (LMLPA) and Alabama Power Company.

“Renew Our Rivers is just one of many ways in which Alabama Power partners with others to promote conservation and environmental stewardship in communities across the state, and they have been really good to our organization,” said LMLPA board member Mike Riley. “Alabama Power employee volunteers help out at each cleanup by providing guidance and supplies to event

organizers.”

As in the past, this year’s lake cleanup will involve multiple collection sites including Lakeside Landing, Clear Creek Marina, Poor House Beach Marina, Riverside Marina, Woods Surfside Marina and the Pell City Civic Center.

“We are asking those interested in participating to please visit any of the collection sites to sign up,” Riley said. “There you will receive additional information and your t-shirt, gloves and bags.”

The LMLPA requests that volunteers only pick up man-made lake shoreline trash, and each collection site will have specific dumpsters for lake debris. “We will have boats





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assisting us in removing debris too large to collect by hand," Riley said.

According to Renew Our Rivers, 652 volunteers removed more than 346,700 pounds of trash from Alabama lakes, rivers and shorelines during the 2016 cleanup effort. About six tons of trash was collected and removed from Logan Martin alone.

"In years past, we have collected anywhere from 12 to 15 tons of garbage," Riley said. "The amount of debris has seemed to decrease over time, and we hope that our program has helped others become aware."

Riley described the cleanups as "always successful," provided the weather cooperates, which is usually the case.

"Some years we've had crowds in the thousands show up to help," he said. "It's always encouraging to see. I've seen the excitement expand to wanting to pick up trash on roadsides, not just the lake."

The annual cleanup is always scheduled in the spring

when the lake's water levels are still typically low.

"This year, the water levels are higher than normal because water got added in after the drought," Riley said. "It could be a bit of a challenge this year, but we are still dedicated."

This year's cleanup will conclude with a picnic at Lakeside Park in Pell City.

"There will be free food and music by Steve Shafer," Riley said. "We hope everyone will come out and join us."

Riley said that not only are the cleanup and the LMLPA important to lakeside property owners, the event and organization significantly affect the entire community and the region.

"The health of the lake is directly related to an area's economic growth," he said. "If a place is clean and inviting, people will want to come live there, and in return that helps the development of local businesses and schools."

Riley added that the LMLPA takes pride in being present

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and involved in the community. "We try to visit area schools and help educate them about the importance of a clean environment, the water cycle and the lake's water level."

He noted that there are multiple ways to get involved and to help keep Logan Martin Lake clean, including becoming a member of LMLPA. "We are always interested in new membership," he said.

For more information, visit [www.lmlpa.org](http://www.lmlpa.org).

Renew Our Rivers was established in 2000. Since its inception, as many as 100,000 volunteers have collected more than 14 million pounds of trash and debris from waterways across the Southeast, including Logan Martin Lake and the Coosa River.

The initiative has expanded from a single river cleanup event in Gadsden to a nationally recognized campaign that includes Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle.

For more information, visit [www.apcshorelines.com](http://www.apcshorelines.com). 

## Renew Our Rivers Lake Cleanup Dates: March 25-April 1

**What to do:** On March 25 and April 1, go to any collection site, sign up and receive your t-shirt, bags and gloves. On other days during the cleanup effort, return full Renew Our Rivers bags to collection sites and place them in the specially-marked dumpsters. Bags should not be placed in city or county dumpsters.

**Specific details:** Pick up man-made lake shoreline trash only. No household, wood (trees, limbs, flood debris, etc.) or lawn trash should be placed in the Renew Our Rivers bags. Old tires should be placed beside the specially-marked dumpsters at the collection sites.

**Collection sites:** Lakeside Landing, Clear Creek Marina, Poor House Branch Marina, Riverside Marina, Woods Surfside Marina and Pell City Civic Center.

**Post-cleanup picnic:** Noon Saturday, April 1, at Lakeside Park in Pell City. Food is free, and entertainment will be provided by Steve Shafer. Admission is your 2017 Renew Our Rivers t-shirt. For more information: Call Mike Riley at 205-531-2372 or email [RenewOurRivers@lmlpa.org](mailto:RenewOurRivers@lmlpa.org).

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## SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>

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# Meet Me by the



Story by BUDDY ROBERTS  
Photo by BOB CRISP

**N**icholas Kin is a self-described “adrenaline junkie” who’s visited five of the seven continents and enjoys extreme sports, but that doesn’t prevent him from enjoying a calm, leisurely cruise along Logan Martin.

“I love skydiving, zip lining, scuba diving – you name it,” he said. “And I love being on the water, whether it’s kayaking, fishing, boating or just hanging out,” he said. “I bought my kayak 15 years ago, and I’ve taken it all over the place – down the Coosa and up into Tennessee on the Ocoee and the Toccoa.”

An avid outdoorsman, Kin teaches biology and serves as associate dean at the Pell City campus of Jefferson State Community College. A native of Ohio, he spent part of a balmy afternoon by the lake recounting how he came to central Alabama and what he enjoys about life in the South.



*Nicholas Kin*

**The road to Alabama:** Kin grew up in Carey, a small rural community in northwest Ohio, earning a degree in biochemistry from Bowling Green State University and a Ph.D. in immunology and

microbiology from Ohio State University. “And that’s how I got to Alabama. I did a post-doctoral fellowship at UAB. I had never been to Alabama before I came to UAB, but I love it here.”

**About Jefferson State:** The two-year college has maintained a campus in Pell City for the past decade. “Our mission,” Kin said, “is to offer affordable, accessible education programs, and being in this community enables us to provide that for local students. We’ve enjoyed tremendous support from the community, and hopefully we’ve been a support for it.”

**When he’s not in class or on campus:** “I love anything and everything to do with the outdoors, whether it’s camping, hiking, kayaking or running. I got into marathons recently, and I do a lot of woodworking as well – a little of everything, from picture frames to bathroom cabinets.”

**The two continents he hasn’t yet visited:** “South

America and Antarctica. South America will happen soon, though. Peru, probably. And of course any biologist would want to see the Galapagos Islands.”

**Favorite stops around the world:** “I loved Australia, South Africa, Japan and New Zealand. Of places I haven’t been yet, Italy is really high on the list. My mom’s side of the family is from Italy, so it’s definitely a place I want to get to.”

**The best advice he ever received:** “A couple of mottos that I live by are ‘you gotta be in it to win it’ and ‘go hard or go home.’ Too many people are defeated before they even try. Don’t be afraid to go for it.”

**The food he could eat every day:** “Southern barbecue. That was new to me when I moved to the South. Growing up in the Midwest, barbecue meant hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst. Here, it’s one of my favorite aspects of living in the South.” 🍴



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# Riverside home offers great lake view, plenty of outside amenities

Story By BUDDY ROBERTS  
PHOTOS BY BOB CRISP

For prospective homebuyers looking for the ideal lakefront existence, the property at 630 Cove Point Drive in Riverside is an ideal choice.

The four-bedroom, four-bath home was constructed in 1996 and offers an open floor plan that includes a great room, dining room, breakfast nook, office space, fireplace and a spectacular view of Logan Martin Lake. The full kitchen features an island with bar space to easily seat six adults.

Three bedrooms are downstairs, including the master suite, which features a jetted garden tub with a block glass window providing plenty of light. The upstairs bedroom (or bonus room) comes with a full bathroom of more than 500 square

feet.

Exterior features include a banded stucco exterior, fenced yard, a 17x35 in-ground pool beside a covered sundeck, a boathouse with a lift that can accommodate a pontoon boat, gazebo and a concrete boat launch. The pool pump is five years old, and the pool liner is two years old.

The HVAC system is still under warranty, and the roof was replaced in 2013. The chimney was inspected two years ago, and its top cap was replaced.

The home is listed at \$399,900. For more information, call Sharon Thomas with RE/MAX Hometown Properties at 205-365-8875. [📞](#)

# 'A spiritual entrepreneur'

## Lovejoy reflects on serving in the real estate, ministry

STORY BY LACI BRASWELL

**T**he real estate profession has been a part of Shawn Lovejoy's life for more than 40 years.

"I have faint memories from as early as the age of 3," he said. "I remember watching my dad work in the office while I played in a nearby playpen."

His father, Lyman Lovejoy, started Lovejoy Realty in 1971. "It's just something that I've always known," Shawn said. "It's a part of me."

For the Odenville native, following in his father's footsteps by working for the family business was always something he dreamed of doing. "I really enjoy being outside and helping develop new property," he said.

Lovejoy Realty specializes in land and farmland property, and in providing first-rate service.

"You get to play a huge role in your client's lives," Shawn Lovejoy said. "You get to help them find their perfect first home, their dream retirement home or lakefront property for the summer."

The real estate agent offered first-time buyers and sellers some beneficial advice.

"Don't put off buying or selling



**Shawn Lovejoy**

your home or property," he said. "The market is the strongest it's been in over a decade."

Collectively, Shawn Lovejoy said that he has worked for his father for about six years, after returning from a hiatus two years ago.


"I was called to minister and served as a pastor for 16 years at a church in metro Atlanta," he said.

In addition to working as a realtor, he operates his own consulting company, Courage To Lead. Lovejoy said his "heart beats for coaching leaders and helping them all conquer whatever's keeping them up at night."

He added that his company helps churches and nonprofits structuralize and grow.

"It is a great outlet for me to combine my work in the ministry and with real estate," he said. "When people ask me what my profession is, I tell them that I'm a spiritual entrepreneur."

Shawn and his wife Tricia have been married for 24 years and have three children, Hannah, Madison and Paul.

For more information about Lovejoy's endeavors, call 205-582-8148 or visit [www.lovejoyrealty.com](http://www.lovejoyrealty.com) and [www.couragetolead.com](http://www.couragetolead.com) 

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190 OAK POINTE DR., CROPWELL - \$575,000. Home offers a 2 ac +/- level lot with in-ground sprinkler, seawall, boat house with remote control boat lift, sundeck and spider be gone system. Saltwater heated in-ground pool. Back yard fenced in. Gazebo pool side along with outside kitchen. Home has 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Great room with gas log fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Huge screen porch with wood burning fireplace, clear vinyl winter panels to enjoy year round. Home has approx. 3000 sq ft. double car garage, safe room, storm shelter and workshop. Home has gutter helmet and UV light filter system. MLS #771044.



7145 SKYLINE DR, PELL CITY, \$368,500. 6 BR, 3 BA, screen porch, pool, side patio and hot tub. Sits on approximately 1.9 acre, large level lot. Approximately 121 feet shore line with concrete seawall and pier. Subdivision has a boat launch. Wood vaulted ceiling with beams in the great room and kitchen area. Kitchen is open to the great room with a view of the lake. Metal Roof. In ground pool completely fenced. Handicap accessible ramp. Workshop and metal building. Updates needed. MLS# 760884



334 CANE CREEK DR., PELL CITY 3 BR/3 BA. - \$98,000. Walk in closets, fireplace, abundance of cabinet space and pantry in the kitchen. This home has a storm shelter and playground that is equipped with a pirates ship jungle gym. Also offers a large library with full bath. FHA approved for loan. MLS #763289



Hwy 280 UNIT 14.27 Acres, Sterrett, \$2,200,000. Commercial Property, Chelsea Tax District. Across from Chelsea Park Subdivision. Road frontage approx. 497 feet 1285 ft deep, utilities at the street. MLS# 773072



PARADISE ISLE Unit 112, RIVERSIDE \$165,000. 2 BR, 2 full BA. Perfect lake living, Maintenance free and only seconds away from I-20. This unit is on the main channel with a forever view. Paradise Isle features two pools, tennis courts, boat launch, grilling area, playground area, basketball court, boat parking. The owner of this unit has paid the fee to have a new pier built. Screen porch. FP in the greatroom. Eat at bar in the kitchen plus a dining area. MLS# 736388



2307 FRAIM DR., PELL CITY 199,900. Pine Harbor with a beautiful sunset. 2 BR and 2 full BA, double car carport, screen porch, pier, community pool, sprinkler system, new hvac, new roof, storm shelter-chair lift and some furniture can be bought separately. MLS# 753181.



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



231 LAKELAND HILLS, TALLADEGA \$290,000. Tucked back in nature with amazing views from all rooms. Lakeside: master, office, living and kitchen. Teenager, in law suite or multiple family space downstairs. Includes master BR, 2 BR, bath, walk in closets, living area, full kitchens and laundry area. Natural landscape, boat pier, screened porch, storage building and more! Siding is Hardie fiber cement. MLS# 770846.



475 RIVER FOREST LN., TALLADEGA, \$172,900 2 BR, 2 BA, Condo. No maintenance just move in and enjoy the lake. You will love the community pool, beach, boat launch, dock, playground and grilling stations. Beautiful kitchen with custom cabinets and granite counter tops. The master features a garden tub and separate shower, double vanity. Covered deck. MLS# 761110



60 GUY DR, LINCOLN, \$175,000. New Construction, 3 BR, 2 BA. Open floor plan, eat at bar, granite counter tops, hardwood floors, tile bath, large laundry, double garage MLS# 766714.



3215 DR JOHN HAYNES DR, PELL CITY \$210,000. Two 75x150 lots. There's a 31 unit warehouse. Several different sizes. The other lot is vacant and fenced. The property also comes with a 2006 Chevrolet Roll Back wrecker. MLS#726742



250 NIXON RD. CROPWELL - \$239,900. Love country living in this brick home with 5 acres M/L. Convenient to Logan Martin Lake. Finished basement, family room, bedroom bath, 2 closets, cleared off back half of land for horses. New paint, carpet and hardwood floors. 2 car garage and workshop. Basement has private entry and patio. Just minutes to 3 marinas and boat storage. MLS #769768.



403 EUREKA RD, LINCOLN, \$295,000. 3 BR 2BA. The front is a wall of windows looking into screen porch looking at Logan Martin Lake. Over one acre leading to your boat house with lift and water. Great room has beautiful stone fireplace. Kitchen has eat in space and breakfast bar. Sitting area with wall of bookshelves. Master bedroom has room for a sitting area. Large closets in the bedrooms. Air conditioned workshop. MLS# 761750



41 11TH ST. SO. - \$89,000 This 2 BR, 1 BA charming home is close to schools and I-20. The home has recently been updated, new siding and roof in 2008. One car carport. Great starter home or empty nester's. Storage building negotiable. MLS #771143



668 LAKE FRONT DR., PELL CITY - \$675,000. Elegant home on main channel point lot. Great room has 22 ft. ceiling, stacked stone fireplace. Pella windows & crown molding throughout. Kitchen has custom made cabinets, induction rage, granite counter tops, bar, tile flooring and large bay window in casual eating area. Main level has formal dining room back foyer w/large pantry and bar area, guest bath w/black marble, master room and bath suite has separate tile shower & garden tub. Upstairs has 2BR both w bonus room w/skylight, full size BA and open balcony. Basement has 4th BR w/full bath & media room, exercise room and den w/wet bar. In addition two screened porches lake side and wrap around porch, 2 huge garages insulated, one heated, cooled, double boatport with 2 remote control lifts, piers, house generator and geostone seawall. Ladies retreat or man cave over garage. Irrigation system. MLS #770918

- 1355 COUNTY ROAD 42, STEELE \$154,800 - 33 acres MLS# 619571
- TWO EAGLE POINTE LOTS, \$14,900 MLS #76033 AND MLS #760336
- MAYS BEND, LOGAN MARTIN LAKE POINT LOT - \$165,000

- COTTON TOP FARMS, 4 LOTS. \$15,000
- LAKE LOT - RIVERSIDE \$75,000
- MAYS BEND, LAKE VIEW \$45,000 MLS 766725



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MLS#735490 \$1,500,000



3148 RIVER RANCH RD  
RAGLAND, AL 35131  
MLS#734273 \$899,900



114 AMITOLA DR  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#759846 \$850,000



150 PINEVIEW DR  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#764107 \$799,900



150 GRAND TERR  
TALLADEGA, AL 35160  
MLS#747166 \$789,000



740 RIVER OAKS DR  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#578320 \$750,000



760 BLACK ACRES RD  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#738151 \$599,000



870 RIVER OAKS DR  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#759552 \$569,000



386 LAKEVIEW CIR  
ALPINE, AL 35014  
MLS#738826 \$525,000



103 ST JUDE LN  
TALLADEGA, AL 35160  
MLS#758884 \$439,000



211 KEWANEE LN  
TALLADEGA, AL 35160  
MLS#744919 \$399,000



208 BROOKSHIRE RD  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#768706 \$375,000



404 ALLEN RD  
PELL CITY, AL 35128  
MLS#745879 \$375,000



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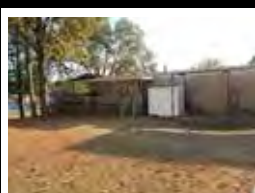
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MLS#771880 \$129,900



280 LEE CIR  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#768712 \$85,000



105 ARROWHEAD RD  
CROPWELL, AL 35054  
MLS#754973 \$74,900

## LOTS AND ACREAGE

- 159 ACRES +/-, 0 COLLINS DR. - PELL CITY - \$954,000  
MLS#721189
- 21 ACRES • 0 HWY 231 - CROPWELL - \$599,000  
MLS#768723
- 51 ACRES - KYMULGA RD. - CHILDERSBURG - \$255,000 -  
MLS#754789
- 44 ACRES +/-, 0 S. STEWART RD. S PELL CITY - \$120,000  
MLS#726199
- 39 ACRES - (UNRESTRICTED WOODED LAND) \$117,000 -  
MLS#567645
- 1.690 ACRES - 0 BROOKSHIRE LN - CROPWELL - \$49,000 -  
MLS#768717- WF ACCESS
- 1.50 ACRES - 0 HITCHING POST - \$29,500 - MLS#738092
- 9TH STREET - DOUBLE LOT \$12,000
- LOT 141 COUNTRY CR. - TALLADEGA - \$7,000 -  
MLS#729464 WF ACCES



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**\$349,900 - 413 Eagle Pointe Dr. - AMAZING** 5 bedroom 3 bath home in Eagle Pointe Estates. Home has large updated kitchen with granite countertops, 4 ovens and 2 dishwashers, large family room with fireplace, large windows facing backyard unground pool. Lake access! MLS #759564. Call Carey 205-901-0652



**508 Lindy Circle - PARADISE ON LOGAN MARTIN LAKE!** Private waterfront estate w/ gated entry, 4 BR, 3.5 BA home with 3-car garage, formal LR with columned archways, elegant formal DR, oversized den with fireplace, magnificent master suite with sitting area, office/library with built-ins. Waterfront views throughout, salt water pool and hot tub w/pool house. MLS #754090 Call Blair 205-812-5377



**\$160,000 - 819 Barclay Rd. - RANCH STYLE** one level 3 BR, 3 BA home with updates of flooring, dishwasher, roof and new paint located on approx. 3.7 ACRES. Flat to gentle sloping land, private and no zoning. MLS# 767938 Call Tony 205-281-1317 or Bill 205-369-7977



**\$275,000 - 1730 Depot St. - ONE LEVEL** 3 BR, 2 BAs BRICK WATERFRONT home w/eat-in kitchen, granite counter tops and view of the lake. Living room w/wood burning FP, dining room, master suite and master BA w/double vanity, jetted tub and custom tile shower. Well maintained with 2-car garage, fenced back yard, private pier and boat launch. MLS #770500 Call Carl 205-965-4755 or Michelle 205-427-3222



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**\$69,900 - 365 Brookview Dr. - 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath** in well established neighborhood. MLS 755506. Call Scott 205-368-8138 or Joel 205-753-3831



**\$375,000 - 404 Allen Rd. - GREAT LAKE HOUSE** with large open floor plan and large living areas. Enter the front door to a spectacular view of the lake with this large 6 BR, 4 BA 1.5 story home. Living/dining room w/ FP and updates to include hardwood floors, hot water heater, roof, septic tank, kitchen, carpet, screened porch and deck. Level lot leads to dock and seawall with walk area. MLS #745879 Call Adam 205-369-2704



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**\$250,000 - 195 Peoples Lane - PROPERTY WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES!** Approx. 6 UNRESTRICTED ACRES with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with large den, dining room, covered porch, above ground pool and 40x40 workshop that comes with its own car lift. Two manufactured homes are currently located on the property that will be moved or not included. Great potential! MLS #761922 Call Sebastian (256)926-8043



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**\$118,500 - 30 Jackson Lane - NICE** 3 bedroom, 2 bath one level home with 2-car garage and located on level corner lot in Lincoln. MLS #764785 Call Carl 205/965-4755 or Michelle 205/427-3222



**\$159,900 - 100 Deerbrook Rd. - BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED** with hardwood floors, handmade concrete counter tops in kitchen and master bath and new hardwood cabinets throughout, 30x40 shop, concrete storm shelter and located on 3 ACRES m/l. MLS# 748507 Call Tina (205)337-8509



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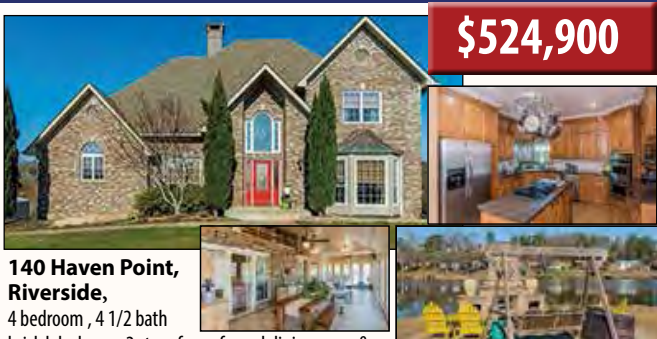
**705 River Oaks Dr, Cropwell,**

2 new HVAC's, 140 ft. water frontage with concrete wall, private boat house/dock with lift. Hardwood floors, kitchen has corian counter tops, laundry room, 2 car garage. Master bedroom has fireplace, double vanities and garden tub. 3 beds, 3 full baths with a finished basement. Additional rooms that could be extra bedrooms, office space/workout room. Over 4000 sq. ft. including basement, 1.41 acres. MLS #758609.



\$334,900

**433 Eagle Pointe Dr., Pell City,** brick 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath home has new roof, garage doors, exterior & interior paint, hardwood floors, tile floors in bathrooms, carpet, lights, kitchen cabinets, stainless steel appliances, large master shower has been added, bathroom vanities and mirrors & deck. The septic tank has been inspected and cleaned, the HVAC is only a few years old . The main level offers a formal living room with gas fireplace, dining rm, den, large kitchen with granite & bar island, eating area with fireplace, large master suite has 2 vanities, walk in shower, jacuzzi & huge closet, nice laundry room & half bath are conveniently located in the hallway. The upstairs has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and den area for the teens. STORAGE GALORE! Community pool , tennis courts & boat launch are all yours to enjoy! MLS 768992.



\$524,900

**140 Haven Point, Riverside,**

4 bedroom , 4 1/2 bath brick lake home. 2 story foyer, formal dining room & living rm/office greet you with an abundance of natural light & hardwood floors. Spacious kitchen with corian, oak cabinets, island and bar. Massive 18x54 lakeside sunroom has tons of Low E windows. The den with fireplace and large master suite are on the main level and both have access to the sunroom. Upstairs has 3 more bedrooms, all with hardwood floors. There is a jack & jill bath between 2 bdrms while the 4th bdrm has its own private bath and huge closet. Recently finished basement has a new HVAC, hot water heater, full bath, MEGA media room & 2 car garage!! Outdoor living gets even better with an open deck, a covered boat dock with lift & new metal roof. The gorgeous outdoor fireplace/patio is the perfect spot to enjoy your 216 ft of lake frontage!! MLS #773163.



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\$94,000

**1909 Chula Vista Mtn. Road, Pell City** ~3 acre lot. This manufactured home has 3br, 2ba, a large kitchen with new tile counter tops, breakfast area, bar, lots of cabinets & a spacious laundry room with pantry space. There is a wood burning fireplace in the living room. The master suite has a his & her vanity area with a separate shower and jacuzzi tub and great closet space. A new metal roof was installed in May of 2016. 10 x 16 workshop with electricity is also on the property. MLS #758076.

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VIEW OF LAKE, STACKED STONE FIREPLACE. SEPARATE OFFICE & LAUNDRY ON MAIN LEVEL. UPSTAIRS HAS 2 BEDROOMS PLUS A LARGE BONUS ROOM. MLS#738166

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