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# EDITOR'S NOTE

#### Renewing and Remembering

e're just weeks away from the start of the most significant annual events for Alabama's waterways kicks off this month for the 26th year in a row.

The Renew Our Rivers cleanup campaign is back, with more than 25 events slated across the state between March and November. This year's campaign is scheduled to kick off on March 2 on Valley Creek in Birmingham, and it will come to Logan Martin Lake and the Coosa River a fortnight later.

The Logan Martin Lake Protection Association has taken the lead in the effort over the years and will do so again from March 16-23, when the initiative returns to local waters. For information about volunteering, you can call LMLPA president Bud Kitchin at 256-239-0242.

"Through your efforts and contributions, our lake is cleaner and safer with the continued success of our lake cleanup program," Kitchin said, and it's encouraging each year to see how this event brings the Logan Martin community together in a spirit of cooperation and shared purpose.

Sadly, the lakeside community has in recent days lost two individuals who were well known for such a spirit: Lisa Dawn Funderburg and Donn J. Brascho.

"How do you honor someone who has left such a beautiful legacy?" a social media post asked in tribute to Ms. Funderburg after her death in late December. Her legacy is the hundreds of students who spent the fourth grade in her classroom at Walter M. Kennedy School in Pell City, where she taught for 42 years. Fondly remembered for her love of overalls and bright red lipstick,



she has been lovingly described as "a rule-breaker, a person who would make you feel special." "She was magical, and her kids were her mission in life." "She impacted everyone she came in contact with." "She truly loved her students, and she made sure they knew it." The Lisa Dawn Funderburg Loves to Read fund has been established in her memory to donate books to fourth grade students in the Pell City School System and has already raised more than \$450 for its mission.

Known to just about everybody as Doc. Dr. Brascho died on January 1. leaving behind a groundbreaking legacy in the field of medicine and in Pell City, where he and his wife June (they were married 68 years until her death last fall) established the St. Clair unit of the American Cancer Society and were members of the Pell City First United Methodist Church. He loved Logan Martin Lake and was a past president of the LMLPA. "He positively impacted young people, guiding them to championships and a sense of achievement," his family said. "If he wasn't at the ballfield, he taught kids to ski or took friends on boat rides on Logan Martin. His devotion to



his community was unwavering, and his influence will resonate for years."

As we remember both, we're pleased to present you with another issue of Lakeside Living. This month, we get to visit what may be the most unique property on the Logan Martin shoreline, go off the beaten path to a thought-provoking spot in the lakeside community, and sit in on the morning show at 94.1 The River. And that's just for starters.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Lakeside Living. It's for Ms. Funderburg and the Doc.



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# HOOK, LINE & SINKER

Reel in February bass with big spinnerbaits

ebruary is arguably the best "big fish" month for many game species, including largemouth and spotted bass. As spring approaches (typically in March), these large pregnant bass will start to feed actively on warmer trending days.

Warming trends during and after the harsh winter months can host great opportunities for trophy bass. These large pre-spawning fish are triggered to feed during these times in order to stock up for the spawn. Using the sun in February can lead to a monster catch if you are in the right place at the right time. February is my favorite month to target these monster fish. This is because largemouth and spotted bass are at their peak weights and aggressively feeding on warming trends.

February tends to bring major rain events and lots of current to the Coosa River. Throwing big spinnerbaits in current spots can often yield huge bass. Both largemouth and

Both largemouth and spotted bass will congregate in the current breaks, and they are

looking to feed aggressively. Standard bait cast equipment with heavy line will be needed. I like a heavy rod setup, paired with a 6:1 gear ratio reel. The trick is to slowly creep the spinnerbait in the current break, barely turning the reel handle.

My favorite spinner bait is the Davis Bait Company's %-ounce or 1-ounce Colorado or willow blade, paired with a big grub or swimbait-styled trailer. This combo will catch some monster bass from the cold, murky waters of Logan Martin. The best targets this time of year will be current breaks on the upriver sections of the Coosa River. Giant boulders, channel bends, and fallen trees can all create swirling pools of bass gold. The swirling water will churn and cause slack water. The slight slack in the water is where bass will congregate and feed.

These particular places aren't always the easiest to find, but once you locate a current break with some fish, it can often be nonstop action. I suggest moving around a lot, targeting different current breaks until you find an active one. Don't be afraid to move and find the aggressive fish. Try a big spinnerbait in high current and muddy conditions for a chance at catching the bass of a lifetime.

As always, I hope you have a good net!

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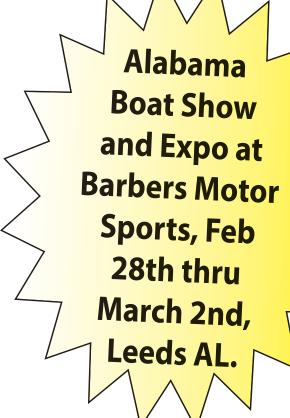


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# WHAT'S ON YOUR TABLE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY?

Try these delicious recipes that are ideal for a romantic occasion

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ebruary is synonymous with romance, and a romantic dinner is the perfect occasion for indulging in rich, decadent meal.

For a special evening by the lake that commemorates an occasion or for simply

no occasion at all, preparing a homemade meal can be a loving, enriching, and enjoyable experience. But with so many available options, selecting the perfect menu can seem an overwhelming decision, especially when it's for a special occasion.

Following is a decadent, delicious menu that is sure to elevate any table. Don't be intimidated by their gourmet looks – they're considerably easier to

make than you'd think. And even you do find them a bit daunting, just consider it an opportunity to challenge your culinary skills without the pressure of being chopped.

If you'd like to see more recipes than those featured here, visit www. gourmetfoodworld.com for plenty of other recipe and menu ideas suitable for any special or everyday occasion.

### APPETIZER CLASSIC GAZPACHO

A chilled soup in February? Sure – this classic cold soup made of cucumbers and tomatoes is a refreshing starter at any time of year.

Total Time: 30 minutes

#### **Ingredients**

1 red onion, chopped

1 garlic clove, chopped

1 cooked green pepper, deseeded and roughly chopped

1 green jalapeño (optional)

1 small cucumber, peeled and sliced

5 ripe tomatoes, skin and seeds off and chopped

1 slice white bread, crust removed and cut in pieces

1 pound deseeded canned tomatoes

2 cups vegetable stock (+ ½ more if needed)

6 tbsp. olive oil

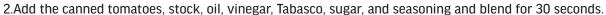
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar

11 tsp. sugar

6 small branches of celery

#### **Directions**

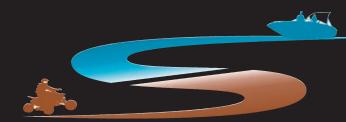
1.Put the onion, garlic, pepper, tomatoes, and bread in a food processor and blend until smooth.



3.Transfer to a Mason jar or covered container and refrigerate for 2 hours.

4.To serve, pour into glasses, drizzle with olive oil and garnish with the celery branches.





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# TNTREE GRILLED BONELESS RIBEYE WITH CHIMICHURRI

This recipe for a grilled ribeye roast almost makes itself. Serve with a seasoned Argentine chimichurri dressing – a flavorful mix of olive oil, garlic and spices that complements the rich flavor of the beef.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 1 hour 25 minutes Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

#### Ingredients for the beef

1 boneless ribeye, about 4 lbs.

Kosher salt, 1 cup

#### Ingredients for the chimichurri

2/3 cups hot water ½ tbsp. kosher salt

1 garlic clove, finely chopped

2 tbsp. fresh oregano, chopped

1 tsp. red pepper flakes

3 tbsp. chopped parsley

2 tbsp. red

1/3 cups olive oil.

#### Ingredients for the herb brus

4 sprigs Fresh parsley

4 sprigs Fresh rosemary

4 sprigs Fresh thyme

#### **Directions**

1. Mix the chimichurri ingredients and heat over low heat, mixing to combine. Cool and refrigerate, covered.



- 2. Remove excess fat and silverskin from ribeye.
- 3. Sprinkle coarse or kosher salt on both sides of meat.
- 4. Tie the sprigs of fresh herbs together with string, making a "brush."
- 5. Use a two-zone grilling system, with the high heat on one side and less coals (less heat) on the other side of the grill.
- 6. Sear on both sides, about 2-3 minutes each side. Place fat side down over the hottest part of the grill. Grill 25 minutes, then move to the lower heat side and continue grilling for another 20 minutes. Use the herb brush to brush the chimichurri over the meat and go on grilling over low heat for another 20 minutes. Flip the meat, brush with the chimichurri sauce again, and continue to grill until medium-rare or well done, another 20 minutes or so.
- 7. Transfer to a cutting board, and cover with foil. Rest for 5 minutes, then slice against the grain.



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### SIDE DISH BLACK TRUFFLE FRIES

Crispy golden fries with a little secret: truffle oil and truffle salt! So easy to make, these fries are great when you just want a hearty and delicious side that's also flavorful and sophisticated.

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 20 minutes

#### **Ingredients**

2 Russet potatoes, clean and julienned Peanut (or corn, vegetable, or sunflower) oil

2 tbsp. Truffle salt

#### **Directions**

1.Fry the potatoes in the oil of your choice until golden brown and crispy. Do it in small batches, placing them over paper towels to absorb oil.



2.Coat an aluminum bowl with truffle oil, making sure you coat the edges. Toss the fries into the bowl, coating with oil, season with truffle salt and serve.



## **COCKTAIL**ROSE WATER AND STRAWBERRY SANGRIA

It wouldn't be a romantic dinner without a little Champagne, right? Combine the bubbly with strawberries and rose water for a refreshing take on the classic European cocktail. Delicate and aromatic, with a splash of lime, it's delicious and it looks adorable.

#### **Ingredients**

1 cup sugar

1 cup lime juice

4 cups strawberries

5 limes, sliced thinly

1 bottle rose

1 bottle Champagne

½ cup brandy

1 tablespoon rose water

Ice

#### **Directions**

1. Prepare the simple lime syrup by boiling sugar and lime juice in a small saucepan. Lower the heat and simmer, about 5-7



minutes until it thickens. Reserve.

2. In a large jar, add the berries, then pour the syrup and rose water, stirring to mix. Rest for 15 minutes, then add lime slices, wine, Champagne, brandy, and rose wine. Add lots of ice and stir until well mixed.

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### **DESSERT EASY TIRAMISU**

This beloved Italian dessert is not only easy and delicious, but it's also made by fully cooking the eggs, so it's also risk-free and completely safe. Using gelatin powder allows the cake to keep its shape, giving the presentation a prettier look.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 40 minutes Total Time: 1 hour

#### **Ingredients**

3 egg whites

4 tbsp. sugar

3 egg yolks

3/4 cup sugar

1 tsp unflavored gelatin powder

2 tbsp. water

7 oz. mascarpone cheese

7 oz. whipped cream

3/4 cups espresso coffee

1 tbsp. dark rum, marsala wine

or your favorite spirit

16 ladyfingers

3/4 cup cream whipped with 1 tbsp sugar

4 tbsp. dark cocoa powder

#### **Directions**

- 1. In a bowl, mix the mascarpone and the cream and reserve.
- 2. Use a double boiler or place a metal bowl over a pot of simmering water. Keep the heat low so it simmers constantly. Add in the egg whites and sugar, then whisk with a hand-held electric mixer until you see a shiny white meringue forming. Remove from heat and continue whisking until cooled down. Reserve.
- 3. Using a new metal bowl, repeat the process this time with the egg yolks and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar. Stir constantly, and when it becomes very creamy, remove from heat and reserve.
- 4. Dissolve the gelatin powder in the water. Warm it in the microwave for a few seconds, then add to the yolk mix. Add in mascarpone-cream mix, and finally, the meringue. Use spatula



to fold and fully incorporate and reserve.

- 5. Mix the espresso with the alcohol in a big bowl. Dip each ladyfinger for one second, then place on a tray or dish. The recipe makes for two small tiramisu cakes, so you'll be using two plates or trays. Repeat so you have a row of 4 ladyfingers neatly arranged on each tray. Cover with part of the cream, add 4 more ladyfingers previously dipped, for a second layer. Cover with cream again, taking care to remove any excess from the sides. Reserve in the fridge.
- 6. Pipe the whipped cream into peaks with a round or flat medium nozzle, then sift the cakes with cacao powder or add grated chocolate. Decorate with chocolate curls, sprinkles or chocolate shavings.



Written by LOYD MCINTOSH Photographed by TUCKER WEBB

t's been 25 years since Pell City High School graduate, Navy veteran, and well-known Birmingham radio personality Adam Stocks bought WFHK, one of the last remnants from the staticky, crackly days of AM radio.

Since then. Stocks has transformed WFHK into a unique voice for Pell City, packing some of the old music and programming in mothballs and transitioning the station to FM, branching into video, and rebranding the station as The River 94.1, St. Clair County's only commercial FM station.

Additionally, he's half of the

longest-running morning show team in Alabama. The Morning Drive with co-host John Simpson. Not only do Stocks and Simpson have great chemistry - conversations swing wildly from pop culture and sports to education and politics they set the tone for the station by focusing on local people and issues. The show often includes in-studio interviews with educators, business leaders, and politicians from around St. Clair County discussing local

topics, along with some cool music. Both are factors Stocks believes set The River apart from other radio stations.

Adam Stocks and John Simpson.

"We're hyperlocal. That's the thing that I think really makes us successful," he says.

"You can turn on any radio station or television station and get the national info and even regional info," he continues, "but when you want to talk about redesigning the fourway stop in Springville or a traffic



tie-up on Highway 78 in Pell City, or whatever it might be, those are the things that people are able to get only from The River."

WFHK AM 1430 went on the air in 1956, when fewer than 2,000 people called Pell City home. For 60 years,

very little changed at the station, broadcasting mostly country and gospel music throughout St. Clair County from a little brick building on U.S. Highway 78. Stocks, who had gained recognition as the producer and co-host of The Sonny & Wimp

Show (featuring former Auburn and Alabama basketball coaches Sonny Smith and Wimp Sanderson) purchased WFHK from former owner Doug Williamson in 2000.

Over time, he made changes to the station, such as canceling the











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old call-in show Swap Shop, setting up internet streaming, and initiating video broadcasts of high school football via social media. However, the biggest change came in 2015 when WFHK went to FM and started playing a mix of rock, pop, and country, concentrating on songs from the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, a format affectionately known as Stocks' Jukebox.

"I looked at my Spotify and my Apple Music and there are a lot of genres and I said, why can't we have a radio station like that?" explains Stocks, previewing a list of upcoming songs on the playlist: in order, REO Speedwagon, Toby Keith, Europe, Elvis, Steve Winwood, and Aretha Franklin. The only criteria, he explains, is that any song played on The River must be a hit.

"It has to be a song that people recognize because we want to be able to sing along with it and reminisce of when we were driving that '70s Camaro and listening to CCR. That's what we did with

the radio station, and it has been extremely successful because there's not a whole lot of stations that have an eclectic music format like ours."

Additionally, The River has earned the Small Business of the Year Award from the Pell City Chamber of Commerce multiple times, including the most recent award for 2024, and has sponsored many important events over the years, including the annual Independence Day fireworks show.

Despite the changes in music,



"You get all these massive

radio companies, and they buy up

station. That is not what we want to

be by any means."

# THE GREAT GROWNUP

# SPELLING

Written by MICHELLE LOVE
Photographed by
TUCKER WEBB AND BOB CRISP

he St. Clair County Literacy Council's annual Great Grown-up Spelling Bee returns to Pell City on March 6. The

event, a fundraiser for the organization, plays a huge role in the Literacy Council's mission towards expanding adult literacy.

The Literacy Council is an organization dedicated to teaching adults who never moved past a first-grade reading level how to read and write.

Ron DeThomas has been director of the St. Clair County Literacy Council for six years now, and he adamantly praised the event and its participants in their support for the cause.

The spelling bee involves teams made up of three people with a maximum number of 15 teams. The event is held at the CEPA (Center for Education and Performing Arts) in Pell City, and DeThomas said participation has grown considerably over the years. Participants include medical professionals, lawyers, educators, to people who just want to take part in some fun and friendly competition, though, according to DeThomas, the teams take the spelling bee very seriously.

"When I first started, I thought about this as just a lighthearted thing where people get together and it's no big deal, but you don't even grin when you talk about your spelling bee around these people," he said, laughing. "It is serious with them, but they do enjoy the

evening."

Words are chosen by the National Spelling Bee Foundation with traditional spelling bee rules. St. Clair County educator Walter Kennedy is the designated "Wordmaster" who reads the words out for the teams to spell, and DeThomas said nobody has access to the list of words ahead of time so

preparation is not really possible.

"There's no list passed around so people know how to spell them ahead of time," DeThomas said. "They keep you on your toes. There's no error in this where people have foreknowledge of the words. It's a controlled thing."

While the event's mission is a serious issue, that doesn't mean the spelling









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bee participants don't have fun with it. Some of the teams in the past have dressed up in costume, and there are door prizes given out throughout the evening including a dinner for two from local restaurants and gift cards from local shops.

Local corporations donate \$500 or more to the fundraiser in special sponsorships. DeThomas said the sponsorship has increased over the course of the past few years which has helped aid the Literacy Council's mission. In 2024, the annual Bee raised approximately \$10,000, a huge jump from \$7.000 raised in 2023.

The Lakeside Hospice team the Lakeside Bee-lievers won in 2023 and back in 2019. Tracy Whitten with Lakeside Hospice is one of the team members of the Lakeside Bee-lievers. Her other team members are Francis Garrett and Dr. James Tuck, the Lakeside Hospice medical director.

Whitten said the Council does a phenomenal job putting the event on every year.

"We just love it," she said. "It's needed. It's a wonderful fundraiser. I'm very passionate about people who can't read and write, and I'm very passionate about that being carried through so they can get the help they need. It's fun to come together and take part in it every year."

DeThomas said that St. Clair County alone has a rate of 22 percent of adults that read at a first grade level. Both DeThomas and Whitten discussed the hindrances of illiteracy in everyday life.

"There are people who can't read a menu at a restaurant or read road signs – just things people take for granted but make such a huge difference," Whitten said. "Knowing that there are people out there that if they could learn to read, they could do stuff for themselves that

they can't do without that skill. I love reading, and it's so sad to me there are people out there that can't. If it wasn't for the Literacy Council they wouldn't possibly be able to do that."

Whitten said she encourages anyone and everyone to help sponsor the event and the Council.

"I always say to put yourself in someone else's shoes," she said. "What if you couldn't read or had somebody in your family who couldn't read and you





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couldn't afford to have that taken care of? What if this was your parent or your child? It really does make a difference."

DeThomas echoed Whitten's encouragement for people to get involved. He said all donations are welcome, and any donation makes a tangible difference in someone's life.

"You're really having an input in society and doing something for people that can tangibly help them. It's just a real important thing that we need to get Alabama behind. I don't understand why there isn't more support from certain people and places."

The Great Grown-up Spelling
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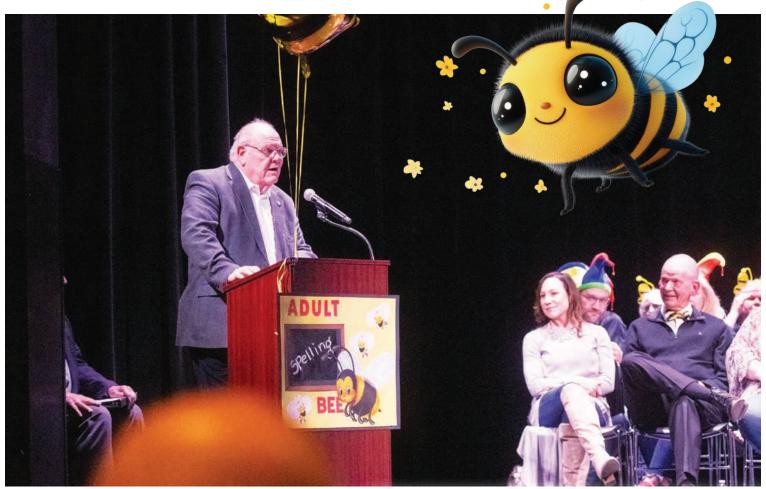


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### An unplanned detour near the Coosa River leads to reflections about community and history

Written by **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN**Photographed by **BUDDY ROBERTS** 

oday is one of those days when an aimless road trip simply unfolds.

After attending a morning baby shower in Talladega County, my friend Felecia and I decide to take a carpe diem drive on a road we have never explored before, rather than heading back home via the main highway or interstate. Although it is still winter, the cold air feels refreshing, and our spirits are high after seeing our friend glowing in her late pregnancy. Pregnancy is a miracle for her and her husband, who have been trying for quite some time.

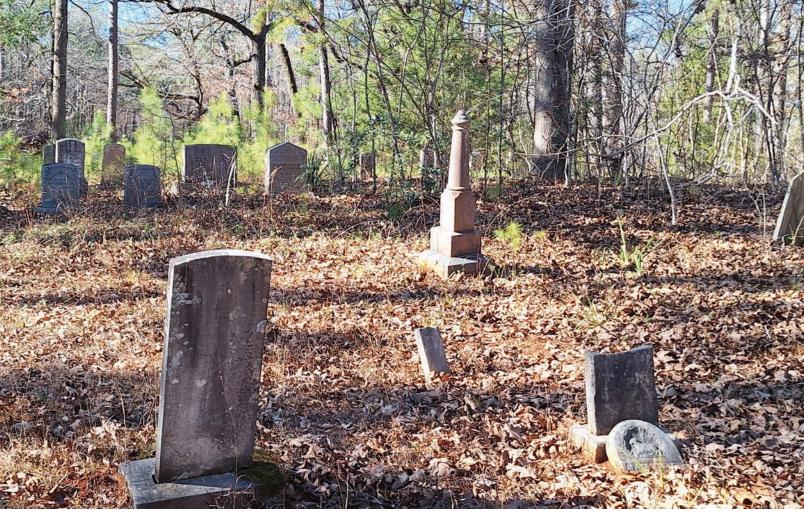
The road turns gently to the right, revealing an old cemetery where weatherworn headstones lie beneath a blanket of tall, overgrown grasses and fallen leaves from longleaf pines, oaks, maples, and cypresses. Some headstones and monuments stand starkly white or

grayish-white, rising above the blanket of natural debris.

"Hey, Fe, let's check this out." Although it may seem oxymoronic, given that we have just left a celebration of an expecting birth, I know Felecia will appreciate this cemetery as much as I do. Both of us have a deep appreciation for history. Pulling the vehicle over to park just off the side of the road, we step out and make our way to the nondescript entrance.

Coming closer, we can see more headstones, monuments, and even a rusted, lichen-choked wrought iron fence topped with fleur-de-lis hidden under branches, shrubs, and trees, partially obscured. A strong presence of history emanates from the abandoned site, with the overgrown grass and crunch of leaves adding an air of mystery. Many of the headstones are not upright, but rather leaning, as if sinking into the ground. The sawgrass, with its bright green coloring, seems out of place





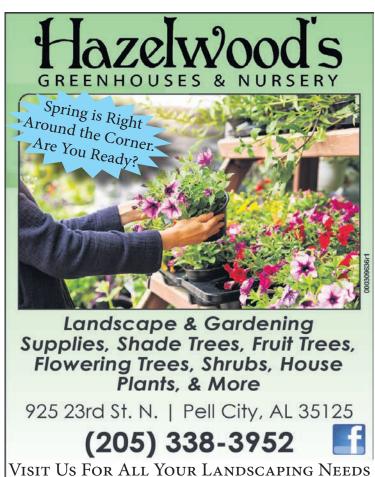
among the old monuments stained with bird droppings, weather elements, and such various biological growths as mold, mildew, algae, lichen, and moss. The leaves, still crispy, crunch under our leather boots as we read the names of each headstone and monument that we can reach without getting our limbs scratched by the wildness of nature, branches, and briars.

Some headstones are unreadable, worn away with time. The ones that we can make out show dates well over 150 ago, spanning the late 1800s to the 1930s, an era marked by the Reconstruction following the Civil War and the Second Industrial Revolution, which reshaped the Deep South's economy and infrastructure.

Cemeteries, including this one, fascinate me because of how the headstones are architecturally designed to mark each individual's life—not only with the birth and death dates separated by a dash, but with epitaphs and engravings that symbolize a person's focus, faith, or love.

Spotting a headstone with something on top, I bend down to brush some leaves off of it.

"Come and see this," I call to Felecia. She steps over to see where I am pointing at a figure of a lamb atop a headstone marking a beloved daughter's grave. This architectural detail stands in stark contrast to many others adorned with Freemasonry, Knights Templar, or Shriner symbolism. Before this carpe diem drive, I was vaguely aware of Freemasonry



symbols, thanks to Dan Brown's wildly popular The Lost Symbol, which sparked an alertness in me to the deeper, often secretive layers of power, like the Illuminati.

A compass, a carpenter's square, and a capital G, representing either God or geometry, frame the Freemasonry belief system, bridging the earthly and spiritual realms and responsibilities. Another Freemasonic symbol is a five-pointed star, with a tip pointing downward, representing the Star of Bethlehem and the Order of the Eastern Star, a sister organization to Freemasonry. While conspiracy theories swirl around these symbols. I am certain that many individuals who formed fraternal ties found a profound sense of belonging and purpose through them. Seeing so many Masonic gravestones here is striking.

Beyond the engraved symbols, it is the epitaphs that pull at my heart the most. I find myself reflecting on how each person is remembered and loved in their inscription. "Gone but not forgotten" seems to be the standard, but I hope my loved ones would choose something more inspiring for me when I pass away.

I glance over at my friend. "Have you given any thought to the inscriptions on these headstones? Can you sense the community here?"











"I surely can," she responds, her gaze sweeping across the cemetery before meeting mine.

I nod, then look up to see the sun peeking from behind a monument, its rays piercing through the cold winter sky. The sunlight appears to emphasize the poignant reality of the "gone but not forgotten" phrase within this cemetery, marked by our visit driven by curiosity and a sentimental respect for history.

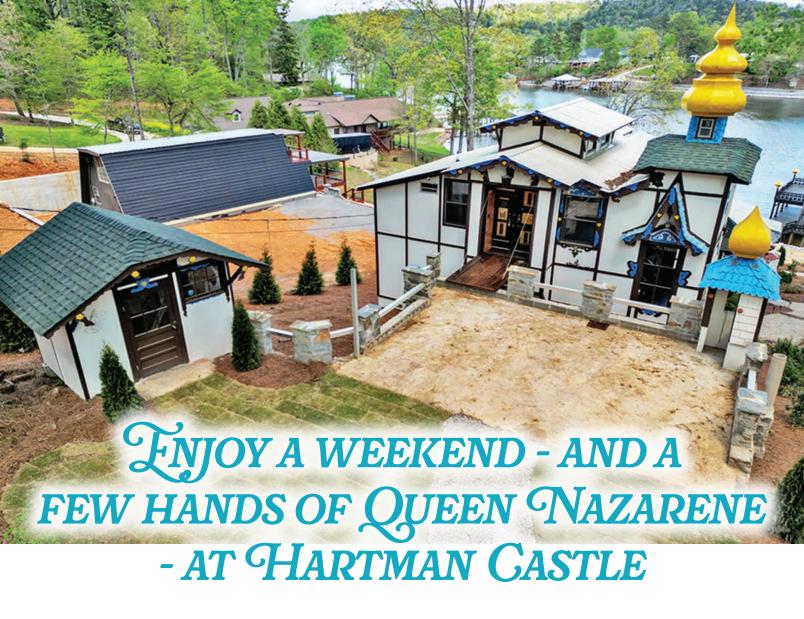












#### Unique Logan Martin Lake property is an Airbnb superhost

Written by **LOYD MCINTOSH**Photography provided by **BLAKE SHULTZ** 

f you didn't see it with your own eyes, you probably wouldn't believe it.

After snaking your way through the narrow roads of Alpine Bay, you'll eventually encounter it, like some sort of mid-70s Sid and Marty Krofft meets Monty Python fever dream: a castle.

That's right. A castle.

Hartman Castle, to be precise – an endearingly bizarre amalgam of Bavarian, English, and even Asian architecture all rolled into one and tucked away among the modern homes in this otherwise normal waterfront neighborhood.

The castle was built by Donald Hartman, a native of Toledo, Ohio, who settled in Talladega County after serving as an Army communications specialist while stationed in Hawaii and Birmingham. Well-educated with multiple degrees, Hartman was a beloved Spanish teacher at Berry High School for many years and was respected as a leader in foreign language education. He began working on the castle in the mid-1970s as a gift to his wife, Royldene, who always wanted to live in a castle.

After Royldene died in the early 2000s, Hartman lost interest in the project, living semi-reclusively in a house next door to the castle, which fell into disrepair. After Hartman died in 2022, the house was put

up for auction online, catching the eye of Blake Shultz, a Realtor and home builder from Hoover.

By the time Shultz saw the property, it had sat abandoned for almost two decades, and the vegetation was so overgrown it was almost impossible to see the house from the road. Additionally, most of the bidders hadn't seen the property, and the auction company's listing promoted the castle for the property instead of the structure. Shultz, on the other hand, thought Hartman Castle was a diamond in the rough.

"It was interesting," he said. "The way they worded it, basically it was posed as a teardown. I don't think any other serious bidders got to see the inside, so everyone























else that we were bidding against online, all the knowledge they had was it was a teardown.

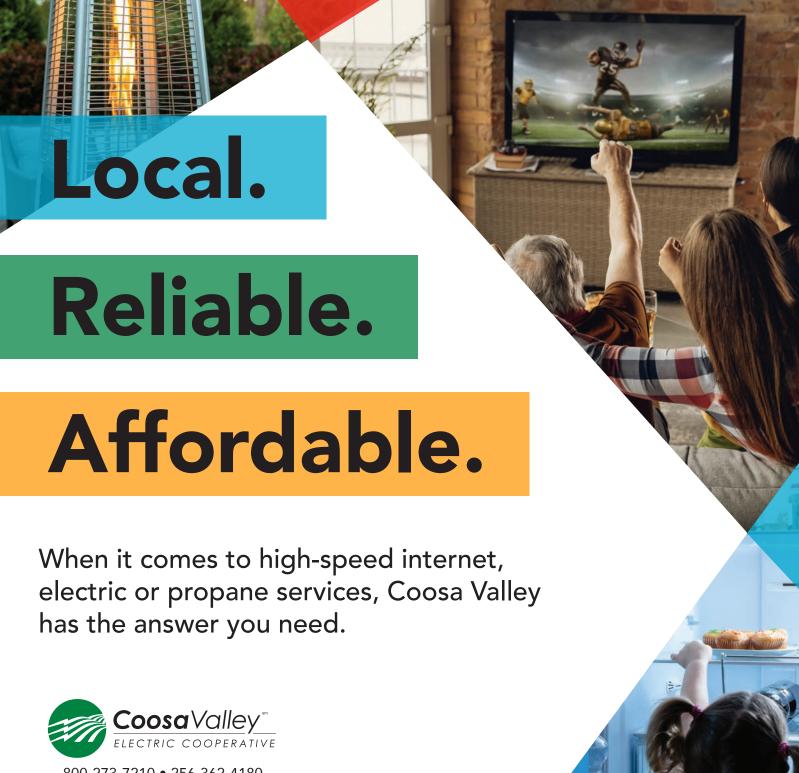
"They just saw the value in the land, which has a pretty hard cap on what it could be worth as just raw land. So we got to take advantage of the auctioneer

advertising it, in my opinion, incorrectly, which gave us a pretty big advantage."

Shultz bought Hartman Castle and eventually converted it into a unique Airbnb experience, transporting visitors back in time. But at the time Shultz took ownership of the castle, it appeared to be frozen in time.

"It looked like 20 years ago someone just walked out without touching anything and locked the doors," he said. "The fridge had food in it, there were magazines next to the couches and the bed, some of which were made and some were like someone





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just got out of it a few minutes ago. It was a little eerie."

Today, Harman Castle has been restored to its former glory and updated with new features. The German-style castle finials (painted in eye-popping blue and gold), the handcrafted stone wall surrounding much of the property, and a mechanically operated drawbridge at the castle's front entrance add a healthy dose of medieval-inspired whimsy to the Logan Martin community.

Guests are greeted by a life-size suit of armor the moment they step inside the castle. Throughout the rest of the multi-level structure, the eyes are drawn to artwork, decorative touches, and knickknacks the Hartmans accumulated over the years on their many travels overseas. Around the castle, guests will find German beer steins, vases from Asia, and coats of arms from England – a testament to the Hartmans' eclectic taste and keen interest in other cultures. "They traveled the world together and took

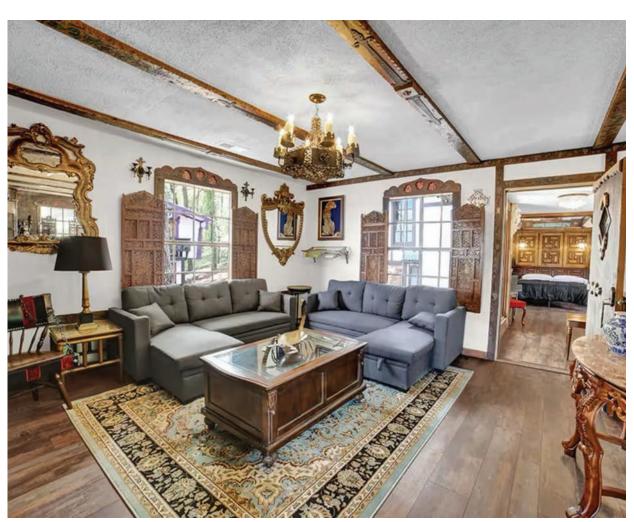


influences from all over the globe, so there are a lot of conflicting styles," Shultz says.

Among the enhancements Shultz made to Hartman Castle include adding pickleball courts and a miniature golf course and converting a space on the bottom floor into a game room. There guests can play a vintage pinball machine or video game or lift a pint around the card table during a game of Queen Nazarene (an Old English card game dating to the 1670s).

Less than two years since opening Hartman Castle to the public, Shultz says the interest and response has been amazing. People from more than 20 states have stayed at the castle, and their reviews have been overwhelmingly favorable.

"Everyone's loved it," Schultz said. "We've gotten all five-star reviews, and, amazingly, we've gotten into the superhost status on Airbnb. Everything's been super positive."





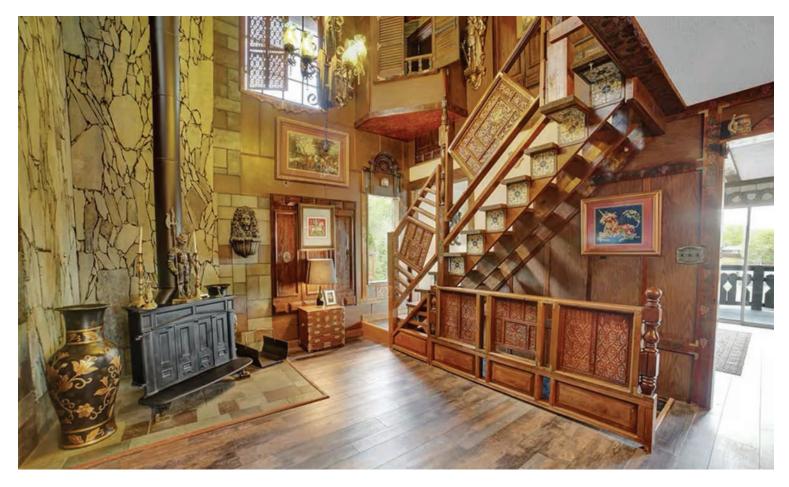




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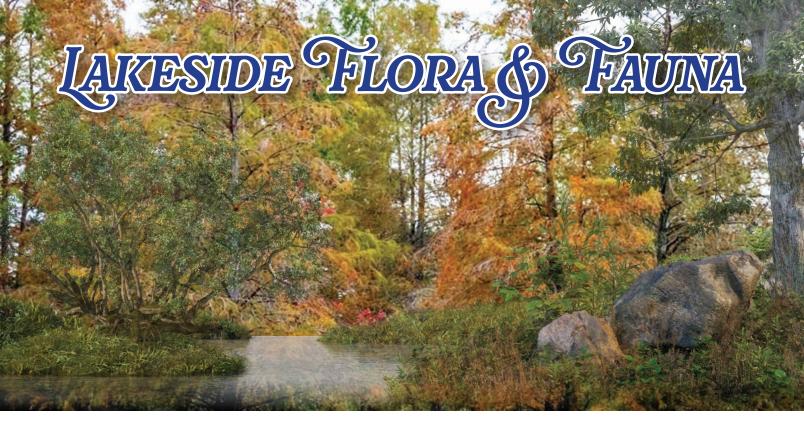
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#### Finding rest among the cypress trees

Written by **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN**Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL** 

y cousin gives me a onearmed hug as she leaves the dining table, carrying our breakfast plates. Earlier, she had made us some ham and cheese omelets, over which I shared stories from the past few months since we last saw each other. As she heads to the kitchen, I lean over to the chair beside me, where my tote bag rests, and pull out my journal and Bible.

In that small movement, my gaze catches the solemn, majestic beauty of the cypress trees across the lake, framed perfectly by the large picture windows. The gentle sound of the running water from the kitchen sink becomes a fitting backdrop as I open both the journal and Bible, seeking strength and discernment for the next steps in my life.

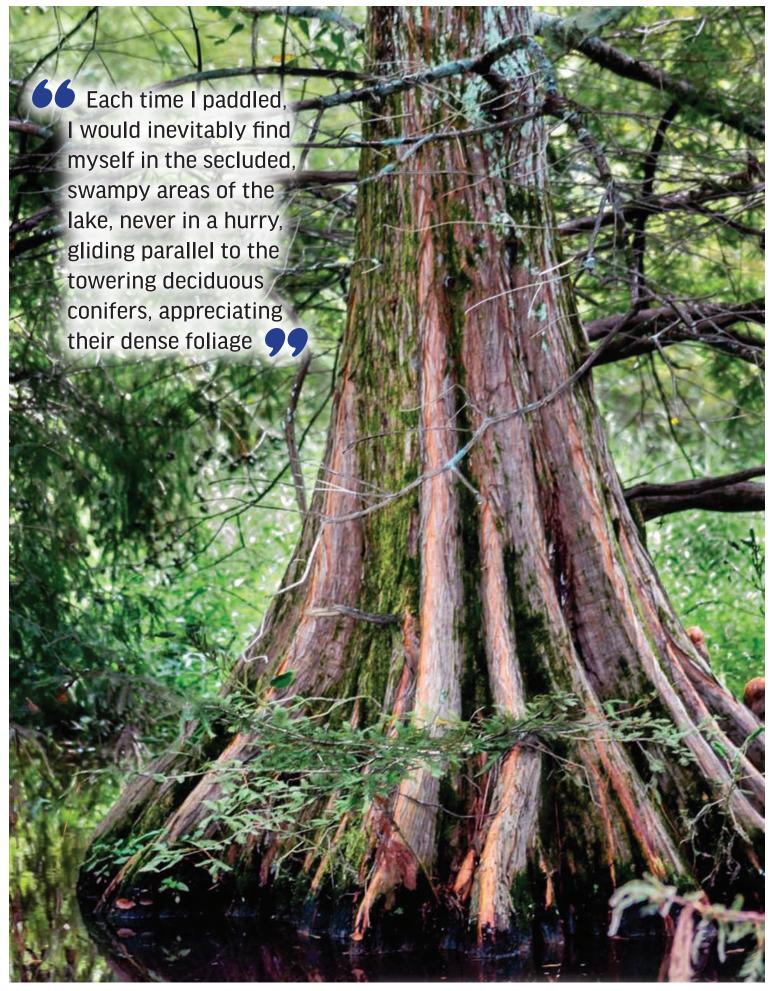
Looking up from a passage in the book of Isaiah, I nod while my cousin returns briefly to mention that she is heading out for errands. Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will



grow...an everlasting sign of God's power and love. The verse lingers in my mind as I sip my steaming ginger tea, the soft thud of the door signaling her departure. Letting the pen slip from my fingers onto the notebook's page, my eyes are once again drawn to the large picture windows, where the cypress trees stand

tall against a winter-white sky as a quiet testament to God's protection and enduring care for His creation. The cold, biting air outside reminds me that it is not a day for paddling on the water.

I remember the warmer days when my cousins would welcome my extended visits by having the paddleboard ready









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for me, knowing how much I cherish those solitary paddling moments. Each time I paddled, I would inevitably find myself in the secluded, swampy areas of the lake, never in a hurry, gliding parallel to the towering deciduous conifers, appreciating their dense foliage. Their air-bearing knees-protruding roots known as pneumatophoresalways fascinated me. I instinctively understood how these roots anchor the cypress trees, keeping them upright in the shifting riverbed of mud and sand, while drawing oxygen deep into the submerged roots beneath the water's surface. Above, their sturdy branches supported the weight of bald eagle and

stork nests.

What are the pneumatophores in my life these days, beyond faith, family, and close friends-the things that steady me, that replace the thorns pricking my strength and energy? And yet, even as the needle-like leaves of the cypress trees fall, they always grow back in the spring, reminding me of renewal and the quiet strength found in stillness. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. These timeless words echo in my mind as I reflect on how to let the needle-like leaves of anxiety, frustration. misunderstanding, and disappointment fall away. To release the attachments of thorns, to be unburdened, so that in their place, cypress trees may grow—steadfast and resilient, the branches reaching to heaven.

The sturdiness of these slow-growing, long-living cypress trees extends to their natural oils and resins, with cypretine acting as a protective shield resistant to decay. The sap running down their trunks, mythologized in the grief of Cyparissus mourning the accidental killing of his beloved stag with his hunting javelin, coats the wood, making it highly sought after for its durability. This resilience makes cypress wood ideal for use in railroad ties, buildings, furniture, and fence posts. Just as the railroad ties bear up the weight of

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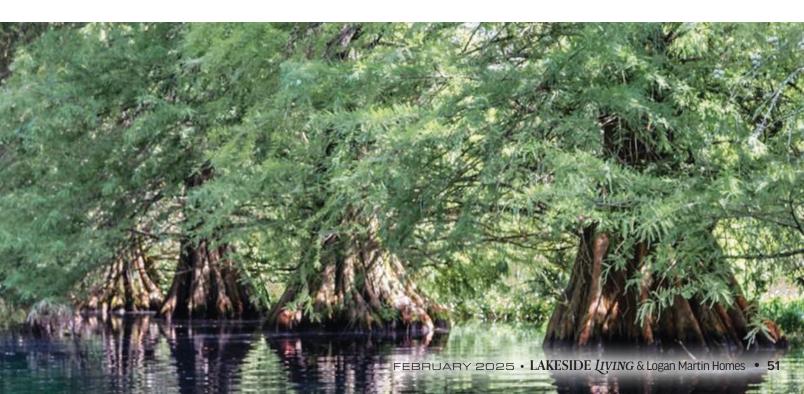


passing trains, to endure such burdens is to have faith.

Feeling at peace as I gaze at the cypress trees, I feel embraced by love when another verse comes to light in my

reading: Come, my loved one, let us go out into the field, let us take rest among the cypress trees. Hope, faith, and love—love being the greatest of all—become clearer when we grasp the depths of

how much care God has for us, His masterpiece. I smile as I finish my ginger tea, putting away the journal and Bible, feeling a quiet assurance.



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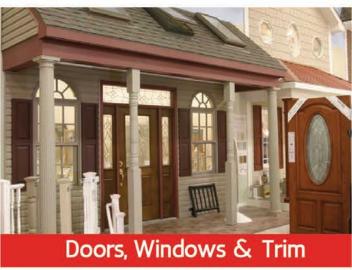
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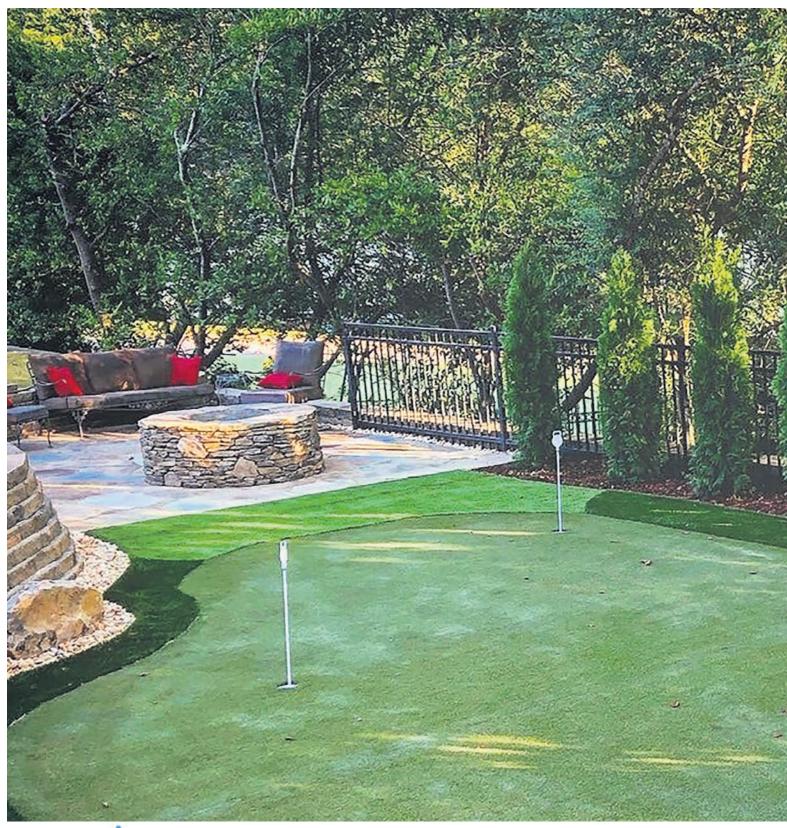




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For reservations, call 256-208-2040.



#### **FEBRUARY 15**



This seventh annual event is fundraiser for the Masie Knight Memorial Foundation, which provides scholarships to high school seniors in south Talladega County. The squirrel rodeo roundup weigh-in is scheduled for noon-6:30 p.m. at 8240 McGowans Ferry Road in Childersburg, where contestants must be present. Teams are suggested but not required. Team entry fees are \$200. A host of prizes will be awarded, including 15 hunting rifles and shotguns, fishing merchandise, a guided fishing trip, and gift certificates for taxidermy.

To order tickets and for more information, call CJ Knight at 205-217-8062 or visit www. masieknightmemorialfoundation.com



#### **FEBRUARY 15**



Mathews Manor in Springville hosts this Mardi Gras-themed event from 6-9 p.m. Promoted by the foundation as "a wonderful night filled with great company, delicious food, and a special auction featuring some amazing items, the support of those attending the gala "will make a real difference for our children." Tickets include dinner and two drink tickets. To order tickets, visit www.sccef. betterworld.org. The foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising grant funds for St. Clair County educators.

#### **FEBRUARY 22**

### ARDI GRAS PARADE

Talladega's downtown district hosts this celebration starting at 11 a.m. Line-up begins at 9:30 at Zora Ellis Junior High School. A colorful



procession filled with vibrant floats. marching bands, antique cars, and Shriners Comedy Units from across Alabama and Georgia, the parade will head east down South Street, turn left onto Asbury Street, and then left onto East Battle Street, circling the Historic Courthouse Square before heading back to Zora Ellis Junior High. Following the parade, a Party Gras celebration begins on the Courthouse Lawn at noon, offering gumbo, chili, cocktails, and more. There is no entry fee for the parade or party. Beads and Moon Pies are available for purchase prior to the parade, with a limited inventory available at the line-up site.

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#### **MARCH 1**

### ARDI GRAS GALA

The International Sports Hall of Fame hosts this event (billed as Alabama's biggest Mardi Gras celebration north of Mobile) organized by Talladega's Historic Ritz Theatre. Set for 6 p.m.-midnight, the gala features a New Orleans-inspired multi-course dinner by Classic on Noble. Music will be provided by Birmingham-based band Scott Deering & The Usual Suspects. Top-shelf bars and silent and live auctions will be available. Tickets are \$120 for singles and \$240 for couples. Tables of 8 are available for \$950, with name reservation for \$50 more.

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#### **MARCH 1**



This popular community event returns to Pell City's Center for Education and Performing Arts at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to try for a front row seat to catch some of the boldest, if not the very best, dancers in the lakeside community. Each year, the Pell City Line Dancers, led by longtime director Doris Munkus, chooses a cause to which the group can support through this benefit performance.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. To order tickets, visit www.pellcitycepa.com.

#### **MARCH 7**

### Sawyer Brown mak

Sawyer Brown makes a return visit to the Oxford Performing Arts Center, delivering an evening of unstoppable energy and country rock anthems. After winning the Star Search grand prize in 1984, the band (known for its dynamic performances and charismatic stage presence) has released 18 albums and charted 50 times with such tunes as "Some Girls"



Do," "Thank God For You," and "Step That Step." Showtime is at 7:30 p.m.

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## FASY-TO-MAKE CHOGOLATE CHIP PANCAKES

#### are a tasty and warm weekend treat

#### Written and photographed by **ANDREA MATHIS**

n Saturdays, we eat pancakes. This is totally a rule in my house. It comes from the popular movie "Mean Girls," which is my favorite movie of all time. I love the scene when the girls are sitting at the lunch table and say, "On Wednesdays, we wear pink." That scene is epic, and since pink is my favorite color, I thought it was a fair rule.

family already knows what time it is. Yep, pancake time. I try to keep things exciting and will test different pancake recipes. My kids are the best food critics. Anytime I try a new recipe, I always get my kids to test it out. They will let me know very quickly if it's a yay or nay. Last Saturday, my kids were asking for chocolate at 6 a.m. Yep, 6 a.m. My kids are early risers. Of course, I didn't want to give them

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anything extremely unhealthy for breakfast, so I decided to make these Extra Fluffy Chocolate Chip Pancakes.

I've mastered the secret to achieve super fluffy pancakes, and I'm going to share it with you right now. Whenever I combine my wet and dry ingredients, I let the batter sit for at least 5 minutes to allow the baking powder to "activate." While it's activating, you can kinda hear little crackles or pops. It reminds me of that sound you hear when pouring milk over Rice Krispies cereal. After the batter sits for about 5 minutes, stir the batter again and pour onto your griddle. You

> These Extra Fluffy Chocolate Chip Pancakes turned out great. I didn't even need

> > a little fancy, I wanted to top this fluffy stack with a decadent peanut butter drizzle. There are no words to explain what happened when I took a bite. They were so good. My kids devoured them. I had a couple of pancakes left, so I saved them for the next day. They were just as good. Give them a try.





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2 teaspoons baking powder

34 teaspoon salt

1½ tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 egg

1½ teaspoons vanilla

1/4 cup milk chocolate chips

#### **Directions**

- 1. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Set aside.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine the egg, almond milk, oil and vanilla.
  - 3. Add mixture to dry ingredients and stir until combined.
  - 4. Let batter sit for about 5 minutes.
  - 5. Fold in chocolate chips.
  - 6. Heat griddle to medium.
- 7. Using a  $\frac{1}{3}$  measuring cup, scoop batter onto griddle and cook for about 2 minutes on each side. Flip over when surface



is bubbly and edges are dry.

8. Serve immediately with your desired toppings and enjoy.

Nutritional information (1 pancake): calories 170, carbohydrates 20 grams, fat 8 grams, protein 3 grams, saturated fat 2 grams, fiber 1 gram, sugar 6 grams.

Andrea Mathis is a registered dietitian. This recipe was originally published at beautifuleatsandthings.com and appears in Lakeside Living courtesy of Alabama News Service.



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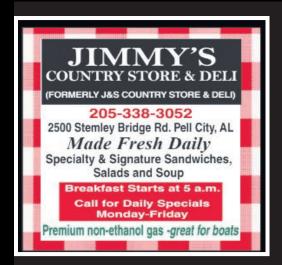


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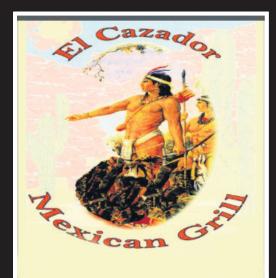




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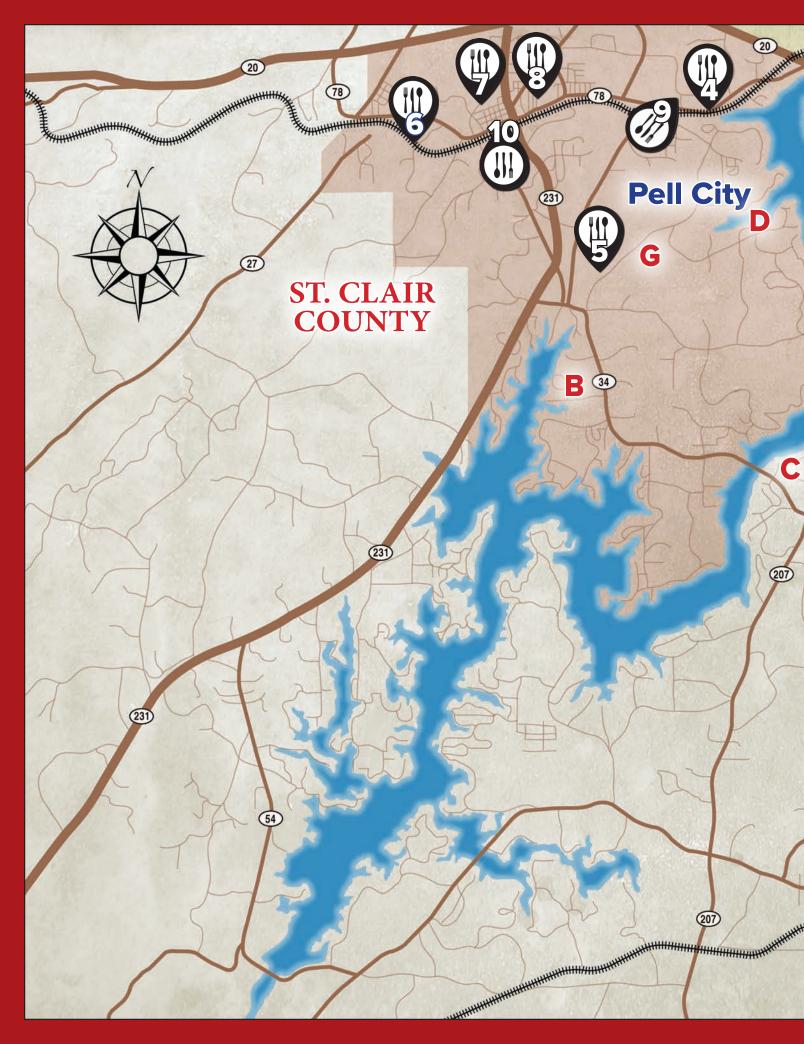
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rospective home buyers in search of a a hidden gem on Logan Martin Lake will want to see 332 Driftwood Point in Pell City.



508 Martin Street South Pell City, AL 35128 205.884.2300 The modern single-family property has much to offer. It sits on 1.3 acres, was built in 2006, and has four bedrooms and three bathrooms within its 3,917-square-foot interior.

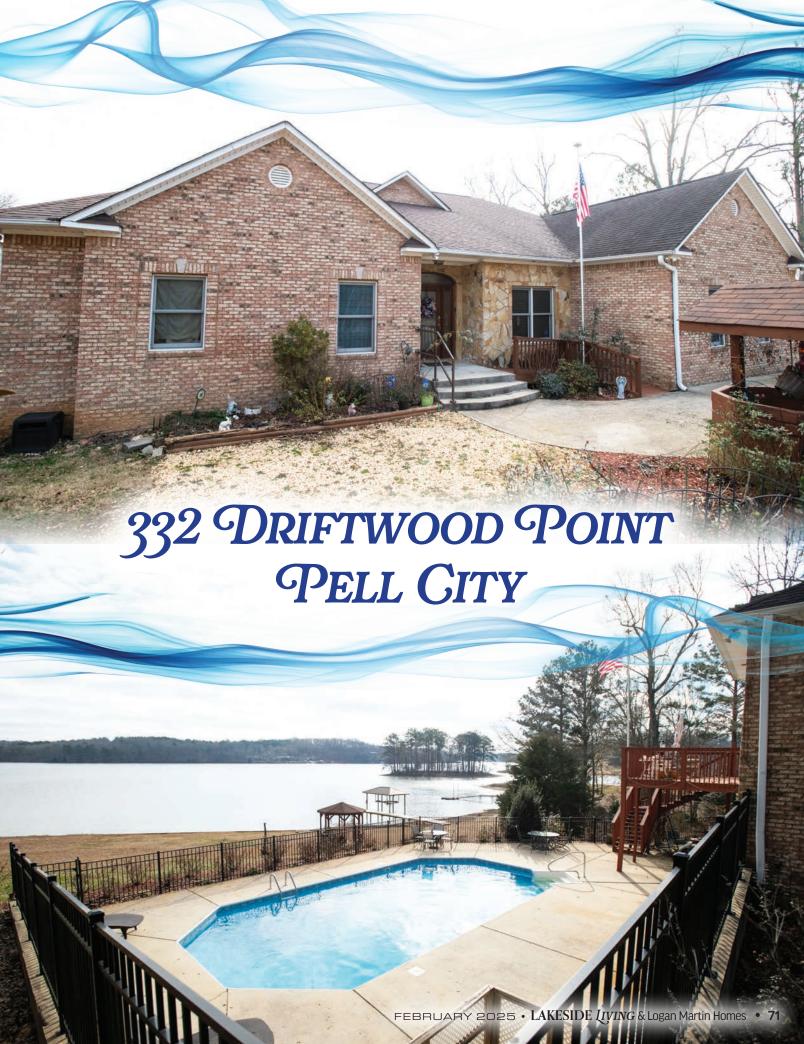
Upon entering the home, the foyer has a unique light fixture adorning its center with an arched entryway. The living room area has an open concept floor plan with a high ceiling, exposed wooden beams, two ceiling fans, carpet flooring, a fireplace, and large floorto-ceiling windows that showcase the beauty of the lake.

The kitchen has tiled flooring, an exposed wooden-beam ceiling, a ceiling fan, brown cabinets providing plenty of storage space, stainless steel appliances, a small island at its center, and a large U-shaped breakfast bar.

Distinguished features of this home include a spacious main bedroom with recessed lighting that has a double tray ceiling, fireplace, and double doors that lead to the sunroom, with its views of the backyard and lake. The finished basement has a second full kitchen, a den, fireplace, guest bedrooms, a full bathroom, and a second laundry room.

The exterior features a well, an inground pool, a deck, gazebo, a slightly sloped spacious backyard, boathouse, and two car garage.

The property lists at \$990,000. To schedule a tour or for more information, call Blair Fields with Fields Gossett Realty at 205-812-5377.



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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**Submitted photos

ichelle Greene is the broker and owner of Exit-Coosa River
Realty. She believes that real estate is more than just putting a sign in a yard. It involves providing guidance with the large purchase or sale of a home and building relationships that surpass closing day.

"To be or to have a real estate agent means partnership and teamwork," she said. "The goal is work with clients, make sure their questions get answered, and assuring that the process is explained instead of just having them sign papers. Real estate can be intimidating, but working together helps, and that is what we are here for, to walk clients through the process because it matters that they understand it."

Greene has nine years of experience in real estate and opened her agency a year and a half ago. She

started it because she wanted to create an environment that helps to make the process smooth for clients and someone they can trust, as well as provide a place that can be their go-to, knowing that every agent there is willing to go above and beyond for them.

"I believe what makes us unique is that I believe strongly in teaching others and being a guide, as opposed to just letting them figure things out alone," she said. "Most companies rarely know who their agents are, and taking the time to know my agents and be there for them is just as important to me as clients. I believe that how I care for them will come out when they're helping others, and I want them to have a good attitude inside and out. Delivering a great experience is equally important for buying a home as it is finding the right home."

Greene's passion for real estate is personal, as home ownership is something she holds near and dear to her heart. She grew up as part of a family that "moved around a lot." So, as an adult, when she got the chance to buy her first home, she felt a great sense of pride in becoming a homeowner.

"One of my strong suits is my ability to problem-solve," she said. "That strength helps because you never know what you're going to run into when it comes to buying

or selling a home. It isn't always a smooth process for every client, and you have to be willing to problemsolve to reach a solution, as well as be willing to find a middle ground, understand both sides, and be willing to go the extra mile. Sometimes you have to plant some flowers or help cut grass to sell a house or view more than three or four houses before a prospective buyer finds the one they like. This is why it is important to have an agent you can trust, that is patient, that is willing to put the client first, and works as a team."

When asked what advice she would give to prospective sellers, she recommends finding an agent that you like and can connect with, as you will be spending a lot of time with that person. "It's important that your relationship and beliefs align, as your agent will be facilitating a great part of the deal. Make sure that your agent is honest, patient, and is local. Having an agent that is familiar with

the area allows them to better sell the house to prospective buyers. They are more familiar with possible selling points that can further help sell the home quicker."

Greene is a native of Morris but currently resides in Pell City with her husband and children. When she is not working, she enjoys fishing, hunting, and being out on her boat.













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\$599,000 - 908 Davis Acres Dr. - RENOVATED one level 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that features family room that opens to sunroom. Downstairs features bedroom with good lake view and bath and outside walkway that extends to the lake and top of the line hoat dock, (2) storage buildings and 2-car garage. MLS 21404382. Call Laurie 205/365-3639.



\$422.500 - 580 Avondale Lane - MOVF-IN READY with this Valley A Floor Plan in New Castle Subdivision that consists of 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (2 bedrooms and 2 baths on main level). The kitchen has tons of counter space and cabinets, large island and walk in pantry. This Smart Home System has large back yard with privacy fence and irrigation system and 2-cal garage. MLS #21388381 Call Adam 205/369-2704



\$624,900 - 260 Riverview Dr. - YEAR ROUND LIVING with this charming bedroom, 3.5 bath 1.5 story home that features open family room with massive stacked stone fireplace, kitchen with solid surface countertops, ample cabinets reakfast room, separate dining room and master bedroom all on main level Upstairs features nice walkway overlooking family room and has (2) bedroom: and bath. Daylight basement is finished with large den and bonus room. Enjoy the open deck or screened porch that overlooks gentle slope waterfront lot that is fences and private dock. MLS #21394568 Call Brenda 205/812-4141



\$575,000 - 155 Nottingham Dr. - BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM- BUILT BRICK 4 bed 5073/JUD - 150 NOUTINGHAIN IV. - BCRUIT CLUSION - BUT DANKEY EVENUOUS. 3.5 bath home located in Archers Bend Subdivision. Home features family room with fireplace, dining room, and main level master sule with lucurious amenities of jetted tub, standing shower, double vanities and large walk-in closet. Three bedrooms located upstairs provide ample space with two ms sharing a Jack-n-Jill bathroom, one with private bath. Finished basement with large family room and an office and 2- car garage. MLS #21398728 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$425,000 - 805 N Lakeshore Dr. - COZY CABIN STYLE 4 bedroom, 2 batl ome that is perfect for the full time or weekender for a peaceful retreat that features open floor plan with eat-in kitchen, bar, den and stacked stone fireplace. French doors open to the recently added heated and cooled sunroom with extensive and unencumbered views of Logan Martin Lake. Nice, sloping lot with over 140' of waterfront with (2) piers and one with boat over. MLS #21393737 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$390,000 - 107 Viewpoint Circle, Pell City - LAKE ACCESS with this 2-story 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with living room with fireplace dining room and den with firenlace. Some undates. Nice view of the lake and 4 car garage on main level. MLS 21366542. Call Karen 295/473-4613.



\$424,900 - 543 Avondale Lane - MOVE IN READY with this 2 Story 5 bedroom, 4 bath home located in new subdivision of Sumter Landing. The home features living room with fireplace and spacious home with many upgrades. MLS #21385798 Call Adam 205/369-2704



990,000 - 332 Driftwood Point Road - BREATHTAKING VIEWS from this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home located on the main channel of Logan Martin Lake. The home features living room with 20' ceilings with wood beams, dining room, (2) kitchens, mater suite with fireplace and French loors that open to sunroom. Basement features den with fireplace, on of the kitchens, 2 of the bedrooms, bath and another book up for laundry room, Gentle slope to the water with gazebo, in ground pool with perimeter fenced, boathouse with lift and 2-car garage plus extra parking space. MLS #21402508 Call Blair 205/812-5377



Se24,999 - 5024 Collins Dr, Pell City - NEW CONSTRUCTION! This custom built 4 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom home is perfect for entertaining family and friends with the open floor plan consisting of the family room with a floor to ceiling stacked stone fireplace, high ceilings which opens to an inviting order's dream bitches, large grantle ber with seating, stainless steel appliances, an abundance of calinets, a port filler, and a castom built hood and just around the corner of the kitchen is a dedicated dining room. The master suite is focated on the main level with trey ceilings, his and her vaniles; free standing tub, filled shower, and a large walk in closet. Upstairs is another 3 bedrooms with a full bathroom.



\$475,000 - 705 Watson Rd - BEAUTIFUL 4-sided brick 1.5 story 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that features layout of spacious family living all on main level with family room, dining room, plus one bedroom with full bath upstairs, in-ground saltwater pool with outdoor entertainment area with perimeter fencing and 2-car garage, MLS #21395476 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$389,900 90 Highland View Dr. - NEW CONSTRUCTION - One level 3 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan home that features family room that opens to kitchen with large pantry/storage , master suite with his/hers walk in closet, separate vanity and bonus room off master bath that can be private office or whatever needed. Extra room in unfinished bonus room upstairs, 2-car garage and located conveniently to I-20 and town MLS # 21390845 Call Brenda 205/812-4141



\$289,900 - 75 Leonard Court - BEAUTIFUL VIEWS from this 3 bedroom, 2 bath WATERFRONT doublewide with screened porch, large open deck and dock with floating pier attached. LOTS OF POTENTIAL for a great waterfront price. MLS# 21403820 Call Blair 205-884-2300



\$639.999 - 5006 Collins Dr. - REAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION with this 5 hedroom 3 bath 2 story home that features family room with stacked stone fireplace, chef's fream kitchen complete with oversized island with farm house sink, breakfast nook and an outdoor entertainment area on 2 lotss that includes covered patio and a stacked stone fireplace. Upstairs with an oversized playroom/bedroom and 2 of the bedrooms and a full bath. Located in subdivision with community boat launch and ons area. MLS #21395979 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$279.500 - 285 Seddon Farms lane - BFAUTIFUL 2 bedroom, 1,5 bath home that features living room, dining room and master bedroom with a high vaulted ceiling and galley style kitchen. Upstairs has a huge unfinished area that could easily be (2) bedroom and bath and has 2.car garage. MLS 21405254. Call Carey 205/901-0652



\$369,900 - 175 Smithfield Lane - WELL MAINTAINED 4 bedroom, 3 bath 1.5 Story home that features family room with fireplace, dining room meat in kitchen with beautiful cabinetry and the 4th bedroom is located downstairs and 2-car garage. MLS 21403823. Call Laurie 205/365-3639

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### **595 DABBS LANE** LINCOLN, AL 35096

MLS# 21406672

\$1,200,000

This is a hidden gem on Logan Martin lake. With a panoramic view on 5.6 Acres, over 3000 ft of waterfront, this unique property offers a variety of choices for its use. A home sits on a small knoll overlooking the breathtaking views of the land and lake, large windows, stone/brick fireplace, recently updated finishes, carport make a great home place. Other amenities include 1000 sq ft of wrap around porches, 165 covered. 575 Sq ft garage/workshop with power and water, 1300 ft detatched RV spot used for rental income, 4-5 additional spots stubbed for water and power (3-30 amp, 1-50 amp). There is another 100 amp service for the land in front of the house. Additional amenities include: bathhouse, shower house, a boat launch, a large pavillon with enclosed outdoor kitchen area, 420 ft of seawall on northern end of the point. The water system is a filtration system pumped from the lake. This can be an income producing property, a family compound or just a great place to live.















104 HAWTHORNE ST, TALLADEGA, AL 35160 4 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS MLS# 21403578 **\$299,900** 



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6470 Winslow Dr, Trussville **\$449,000** 

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



175 Smithfield Ln., Springville \$369.900

Welcome to this beautifully maintained 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home located in the desirable Springville community. Spanning 2,210 square feet, this property has 3 Bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on the main level with another bedroom and full bathroom and den in the finished basement and with a large unfinished basement spacious enough to park 3cars!



503 Markeeta Rd., Leeds

\$334,900

Investment Property or Church-Need a place of worship, school, or wedding venue? This beautiful church building has been well takencare of and includes all of the furnishings such as pews, tables, chairs, and audio and visual equipment. Recent remodeled basement includes a fellowship hall, new appliances, new countertops, and new tile flooring.



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

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



121 Vann Cir., Trussville **\$349,900** 

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



## 5006 Collins Dr, Pell City **\$639,999**

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



500 Old Margaret Rd, Odenville \$194,500

This inviting 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home offers the perfect blend of comfort and serenity. Enjoy relaxing on your covered front porch, or for a quieter retreat, head to the back porch to take in the peaceful, level lot.



## 398 Andrew Ln., Odenville **\$245,000**

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



5024 Collins Dr, Pell City **\$624,999** 

has an abundance of upgrades! The oversized lot sits majestically in the beautiful subdivision of The Reserve with boat launch and common area. The outdoor patio comes complete with a stacked stone fireplace and sitting area perfect for enjoying family and friends.



705 Watson Rd, Cropwell

\$478,000

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



805 N Lakeshore Dr.

\$424,000

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



155 Nottingham Dr, Pell city

**\$585,000** 

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

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



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5022 Forest Dr. Pell City, AL 35128 MLS# 21396635

\$749,900 LAKE FRONT



112 Harbor Pointe Dr, Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21382123

\$399,900

#### **LAKE ACCESS**



593 W. Sunset Dr. Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21395716

\$418,900 LAKE FRONT



230 Tomahawk Trail Riverside, AL 35135 MLS# 21406264 \$39,900

LAKE ACCESS



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64 Elm Way, Lincoln, AL 35096 MLS #21397329 \$289,900



233 Digby Rd. Oxford, AL 36203 MLS # 21395360 \$189,900



475 River Forest Ln. Ste 4150 Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21406266

\$299,900 LAKE ACCESS



475 River Forest Ln. Ste 2430 Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21395345

\$329,900 LAKE ACCESS



84 Harbor Pointe Dr. Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21400231 \$399\_900

\$399,900 LAKE ACCESS



475 River Forest Ln. Ste 4420 Talladega, AL 35160 MLS# 21396611

\$264,900 LAKE ACCESS



1240 Levine Rd. Odenville, AL 35120 MLS# 21400104

\$49,900



Point Aquarius Alpine, AL 35014 MLS# 21402493 LAKE \$13,900 ACCESS



946 Silver Run Road Munford, AL 36268 MLS# 21406490

\$199,900



75128 Highway 77 S Lincoln, AL 35096 MLS# 21398124 COMMERCI \$449,900 PROPERTY





Autumn Ln, Pell City Lot 13

\$27,900



**35 Waters Edge Cv, Alpine** 4 BR, 3 BA

<sup>\$</sup>1,650,000



105 Wildwood Trail, Leeds

3 BR, 2 BA

\$170,000



**140 S Lake shore Dr., Talladega** 3 BR, 2 BA

\$615,000



**612 Chaffee St, Talladega** 4 BR. 7 BA

\$525,000



0 Annesley Dr. # 0, Pell City

2.5 Acres

\$399,900









**638 Davis Acre Dr, Alpine** 6BR, 4BA

\$687,000



7th Avenue N, Pell City Land/Lot

\$150,000



30 Pinewell Dr, Cropwell

5 BR, 3.5 BA - 26 Acres

\$875,000



75 River Oaks Cir. Cropwell 3 BR, 2 BA

\$424,900



84 Blue Eye Rd W #16, Lincoln Lot/Land

\$25,000



17 Summit Ln Lincoln 2 BR, 1 BA

\$115,000



350 Woodland Trl, Pell City

\$2**70,000** 



551 Liberty Shores Dr, Vincent

20 Acres

\$243,500



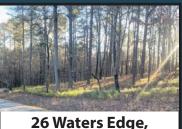
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Lot/Land

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26 Waters Edge, Pell City

Land/Lot

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250 Schall Drive Ragland 3 BR, 2 BA

\$269,000



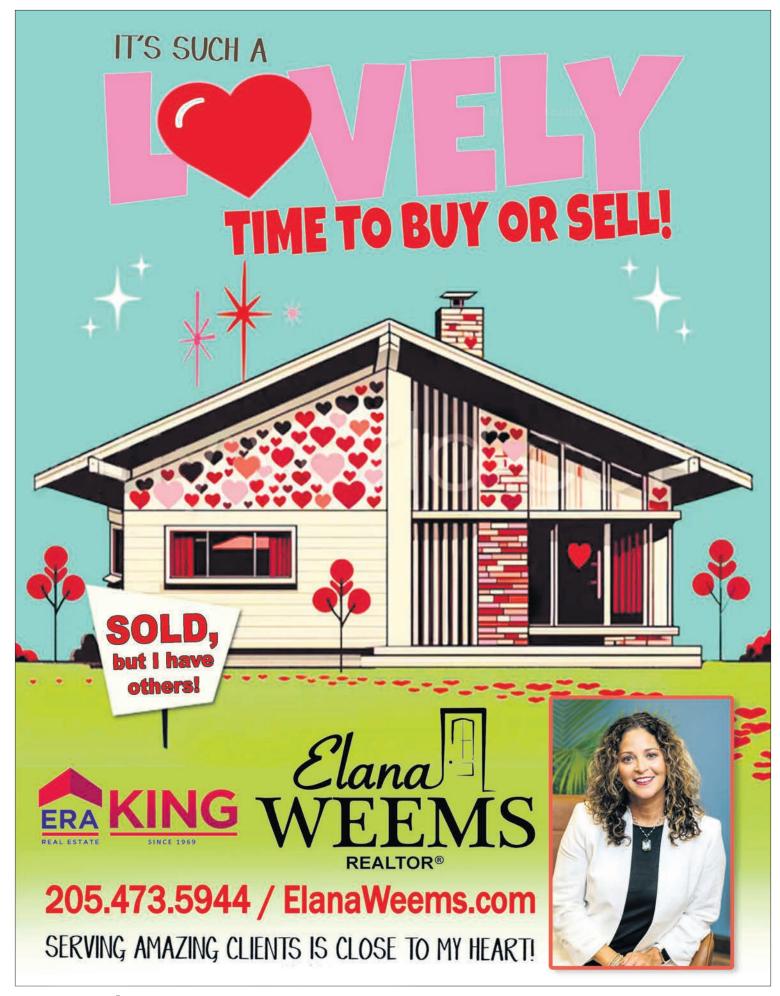
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#### 234 Henderson Ln Talladega, \$1,100,000

Estate on the Lake!! Large level lot approx 1.53 acres, Best of both worlds Sunrise and sunset views. Two stories of beauty. Massive crown molding and columns. Gorgeous kitchen with 6 eye gas stove and tons of counter space. Large pantry and a "pot room". Keeping room with a fireplace adjoining sunroom/ eat in kitchen area. Master on the main floor plus an office, formal dining room. Upstairs is 4 more bedrooms and 3 baths. One being a 2nd master with a very spacious closet and fireplace. Sit quietly in your reading room overlooking the lake. Great Room with two story ceilings and windows with a fireplace, double garage and a supersized out building. Double stall boathouse and boat launch. Plus much much more! MLS 21394714



## 6400 Riviere Dr. Pell City, \$650,000

A diamond in the rough..... Pine Harbor large level lot with fabulous sunrise and moonrise views. Boat house and seawall. Four bedrooms and four full baths. Two bedrooms walk out onto a porch overlooking the lake. Great room with vaulted ceilings and brick fireplace. Eat in space in the kitchen plus an eat up bar. Double car garage with sprinkler system installed for fire safety and a golf cart door. Double car carport or makes a great outdoor space. Two large screen porches one with a Michael Phelps swim spa plus a separate covered porch. Large patio area for family functions and grilling. A studio apartment (4th bedroom) upstairs includes a kitchen, bath and large living area with a huge closet. Great natural light for an art studio or crafting room. This home has so much to offer a must to see. MLS 21391774



#### 11 Pine Harbor Road Pell City, \$100,000

WOW !! What a buy... A business sitting at the mouth of Pine Harbor. The Kitchen seats 45 people and 13 tables. A separate prep kitchen with an office. Plenty of parking. The Kitchen comes fully functional with 4 microwaves, 6 refrigerators, a 12 x 12 walk in stainless master built walk in cooler, 2 toasters, 4 1/2 ft x 2 1/2 ft gas grill, 2 gas fryers, commercial 2 door refrigerator, prep bar, Ref/Freezer, 28 cubic ft freezer, 24 x 10 quartz center island, 3 compartment stainless sink, 1 hand washing sink, hood system fire suppression, commercial stand up dishwasher. Plus much more. Covered Picnic area with smoker and 3 picnic tables. Out building does not remain. MLS 1359591



#### 35714 Us Highway 231, Ashville, \$180,000

MLS 21398749 Looking for that starter home or empty nester? Here it is. Two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Spacious rooms, with an open floor plan. Dining room, sunroom, large great room. Big level lot approx 1 acre. Small town feel. Covenant to Birmingham and Gadsden. Just minutes to I-59. The roof is 2 yrs old, HVAC is 5 yrs old.



#### 112 Charter Drive, Pell City \$290,000

Here is what you've been waiting for: A luxury lake access condo in a gated community. Charters Landing! This luxury condo is just over 1800 sf one level with a spacious open living area. The kitchen has all the upgrades expected with granite and stainless steel appliances. The security system is an added plus. Two spacious bedrooms, 2 full baths. Large dining room and an office area/separate sitting area, Just off the entrance is a breezeway for you to enjoy with a beautiful view of the lake. There's a Firepit area for your enjoyment. Don't worry about a place for your boat. There is a deeded boat slip located near the common area with two Seadoo slips. There are 4 parking spaces for your own personal use. There is additional parking for all your guests. There are several tennis / pickleball courts located just steps away that are lighted for night time enjoyment. New HVAC unit put in 2022. Call now!



#### 101 Paradise Isle Unit 101, Riverside, \$299,000

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#### 1128 Driving Range Road, Cropwell, \$398,000

This beautiful 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home sits on 5.3 acres of land and offers the perfect blend of comfort and security. The full brick exterior and 1-level design provide easy living with a double garage for convenience. Inside, enjoy hardwood flooring throughout, a spacious walk-in shower, and a whole-house generator for peace of mind. The security system with cameras, both inside and outside, ensures your safety at all times. Includes spacious screened porch perfect for relaxing and enjoying the nature. Home is specially designed for loved ones with disability, including a Maxie Sky-lift system and other special need amenities. This home is ideal for those seeking a private, secure retreat with all the modern amenities.







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