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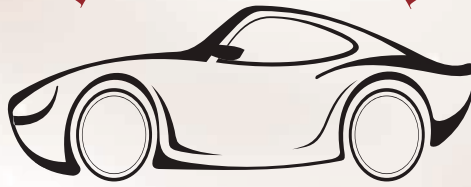
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EDITOR'S NOTE

What's on the calendar this month?

October ranks among the most anticipated months of the year.

It's a month of festivals, parties, football games, and wondering how it got so late in the year so fast. The 31 days of October tend to have a cozy, festive, and mysterious feel, and this year I decided to look up what's on the calendar aside from the usual, more familiar holidays. And indeed there is a full slate of daily, weekly, and month-long observances this month, some official but mostly otherwise.

Yes, I know it's corny, but it's not an unpleasant diversion to consider a list such as follows. So here goes.

October 1: National Pumpkin Seed Day

October 1: International Day of Older Persons

October 2: World Farm Animals Day

October 2: National Produce Misting Day

October 3: National Butterfly and Hummingbird Day

(see this month's Lakeside Flora & Fauna feature)

October 5: Do Something Nice Day

October 7: National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day

October 8: World Octopus Day

October 12: National Savings Day

October 15: National Cheese Curd Day

October 16: National Sports Day

October 18: National Chocolate Cupcake Day

October 20: National Chicken and Waffles Day

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October 22: National Tavern-Style Pizza Day

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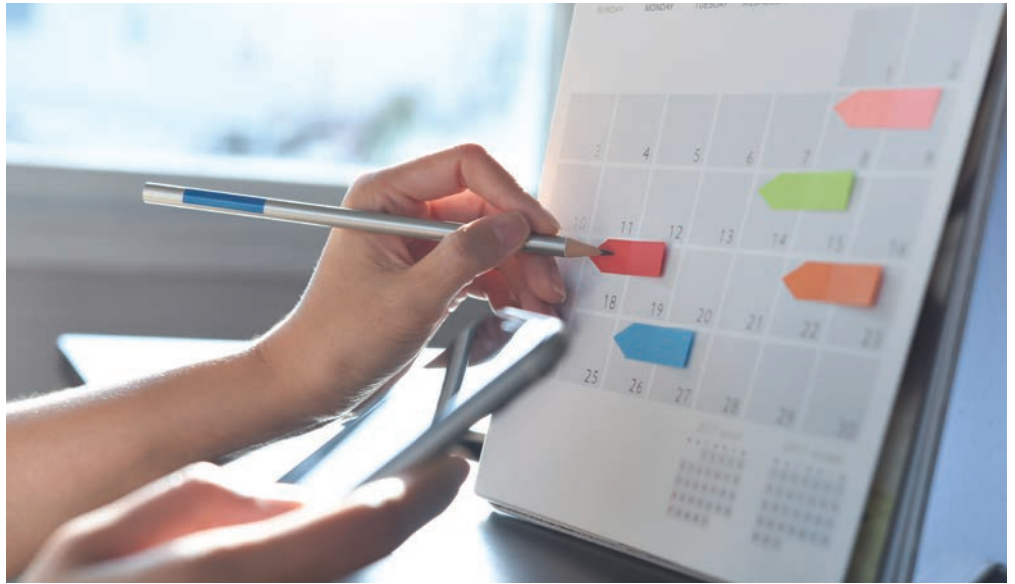
October 30: National Candy Corn Day

October 31: National Breadstick Day

Also on the calendar are the following week-long commemorations.

October 5-11: Mental Illness Awareness Week

October 13-17: National School Lunch Week



October 15-21: National Snow Blower Maintenance Week

October 20-26: Free Speech Week

And October has been designated as:

- National Cryptocurrency Month
- National Economic Education Month
- National Dropout Prevention Month
- National Learning and Development Month
- National Women in AI Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Bat Appreciation Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Country Music Month
- Filipino American History Month

The staff of Lakeside Living thanks you for spending another month with us. In this issue, we meet a singer-songwriter whose memories of local waters have inspired her latest single, get the latest details about a beloved local seasonal event, see the sights on a tour of lakeside area backroads, learn about the upcoming St. Clair County Fair, and look back on an annual LMLPA initiative.

See you in November.

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Suspending October Bass and Crappie

October brings a major change to the environment of gamefish.

Marked often by lingering hot days that will transition into milder, shorter days, the month also brings colder nights, sometimes dipping below 45 degrees. This is when you'll start to notice that gamefish will suspend high in the water column. Changing thermoclines make for suspending fish, and when this happens, you'll really need to focus on the top portions of the water column.

In October, I love to throw three different lures for suspending bass: jerk bait, spinnerbait, and topwater bait. All three will cover the top portion of the water column. Your standard jerk bait will reach depths of 4-6 feet, the spinnerbait will need to be fished fast and near the surface in less than three feet of water, and (as the name indicates) topwater baits will be

fished on top of the water. I primarily target areas where flats and channel swings join. Shad and other baitfish will be found in these areas. This time of year, you'll see pods of baitfish on the water's surface. Find the bait, and you'll find the bass.

Crappie will similarly hold in shallower columns of the water. To catch these slabs, you'll need to go with a lighter jig setup: 1/16 ounce or even a 1/32 ounce. Slowly troll these jigs behind the boat. Adjust your trolling motor speeds to figure out at what depth the crappie are holding. Boot tail-styled jigs (like the Charlie Brewer Slider) are my bait of choice. Again, find the baitfish, and you've

found the fish. Crappie will stagger in creek channels, creek mouths, and around flats this time of year.

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A conversation with singer-songwriter **Rebekah Gilbert**

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*New single “Coosa River”
available on Spotify, Apple Music,
and other streaming services*

Drawing on her childhood memories of the Coosa River and Logan Martin Lake, singer-songwriter Rebekah Gilbert has crafted a musical homage to local waters through her recently released single, “Coosa River.”

Using the banks of the Coosa as the setting for a darkly dramatic story, the Nashville-based musician (who relocated to the Music City from Birmingham in April) has crafted a song nuanced with symbolism, telling a story that is both tragic and hopeful.

By phone from Nashville, just back from

the Americana Music Association’s 26th annual Americanafest, she spoke with Lakeside Living about the recently released song.

LL: What was your inspiration for writing “Coosa River?”

RG: “My husband and I took our boat out several years ago, and we were just on

the river and decided to go see how far we could go up towards where I used to live, near the mill, when I was a kid. We passed this little spot on the bank that had like old run down trailers and campers, washers and dryers sitting out on the porches. and in the driveway some big trucks, but on every little camper or trailer right there, they all had Confederate flags flying.

“I was just like, ‘Oh, my God, I can’t even imagine what could happen in this little spot. How do people of color feel when they go by that little spot? What does that make them feel, and what do they think?’ I always have my phone with me, and I just started writing, a little article that I never did anything with.

Then my friend Michael Paris, a couple of years later, we were FaceTiming and decided to write a song together. We didn’t know we were going to write about, but he wanted to use the phrase ‘1953 Red Belly Ford Jubilee’ in a song, because that was



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his granddad's or his dad's tractor. And we thought, 'What in the world can we write about to put that in a song?' And that little article I had written came to mind, so I read it to him, and we just kind of made up a story together about what we thought might happen on the banks of the Coosa River, using that 1953 Red Belly Ford Jubilee as a symbol of forgotten freedom. And that's how it happened.

LL: From the song's title, I was expecting to hear an upbeat, sunny tune, but the tone of the lyrics surprised me.

RG: It's very lyrically dark, but with a fun sound and a hopeful ending. It's a story that takes places on the banks of the Coosa River, a part of it that's often ignored or overlooked. And it's there that the character in the song finds her freedom by burning down her past.

LL: And you filmed the video on location by the river?

RG: We did. We were looking for an older trailer or camper, something that had a little bit of a hard time and would fit the song. A friend of mine knows somebody who has a place he thought would suit the video we were trying to create. And so sure enough, he sent me pictures and video, and I said, 'Yes, this is absolutely it.' I had envisioned this beautiful, sunny day that we would shoot the video, and it just poured like a monsoon the whole time. It actually worked out even better. The mood just fit the song.

LL: How did you stage the location for the video?

RG: We brought in some props, things that are referenced in the song – a bunch of beer cans, some wine, other things that were relevant to the song. And we went looking for a Confederate flag. I didn't want to borrow one from anybody, because the point was we were going to burn it at the end. And besides that, if anybody I know has one, I don't know about it. We found a place



that actually carried them and went in, and they asked us, 'Cash or card?' and I was like, 'Oh, it's cash.' I was not attaching my name to that purchase. We burned it at the end, because that's what she does in the song. I just wanted that symbolism in there. It might upset some people, but I just felt like it was appropriate.

LL: The character in the song reclaiming her freedom...is there symbolism in that too?

RG: Sure. People can feel trapped a lot of times, especially when you look back on, say, your childhood or something earlier in your life and remember there was a time when you felt free. I think it could extend to anybody in any situation. Of course, we just made that situation in the song up, but just driving by that spot on the river that day, I wondered, 'Who are these people who live here? What are their values?' I made assumptions, of course, but is there racism there? Is there misogyny? What is going through these people's minds? That's where that story came from.

LL: Could a listener find the song offensive or conclude that you don't like the Coosa River or Logan Martin Lake?

RG: It's possible, but it's not the case at all. I don't want people to feel I'm smearing this area that we love. "Coosa River" is a story that takes place in one little, tiny portion of it. I think the Coosa River is a fun place. I grew up in Talladega County, and there are wonderful people there. I don't think the song is representative of the entire river or the lake area, because it's beautiful and there are wonderful people there. I have friends there, but there's just that one little pocket that people seem to try to ignore. That's the



part of the river we brought to life in the song.

When I sing the song live, if there's anybody in the audience from Alabama, they really like it. On Spotify while it hasn't had the most streams, "Coosa River" has had the most listens of all of my songs, so of all my songs. I've not had any negative feedback about it.

LL: Where can someone listen to "Coosa River?"

RG: They can go to my website, which is rebekahgilbert.com, or they can listen on any streaming platform, such as Spotify, Apple Music. And they can watch the video on YouTube.

LL: What are you working on next?

RG: I'm in the middle of releasing my EP, *The Secret Keeper*, and "Coosa River" is the fourth song from that EP. The fifth song, "Ghosts," was just released, the sixth one came out in September, and I'll release the final song as a single in October. Then the full EP will be available for streaming in November. I'm probably going to get a Christmas single recorded very soon to put out, and then I had a couple of songs I'm going to put out next year.

LL: Putting out songs has to much more work than it sounds, right?

RG: Oh, my goodness, yeah. There's so much that goes into releasing a song from the moment you write it – editing it, getting a producer, taking it to the studio, recording it, waiting to get it back from the studio. Then once you get ready to release it, you have to have a photo for your artwork. And then, of course, everything now is social media, so you've got to have content to back up your song. There are people who put out songs very quickly. I'm not one of those, apparently, because it takes me a long time to do all this. It's a lot of work.



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Ghosts, witches, pirates, skeletons, and ducks will greet boating trick-or-treaters during the Logan Martin Boo Bash

Written by **FAITH DORN**

Photos courtesy of the **BOO BASH & DUCK HUNT**

Logan Martin's favorite Halloween event, the Boo Bash, returns on Sunday, October 5.

Event coordinators Kelli Lasseter and Sonya Hubbard created the event after relocating to the lake because they missed all of the trick-or-treaters that would visit them in Leeds. "I just put the idea out on Facebook and thought it would be fun," said Lasseter.

Other lake residents agreed. Forty piers participated in 2022 (the first year of the event), nearly 100 piers participated in 2023, and the event has continued to grow.

"The first year it rained, but we still had fun. In 2023, it just blew up. We could not believe how many people participated. I have no idea how many trick-or-treaters we had by boat," Lasseter said.

In 2024, Boo Bash partnered with the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association, a partnership that has raised funds for the LMLPA's hazard buoy program and helped offset some of Boo Bash's marketing costs.

The LMLPA is working with the Pell City Parks and Recreation department to host a special land stop, "Boo Slough," at Lakeside Park. The stop will feature food trucks and games.

This year, Boo Bash is also partnering with the Logan Martin Duck Hunt. The duck hunt is a geocaching-style search for unique

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rubber ducks, inspired by the custom of Jeep owners' leaving rubber ducks on other Jeeps that they like. The Logan Martin Duck Hunt was founded by Stacy Deegan and her late husband, Brian, in 2023 and evolved from a mini-hunt at their house.

"We were both Jeep owners and Jeep Club members. Leaving rubber ducks is just a friendly way to say, 'Hey, I like your Jeep,'" explained Deegan, "Once we bought our lake house, he started hiding mini ducks all over the house for me to find. That was just the kind of fun guy he was."

To participate in the year-round Logan Martin Duck Hunt, when you find a LMDH duck, it will have a tag with a QR code on it. You must scan the QR code, post a picture of the duck in the Facebook group, then hide it for someone else.

"We started with 10 ducks, and we probably have around 500 ducks now. My partner, David, and I enjoy hiding the ducks," Deegan said.

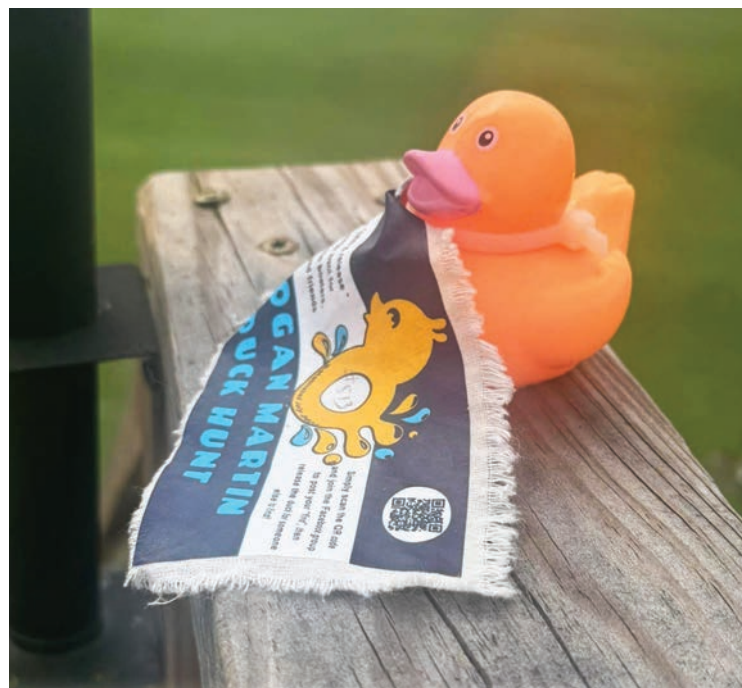
The LMDH collaboration with Boo Bash will be a scavenger hunt.

"There are ten ducks that will be hidden on the lake to be found during Boo Bash, and they are all sponsored by a business or a person for a \$100 value prize. There will be a flyer with clues that explain how to find the ducks. When someone finds one of the Boo Bash ducks, they will scan the code and post a picture of the duck to the Facebook group. I will respond with how to claim their prize and who donated it," said Deegan.

In addition to the Logan Martin Duck Hunt, Boo Bash will also have a boat decorating contest and a fun drawing for people hosting the piers. The Pell City Center for Education and Performing Arts will be at Pirate Island again this year with a fun pirate and "Davy Jones' locker" theme.

Lasseter expects to see as many as 1,000 trick-or-treaters and 200-300 boats on the water during Boo Bash. She encourages children of all ages to participate in the fun.

"We usually have half adults and half children. It is for the children, but hey, adults are kids, too," Lasseter said with a laugh, "We all enjoy dressing up and dressing our pups up. Boo Bash is





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If you are planning to participate in Boo Bash as either a trick-or-treater or a pier host, the Boo Bash organizers ask that you register now, so the map and information can be up-to-date.

“We couldn’t do this without all of our host piers, all of our sponsors, including our title sponsor, Tiki Hut, all of the restaurants and businesses taking part and all of

our volunteers. Lakelife 24/7 has Boo Bash merchandise. There is no way we could pull this off without the community coming together. We hope boo bash goes on even after we’ve passed the torch,” said Lasseter.

Learn more about Boo Bash at facebook.com/BooBashonLoganMartin

Join the Logan Martin Duck Hunt Facebook group to participate in the duck hunt.





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Volunteers at Logan Martin Lake

take part in 2025 Renew Our Rivers cleanup

Written by and photographed by
JOEY BLACKWELL

It was a Thursday morning in early spring, and a dozen volunteers dotted the shoreline near the boat ramp at Lakeside Park in Pell City. While cloudy skies loomed overhead, the grim forecast didn't muddy the spirits of the smiling participants.

"If anything, these clouds make it cooler and easier to be outside today," one volunteer was overheard saying to another.

Sporting bright blue shirts and armed with grabbers, gloves, and trash bags, volunteers from the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association (LMLPA) picked up trash along the shoreline as part of a week-long Renew Our Rivers cleanup at Lake Logan Martin back in April. The session lasted just under two hours — enough

time for the volunteers to remove several hundred pounds of trash from the banks.

"I think the partnership that we have with Renew Our Rivers is critical to keeping the lake clean and healthy for everyone," said Neal Stephenson, president of the LMLPA. "We gather tons of material each year through the lake cleanup campaign — and that's just the tons that we measure through that specific week.

"We got off to a good start last with six cleanup sites around the lake, and we have a lot of our members that continue to collect litter and debris and stuff throughout the year, so there's countless tons of debris that we've been able to keep out of the lake by the cooperation between the two organizations."

Each year at Logan Martin Lake and dozens of other lakes and waterways across the state of Alabama, Renew Our Rivers partners with organizations to clean up waste from waters and shorelines. The

latest cleanup by the LMLPA was just one of multiple scattered throughout the week, in which the group annually removes several tons of garbage from the lake.

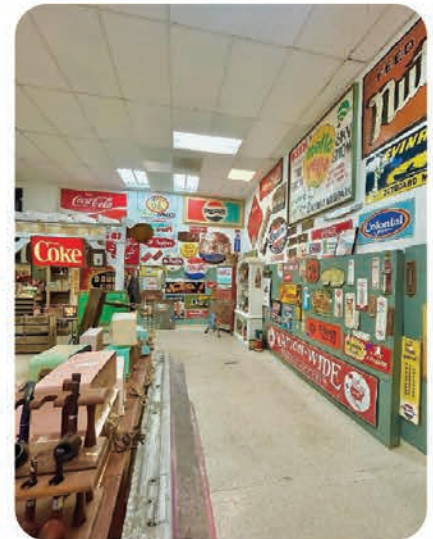
When Gene Phifer, an Alabama Power employee at Plant Gadsden, grew concerned with litter he'd spotted dotting the shores of the Coosa River in 2000, he helped establish the Renew the Coosa project to help combat the waste. The program continued to grow and, in 2004, mushroomed into Renew Our Rivers, one of the nation's largest river cleanups.

Over the course of the program, more than 100,000 volunteers have cleared approximately 13.4 million pounds of debris. Last year alone — the Renew Our Rivers' 25th anniversary — as many as 3,000 volunteers removed more than 107 tons of trash from Alabama's lakes and waterways.

"For the past 26 years, the Renew Our Rivers program has highlighted Alabama

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Several hundred pounds of trash were collected in just a couple of hours.

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volunteers across the state, Alabama's waterways and shorelines will continue to flourish, ensuring their vitality for future generations."

The 2025 cleanup season launched on March 1 at Valley Creek in Bessemer. Logan Martin Lake was the fourth of 28 cleanup events on the schedule. The last events are planned for Lake Martin and the

Chattahoochee River in late October-early November.

For more information about the Renew Our Rivers, visit apcshorlines.com. For more information about the LMLPA and to join its efforts, visit lmlpa.org. This article is published in Lakeside Living courtesy of Alabama News Service.



Volunteers dot the Logan Martin shoreline during the Renew Our Rivers cleanup.



A volunteer loads trash into the back of a pickup truck.



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A volunteer deposits a piece of litter into his trash bag.



Each year, several tons of trash are collected along the banks of Logan Martin Lake.

A man wearing a green t-shirt, grey pants, and a red and white baseball cap is kneeling on a dirt ground, petting a small pig. He is smiling and looking down at the pig. In the background, several children are standing and watching. The scene is outdoors, likely at a fair or festival.

It's time for the *ST. CLAIR* COUNTY FAIR!

Home-grown, family-friendly event returns to Odenville for its second year

Written by **MICHELLE LOVE**
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ST. CLAIR COUNTY FAIR

*E*veryone loves a county fair. From the rides to the animals to the vendors, there

is always something for everyone to enjoy. This was the goal for Jodie Shirley and Holly Killian when they formed a committee to start the St. Clair County Fair.

2025 marks the second year of the event, hosted at the St. Clair County

Agricultural and Multi-event Center. Shirley's daughter shows lambs at fairs in the area, and she started talking with other members of the community only to find they wanted to give the other show kids in the area the opportunity to highlight what they do best.





As Killian says, everyone wants their own fair.

"We wanted to offer it to the community so they could show off their products and get recognition for their hard work. The livestock show was the major thing we wanted to highlight in our county. We started that out with dairy beef and lambs, and this year they added hogs, so we'll have a few hog showmen in there."

Also present are local growers and crafters to spotlight family farms in the area. They've also added such contests as canning, pickling, sewing, quilting

and wood working, as well as food from local food trucks. Shirley said she thinks one of the contributing factors to the fair's popularity is how locally sourced it is.

"I think it's that we're keeping it so local with even the entertainment, the musicians that we have – they're all local talents. With some of the livestock, we've had to open it up to other counties just because we don't have that much cattle showing here, but our focus is not the big midway rides. We do have to have some of that, but it's really the homegrown, homemade producers and

growers we're wanting to highlight more."

"Also the location," Killian added. "We're fortunate to have an arena property in the county that's covered, so the weather isn't going to be a factor if it rains. We can still go on with our livestock shows, and having that space in the center of the county where we can have everything in one place, it's just convenient for everybody in the county."

Both agree that everyone seemed pleased with the fair last year, and excitement for this year's event continues to grow. While they aren't





looking too far into the future, the organizers said they have plans to slowly grow the livestock shows.

"We talked about next year about how every time our community gets together, we have a ton of great people involved that have all kinds of ideas, but we're having to grow slowly but surely making it manageable," Killian said. "So we have some ideas where we're like, 'Oh, that's an awesome idea, but we aren't able to do it right now,' so we've

got some ideas saved for the coming years here and there."

The St. Clair County Fair is open to anyone who wants to enjoy, as Killian puts it, home-grown atmosphere.

"Come check it out," she said. "If you're looking for a traditional, home-grown kind of atmosphere that's family-oriented fun for all ages, that's enough reason to come. Even if you're not, it's not just for people who are interested in agriculture or a livestock showing, it's

for everybody. Even if you don't have that interest, you can come enjoy the community aspect of it."

"And it's free," Shirley said, laughing. "It's free parking, free entrance – the only thing you have to pay for is anything you buy from the vendors. We've been able to keep it free because of our gracious sponsors."

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Madeleine Moore

MEET ME BY THE LAKE

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“Does Pell City still feel like home when you come back to visit?” Madeleine Moore was asked as she sat on the front porch of her grandparents’ home, looking across the street at the waters of Logan Martin Lake.

“The people feel like home,” she replied, “but it has changed quite a bit since I left in 2016. We didn’t have the big shopping center. We had just gotten McSweeney’s. It’s changed so much since I left, and I love to see the new development, but it kind of breaks my heart in the same way, because it’s not the same Pell City that I left, but it’s great for the town.”

Now a resident of Newnan, Georgia, Madeleine added that she’s “really excited that the lake is still such a big spot. It’s still just as beautiful as it always has been. During the summer, my family would take our pontoon boat out a lot, and we had some jet skis. My brother worked at Woods Marina for quite a while before he moved off to college, so we made a lot of memories around the lake.”

Slowly rocking in her front-porch chair, Madeleine shared some of her lakeside memories, contrasted her hometown with her current city of residence, and explained why family, faith, and the environment are so important to her.

What took her to Georgia: “My

husband, Matthew. He’s from there, and after college, we lived in Auburn for a while. Then we moved to Newnan and started our work lives and careers there.”

Life in Newnan: “It’s hustle and bustle – a mini-Atlanta, really. We try to stay on the west side, which I like to compare to this part of the world, to St Clair County. West Coweta County has got such beautiful sunsets. And there on the outskirts of Newnan, it kind of does feel like I transplanted from one small town in Alabama to one in Georgia small town. I do appreciate that outskirts feel. I’m a little bit closer to things where I am now in Noonan, which is very convenient, very helpful, but I still get that small-town-country, away-from-the-city feel. That’s something I couldn’t compromise on. I’ve got to have the quiet, birds

chirping, nature.”

About Logan Martin Lake: “It is a peaceful blessing that God has given us to enjoy. I’ve always loved the lake. I used to frequent Lakeside Park as a middle schooler and a high schooler. I’d set up my hammock and look at the lake with friends and have a great time. We even had Bible studies out there for First Baptist Youth Group when I was here. I love being around the lake.”

Her favorite water-related activity: “I would be fine sitting on a pier and watching the water all day. That’s my favorite water sport – water watching, just seeing what goes on, watching the boats pass, seeing what birds I can see. We’ve got West Point Lake in Georgia, and that’s about 40 minutes from where I am. As a paraprofessional, we went to the floating classroom there a lot. It’s an end-of-the-year field trip for our seventh graders, and they get to learn about West Point Lake and all of the water features, the Chattahoochee River watershed, and all of the pollutants that humans can put in the lake. It’s a very educational field trip, and I love that kids are learning about the importance of keeping something like this so pristine.”

The floating classroom: “It’s basically a pontoon boat that a few classes can get on at a time. They have a land session and water session. In the land session, you learn about the pollution, how our rivers get so dirty, the turbidity of water, and micro plastics. You get to research how many miles around West Point is, and you get to learn about the wildlife in it. Very neat concept – very cool. And then you get to go on the water part, which teaches you hands-on. You get to test the turbidity of the water. You get to test the pH of the water. You get to see the blue herons. We got to see eagles last time we were there. The students love it, and it’s really nice to see the next generation learning about their responsibility to care for the environment.”



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Why the environment is important to her: "God gave us this for a reason, and we need to be good stewards of what we were given. I don't feel like we have focused on that much. We have a completely dismissive attitude about how to be good stewards of what we were given, and we don't make things to last anymore. We make things to break and replace, and that's sad. I wish we were in a world where we could still buy things that were meant to last, instead of, 'okay, it broke – let's go get a new one. My dad was telling me a story probably about two months ago about his grandmother – my great-grandmother – Esther, who would go get springs for a toaster to replace it every time the toaster broke. Now you wouldn't even think about replacing a spring in a toaster. You just go buy a new one. It's a disheartening concept to think about, but that's why I'm all about sustainability and taking care of the things I was given. That's how I was raised, to appreciate anything and everything that you were given."

The best advice she ever received: "Take 10 seconds to think before you speak. I tell my middle schoolers that at school now. It's a big life lesson that takes time – sometimes years – for people to learn. I still struggle with it sometimes, but I think I had a problem with talking back when I was younger. I know I did, because I'm passionate about what my thoughts are, what my opinions are, and I remember my dad telling me that, and it never left my brain once he told me. It stuck like glue. And from that point on, I started thinking just a quick minute before I said something okay. 'Is this helpful? Is this even going to benefit the situation that I'm speaking on?' Thinking before I speak has really helped me in my adult life, for sure, and that's something that I hope that I can convey to my middle schoolers and that they'll learn sooner than I did."

Three things she can't live without: "First, Jesus. I couldn't wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him. My husband and I are both very faith-based people, so we like to rely on God for everything that we do. Second, my animals. We have six wonderful pups, and they've all been given to us by the dog distribution system. Third, family. I could not live without their support, their encouragement, their prayers, and how they raised me. I'm super thankful for the values that they instilled in me, and I'm thankful that Matthew was raised with the same

values."

Honoring her family: "My loved ones, including those that have passed on, are really dear and near to my heart, and, I have a bunch of artwork on my arms, which people often notice. I think I'm up to 10 now, and much of my artwork is in honor of my family members. I know some people look down on tattoos and they'll never get one themselves, and that's perfectly fine. I don't mind if you don't like my tattoos, but they mean something to me. I wouldn't have them if I didn't feel like I need them. I carry them with me for a reminder that my loved ones are always with me and the things that I enjoy will always be with me."

How she describes herself: "Unique, eclectic, sincere, and I always try to be genuine. At my 10-year reunion next year, I want them to be able to say, 'Wow, you haven't changed a bit.' Some people want to change from high school, but I'm fine with being the same person I am, because I always tried to be the best version of myself. I always tried to be the kind of person somebody would want to be friends with."

The food she could eat every day: "That's easy – pasta or cheese."

The food she hopes to never eat again: "I don't like oysters, because the taste doesn't make up for how awful the texture is. I can't do the weird textures. And I can't do scallops, because they're too fishy. I'm a very mild fish girl. It took me years to eat shrimp. I love shrimp now, but it did take me years."



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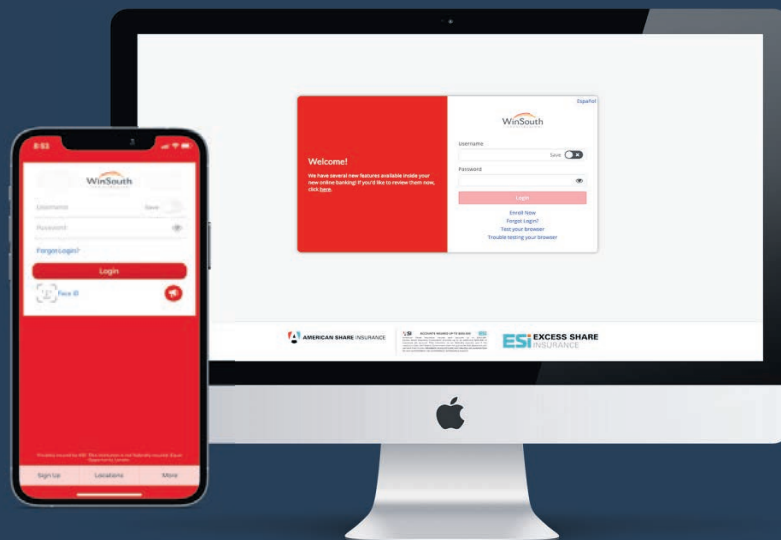
A woman with long brown hair is smiling and standing on a wooden dock. She is wearing a light blue tiered dress and a pink cardigan tied at the waist. She is barefoot. The background is a calm lake with a line of trees in the distance. The image has decorative blue wavy lines in the top left and bottom left corners.

“My ideal day on Logan Martin Lake would be spending the day on a pontoon boat with my family. If it was picture-perfect, it would be Fourth of July. We’d be on the pontoon, finally dry after a long day of tubing and tanning and headed to Pell City’s best firework show of the year.”



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WEEPING WILLOW BOOKS

Readers can live 'a thousand different lives' at the
Gateway to Logan Martin Lake's new bookstore

Written & photographed by
MICHELLE LOVE

Lvery small town needs a bookstore.
That's just a fact of Southern culture.
For a long time, Pell City went without a
locally owned bookstore. With the opening of Weeping Willow
Books, that has changed.

The store opened during the summer with buzz around
town that it would provide a comfortable place for people
to enjoy a good book and good conversation. Excitement
surrounding the store has spread like wildfire.

According to Samantha Herrington, the store's owner, it's
been brewing since the idea for the store was developed.

"In 2023 we established the entity, and once we
established the entity, I don't know how, but everybody
started finding out about it," she said. "And everybody that I
had to talk to about getting things running was so excited.
I was blown away. Before we even had any marketing or
anything, it was still a hush-hush situation, but everybody
was stoked."

Herrington's love of reading and books hasn't been a
lifelong passion, however. She said that while her mother read



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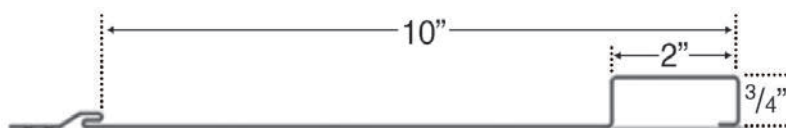
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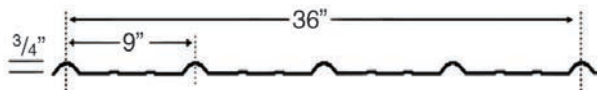
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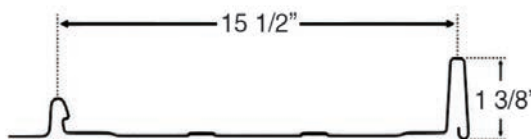


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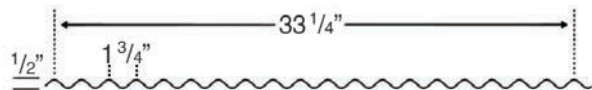
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to her and her brother as they were growing up, they didn't develop a passion for reading until much later in life.

"When we had kids, all of a sudden it just blew up for us," she said. "When I had my daughter, I was a stay-at-home mom, and I had so much time and it just sparked a love of reading that just kept growing and growing and growing."

Living in Pell City, Herrington said she noticed there were a lot of people who enjoyed reading as much as she did, but not having a local bookstore in town was inconvenient.

"I was talking to my mom one day – it was probably about three or four years ago – and I was telling her how much Pell City needs a bookstore," she said. "The closest ones to us are in Oxford or Trussville, and for people who work during the week, that's not close. I just felt like it's something we really needed in Pell City. There are so many high school kids who walk past the store after school every day."

While the store space isn't huge, Herrington has made sure to make use of every inch. Book-filled shelves line the room, the covers facing out so patrons can immediately see the cover art. Herrington said when they were thinking of how to design the store, they wanted to go with "an enchanted forest feel," so customers can feel as if they are stepping into another world. There are even trees built near the children's section. She estimates they have roughly 26 different genres

of books, ranging from paranormal to hobbies to a classics section with such titles as Jane Eyre and Robin Hood. An Alabama authors shelf keeps growing because of people telling her about authors she isn't familiar with.

"I'm a local," Herrington said. "I like to be pretty personable and find out what people like. Although my inventory is not vast, I also love ordering new books for people because I find out about books I've never heard of before."

The name of the store stems from a lifelong love of the weeping willow trees, something she and her father shared. When she was trying to come up with a logo for the store, she couldn't shake the idea of a weeping willow standing over her daughter, who sparked her love of reading in the first place. She had a friend draw up the logo, and the rest is history.

While the store is still in its early days, Herrington said she has big plans for how it can be involved in the community.

"We have a back room that's closed off right now, but that will become a café and then once we do that we want to host book clubs and author signings and different summer reading programs where kids can come get prizes and stuff like that," she said. "We have a lot we want to do in the future."

To people who, like Herrington and her brother, are learning to appreciate reading, she recommends going off movie taste to gauge what genre suits you best. She said she



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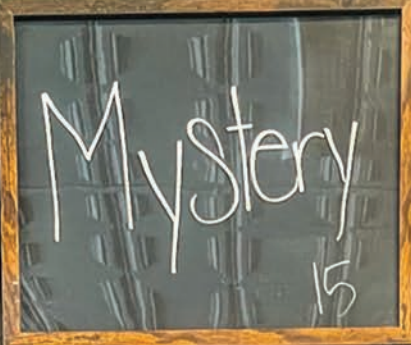


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Written by **SUSAN COOK**
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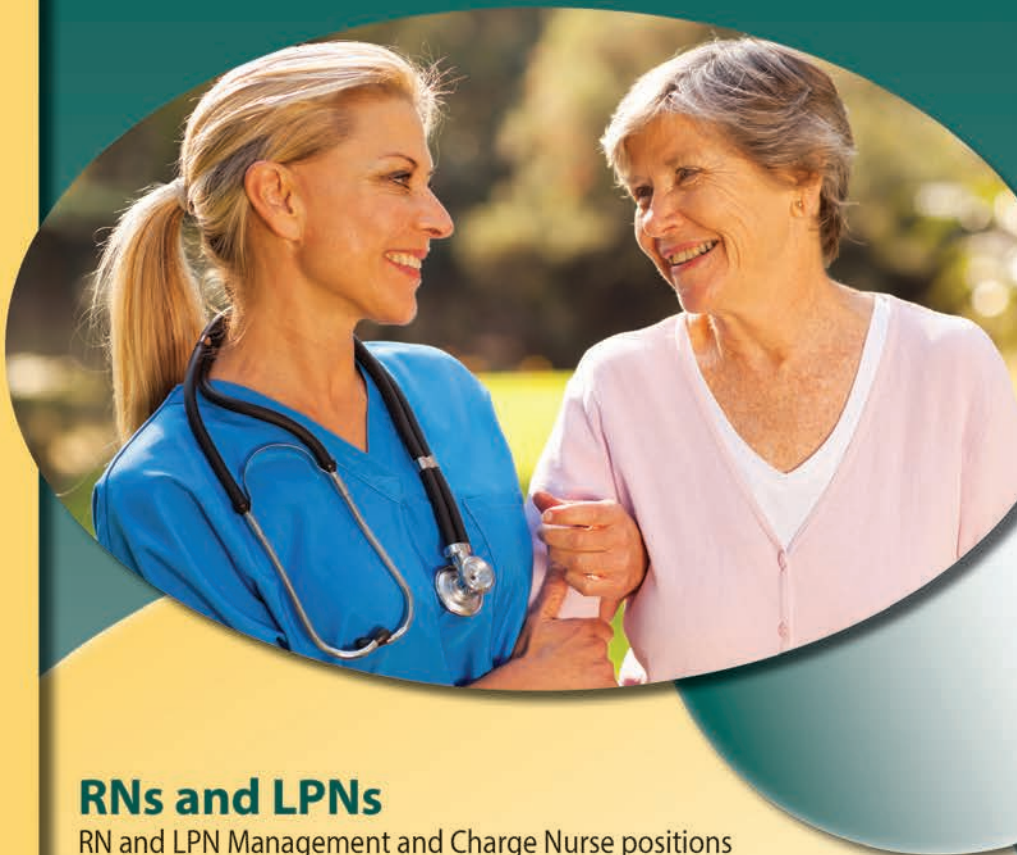


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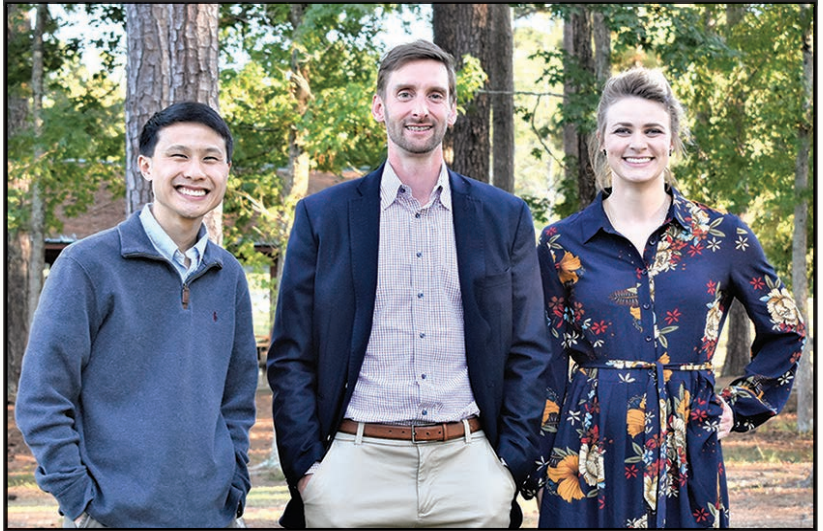
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Opening the glass door to the screened porch that overlooks the calm, undisturbed sluice of the lake, I pause as a hummingbird strikes the glass pane. Choosing not to let this happenstance startle me into sound, I silently move aside to see if the little bird is okay.

After placing my steaming mug of ginger tea on the glass-topped wrought iron table, I retrieve the spiral-bound journal I left last night before dragging my feet upstairs to bed. My instincts, ingrained from nearly two decades in the veterinary world, guide me to use the journal to gently lift the stunned hummingbird from the planked floor. I am unsure if I could pick up the bird with my own hands, since we are generally taught not to handle baby birds for fear their mother might reject them.



The hummingbird flutters for a few moments as I ease the journal beneath its body. Once it settles in the middle of the blue cover that holds my writings, it seems to calm. My heart warms at this display

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sunlight as its head moves side to side before taking off. The lack of weight, scarcely more than a whisper of a breeze, almost makes me drop the journal from the power in the tiny bird's flying muscles. I watch as it joins others hovering over bright orange and red zinnias, pink azaleas, and pinkish purple hydrangeas that hug the house.

Seeing how the sun slants through the dense canopy of longleaf pines, magnolias, water oaks, and many other trees to illuminate the tiny hummingbirds that hum over the bright-colored flowers speaks to me, as if the Lord is beckoning me to look down at my journal still gripped in my hands. I turn to step back inside the screened porch, walking over to the sofa, its all-

weather, linen-like texture comforting as I lean to grab a pen from the table before sitting down.

I open the journal to the last page, where I wrote a bulleted list of names of those I am holding in my prayers, along with two separate, long, soul-filled writings. One reflects on the start of a new academic year that could have been but now takes a different direction; the other reflects on how it will soon be a year since Grammy left to be with the Lord. Re-reading what I wrote the night before, I take in the emotions behind the words while listening to the hums emanating from the tiny hummingbirds' wings, which beat at a mesmerizing speed of a hundred times per second. This natural music provides the perfect backdrop as I





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remember the last words I shared with Grammy, since she loved the hummingbirds. She had feeders outside her kitchen window in the courtyard.

Picking up my pen, I start writing about how life is reflected in moments like these, with the ruby-throated hummingbirds preparing to take their winter flight further down the coast toward the Gulf region. Seasons are changing, life is moving forward, and many of the same hummingbirds return to the same feeding spots year after year. It is about trust, even when things change, and even when we make decisions that alter the course of our lives, we will always come full circle with a better understanding of what wisdom and faith truly mean. Both of my grandmothers remain strong in my memories, for they left legacies of faith that both sides of my family continue to carry

and strengthen, trusting not in the changes but in the assurance that God is in control.

After all, if a tiny hummingbird can handle a crash into the glass door and still fly away without a hint of injury, why can we not do the same? Why do we not learn to take the crashing moments in stride, knowing that we will be okay once we keep going? We should not allow ourselves to get stuck, fixated on what hurts us or what upsets us. Life changes, seasons change, and the ruby-throated hummingbirds come and go with the seasons. We only need to take each startling crash as a moment of rest, clarity, and regrouping before getting up, wiping off dirt from our derrieres, and continuing on. That is resilience. That is having faith. And we understand it better the more we reflect on moments such as these.

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OCTOBER 11

AVIATION CAREER DAY

The St. Clair County Airport hosts this annual event featuring free food (breakfast from 7:30-9 a.m. and lunch from noon-1 p.m.), aerial displays, helicopter rides (\$100 per person), and career seminars. A helicopter tour of Logan Martin Lake will be awarded at 1 p.m. To qualify, the recipient must attend at least one career seminar and must be present to win. For more information visit plairport.com or email wendy@plairport.com.



OCTOBER 4

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The competition to select the next Miss Sylacauga and Miss Sylacauga Teen begins at 6 p.m. at Sylacauga High School. Since 1937, Miss Sylacauga has helped women gain life skills while earning scholarships and engaging in local communities. Miss Sylacauga is the longest-running preliminary to Miss Alabama and is organized through the Sylacauga Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, visit misssylacauga.com.



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OCTOBER 11

A MAGICAL EVENING

Five magicians from the Magic City Magic Club present this program of astonishing illusions and comedy for the whole family at 7 p.m. at Pell City's Center for Education and Performing Arts. Close-up magic will be performed in the CEPA lobby before the show begins. For ticket information, visit pellcitycepa.com.



OCTOBER 12

CHEAP TRICK

The power-pop band takes the stage at the Oxford Performing Arts Center as part of the Coca-Cola Concert Series. One of the most enduring bands in rock history, Cheap Trick's explosive energy, catch hooks, and crowd-pleasing hits ensure a show full of high-octane nostalgia and nonstop excitement. Showtime is 7 p.m. For ticket information, visit oxfordpac.org.



OCTOBER 18

HORSES AND HOUNDS AND HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Central Park in downtown Sylacauga hosts this event sponsored by King's Stables from 9 a.m.-2



p.m. Attendees are encouraged to enter their horses and dogs in the pet parade at 10 a.m. Entry fees are \$20 per house and \$10 per canine. Vendors of all kinds and pet adoptions through local shelters will be available. Proceeds will benefit King's Stables' therapeutic equine program. For more information, visit kingshome.com.

OCTOBER 24

CONNECTHER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Harvey's On Noble (280 North Anniston Avenue, Sylacauga) hosts this festive event starting at 8 p.m., promising an evening of costumes, cocktails, and "creepy fun." A costume contest will begin at 10 p.m., with prizes for first, second, and third places. For more details, visit the event's Facebook page.



NOVEMBER 1

GATHER AT THE GARDEN

The fall fundraiser for Pell City's Gateway Community Garden is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. at 3705 Mays Bend Road. The public is invited for an evening of music and food, as well as the chance to win a freezer full of beef and pork. Tickets for the giveaway are \$20 each. For more information, visit facebook.com/PellCityGatewayGarden.



CALENDAR OF



NOVEMBER 1

BENEFIT BASS TOURNAMENT

This 11th annual competition hosted by Davis Bait Company and Sylacauga Marine & ATV launches from Beeswax Park (245 Beeswax Park Road, Columbiana). A mandatory pre-tournament dinner will be held October 29 at Sylacauga Marine & ATV. Three bass pros will be at the dinner to talk bass fishing with registrants. The tournament will benefit the Art of South Talladega County. For more information, visit davisbait.com, and to register, visit linktr.ee/Sylacaugamarine.



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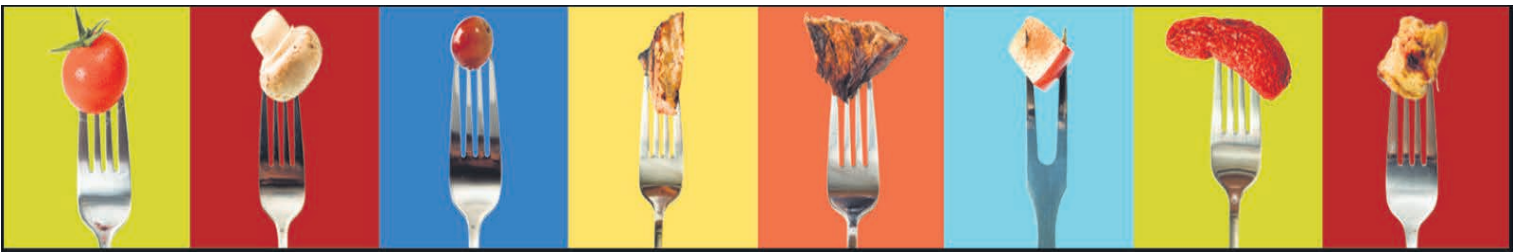
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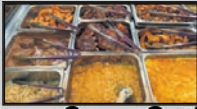


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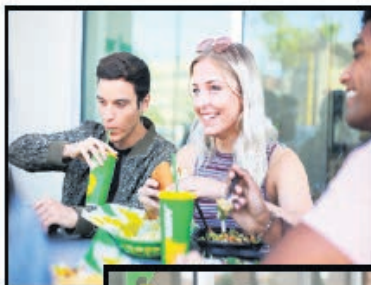
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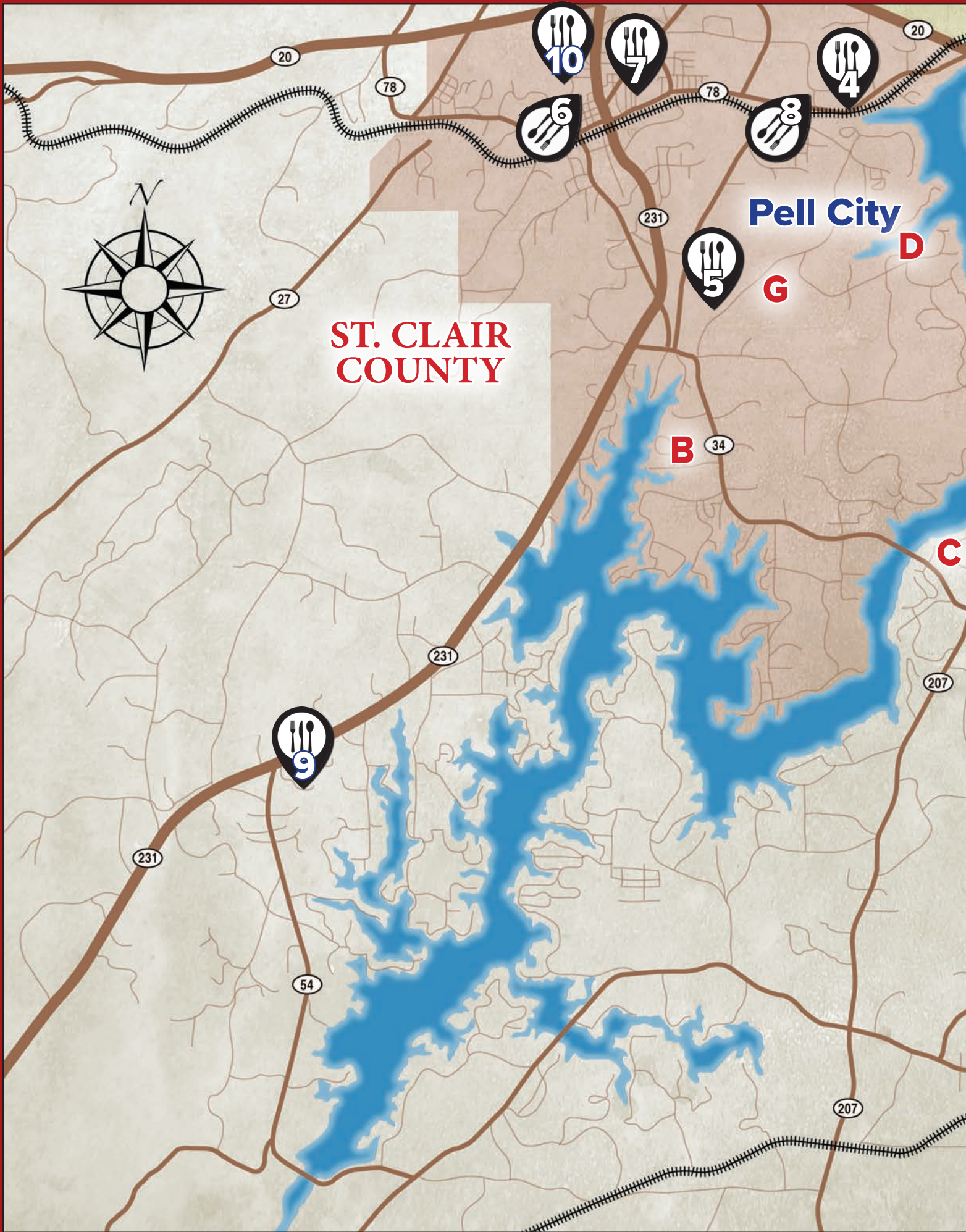


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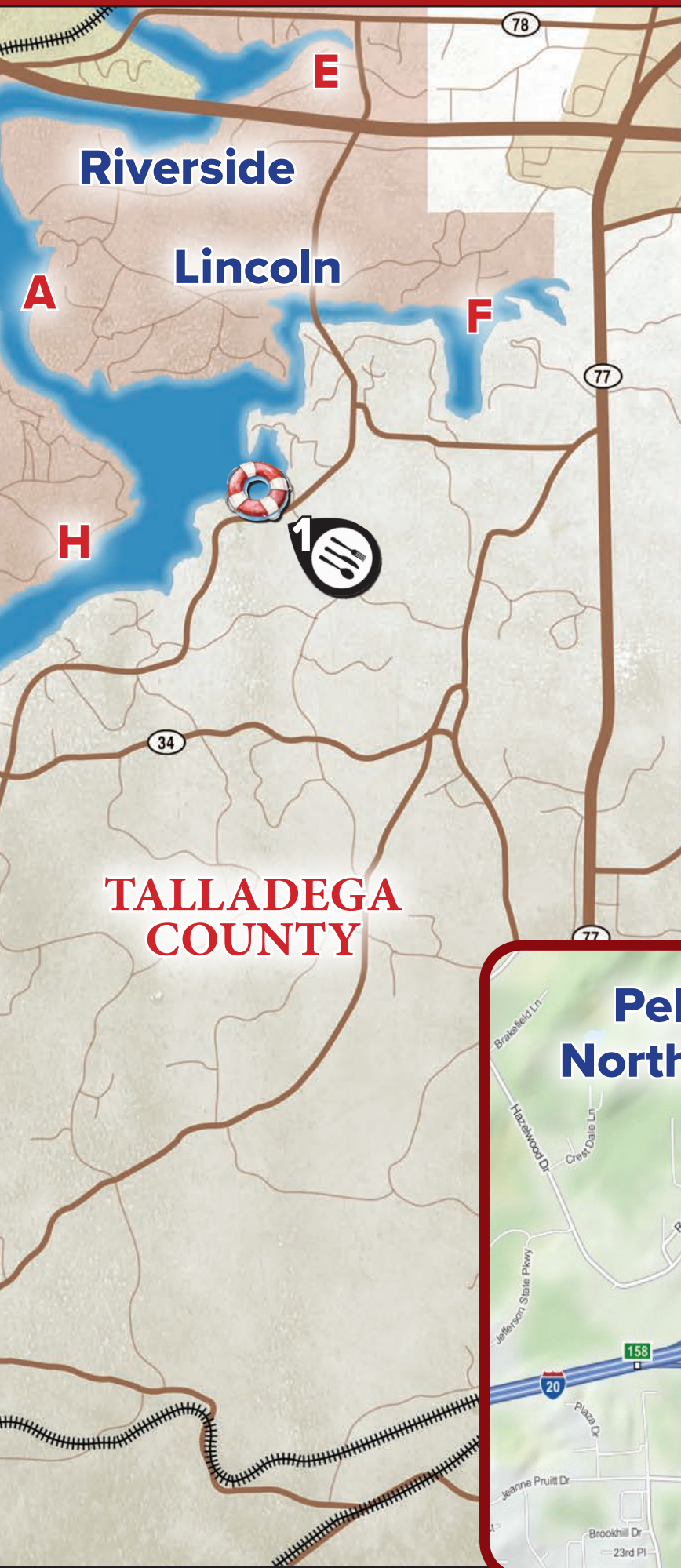
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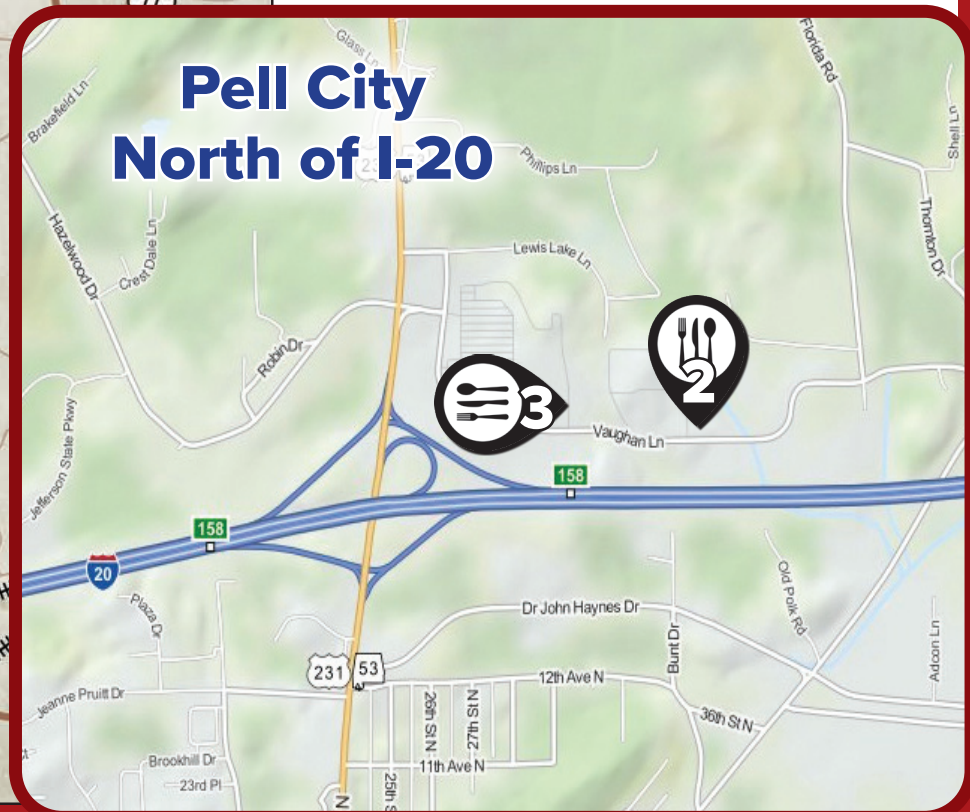
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389 STONEGATE CIRCLE

Brand-new home in Lincoln offers plenty of amenities for enjoying life in a lakeside community

Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**

Submitted photos

Nothing says a new beginning more than a newly constructed home.

This new addition to its Lincoln neighborhood was built to impress and is ready to be called home in time for the holidays. Prospective buyers ready to close should check out 389 Stonegate Circle.

The modern, vinyl-sided brick home sits on less than an acre near Logan Martin Lake. It has four bedrooms and three full bathrooms within its 2,096-square-foot interior.

The layout and design of the home has much potential, with its hardwood

floors throughout, recessed lighting, distinctive light fixtures, and spacious rooms. The open floor concept creates an effortless flow between the living room, kitchen, and dining space that is perfect for entertaining guests or gatherings. The large bay windows welcome natural light, and a side door leading to an open deck also leads to the vista of a large backyard and the forest of trees beyond.

The kitchen is the hub of the home, offering a stylish yet functional design. It is equipped with a tiled backsplash, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, white storage cabinets, and a small island at its center.

A spacious downstairs den can be used as a bonus room or office.



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The exterior features a driveway, two-car garage, and a landscape that has both curb appeal and potential.

The property lists at \$349,900. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Elana Weems with ERA King Real Estate at 205-473-5944.



Fields & Gossett agent's

KNOWLEDGE OF LOGAN MARTIN LAKE

is a boon to her clients

Written by **VALLEEN JACKSON**

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Samantha Crow is an emerging real estate agent who wants potential buyers and sellers to see her more as the girl next door.

"I know that the real estate process can be intimidating," she says, "but I want to be known as the agent that's down to earth, approachable, helpful, and can be depended on. Yes, I want to sell a lot of houses and be successful in this industry, but most importantly, I want to be a light in the community. I don't just want to be a great agent but someone who builds relationships and friendships way beyond signing day."

Crow has been licensed since February and believes that she has an eye for things that clients might overlook. While she didn't grow up around real estate agents, her mother's career as an architect meant that houses have always been a part of her life. So her breakthrough into the business is a mix of taking a chance, new beginnings, and an extension of natural influence.

"Something that has shaped my skills that can be beneficial to clients is the fact that I am from the area. I know St. Clair County, Pell City, and the lake because I've grown up here. I believe this helps to connect with clients by knowing what areas might have what they're looking for more so than others. I can also introduce the area and community

knowledgeably to someone who might be moving into the city. To be able to share contacts or connections that I've established over the years also helps clients and serves as a way to give back. For instance, my first sale was a client who was moving into the area from a different county. So I was able to show them around town and areas fitting to their needs."

The Fields & Gossett Realty agent helps calm the nerves of clients by giving them a list of properties to prioritize. "I always tell people to make a list so that they can physically see it and look at the pros and cons of each house tour. It's about making sure the house feels right for them and their needs."

Crow says her goal is to "make sure every client feels comfortable through the process. No question is a dumb question. Ask me all the questions and call me all the time if a question arises or you need clarity. That is what I am here for – to be a guide. I want clients to not feel pressured into a purchase, so if it takes going back to the house multiple times to see if their furniture would look nice, would it fit—I put myself in their shoes to do all I can to help to assure that this big purchase is fitting for what they desire for their present and future."

She adds that the roles she plays in the community are a way for her to be of service to the place she too calls home and letting her light shine everywhere she goes, from working



Agent Samantha Crow with her husband and son

in the office at a local school to fixing dinner for the junior varsity football players every Thursday night to helping someone find their first or next home.

When asked what advice she would give to buyers or sellers in the current economy, she advises them to keep an eye on interest rates and to not give up, "because the market is picking up and things are turning around."

The Pell City native and resident hopes to one day fulfill her bucket list goal in life of opening a soup kitchen in Pell City. She is married to Joseph and has a son named Jackson, with whom she is pictured above. The family also includes German shorthaired pointer named Oakley. When she is not working, she loves cooking.

A BIT MORE ABOUT SAMANTHA

Favorite snack:

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Favorite beverage:

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Favorite movies:

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and Steel Magnolias

Favorite sports:

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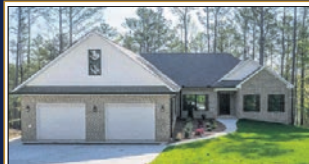
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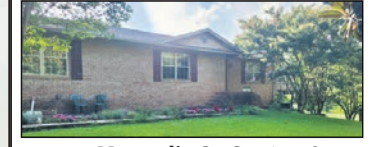
503 Markeeta Rd., Leeds
\$308,000

Need a place of worship, school, or wedding
venue? This beautiful church building has
been well taken care of and includes all of
the furnishings such as pews, tables, chairs,
and audio and visual equipment. It also has
a newly renovated fellowship hall and sits
on 3.8 acres in just a few minutes from I 20.



385 Fish Trap Road, Cropwell
\$378,000

This updated 3 Bedroom and 2 Bath manufac-
tured Logan Martin Lake home includes luxury
vinyl plank flooring, updated windows, fresh
interior and exterior paint, a beautifully designed
brick patio, pier, covered dock, private boat
launch, and a recently built sunroom, complete
with a cozy stone fireplace all on an easily accessi-
ble walk to the water.



530 Magnolia St. S., Lincoln
\$529,000

Investment Opportunity! Right in the
heart of Lincoln-just behind Jack's-sits
this spacious 4-bedroom (or flex-
room) home with 2 bathrooms and
over 2,500 square feet of living space.
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NEW LISTINGS



1528 Oliver Rd, Leeds, AL
\$274,500

What a gem! This 3-bedroom, 2-bath,
one-level home in the sought-after Oliver
Crossing subdivision. The family room
features a vaulted ceiling and cozy wood-
burning fireplace. Recent updates include
new roof, fresh paint, new light fixtures, and
newer appliances. Enjoy the backyard for
grilling, entertaining, or relaxing evenings.
Don't miss this move-in ready home!

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1115 Brookhaven Dr. Odenville
\$227,800

Would you love that warm, welcoming
neighborhood feel—while still being just
minutes from Birmingham, Trussville,
Springville, and Odenville? This beautifully
maintained 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home,
completed in 2021, offers the perfect blend
of comfort and location. This home is ready
for you to move in and enjoy the best of
both worlds!



164 Bayou Ridge Lane
\$278,000

You can own a 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom
manufactured home on Logan Martin Lake
for under \$280,000! This spacious 2,200 sq
ft home offers incredible value and room to
spread out. Enjoy lake living with a private
boat launch and 2 piers.



445 Big Oak Circle, Pell City
\$384,900

Welcome to this charming brick 3-bedroom,
2.5-bath home nestled in the desirable Twin Oaks
neighborhood of Pell City on a 0.43 acre lot with a
fenced-in backyard. The main level features 9-foot
ceilings, a spacious master suite with a private bath,
and a formal dining area filled with natural light.
Upstairs, you'll find the second and third bedrooms
and a full bathroom. The finished basement offers
a large bonus/teen room, ideal for family living or
entertaining.



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3200 Aquarius Drive,
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MLS# 21427231
\$299,900

UNDER CONTRACT



104 Princeton Drive
Childersburg, AL 35044
MLS# 21426891
\$134,900

LAKE VIEW



475 River Forest Lane Unit
1150, Talladega, 35160
MLS# 21428786
\$309,900

SOLD



1208 16th St.
Pleasant Grove, AL 35127
MLS# 21424815
\$379,900

GREAT LOCATION



2120 Deborah Ln
Oxford, AL 36203
MLS# 21430900
\$189,900

SOLD



24 Edgefield Way,
Anniston, AL 36207
MLS# 21427365
\$479,900

LAKE LISTING



332 Driftwood Point Rd,
Pell City, AL 35128
MLS# 21419872
\$824,900

NEW LISTING



2058 Edgewood Dr,
Moody, AL 35004
MLS# 21431247
\$299,900

LAKE VIEW!



475 River Forest Ln. Ste 4120,
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 21430475
\$259,900 **LAKE ACCESS**

GREAT NEW PRICE



112 Lindy Ln,
Oxford, AL 36203
MLS# 21424455
\$239,900

NEW LISTING



920 Birch St
Moody, AL 35004
MLS # 21430901
\$269,900

LAKE VIEW



475 River Forest Lane Unit
1330, Talladega, 35160
MLS# 21429774
\$319,900

GREAT LOCATION!



100 Holiday Estates Dr.,
Cropwell, AL 35054
MLS# 21413063
\$279,900

LAKE LISTING

GREAT NEW PRICE



100 Harbor Pointe Dr
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 21427677
\$349,900

LAKE LISTING

GREAT NEW PRICE



84 Harbor Pointe Dr
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 21420072
\$349,900

LAKE LISTING



71 Dove Cove Rd.
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 21414497
\$1,099,000



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LAKE ACCESS

LOGAN MARTIN



**Autumn Ln,
Pell City**
Lot 13
\$27,900

LOGAN MARTIN



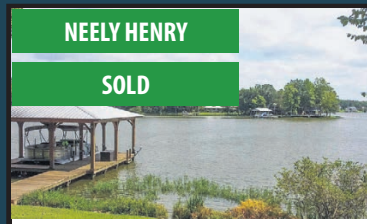
2929 Hamilton Rd, Pell City
5 BR, 4.5 BA
\$1,550,000

NEW PRICE



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SOLD



**Colvin Springs Rd,
Ashville**
\$325,000

UNDER CONTRACT



**40 Pinewell Dr,
Cropwell**
Land
\$145,000



**402 Paradise Isle,
Riverside**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$370,000



**375 Homestead Dr.,
Cropwell**
4 BR, 3 BA
\$399,900



425 Rabbit Pt Rd.
3 BR, 2 BA
\$624,000



**Lot 23
Stonegate Circle**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$299,900



**29 Cooley Lane
Talladega**
3 BR, 2 BA
\$174,900



**2151 Mount Moriah Rd.
Pell City**
4 BR, 2 BA
\$248,900



260 Skyline Trail
Pell City
4 BR, 5 BA
\$929,900



70 Choice Circle
9 Acres
\$149,900



44164 HWY 78
Condo #106
\$269,900



ACREAGE

30 Pinewell Dr,
Cropwell
5 BR, 3.5 BA
\$825,000



NEW PRICE

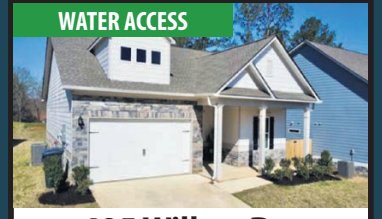
1626 Davis Acres Dr.,
Talladega 4 BR, 2 BA
\$685,000



2401 12th Ave N
4BR, 4BA
\$1,400,000

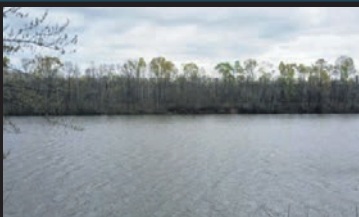


181 Stillwater Trl
Lay Lake Lot
\$99,000



WATER ACCESS

495 Willow Dr.,
Lincoln
3 BR, 2 BA
\$255,000



551 Liberty Shores Blvd.
Vincent
\$243,000

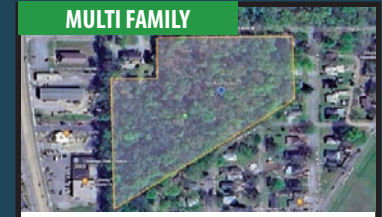


Stonegate Circle
Lot 24
\$14,000



3 ACRES
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AL Hwy 21 Acreage
\$140,000



MULTI FAMILY

7th Avenue N,
Pell City
Land/Lot
\$149,900



1835 NW OLD HWY 26
Land
\$175,000



LOGAN MARTIN

140 S Lake Shore Dr,
Talladega
3 BR, 2 BA
\$499,000



WATER ACCESS
LOGAN MARTIN

26 Waters Edge,
Pell City
Land/Lot
\$35,000



0 Shore Side Ln
Lay Lake Lot
Lots #137 & #138
\$159,900



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**331 Woodland Trail
Pell City, \$230,000**

Welcome to this charming home in the desirable Fox Hollow subdivision, Woodland Trails. Featuring an open floor plan, the layout offers seamless flow from the spacious living area to the eat-in kitchen, equipped with a 5-eye gas stove perfect for home chefs. Plantation shutters add a touch of elegance, while the raised commode and walk-in shower provide comfort and accessibility.

MLS #21431431



**1331 Funderburg Bend Rd,
Pell City, \$375,000**

This spacious 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home sits on a serene 1.1-acre lot, with a mini lake lot on the main channel. The heart of the home is the expansive great room with a cozy fireplace, perfect for family gatherings. A dining area provides ample space for entertaining. Large kitchen with solid oak cabinets and island, the screened porch offers a peaceful retreat to enjoy the outdoors. The property includes a finished basement for additional living space and an unfinished basement with endless possibilities. Outside, you'll find a convenient outbuilding for storage or hobbies and a double garage. This home blends comfort, functionality, and natural beauty, creating a perfect place to live and relax. MLS 21414103



**27 Morning Glory Drive
Pell City, \$309,000**

Charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath full brick home in desirable Morningside Subdivision. Features include a spacious formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar, and a cozy screened porch perfect for relaxing. Also, there is a gas log fireplace in great room. Enjoy a fenced backyard ideal for pets or entertaining, plus a double car garage for ample storage. A perfect blend of comfort and convenience! MLS# 21424915



**499 Sweet Apple Rd
Pell City, \$55,000**

Beautiful 2-acre vacant lot on Sweet Apple Road in a serene country setting. The property is half cleared and half wooded, offering the perfect blend of open space and natural privacy. Perk test completed and survey available. Ideal for a stick-built home or barndominium. Peaceful rural living with easy access to city amenities—don't miss this great opportunity! MLS 21424404



**1524 Martin Street S
Pell City, \$550,000**

Commercial property on Hwy 231 currently operating as a body shop. Features two 70' x 70' concrete block buildings with metal roofs, 5 bays, 4 metal roll-up doors, office, and 1 bathroom. Includes two rental houses on-site for additional income. Deeded driveway access, 5 ac gives ample space for expansion, and flexible commercial use potential. Ideal for auto, industrial, or investment use.

MLS 21422860



**200 Cove Dr
Pell City, \$799,000**

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! MLS 21425116



**22 Eagle Pointe Lane 22
Pell City, \$163,500**

Lake lot on Logan Martin Lake main channel 1.25 acres with 125 ft of waterfront. Enjoy a forever view and deep, year-round water perfect for your private dock. Concrete seawall. Neighborhood amenities include a pool, tennis court, and boat launch. Ideal for your dream lake home! MLS 21417238



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LOTS FOR SALE!

**Lot 6 Cason Lane
Cropwell, \$15,000**

**13 Hickory Lane,
Odenville, \$39,900**

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**1201 Birchwood Dr.,
Anniston, AL**
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
MLS# 21423659 – Residential

\$475,000



**13 W 10th Street
Anniston, AL**
Business
MLS# 21429498

\$725,000

Motivated Seller! The historic Peerless Saloon is located in the heart of downtown Anniston, Alabama's Entertainment District. In 1985, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. In its earlier days, The Peerless Saloon was best known for the whiskey served there, which was produced by the original owner. The saloon's most interesting feature is its massive mirror-backed mahogany bar, which was made for the 1904 Chicago World's Fair. On the second floor of the saloon, The Atlanta Room can be reserved for meetings, private parties and social events. During its earlier days, this portion of the building was used as a brothel and speakeasy. Located adjacent to the saloon is The Peerless Grille which offers its customers a variety of drinks and dishes in a relaxed atmosphere. Sale includes two parcels/addresses, all fixtures, kitchen and bar equipment.

24.7' Waterfrontage to Logan Martin Lake



**105 Albert Rd.,
Lincoln, AL**

3 Bedrooms,
2 Baths
MLS# 21431040
Residential

\$549,000

**4034 Possum Trot Rd.,
Piedmont, AL**



2 Bedrooms,
1 Bath
MLS# 21407702
Residential

\$142,900

**2205 Walker St.,
Pell City, AL**



3 Bedrooms,
2 Bath
MLS# 21428098
Residential

\$129,000

**0 Post Oak Rd.,
Anniston, AL**



Land/Lot
MLS# 21391684

\$7,500

Land/Lots



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NEW CONSTRUCTION



15 Old Roadway, Cropwell, AL
MLS# 21389324
\$407,900

HOME WITH ACREAGE



7046 Wolf Creek Road S, Pell City, AL
MLS # 21395062
\$550,000



270 Saint Smith Circle, Cropwell, AL
MLS# 21419207
\$239,900

PINE HARBOR



3165 Easonville Rd, Pell City, AL
MLS# 21427234
\$599,900



2983 Canterbury Drive, Moody, AL
MLS #21430465
\$379,900



4807 Whiskers Trl., Pell City
MLS# 21411810
\$424,900

LAKE VIEWS



2703 Abbott Dr., Pell City
MLS# 21419382
\$584,900

SMALL FARM



2310 Mineral Springs Rd., Pell City
+/- 16 Acres
\$649,000



116 Solar Shield Blvd, Odenville, AL
+/- 2.80 Acres
\$259,900

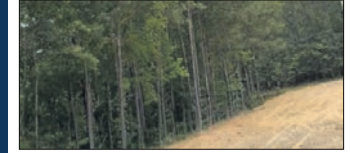
ESTATE LOT W/ VIEW +/- 20 ACRES W/ ROAD FRONTAGE



4947 Hwy 231 #2, Vincent
MLS #21413976
\$325,000



4947 Hwy 231, Vincent
+/- 100 Acres MLS #21414705
\$1,000,000



Lot 1 & 2 Amber Drive, Jackson Gap
+/- 2.27 Acres
\$800,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



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

2 HOMES ON 29 ACRES



4265 Stemley Rd, Talladega
MLS# 21427041
\$579,000

CONTINGENT



862 Funderburg Bend Road
Pell City
MLS# 21408320
\$674,800

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711 Shannon Lynn Shores
Talladega, AL
MLS# 21422507
\$760,000

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This beautifully maintained home offers an inviting open-concept main level w/ spacious eat-in kitchen, featuring an island w/ breakfast bar seating, new stainless appliances, & a dining room perfect for gatherings.

0 Aurora Dr, Alpine AL

.34 Acres
MLS #21424556

\$24,000

Great building lot with access to Alpine Bay Golf Course. Be the first to build your private home in this golf community. Restrictive covenants apply. Nearby access to Logan Martin Lake public boat launch, swimming, fishing and recreational area. Please call for easy showing.

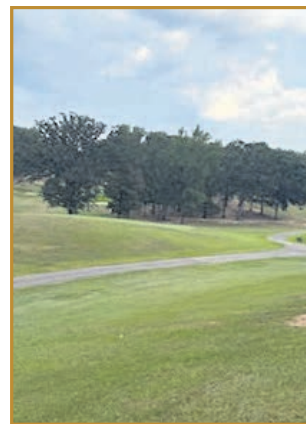


0 Aurora Dr, Alpine AL

.67 Acres
MLS #21424557

\$26,000

Great building lot on the seventh fairway of Alpine Bay Golf Course. Be the first to build your private home in this golf community. Restrictive covenants apply. Nearby access to Logan Martin Lake public boat launch, swimming, fishing and recreational area. Please call for easy showing.



500 30th St. N Pell City

3 Beds, 1 Bath
MLS #21386219

\$155,500

Great investment property in the heart of Pell City. New carpet in bedrooms, beautiful hardwood floors. Can't beat the value in this home.

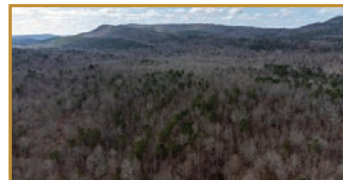


0 Cook Springs Road, Odenville

11.71 Acres +/-
MLS #1312016

\$75,000

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