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From the Editor

'Tis the season for unusual conversations

On occasion in this space, I have mentioned my friends the Hathorns: Stan and Chasidy and the daughter Abby (whose byline you've likely seen on the annual Lakeside Living Fall Fashion Report). It's been a while since I've crossed paths with them, although I was recently reminded of an amusing conversation we had the last time it happened.

Over the course of knowing the Hathorns, I've grown accustomed to hearing unusual remarks from them in conversation. Such as Chasidy's hand-wringing confession about being a serial resuer of home decor items. Or fashion stylist Abby outlining her plan to dress like the taste of a pumpkin spice latte.

But I wasn't prepared to hear something as bleak as what Chasidy said as she and Stan and I were standing in their newly remodeled kitchen.

"I tell you, it almost killed our spirit."

Stan nodded solemnly as Chasidy poured a mug of coffee. I'd declined her offer to make one for me, as I remain convinced that there's no such thing as a good cup of coffee (which Chasidy knows, but she's too polite not to offer me one anyway).

"Surely it wasn't that bad," I said, even though I wasn't sure what the topic was.

"Well, it was not awful, but it was not so great either," she said

after the inaugural sip. "Charming, lots of potential, and the bones were excellent. But it was still a time capsule in desperate need of attention and love."

"Light mauve counters, floating cabinets that blocked the view, white tiles with fruit impressions and a large awkward space where nothing existed," Stan said, gesturing with his mug to the former awkward space. The kitchen we were standing in looked nothing like the one he described.

"It was big enough to land a helicopter," Chasidy said, "so we knew an island was the perfect solution."

"And you obviously found it," I said, indicating the handsome structure the three of us stood by.

"Oh, we didn't find it," Chasidy quickly corrected. "That's what almost killed our spirit."

"You didn't find it?"

"Not that we didn't go looking. How hard could it be for really picky people to locate the perfect piece of furniture on an unreasonably low budget, right?"

"Unreasonably is such a judging word," Stan said over his mug.

"The budget was set by the hubby," Chasidy explained, "who thinks everything is overpriced. And I do mean everything. And after countless hours of shopping, our ideal island was not found. We had no choice. We had to make it

ourselves. And Stan was very sweet to design with all my requests and more."

"What was one of your requests?" I asked.

"I absolutely hate looking at trash cans. They gross me out. Out of sight, out of mind. My number-one request for my island was for it to house the trash bin. But it had to be easy to get out so I could scrub it and disinfect it often."

"So you built an island for your trash can."

"Not just. I also wanted a place to drop vegetables. And use a piece of vintage marble that I bought many moons ago. Stan accomplished that and added wine bottle storage.

Although truth be known, I use it to store my two-liter Diet Pepsi bottles."

I was pleased to see that a copy of Lakeside Living also resided on the Hathorns' new island, and I hope this issue will also find a spot there. In its pages you'll find informative and entertaining features about seasonal shopping, the secret family recipe behind a new Pell City business, a Q&A with the organizer of the first Lakeside Live music festival, and a visit to the festively decorated lake home of Leigh and Jim Rice.

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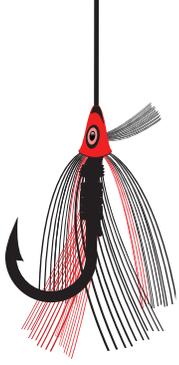
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Common artificial lures and techniques can produce results, but if you really want to load the boat, I suggest using live bait techniques. Live bait is often overshadowed by artificial techniques, but if used correctly, it can really shine even on the coldest of December days.

The number one bait source for the Coosa River impoundments is threadfin shad. Using a shad net (better known as a casting net) can yield high quantities of these precious bait fish. You can catch them in pretty much any areas of main creeks, or in current pockets this time of year. To keep these bait fish alive, you will need some type of aeration system, which will keep oxygen circulating in the live well water. If you don't have the means to catch live shad, don't worry, because a standard live minnow will work as well. Whatever baitfish you use, be sure to keep them healthy and happy. Happy, healthy bait will yield better live bait action.

The setups needed are very simple. Standard live bait hooks (#1 size circle hooks or regular bend hooks), 12-15 lb test line, 1/2 oz. egg sinker, and a medium- to large-sized swivel. This setup is basically a “Carolina rig” setup, if you are familiar with such. The setup will be the egg weight attached to the main line, followed/attached to the swivel, and a 2-foot leader line attached to the swivel with the hook attached to the end of that 2-foot main line (check YouTube for C Rig information, if needed).

The most critical part of this whole setup is locating the fish. Focus on the upriver portions or in the backs of creeks. I like to find current pools

(also known as eddies or current swirls/seams) for the best results. Gamefish will stack up and feed heavily in these current seams. Cast your live bait Carolina rig into these current seams, keep



tension, and hold on! I've had clients literally get the rod pulled out of their hands from aggressive fish strikes!

Using Live bait can yield awesome results. Move around, layer up to stay warm, and use live bait to aid your chances in catching various game species of fish in the month of December. As always, take a kid fishing!

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Finding a confectionery heaven in the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake



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Not every good recipe has a story to tell, but the best ones usually do.

You know the ones. You're probably thinking of one right now. How about that recipe that started off as a disaster but turned into one of the best-tasting mistakes ever? Or the recipe you learned to re-create to remind you of a favorite place

you'd traveled?

But the best kind is the family recipe passed down from generation to generation, usually made every Christmas, where each smell and taste carries with it love and memories, bringing life to those who have passed on and joy for generations to come.

On a chilly Wednesday, I walked through the door of Brittle Heaven & More and discovered a little heaven on earth (which, coincidentally, is the name of an ice cream dessert on the menu

that's swirled with a combo of cookie and brittle crumbs).

Sarah Deese, founder and owner of Pell City's new heavenly haven of sweets and treats, greeted me like a dear friend. Seated at a cozy table under the framed decorative plate gifted to her mother as a wedding present in 1947, Sarah told me her story of family, dreams, and a decades-old secret peanut brittle recipe.

"My mother's name was Sadie, and we would always make



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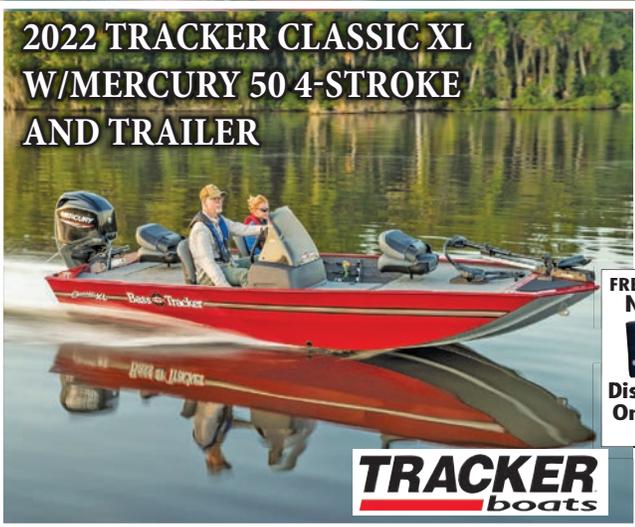
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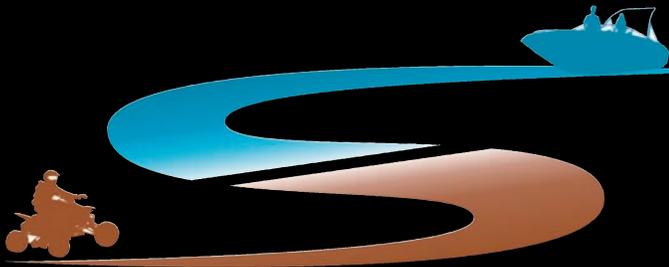


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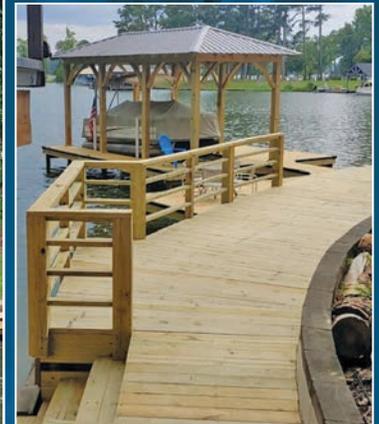
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brittle at Christmas and give it out as gifts. People would love it and say, 'oh, you need to sell this.' We thought, well, that would be nice, but we never did. We cooked our family's secret brittle recipe together from the time I was a teenager until she passed in 2003."

Glancing up at the hand-painted plate depicting a likeness of her mother wearing her favorite color, bright red, Sarah grew a little misty-eyed. "When I was talking with my sister about a business logo, she looked at that plate sitting on an old jukebox and said, why not use the plate as the logo?"

It was an inspired idea. The only change? Sadie traded in her red hat for a golden halo.

"I've wished so many times that mother could have been a part of Brittle Heaven & More, but she is a big part of it. Her spirit is here, and it's like she's watching over us and the store. She would be enjoying every minute of it. She loved people, and that's one of the things I love about this place is seeing all the people coming through here."

The store, which opened on September 2 of this year, is housed in the old Chicago Mike's hot dog place. "There's a lot of people still coming in wanting hot dogs," Sarah laughs.

While you may not be able to get a hot dog or a sandwich here yet, that's where the "& More" comes in.

Sarah's granddaughters have always loved playing in the kitchen, wanting to bake cookies and cakes with her, "and I always let them," Sarah says. Who doesn't want to lick the spoon or get the extra batter out of the bowl? "One day, they mentioned that they wanted to help me make brittle plus all sorts of things, and so I thought, we'll have to add the "& More" for them."

The "& More" covers a lot of ground, from protein balls for breakfast to sourdough bread made from a 40-year-old starter. You can even buy a slice of tempting carrot or pound cake or go for a whole one to pack back on the calories you worked off during the day. Sarah and her daughters-in-law, Taren Otwell and Tammy Ray, whip up all sorts of goodies in the small kitchen that at first was unfamiliar but is now starting to feel like home.

One recent addition to the menu is the soft-serve ice cream blends.





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“Who knows? Phase two could include a sandwich or even a hot dog. There’s a lot of things we would love to do,” Sarah said, just as a customer from Helena popped in to pick up his order of two pounds of chocolate and peanut butter fudge.

He glanced my way, asking, “Have you tried this fudge? I don’t know how she does it, but her fudge tastes just like what my mother used to make. Haven’t been able to find it anywhere until now. Do you sell gift baskets?”

As Sarah showed him the baskets and variety of gifts they offer, I listened in as she revealed that the Pecan Brittle is the bestseller, with the next one being Peanut. The Coconut Brittle is good but not too strong, and the Jalapeno has just enough kick.

In addition to the edible merchandise, Brittle Heaven & More offers its own branded merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, placemats, and kitchen towels. “All this merchandise is thanks to my oldest brother, Richard Miles, who has supported me 100 percent. He surprised me with it all, and I’m really thankful to him for believing in me.”

But it’s not just family who believe in Sarah; it’s the community as well.

“All these years I’ve been told to make brittle and sell it, and finally, this is the right moment for it. I’ve had so much local encouragement from the community and other businesses, especially the





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chamber of commerce. I appreciate that so much. You just don't know. It means a lot."

In between cold, creamy mouthfuls of "Oh My Heavens," savoring the salty brittle bites, I suddenly felt like it was Christmas morning. Happiness floated in the air alongside the heavenly smell of baked goodies while strangers shared their memories of home and family brought on by a favorite bite.

As my spoon scraped the bottom of the cup, I savored one last bite of the "Oh My Heavens," already looking forward to my next visit. My time here started off with a handshake, but it ended with a hug. Food, friendships, and family are like good stories; we never get tired of hearing and re-visiting them.

I hope you'll plan a visit to Brittle Heaven & More soon or consider them for gifts. In addition to their gift baskets, you can also purchase gift cards.

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Find the items on your list this Christmas at Logan Martin area retailers

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The search for the perfect holiday gifts -- whether you're seeking jewelry, the latest fashions, tasty treats, or sporting goods -- can often add stress to the holiday season, but shopping locally with lakeside area retailers can alleviate it and ensure that you have the merriest of Christmases. Here are some to consider adding to your shopping list this month.

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In addition to flattering women’s styles for all ages and body types, the shop also sells candles, detergent, food items for entertaining, holiday gifts and home decor. Items at the store range from under \$10 to several hundred dollars.

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Lakeshore Nutrition will offer a special Christmas menu with different flavors. The shop also sells protein bars, gift certificates, t-shirts and koozies for large and small cups. Teas can be made as a "dry tea" for the customer to enjoy later. Teas can also be ordered for office parties or other events with at least a day's notice.

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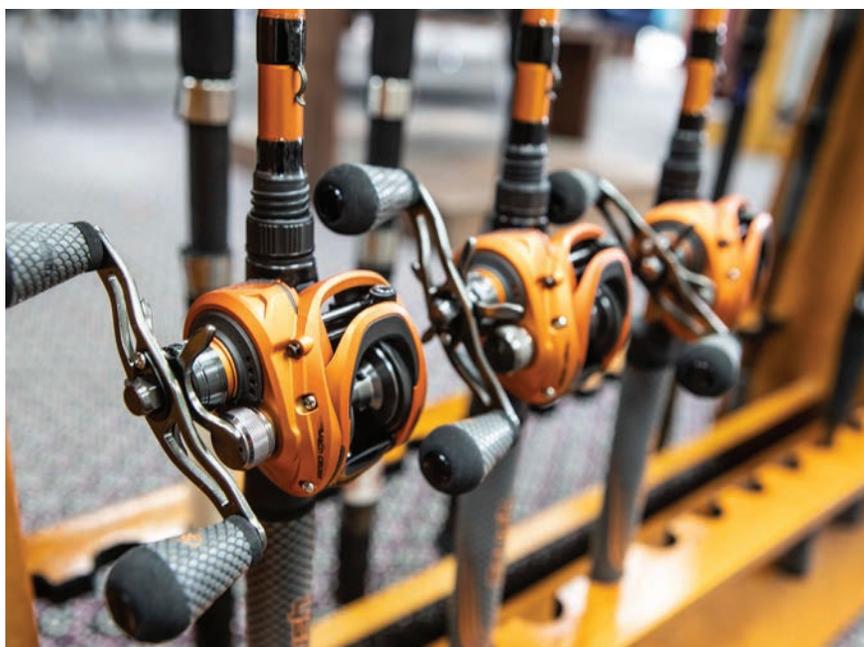
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Today, McKinney still sells her \$5 small loaf cream cheese pound cakes, as well as cupcakes, brownies, candy and specialty cakes through her bakery, Heaven's Gold Cakes. Her cousin, Stephanie Drake works with her every day, and late this summer, they celebrated their 11th anniversary of being in business. The most popular cupcake flavors throughout the year are banana pudding, red velvet, strawberry and key lime. During the holiday season, red velvet and German chocolate are very popular.

For McKinney, her business is also a ministry. She meets a lot of people, and she loves the opportunity to be able to tell her clients she loves them and cares about them. She loves having the opportunity to encourage everyone who comes into her shop.

Although McKinney likes baking specialty cakes, such as those designed to look like expensive handbags or those decorated for baby showers or birthdays, she also enjoys creating simple and elegant wedding cakes. Goodies at the bakery range in price from \$5-\$250.



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Finding joy, warmth, and appreciation
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Written by **Sarah E. Moreman**
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The color red draws my eye whenever I gaze upon outdoor Christmas decorations.

Red is that pop of color. Red is what brings joy. Red is what makes me wonder of what joy and tidings Christmas will bring each year.

Whenever I drive alongside the river or across the bridge over the river, it is the red that stands out among the holiday-adorned homes and parks. The red reminds me to take a pause and





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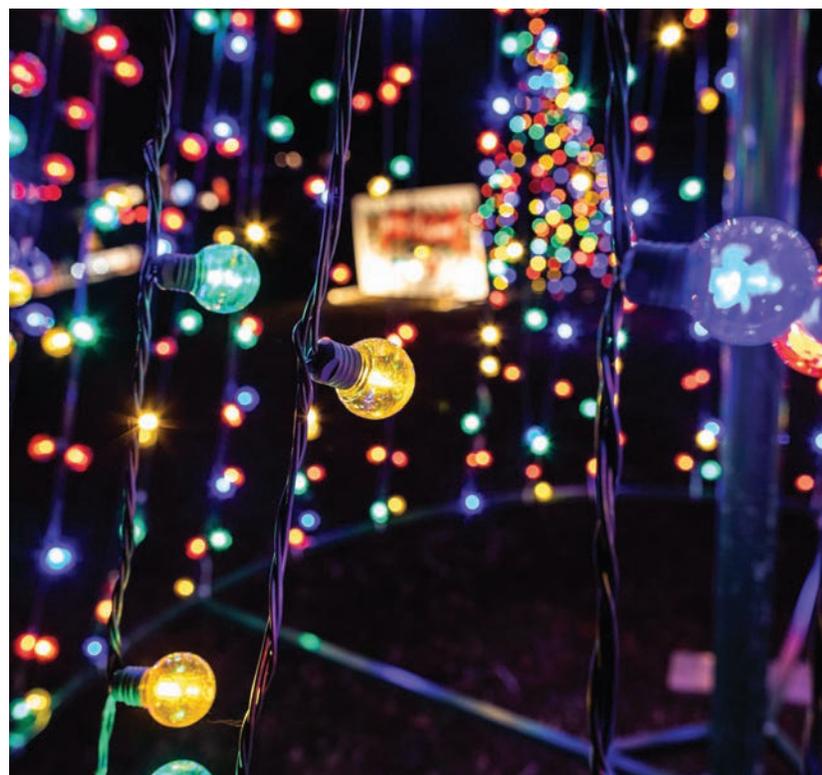




appreciate the time and effort that others made to set up the lights and decorations to celebrate the gift-giving season.

The red velvet ribbons and bows nestling within wreaths and garlands, even on evergreen and deciduous trees guarding the backyards of homes, give a pop of excitement. Yet the color red also soothes and warms me whenever I join friends or family for a boat ride.

In the daytime, it is the color red that draws anyone's attention to the creativity displayed in someone's backyard. Therefore at night, my companions and I would go back out for another boat ride to see the creative displays against the backdrop of a crisp, pine-scented starry night. Others have the similar idea of taking their watercraft out to admire the lit Christmas decorations on display not only in backyards but also parks and venues.





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Is the secret in the color of red?

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in the precious moments celebrating the reason of the season. Our hands hold thermoses filled with apple cider with its aroma teasing our olfactory senses, tantalizing us to take cautious sips of the heated, spiced liquid. We listen to Christmas songs that someone over yonder is playing, since the river carries the energy of sound across water so beautifully. The music engages our focus to how the red of St. Nicholas' suit symbolizes giving, reminding us how it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Feeling the smoothness of water curving around the boat as we slowly glide to the next Christmas display, I see how the river is the perfect place to ponder about the twinkling secret. The calm darkness of the river softly reflects the twinkling lights and stars. Even the darkness of the night looks darker between the brilliance of stars, enhancing the color of red everywhere. The red softens the austerity of the night, providing a welcoming sense of community.

When we finish admiring the outdoor decorations, we hurry to dock the boat before scampering back inside the house. We gather in the living room where a beautiful fir tree stands decorated with only red ornaments, reminding me of the berries on a holly sprig. Seeing these berries nestled in the holly spring brings clarity to the twinkling secret when it comes to the color of red. The red encourages us to open our hearts through giving, and our hearts are the same color, which is red.

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'It was truly a great day:' Lakeside Live makes its Logan Martin debut

Music festival benefits Pell City fire and police departments



Written by Vallean Jackson
Photographed by Tucker Webb

The first Lakeside Live music festival on Logan Martin Lake was a success.

The Five16 Foundation, founded by Casey Cambron, staged the event last month at Pell City's Lakeside Park. The one-day event featured a host of bands, a car show, a poker run, and The Battle of the Badges.

"The meaning behind my foundation is based upon a Bible scripture and my love for lighthouses," Cambron said. "It is important to be the light in the dark that some people need, and this event was us shining the light in our community and restoring hope. Without light, we will stay in the darkness. No matter what is going on, we will

find our way to get through it, and this festival is a great way to showcase that and fellowship with the residents of this community, with the ultimate goal of continuing to support our city's fire and police departments."

Cambron was happy to speak with Lakeside Living about the success of Lakeside Live's first year.

Q: Why did you create Lakeside Live?

Cambron: The idea for this event came to me back in 2016. I have a long history of doing car shows and being a part of charitable events, and the idea of music with any event is a good fit. We had set out for 2019, but thought 2020 would be a better year. Then COVID hit, and the idea was back on the drawing board. I am kind of glad that it happened this year instead. With things

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opening back up and with the help received from vendors, sponsors, and the community, we are very fortunate to be able to host it this year. This is something I am highly passionate about and love discussing. I wanted to do something locally to highlight our everyday heroes in the process and let people see those that work to protect the community in a different light.

Q: How does Lakeside Live benefit the community?

Cambron: The people that came out to this free event purchased t-shirts and raffle tickets and cheered on the competition of the departments. It created another event in the city where the community can come together and fellowship and enjoy one another. I would say it even helped to restore hope. As I was observing the festival, I noticed some kids playing with a football from one of the vendors that they gave out, and to see that warmed my heart. It gave the kids something to do, and showed that hope isn't



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dead. Since moving here in 2012, I have noticed that Pell City gives a different type of love that people need to experience, and I am glad to be able to share with others the love I see within this community.

Q: For a first time event, how was the turnout?

Cambron: It was truly a great day. I don't have the exact number of people that were in attendance yet, but I would definitely say a couple of thousand. We bought a roll of tickets and were sure to give everyone one. That roll had 5,000 tickets on it, and it was halfway gone after the course of the day.

Q: Who are the beneficiaries of Lakeside Live?

Cambron: All of the money generated from this event will be given to the Pell City fire and police departments. One of the core values of my foundation is to give back to the community and continue to raise money for our brave and honorable heroes.

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Q: What was The Battle of the Badges?

Cambron: The Battle of the Badges was three competitions between the fire and police departments. The three competitions included tug of war, tire run relay, and a team ski challenge. Those in attendance definitely enjoyed watching them, and even I myself shared some laughs in watching them in a different environment and just enjoying themselves.

Q: Who were the musical performers, and did you have a favorite?

Cambron: Berritt Haynes, who auditioned for NBC's The Voice, opened with a special presentation of the National Anthem. Then there was The Bolee III who is a new band whose genre is like outlaw country that I loved. Second band was Cory Jr. & Company, and I was super excited to see them as I am a big R&B fan. Thirdly was Fuzz Huzzi, who is from San Diego, that I would describe as a punk rock genre. Fourthly, Kudzu, a



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local band, did modern music. Fifth was my music director's band Echoes of the Abyss, and lastly was Disciple, the headliner. As for picking a favorite, that is something hard to do because I enjoyed them all, and it was great to meet everyone.

Q: What do you most look forward to for next year's festival?

Cambron: Warmer weather for sure. We have already discussed that next year's festival will be closer to the end of September. We look to increase the activities and more things to do for the kids. Next year we may focus on more local talent to showcase what we have here in our community. There is so much that we truly do not know about that is amazing and should be shared. I am more than excited for next year and look forward to this festival growing yearly.



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A host of furry, four-legged creatures calls the lakeside area home

Written by **SUSAN COOK**

Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

For centuries, poets have praised them, songs have been sung about them, and artists have struggled to capture their complexity. Scientifically speaking, we know how they work, but they still manage to mystify and magnetize us.

Whether they twinkle and dance or pierce us with their icy glance, we're still mesmerized by eyes and what they may, or may not, be telling us.

Eyes may be the windows to a human's soul, but what can we discover when we gaze into the eyes of an animal?

If you looked into the eyes of a field mouse, for example, the poor thing probably wouldn't even see you. Mice have notoriously bad eyesight, which is why they're usually bumping into things or using a wall and their whiskers to help guide them. For mice, it's less about having 20/20 vision and more about motion. Their dark glossy eyes jut out just enough from their sleek little heads, allowing them to detect motion all around. While they can barely see 2 feet in front of their face, they can detect movement up to 45 feet away.

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the placement of his alert little eyes. Compared to humans, a chipmunk's eye view of the world is wider, larger, and even faster, giving them a slight edge when they need to dart away from predators. Shadows are a chipmunk's friend, signaling to their tiny brains that a hawk or other danger is lurking overhead, which is why you'll only see chipmunks stuffing those fluffy cheeks during the day.

One rascally animal that has no problem seeing in the day or night is the raccoon—the literal masked bandit of the woodland world. Your neighborhood raccoon may look like a furry masked Zorro going for a dumpster dive, but his “mask” actually works like the black greasepaint or under eye stickers football players wear to reduce glare.

Raccoons see with more than just their eyes, however. While it looks like they “wash” their food before eating it, they're really wetting their paws to activate sensory receptors that heighten their sense of touch. Their nimble paws shed light on what they are about to eat, although they don't seem to be too picky. Give a raccoon a puzzle, and as long as there's food involved, they'll usually find a way to solve it. Although, I think the same could be said for humans.

But the one animal that literally outfoxes them all is the red fox, a member of the canine family, including coyotes, wolves, and domestic dogs. Even this fact is somewhat misleading when you consider how much a fox has in common with a cat. If you've ever looked into a cat's eyes and noticed the vertically slit pupils, you've essentially seen the eyes of a fox. Like cats, foxes use their night vision to hunt after sundown, stalking and even pouncing on their prey.

Also, like cats, foxes use the sensory whiskers on their legs and faces to help them “see” their surroundings. The fox has even learned to harness Earth's magnetic field to hunt, seeing it as a ring of shadow on its eyes that darkens as the fox moves towards magnetic north. When the shadow and the sound of the prey align, it's time to pounce.

Sly little foxes indeed.

Locking eyes with any animal, domesticated or otherwise, is a remarkable experience. We may not be seeing a window to these animals' souls, but they are windows to a wilder world that speaks volumes on nature, perspective, and survival when we pause to reflect and consider each silent gaze.



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Lakeside couple trades the bustle of the city for the serenity of Logan Martin

Jim and Leigh Rice feel ‘grateful’ to be part of the local community

Written by **Faith Dorn**
Photographed by **Bob Crisp**

Jim and Leigh Rice moved to Pell City in January 2020 after selling their house in Birmingham very quickly.

Jim recently retired after a 37-year career with the Dow Chemical Company as a senior territory manager specializing in termiticides. Leigh worked as an IT recruiter before becoming a stay-at-home mom in 2007.

“I was born and raised in Birmingham, and my husband, Jim, and I have lived there for the majority of our married life,” said Leigh.

In December 2019, the couple decided they wanted to leave Birmingham.

“We were tired of the traffic. We have one son, and we knew he wasn’t coming back to the area,” Leigh said, “We had also made the decision to downsize because we wanted a small home at the lake and a small home at the beach with lawn maintenance included.”

At the time, the Rices’ son, Jake, was about to begin







graduate school at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. The Rices have relatives in the Pell City area, and moving here meant they would be closer to Jake, as well as Leigh's sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Reggie Burlison, residents of the Pine Harbor community.

The Rices also own a farm in Ashland, and living at the lake placed them closer to the farm. Jim is currently finishing a "barndominium" that he and Jake use as a hunting camp.

"In October 2019, I decided to put the house on the market on a whim to see if it would sell. It sold in three days," he said.

Jim and Leigh moved to a rental home in Pell



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City and started looking for a lakeside property. One of Leigh's friends mentioned that six new townhomes were being built in the Images subdivision and that four of the six were still available. The subdivision was developed by the Brascho family from its former life as Aqualand marina.

"The foundation had been poured, and the studs were in place, so the project was in its early stages. As a result, we were able to do some customization to the interior finishes which gave me the opportunity to add my design preferences." Local designer Renee Lilly had been hired to assist the new homeowners with their selections, and "she was a tremendous help to me throughout the process," said Leigh. "We became friends after spending so much time together on this project. This two-story townhome was the perfect solution for



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us with 2,200 square feet, four bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms.”

The neighborhood is quiet and peaceful and conveniently located off of Highway 231 and close to Highway 280 and I-20. The townhome features an open concept living room, dining room, and kitchen. The ceilings are 10 feet tall and add to the feeling of spaciousness.

On the lake side, there is a patio off the main level and covered porch above that. The community features a boardwalk for all residents, as well as a community pavilion, dock and community pool. The Rices have not bought a boat yet, but they do have friends and relatives with boats and jet skis.

“We aren’t on the water as much, but we



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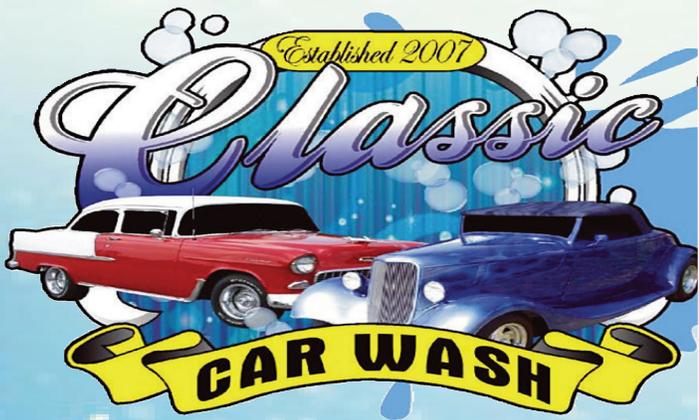
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enjoy the views and living here. We eventually probably will get a boat,” Jim said.

Their first neighborhood gathering was on Halloween at the pavilion, and the neighbors brought snacks and candy for trick-or-treaters.

“Everybody really enjoyed it, and we are looking forward to our next one. We are talking about doing something for Christmas, but it hasn’t been planned yet,” said Jim.

Christmas is Leigh’s favorite time of year. Normally, she begins decorating right after Thanksgiving.

Christmas came early for the Rice family this year. While they were finding their perfect lake home, they learned that their son had been selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the ninth round of the MLB Draft.

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about home maintenance,” Jim said.

Now that the Rices have lived in their lake home for more than a year, they are in the process of building a small cottage in a new 55+ community in the Florida panhandle, Margaritaville Watersound.

“We look forward to traveling between the two homes starting next year,” said Jim, adding that he and Leigh have thoroughly enjoyed becoming a part of the Pell City community and that they have met some of the friendliest people.

“It is truly a great retirement destination, and we are looking forward to welcoming several families we know who are in the process of moving here from Birmingham. We are also so grateful to be a part of the congregation of 1st Baptist Church Pell City,” said Leigh.



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December calendar of events



December 3

SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Riverside Landing hosts this holiday event organized by the Riverside Beautification Organization. Food, music, games, crafts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tumblers, ornaments, and more will be featured, and children will have opportunity to visit with Santa Claus.

December 4-31

CHRISTMAS IN SYLACAUGA

The popular holiday festival presented by the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce returns to the Marble City this month. Among the scheduled events are the Christmas Market (9 a.m.-4 p.m. December 4), tree lighting (5:30 p.m. December 4), and the Christmas Light Pole Display (throughout the month). For full information, visit www.sylacaugachamber.com.

December 4

LOGAN MARTIN RUMBLE III

Live professional boxing returns to the lakeside community during this event at 5 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Pell City Center for Education and Performing Arts. It is presented by One One Six Boxing Promotions. For more information, call 205-338-1974.

December 10

HOLIDAY HARMONIES

The Oxford Performing Arts Center hosts The Beach Boys for a holiday-themed concert. The Beach Boys are one of the most critically acclaimed and commercially successful bands of all time, with more than 100 million records sold worldwide. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75, \$85, and \$95. To order or for more information, visit www.oxfordpac.org.

December 10-12

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

The City of Talladega sponsors this family favorite event in its historic downtown square. "It's Whoville Time" is the theme for the three-day festival, which will include a tree-lighting ceremony, skating rink, Santa's Workshop, Vendor Village, and Food Truck Alley. For more information, visit www.talladega.com.

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December 11

HOLLY JOLLY MARKET

The third annual event sponsored by the Moody Civic Center and Awake My Soul Studio is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Local makers will offer art, jewelry, pepper jellies, crafts, and other holiday gift ideas. The market will be held at 200 Civic Center Drive in Moody.

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Meet Me by the

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Renee Lilly

It was a warm morning in late autumn, and Renee Lilly was spending it at one of her favorite locales.

"I love Lakeside Park," she said while walking along the shoreline. "There is something about being by the water that tends to induce a sense of calm, peacefulness and well-being. It makes me feel happy and relaxed. You know, research shows that being near a body of water helps creativity and even makes you sleep easier."

As the owner of Lilly Designs Inc., creativity is important to her, and she draws inspiration from nature, in which she enjoys immersing herself, especially when it's near the water.

Her ideal day on Logan Martin: "I enjoy going kayaking or cruising in our Boston Whaler close to the shore and in and out of the sloughs. It's quiet, and you get to enjoy the nature up close. Most of us don't take the time to just sit and enjoy nature. That's why I love coming here to the park of visiting the



Community Garden. They're beautiful places to enjoy nature."

What is the Community Garden? "It's a 501c3 created in 2014-15, and I am one of the founding members. A handful of people got together and decided Pell City could benefit from a community garden,

and it was developed on the property at St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church. It has been one of the most gratifying experiences. We work very hard every year to plant and harvest healthy vegetables to feed the hungry. Most of our harvest goes to local food pantries and seniors."

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What she enjoys most about her work as an interior designer: "Helping my clients to achieve their vision by designing, sourcing products and materials and working with them through the process of building or remodeling their home. We all have different talents, and I enjoy using mine to help people make their homes beautiful."

Its most challenging aspect: "As a designer, I have to work with many tradespeople and vendors, architects, contractors, and manufacturers to get to the end result of a new build or remodel project. It is so important to define a clear scope of work and have a good team in place for the project to be successful. The fact is that there are so many pieces and parts to a design project and many hours that go into creating beautiful interiors. I love what I do and I have been doing it for many years and I learn something new on every project."

How important is color to a designer? "Color is very important. I cannot imagine living in a black and white world. We have been seeing very little color in many areas of design. In the past few years, everything went grey. Now we are starting to see color coming back. I'm excited!"

The effect of color: "Colors can have a very strong effect on us. For example, they say you should never use red paint in a bedroom. Red promotes energy, and we want more calming colors in the bedrooms to promote relaxation."

The best advice she ever received: "That God gave me one mouth and two ears. We should listen twice as much as we speak."

How she describes herself: "Easy and laid back. Fun and adventurous. Definitely a lover, not a fighter."

Her personal style: "A combination of classic, trendy, and bohemian. And I love to go barefoot. There is a term called earthing. It involves heading outside barefoot and letting your skin connect with the earth beneath you. It enables you to reconnect with Mother Nature in the simplest way."

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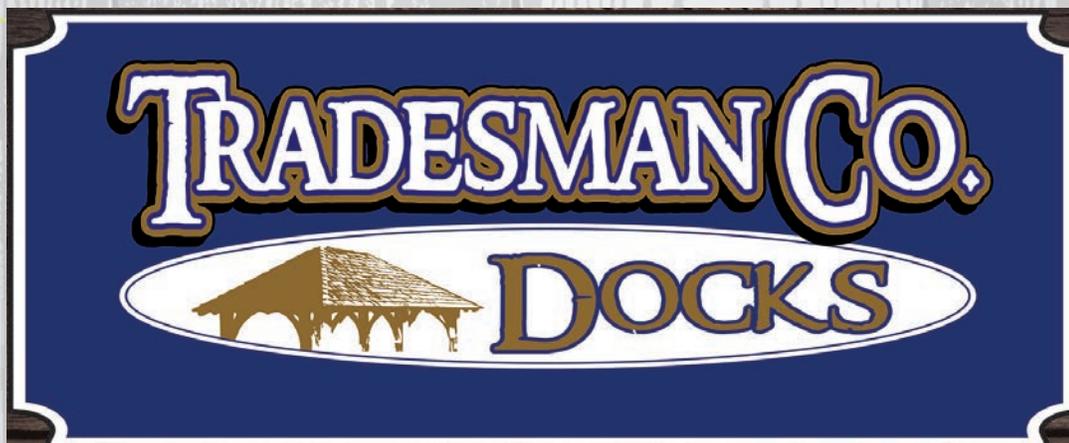
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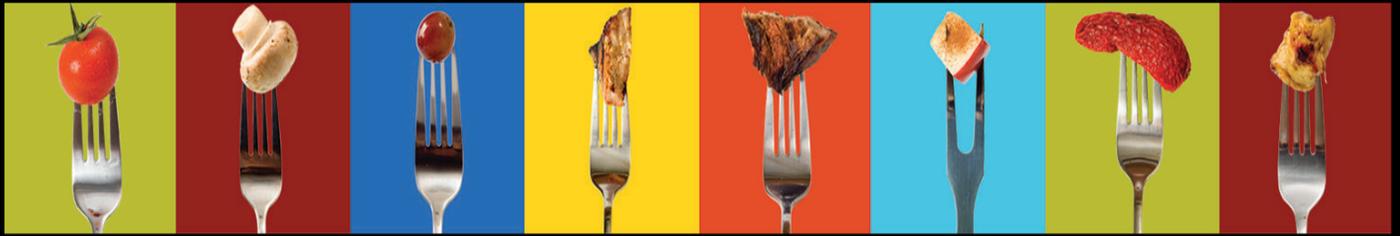
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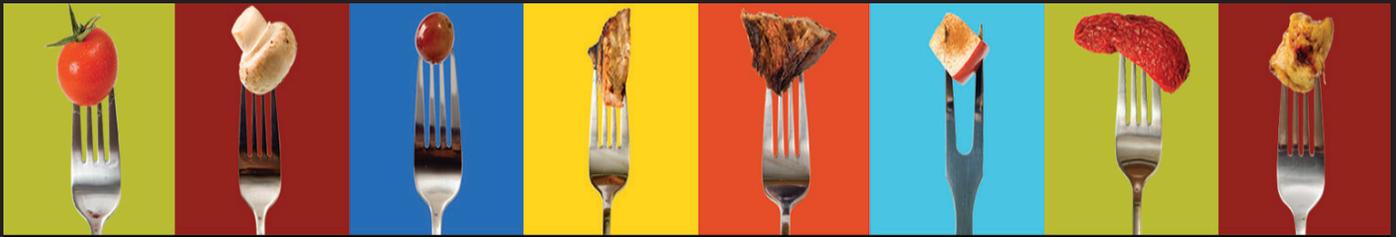
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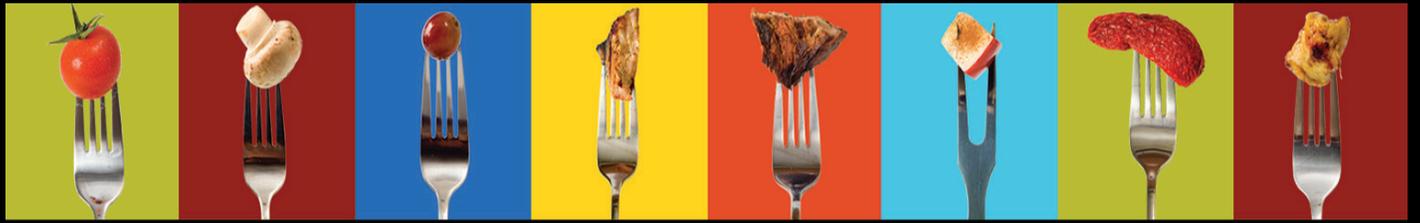
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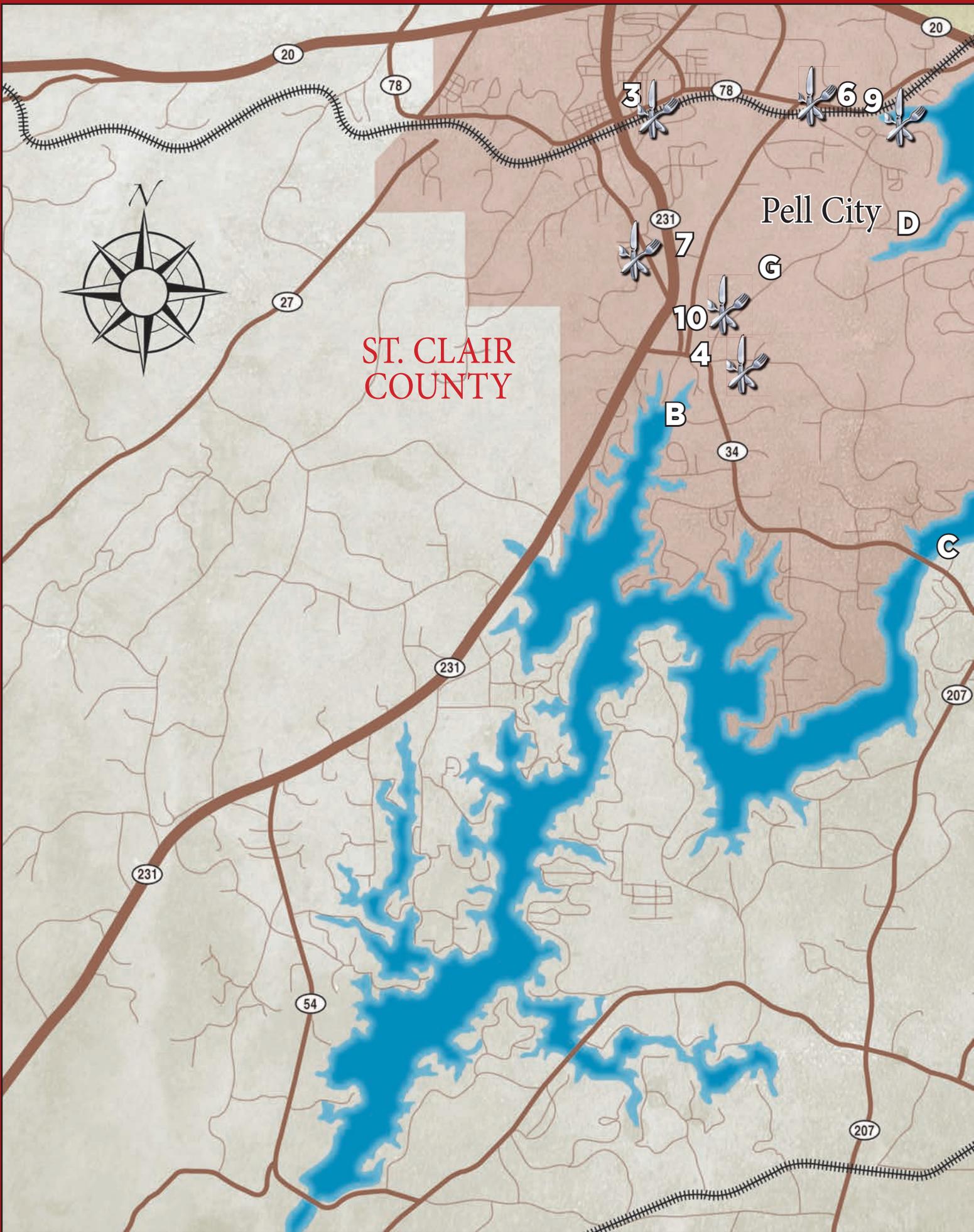
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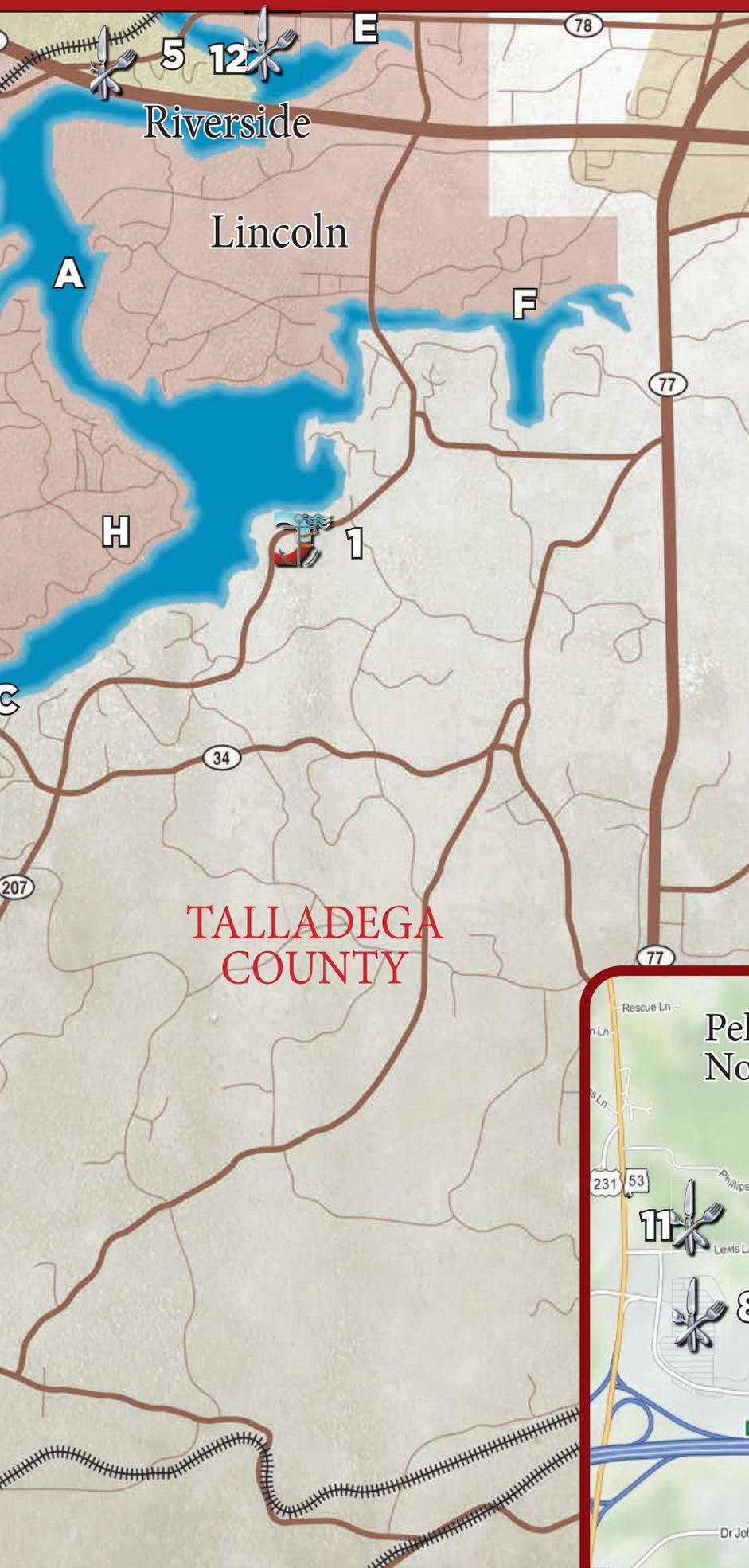
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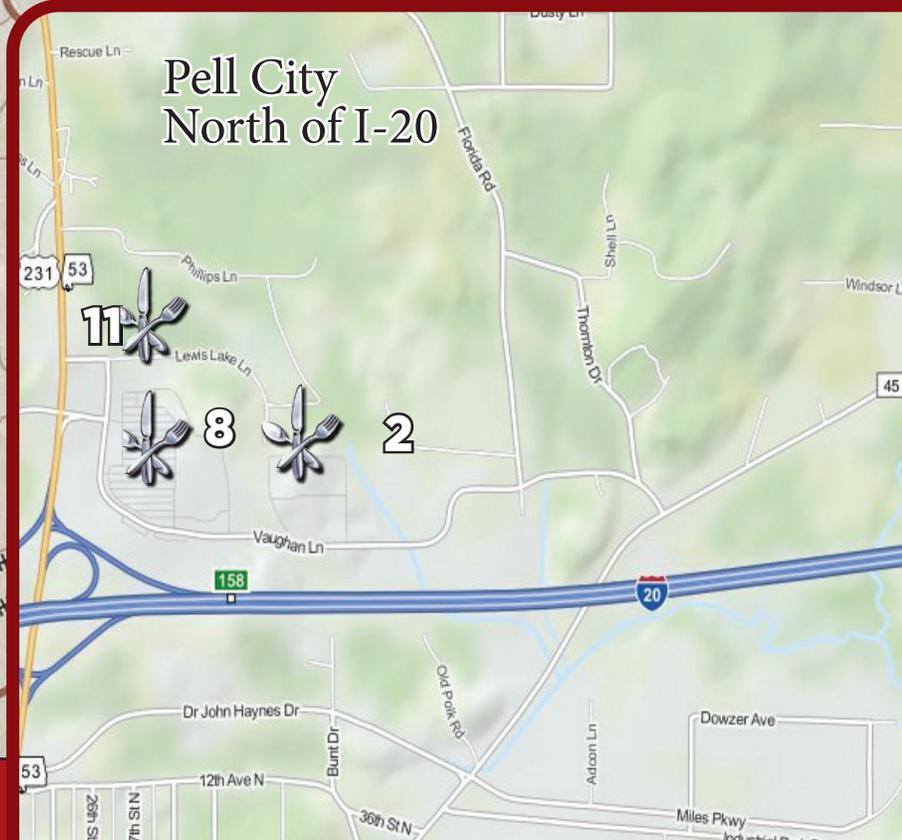
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The kitchen has tiled floors, wood cabinets, white tiled countertops with matching backsplash, and a U-shaped countertop with a small island attached. The kitchen appliances include a white refrigerator, white double oven, built-in stainless steel dishwasher, and built-in electric stove top.

A distinctive feature about this home is the large sun-room with Pella windows that offer views of the yard.

Exterior amenities include an inground pool, large parking area great for a boat or RV, and plenty of acreage that is perfect for family functions or even starting a farm.

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'I love seeing how God moves in situations,' lakeside real estate agent says

Written by VALLEAN JACKSON
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Elana Weems understands being both a home owner and a seller.

"For the last 10 years, I worked in the fitness industry," the ERA King agent says. "I had a small business called Beyond Fitness that was like a boot camp, and I also coached at gyms in the area, but when COVID hit, things changed. Everything simply happens for a reason.

"A little before the pandemic, my husband and I were in the process of buying a home, and I loved the process. At the outbreak of the pandemic, I decided to quit the fitness industry and go into real estate full time. Ever since making the decision, all I can think is, 'Why did I did not do this earlier?'"

Now that she has a year of experience, Weems says she is hungry to gain clients, build relationships,

and show her love of real estate through the quality of her work. She believes that her patience, can-do attitude, and desire to deliver her best is what makes her stand out. "I am willing to work hard and deliver a good experience," she says.

"One thing that I love about real estate, outside of the flexibility and the chance of meeting new people, is seeing how God moves in situations. If I could say what has been my favorite selling experience, I could not pick just one. However, there have been times when a client started to lose hope, and it was like things all of a sudden opened up out of nowhere, as if the opportunity had been there waiting for them along but just needed us to discover it. So over-

all, seeing God work through real estate is what I love most."

Asked what advice she would give to prospective home buyers, she says to get pre-approved, make sure your finances are in order, be prepared to move quickly, consider possible repairs in the case something goes wrong, get a home inspection, and, lastly, do not settle for just any house.

Weems is a native of Indianapolis but moved to Alabama after meeting her now-husband on the sandy shores of Orange Beach. They currently reside on Logan Martin Lake with their 11-year-old son. When she is not showing or selling homes she enjoys lake life, fitness, volunteering at Children's Place, and spending time at the soccer field with her son.



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385 EUREKA ROAD, LINCOLN, \$605,000. WOW! What a view !!! This newly renovated beauty is a diamond in the rough. Nestled on a 1.4 acre level lot on Logan Martin Lake. This beautiful Log cabin has very spacious living space for entertainment. Plenty of room for the whole family 5 bedrooms 4.5 baths. Several living areas. You will love the cute breakfast room plus dining room, The kitchen is newly remodeled with stainless appliances, granite countertops and a eat up bar. The home has a new roof and gutters (2020), Unfinished basement (2020), as well as an addition to the back side of the house (2020). Also, if you want to do some boating the boat house comes with an electric lift and sun deck! Concrete circular drive and boat launch. Detached storage building with garage door for easy access w/window unit. All this plus plenty of Charm a must to see. MLS 1289873



4241 Highway 280, Harpersville, \$800,000. Approximately 8 acres on HWY 280. Currently Mobile Home Sales. Great visibility for your business. Two buildings on the property. 45 x 61 Office/ Storage space w/bath & Kitchen area. 35 x 73.5 Building w/bath office w/window unit Great storage. Road access from both sides of the property. MLS 1281817



720 WINNERS CIRCLE, LINCOLN, \$110,000. Wow what a rare find. 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Built in 2018 but never been lived in. Two living areas, Eat in space, Eat up bar. Fantastic large pantry.

Master Bed/Bath is gorgeous, double sink, garden tub, separate shower. Large walk in closet. Three other bedrooms and a full bath. This home does not have septic tank & field lines but has been perked. It also needs hvac unit. New home set up but not completed. MLS 1300067



6232 RAINBOW ROW, PELL CITY, \$839,900. Best view on the water! The moment you pull up to this home you will fall in love with the beautifully landscaped yard. This home offers Sprinkler System. When you walk in the front door you will love the shiplap, barn doors & openness of the formal dining area & living room with large windows that provide natural light & amazing views of the lake. The kitchen is open with amazing custom pecky cypress cabinets. From the Kitchen you can walk right out onto the trex built deck & screened porch perfect for enjoying the view. The main level offers 3 bedrooms including a large master bedroom that opens right up to the deck. The second level has 2 master bedrooms with tile showers. This home has so many amenities including a safe room, bonus room, 2nd living space, cameras with DVR system, large open patio & a Spider be gone system. Fenced yard. The property offers a boardwalk along the lakefront. Piers for your use, boat launch, club house with inground pool. Common grounds for your family. MLS 1291507



280 BELLBROOK DRIVE, CROPWELL, \$750,000. WOW !!!!! What a View..... Big Beautiful view of Logan Martin is all you see when you walk into this gorgeous 4 bedroom 3 full bath home. Open floor plan. Large kitchen with eat up bar, Corian countertops, Double convection Oven, Large pantry with fold out shelving, lazy susan, triple sink with garbage disposal. Great Room with gas log fireplace. Formal dining room. The Hugh Master suite is a dream. His & Hers separate lavatory. Jetted tub and shower. Large covered deck overlooking the lake. Large flat lot. Double stall boathouse with remote control boat winch, sundeck. Double car garage. All new in 2021 roof, tankless water heater, 5 ton hvac, boat lift & boards on walkway to pier. MLS 1301099

LOTS AND LAND



13 Hickory Lane, Pell City, 39,900. 4 acre wooded lot in Odenville. Located Hickory Ln subdivision. Restricted to 1400+ SF site-built homes. Sorry, no mobile homes allowed. MLS 1301614



Sunset Hill Drive, Pell City, \$50,000. 5 Acres of land fronting Hwy 78 near Brompton. MLS 1285471

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Lot 19 Water Access
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\$54,900

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Pell City**

Lot 11
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**1458 Rivercrest Dr.
Vincent**

6 BR, 4 BA
MLS #1301405

\$825,000

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**0 Davis Acres Dr.
Alpine**

Lot 2A
MLS#1298743

\$130,000



**280 Black Acres Rd.
Cropwell**

3 BR, 2 BA
MLS#1302907

\$289,900

LOGAN MARTIN



**457 Eagle Point Dr.
Pell City**

4 BR, 3 BA .5 BA
MLS #1303068

\$825,000



**67 Deer Trace Dr.
Childersburg**

3 BR, 2 BA
MLS#1298077

\$100,000

NEW LISTING



**180 Arrowhead Dr.
Riverside**
3 BR, 2 BA
MLS#1301387
\$159,900



**20 Old Roadway
Cropwell**
3 BR, 2 BA
MLS #1201467

\$389,900



**Crestwood Rd.
Talladega**
Lot 124
MLS #1293209
\$6,500



**Centuries Cir.
Talladega**
Lots 6 & 7 MLS #898616
\$19,900



LAY LAKE

**591 Stillwaters
Trail
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5 BR, 4 BA, .5 BA
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3 BR, 2 BA MLS#1302916
\$370,000



LAY LAKE

**90 Spring Dr.
Shelby**
2 BR, 2 BA
MLS #1298136
\$89,900



LAY LAKE

**Paint Creek Overlook
Sylacauga**
Lot 35
MLS #881440
\$52,000



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**Soldiers Memorial Dr.
Sylacauga**
Lot 92
MLS #1273579
\$76,000



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**Stillwaters Trail
Sylacauga**
Lot 163
MLS #1276929
\$82,900



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Lot 138
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\$88,000



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**Boathouse Cir.
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\$28,500



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**208 Waterford Dr.
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**407 S. East St.
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UNDER CONTRACT!



**633 Magnolia St.
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6 BR, 4.5 BA
MLS #1293218

\$425,000

UNDER CONTRACT!



**1632 Parnell Drive
Leeds, AL 35094**

3 BR, 2 BA
MLS #1300340

\$215,000

NEW LISTING!



**276 Maplewood Drive
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\$375,000



**6232 Rainbow Row
Pell City, AL 35128**

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MLS #1291507

\$859,900



**175 Heritage Valley Dr.
Springville, AL 35146**

4 BR, 4 BA
MLS #1294550

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**149 Waters Edge Point
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MLS #1301099

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**0 Stemley Bridge Rd.
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**248 Henderson Lane
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS # 1302917
\$659,900
LAKEFRONT**

Come see this BEAUTIFUL 3 bed 3.5 bath house on Logan Martin Lake. The home features hardwood floors throughout the main living spaces. The kitchen features GORGEOUS cabinets, breakfast bar, eat-in breakfast area, and a bay window with views of the lake. The spacious master bedroom has a door leading out to the back deck with a lake view. The large master bath has a large tiled shower and a clawfoot tub with a spacious closet. Above the tub is a sky light, offering lovely natural light. Trey ceilings are featured in the formal dining area and master bedroom. In the basement of the home you will find a living room, bar area, kitchenette, full bath, and a room that can be used as an office or bedroom. The basement also features a poured concrete space, perfect for storage. The large backyard leads out to a private boat launch and pier with breathtaking views of Logan Martin Lake. This house is a MUST SEE!



**135 Hamilton Ln,
Riverside, AL, 35135
MLS# 1300570
\$369,900 LAKE FRONT**

This 3 bed 2 bath home in Riverside is a MUST SEE! The home has been recently painted and new flooring added. This home features a wood burning marble fire place. The large deck gives you a wonderful lake view. The home also has two drive ways, a workshop, and a storage building. The workshop has power and cabinets. Schedule your showing today to see the many features this BEAUTIFUL home has!



**55 Whispering Oaks
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS # 1300130
\$375,000
LAKE ACCESS**

This STUNNING 3 bed 2 bath home has lake views from 7 rooms. The master bedroom has large his and hers closets. This home offers a formal dining room. The kitchen has stainless appliances and a large island. The walk-in attic is approx. 1000 sq feet with electrical and plumbing and could be finished to create a large upstairs. The fenced in yard has an electric gate, perfect for privacy. This home features two patios, one in the front and one in the back, both with BEAUTIFUL lake views! The crawl space is encapsulated. The views of the lake can be seen through plantation shutters. This house is GORGEOUS with many features that create a warm environment.



**3352 Griffitt Bend Rd.
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS # 1301553
\$599,900
LAKEFRONT**

This STUNNING 3 bed 2.5 bath house sits on the main channel of Logan Martin Lake. From the time you enter the home you will be greeted with GORGEOUS lake views. The home features an open floor plan with hickory hardwood floors throughout the living spaces. The kitchen has beautiful granite countertops, customized hickory cabinets, and a large island. The master suite has a beautiful view of the lake that features a large closet that connects the master suite with the laundry room. There is also a large covered deck off of the living room and a patio below for entertaining. In the basement you will find another large living space with views of the lake, an office, two bedrooms, and a full bath. The backyard of the home is fenced in with solar lights along the steps leading to the lake. This home also features a large covered boat dock with a boat lift. This home has a BEAUTIFUL sun rise with water year round. Home also features a shared boat launch. This home is a MUST SEE!



**100 Water's Edge Cir.
Alpine, AL 35014
MLS #129882
\$579,000
LAKE ACCESS**

The CUSTOMIZED 3 bed 2.5 bath home minutes from the Alpine Bay Golf Course is a MUST SEE!! This home has technology enhancements such as an Alexa system, Nest thermostat, water filtration system in the kitchen, and a built-in generator that will run the entire house. New light fixtures have been installed throughout the house. There is a beautiful office on the main level with beautiful french doors. This HUGE customized kitchen has lots of cabinet storage, lazy suzan, huge walk-in pantry, central vacuum system, and an Alexa light. Other CUSTOM features include, shelving in the foyer, laundry room storage, and outdoor lighting. The home also has its own designated boat slip, walking trails, and a golf cart ride away from Alpine Bay Golf Course. Come see all of the amazing features this home has to offer!



**32 Shaw Ln.
Alpin, AL 35014
MLS # 1300851
\$689,900
LAKE FRONT**

This GORGEOUS 4 bed 4 bath brick LAKE home is a MUST SEE! The kitchen has been recently remodeled with granite counter tops and appliances. The dining area is under vaulted ceilings with a BEAUTIFUL lake view. Home also features a LARGE screened in covered porch that overlooks the Lake. Home has an open floor plan with a fireplace in the living room, hardwood floors on the main level and the bathrooms have been remodeled with new flooring. The fully finished basement has a kitchenette area, living area with pool table, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and an office. The back patio features a hot tub looking out onto the lake. Home features a large dock with composite decking, boat lift, oversized jet ski ramp, storage and a covered seating area. This house is equipped with Leaf Filter gutter protection that has a transferable lifetime warranty. The backyard is fenced in and the yard also has an 8 station sprinkler system. The OVERSIZED garage has room for two cars, golf cart, tools, and much more!



**564 Lakeview Cir.
Alpine, AL 35014
MLS # 129908
\$689,900
LAKEFRONT**

This GORGEOUS 5 bed 3 bath waterfront home on the Logan Martin Lake is a MUST SEE!. As you enter the house you will walk into the beautiful kitchen that has stainless steel appliances and granite counter tops. The home has hardwood and tile throughout. The main level has two bedrooms and a full bath. The second level has a large master suite with a landing that can be used as a sitting space or office. The basement has a kitchenette area/full bar, living room, two bedrooms, and a full bath. This STUNNING lake home has a built in stereo with speakers on the inside and outside of the house. The outside of the home features a wrap around porch and a large dock that can hold most large boats. This BEAUTIFUL lake home will not last long, schedule your showing today! Professional photographs will be loaded soon.

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UNDER CONTRACT



**4316 Maplewood Drive
Trussville, AL 35173
MLS# 1294670
\$499,900**



Come see this 4 bedroom 3.5 bath house in Trussville. The foyer of the house gives you plenty of room for greeting your guests. This house has many closets for coats, storage, etc. The large open kitchen has GORGEOUS granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances. The kitchen has a breakfast area and leads out to the sun room. The house also offers a formal dining room that is large and great for entertaining. The living room has a marble fire place and views of the pool. The large master bedroom and bathroom has a his and hers closets, as well as, his and hers vanities. Upstairs you will find three bedrooms; two of the bedrooms have a jack and jill bathroom and the third has its own attached bathroom. This house is a MUST SEE! Schedule your showing today!



SOLD

**217 Sunset Cove
Pell City, AL 35128
MLS# 1296891
\$569,900**

This STUNNING customized home in the Sunset Cove Subdivision is a MUST SEE! From the entrance of the home you will be greeted with hardwood floors and a large foyer with a landing. The master bedroom is on the main level and the attached master bathroom has a beautiful clawfoot tub, walk-in tile shower, and separate double vanities. The open kitchen features customized cabinets a large pantry and much more! The second level has three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The second level also features a HUGE entertainment room that could be a bonus room, or bedroom. The second level has a framed non finished bonus room. The basement has an in-law suite with a full kitchen with granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and an island. The outside of the home has been recently painted and a privacy brick wall has been added. The back decks overlook the chlorine pool. Schedule your showing of this SHOW STOPPING home today!



REDUCED

**218 Brian St.
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 1299772
\$189,900**

Come see this 3 bed 2.5 bath home. This home has a large family room on the main level that leads out to the beautiful deck and large flat backyard. On the second level you will find the kitchen with an island and an eat-in breakfast area. The second level is also home to the master bed room and bath room, two spare bedrooms, and a full bathroom. In the very large fenced backyard you will find a large storage building with power and a garage door, perfect for storing your lawn mower. This home will not last! Schedule your showing today!



SOLD

**456 Mountain Terrace
Odenville, AL 35120
MLS# 1299137
\$130,000**

The CUSTOMIZED 3 bed 2 bath manufactured home is a MUST SEE in Odenville! This home has gorgeous cedar walls in the living room and master bedroom. Beautiful light fixtures are throughout the home. The kitchen has a large stone island with a breakfast bar. The spare bedrooms are large with large closets. The master bedroom has a BEAUTIFUL barn door. This home has many more customized features.



UNDER CONTRACT

**625 Creek Ridge Dr,
Riverside, AL 35135
MLS #1301399
\$264,900**

This newly updated 4 bed 3 bath home in Riverside is BEAUTIFUL! This home features an open floor plan, connecting all living spaces, perfect for entertaining. Updates to the home include paint, granite countertops, flooring, and much more! The large master bedroom has his and hers closets. The upstairs of the home can be used as a bedroom, game room, or office area. One of the air units and roof has been recently replaced. This home has modern features throughout and it is STUNNING! Schedule your showing to see this GORGEOUS home. It WILL NOT last long!



NEW LISTING

**315 Lake View Circle
Riverside, AL 35135
MLS #1301803
\$239,900**

Come see this newly remodeled 4 bed 2 bath home in the heart of Riverside. This home is close to the interstate and the lake. The newly redone kitchen has a GORGEOUS shiplap wall and island. The kitchen also features quartz countertops, open shelving, and stainless steel appliances. The kitchen is open to the dining and living room. The master bedroom has tray ceilings and a walk in closet. The large yard features a spacious patio. This home is a MUST SEE!



NEW LISTING

**405 5th Avenue SW
Childersburg, AL, 35044
MLS #1303478
\$139,900**

Single Family Home for sale in Childersburg, AL with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. This 1,436 square foot home was built in 1900 on a lot size of 0.31 Acre(s).



COMMERCIAL 1315 Cogswell Ave. Fully functioning carwash in close proximity to downtown Pell City, AL 35182
MLS# 1289648
\$189,900



COMING SOON

**295 Oak Leaf Circle
Pell City, 35125
\$229,900**

This 3 bed 2.5 bath house is a MUST SEE in the Fox Hollow subdivision. This home has an open floor plan connecting the living spaces with the kitchen, perfect for entertaining. All bedrooms are located on the second level with the laundry room for convenience. The garage has been recently epoxied. Schedule your showing to see the many features this home has to offer.



UNDER CONTRACT

**390 Beaver Cir.
Ashville, AL 35953
MLS #1297633
\$374,900**

Beautiful, private home on three acres offers PRIVACY, TRANQUILITY and plenty of room for a family. Let the family spread out with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The entire house has been recently painted and multiple rooms renovated. The kitchen has been completely redone, with brand new quartz countertops, new appliances, and a custom made sink. The master bath has a brand new stand up tile shower, granite counter tops, and a fresh coat of paint. Check out the downstairs which is finished with a huge den/media room, bedroom, full bathroom and office area. This could be used for teens, man cave or as in law suite. Grill out and chill out on the screened in porch that overlooks your very private backyard. Too many features to list!



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**5906 CANTERBURY RUN
PINSON, AL 35126
MLS #1295966 **\$292,900****

Single Family Detached - The most conveniently located Polo Downs area. This well maintained, move in ready home in the conveniently located Polo Downs area. This home features level living with an open living/dining and a stone fireplace to cozy up with you and your family. The kitchen has stainless steel appliances and a private master suite are perfect for a growing family. The bedrooms have a shared bath and a private master suite are perfect for a growing family. The home has a water filtration system and new HVAC units! It also has a main level in the basement only steps away from the HUGE garage (guys do I have your attention??) Large enough for 4 cars, boat, ATV's or lawn equipment. The outdoors has a lovely curb appeal with well established landscaping and a new 16x28 deck perfect for grilling out or just relaxing with a good book while overlooking the lush back yard. Dont wait! Schedule a showing today and make it your dream come true!

SOLD!



**100 WHISPERING OAKS
TALLADEGA, AL 35160
MLS #1303576 **\$465,000****

Home with a lake view from almost every room. 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths on the main level with a bonus & half bath on the upper. The foyer has soaring ceilings and the open floor plan flows from the large dining room into the spacious living room with a grand gas fireplace. The kitchen has all new stainless appliances with lots of freshly painted cabinetry and an island. The large master suite is a dream with jacuzzi tub and tile walk in shower. The curb appeal offers a grand elevation with large windows, landscaping and lots of parking. The basement has been encapsulated and is a safe haven in stormy weather.

NEW LISTING



**2414 PATTON CHAPEL RD.
LINCOLN, AL 35096
MLS #1290491 **\$625,000****

Get ready to be AMAZED at this 5 bedroom brick home with a barn, pond, work shed and acreage to roam! Recently new brick exterior and finished upstairs offer an expansive place for friends or family to gather and make great memories on the farm from enjoying an incredible sunrise to relaxing by an outdoor fire in the evening. Allow me to give you a tour of the perfect floor plan that includes a master suite and 2nd bedroom on the main level along with a cozy living area, dining room, 2 mud rooms & a kitchen fit for a chef!

UNDER CONTRACT



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PELL CITY, AL 35126
MLS #1302063 **\$465,000****

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MLS #1303262**

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\$226,900

UNDER CONTRACT IN 12 HOURS



**1205 LAKE RIDGE LANE
#10
TALLADEGA, AL 35160
MLS #895678**

\$195,500

Bring your house plans and pick the perfect spot for your dream home on this gorgeous main channel lake front property with panoramic views and huge hardwood trees. A short golf cart or boat ride to The Back Porch restaurant for a great meal on the lake. Close to several marinas and other conveniences. Don't Wait!! Great lake front doesn't last.



**55 ARMSTRONG LANE
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MLS #1286638**

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\$260,000

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PELL CITY, AL 351284
MLS #1273990**

\$189,000

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508 Lindy Circle | Pell City, AL 36268

MLS #1292700 **\$1,400,000**

Absolutely awesome mediterranean one level waterfront home on Logan Martin Lake. This is such a beautiful home with open floor plan from dining room to family room to kitchen. Huge family room with high ceilings and cool dining room. Kitchen has pretty stone counter top and plenty of cabinets. Breakfast bar and eating area in kitchen. Gorgeous tile in home. Huge master bedroom and master bath remodeled in 2020. Two extra bedrooms with separate bathroom. Office/study which could be used as another bedroom if needed. Inground pool with separate RV parking. Also another separate garage. Property all fenced and gated with beautifully landscaped yard. Covered porch and prety patio by pool for outdoor entertaining. Outdoor grill setup for your parties. Covered boat house ideal for your lake fun. The front gate and huge driveway gives plenty of space for vehicles, boat and RV. Elegant front entrance is so inviting. Such a grand home for you to see. Media room with reclining chairs.



5705 May's Bend Road | Pell City, AL 35128

MLS #1292660 **\$525,000**

Beautiful farm with approximately 15 +/- acres being resurveyed. Awesome home with great floor plan with high ceilings in family room. Huge brick fireplace in family room. Cool kitchen with beautiful tile which opens to eating area. Master bedroom and bath on main floor along with extra bedroom on main floor. Big sunroom with pella windows in that room overlooking yard and pasture. Spacious bedrooms in home with hardwood floors in several. Upstairs railing overlooking family room along with great view of inground pool. The pool needs some TLC so it is not open. Fantastic view of pastures and storage building for all your farm needs. Big parking for RV or boat. Absolutely stunning views all over the property with beautiful crepe myrtles. Beautiful Magnolia in yard to enjoy. Great farm for horses and cows which are presently on the property. This is a fabulous farm that is ideal for a big family. Close to airport, Public, restaurants and shopping. Must have appointment to show!



11 HIGHLAND VIEW LANE
LINCOLN, AL 35096

\$167,777

19 HIGHLAND VIEW LANE
LINCOLN, AL 35096

\$167,777

Both Townhomes are 3 BR & 2 BA, gated, community pool and they are close to interstate and Honda.



RIVER OAKS DRIVE, LOT 41
CROPWELL, AL 35054

MLS #1284417

\$399,000

Beautiful building lot on main channel. Ideal for dream waterfront home on Logan Martin Lake.



6505 May's Bend Road
Pell City, AL 35128
MLS #1298878

\$250,000

Beautiful one level home in Mays Bend neighborhood with gated community boat launch. This pretty home has huge living room with brick fireplace and dining room on backside of the fireplace. Split bedrooms on each side of living room. Kitchen over looks backyard with sunroom off back of the home. Huge windows to see awesome front yard just right across the street from the lake. Also, the bedrooms have plenty of space for a family. Front porch and back porch ideal for cooking out and entertaining friends. This home has big garage plus another storage outside. The RV pad stays but the awning on the RV pad will not stay with home. Mays bend is an awesome neighborhood with gated community water access at the boat launch. Big pavillion at the boat launch area. Please call for appointment today!



CONDO/TOWN HOME
10 HIGHLAND VIEW LANE
LINCOLN, AL 35096

MLS #1300986 **\$170,000**

Beautiful Condo/Townhome that is 3 BR & 2 BA, gated, community pool and close to interstate and Honda.

1 RIVERVIEW DR., CROPWELL, Land/Lots MLS #854778 **\$21,000**

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