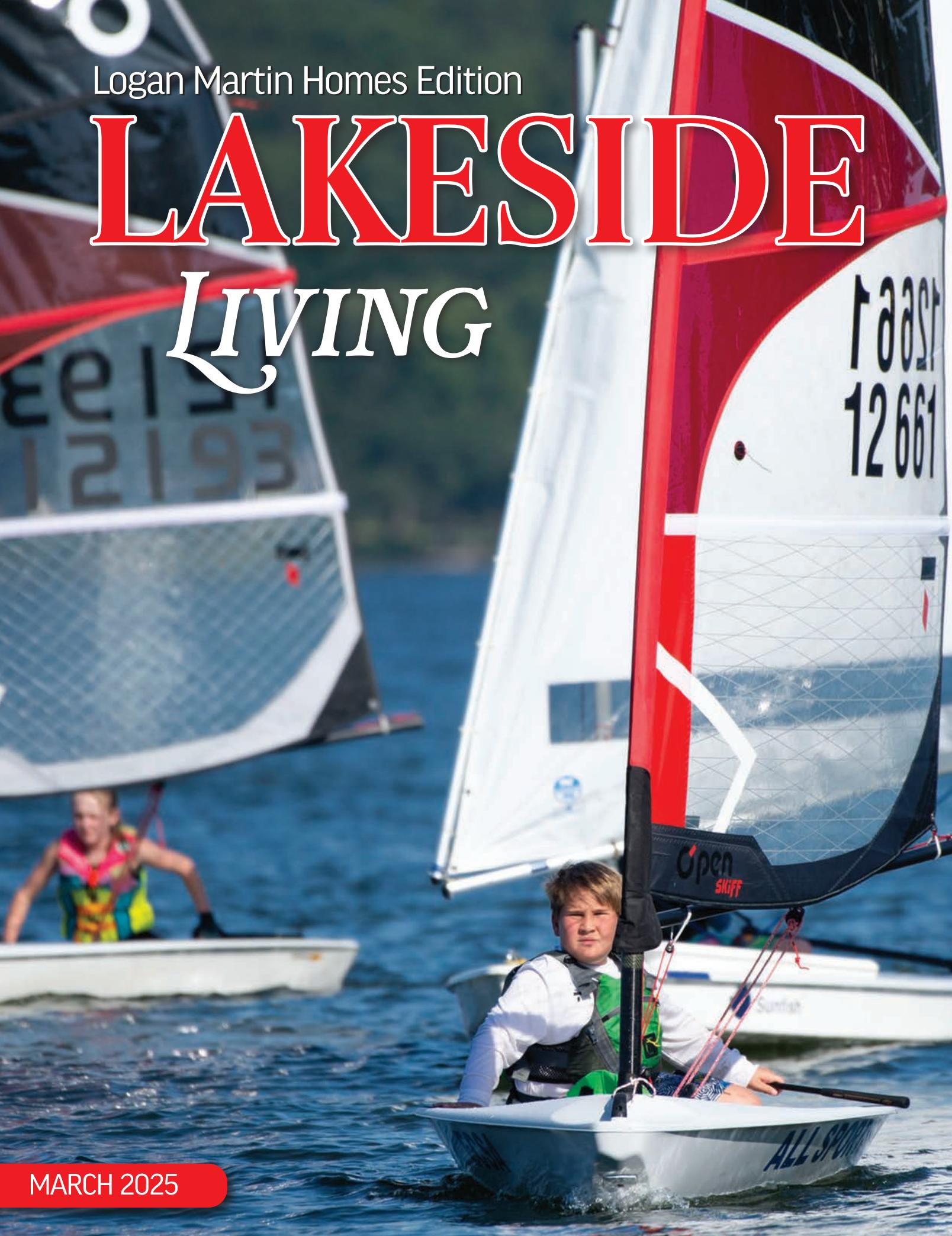


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# EDITOR'S NOTE

## It's all a game

**P**lanning, coordinating, and photographing one of this month's features took me back in time.

Back to high school, specifically, when I'd be sitting with my old buddy Scott Reynolds in Jerry Money's homeroom class. Scott and I played some kind of game to pass the time just about every day, either in homeroom or during our weekly activity period. Neither of us was into the club scene, so we'd spend activity period playing chess or checkers or some card game. When we weren't doing that, we'd be on Mr. Money's TRS-80 computer competing as jockeys in a digital horserace or trying to strike it rich while operating a hot dog stand.

Scott was usually better than I was at just about every game we played, but that didn't matter. We just had some fun, two guys who had known each other since second grade killing time between classes with some entertaining diversions. It was the last time I played board games on a regular basis.

Board games had been a big part of my childhood. I owned a stack of them almost as tall as I was: board games based on TV game shows, movies, and children's shows, and games that required thought, strategy, and skill. I loved them all, and if I got bored with those, I made up my own.



My favorite was Monopoly. My parents played Monopoly, so it was a grown-up game from my perspective, and I was happy any time I could get permission to use their board. I played it by myself, going around and around the board trying to collect as much money as I could. When my brother was old enough to understand the game, I played it with him. We kept a game running that I don't think we ever finished. Time came to stop playing, we'd make exhaustive notes detailing how much money we had, who owned which properties, and where we were on the board so we could pick back up the next day.

Monopoly is still my favorite. So fast forward 37 years from homeroom, and I'm looking at a colorful rectangular box on an endcap at Walmart in Sylacauga. Sylacauga\*opoly, the box said. "There's a story here for the magazine," I said to myself.

When I offered it to Dr. Sarah

Elizabeth Moreman, one of our regular contributors, I had in mind a lighthearted gathering with conversation centering around the game and the Marble City. But Sarah Elizabeth and fellow gamesters Renee, Candace, and Valerie turned it into something much more than that: an elevated, philosophical discussion that's a testament to the power of something as simple as a board game to bring people together, exchange ideas, and learn from one another. The good doctor's description of their morning together will make you feel as if you're right there with them. I'm proud of the work she's done on it, and I hope you'll enjoy it.

Just as I hope you'll enjoy a visit to the Stinson home, seeing American white pelicans through Tim Badgwell's camera lens, and an excursion to Angler's Pointe. As always, thank you for joining us.

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The winter haunts are slowly turning into sunshine and warmer winds. This is a magical time for all life in the water, especially the gamefish that inhabit the Coosa River system. A tailwind of new environmental changes will trigger bass and crappie to begin feeding in preparation for the spawn. This time is what fisherman refer to as the pre-spawn.

The pre-spawn is my absolute favorite time of year to target quantities of bass and crappie. Both quality and quantity will collide, as these fish are stocky and at their peak weight and in mass numbers, just before the spawn.

If you can find the magic spot, catching fish will be abundant.

Crappie will congregate in creek channels

near spawning grounds. This is a great time to troll. Simply cast out your jigs or minnows and troll the lures behind the boat. Once the lures intersect the hungry feeding fish, rods will bend and the fight will be on.

Bass will also suspend in these creek channels. The best way to target them will be to use technology, such as the Livescope system. If you don't have the latest technological fish finders, no worries. Bass will also congregate on main and secondary points, and small crankbaits such as shad raps and lipless crankbaits will work great in these scenarios. Look to target points and stretches that have a clay bank. Bass will congregate around these clay bank areas. Channel swing banks near spawning pockets will produce fish throughout the month of March.

My top bait for crappie trolling will be the Charlie Brewer Slider on a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -ounce jig, and my top lure for the bass fisherman is a shad-colored or crawfish-colored Booyah Rat-L-Trap. Sunshine and warm winds are near, good luck out on the water!

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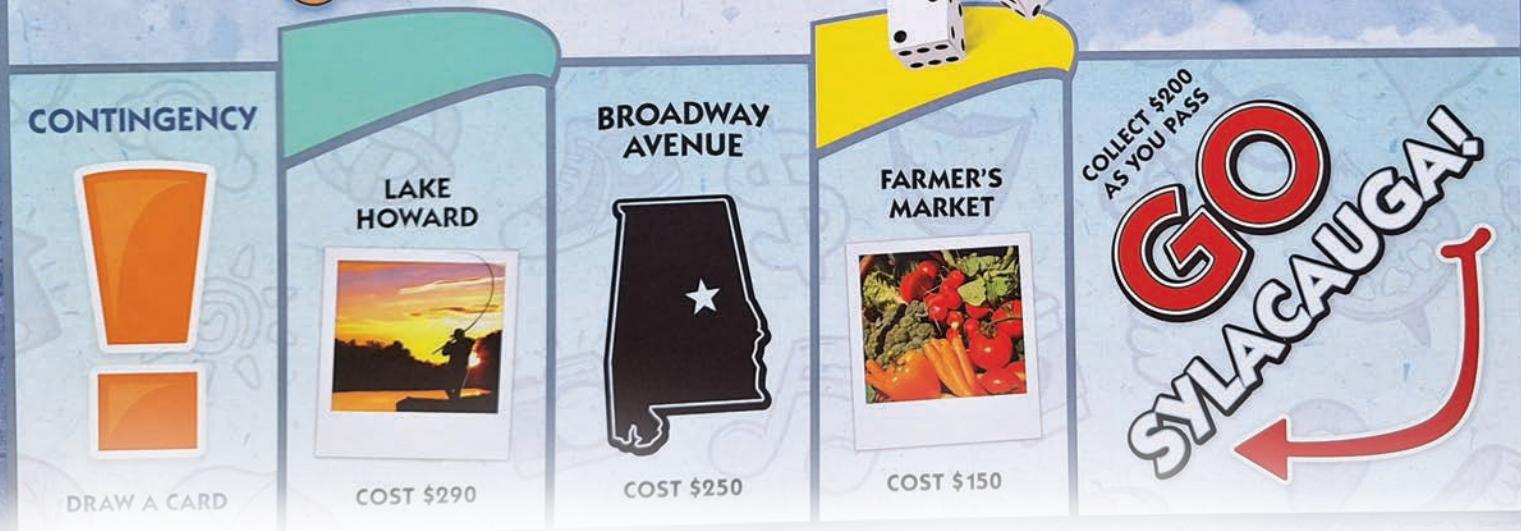


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Written by **DR. SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN**

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My voice trails off as I close the book on my third poetry collection titled *threeS into infinity*. Looking into the eyes of my students, I smile as I continue sharing how poetry is about expressing our voices, using the art of language to give more layers to proverbially wax poetic on moments that mean something to us. Leaning closer to add intrigue to my lecture, I lower my voice to softly state how the elements of poetry allow us to enjoy life more. Standing up in one fluid motion, I sweep my arm towards the windows, where the storm rages outside, rivulets streaming down the glass.

"See how dark and gloomy it looks out there? Let's reframe. Rather than focusing on being wet and miserable, we can choose the cozy moments, sipping hot cocoa, snuggling under a blanket, or getting lost in a good book. The rain can be romantic, not about romance, but the feeling of peace and



Candice Hightower, Renee Smith, Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Moreman, and Valerie Ogle

quiet," I smile before glancing at my smartphone. Then, raising my voice, I dismiss the class. "Okay, have a wonderful weekend! See you Monday!"

The students surge toward the door in a cacophonous wave



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as I snap off the projector and log out of my accounts before restarting the computer for the next instructor's use. I wave at those who call out "Bye, Dr. Moreman!" as I hurry through in my wrap-up routine to get on the road for a unique gathering in Sylacauga. It is a damp Wednesday morning in mid-February, still early in the day. What makes this gathering even more special is that I would be meeting a former student in person for the first time. She took one of my online five-week English Composition II classes a year ago, and we connected on social media.

Stepping outside from the front doors of the Jefferson State Community College–Chilton-Clanton campus building, I twist open my umbrella. I glance down at my dark red Hunter rain boots before calmly making my way across the waterlogged parking lot to the hulking black SUV that waits to carry me across the state of Alabama. Weaving the vehicle along the curvy asphalt of Lay Dam Road, which transforms into County Road 55, I pass through small towns of Flagg Mountain with names that are difficult to pronounce, like Weogufka.

The vivid green of the forest framing the asphalt contrasts juxtaposes with the dark billowing clouds nicely. My thoughts drift back to the past, parallel to the longleaf and loblolly pines and hardwoods, to the moment a few weeks earlier when my editor pitched the idea involving a boardgame featuring the City of Sylacauga. I recall responding with enthusiasm as I stepped inside Kermit's Key Lime store in Key West after

running the first two parts of the race challenge. I had to have my Key Lime fix. While gathering a variety of Key Lime goodies, my eyes fell on a Key West edition of Monopoly. I laughed before picking it up to buy, sharing with my aunt and running coach what my editor had pitched for me to experience and write about. Through my travels, I have come to learn that the best way to know a city or area is by walking, not by any other mode of transportation.

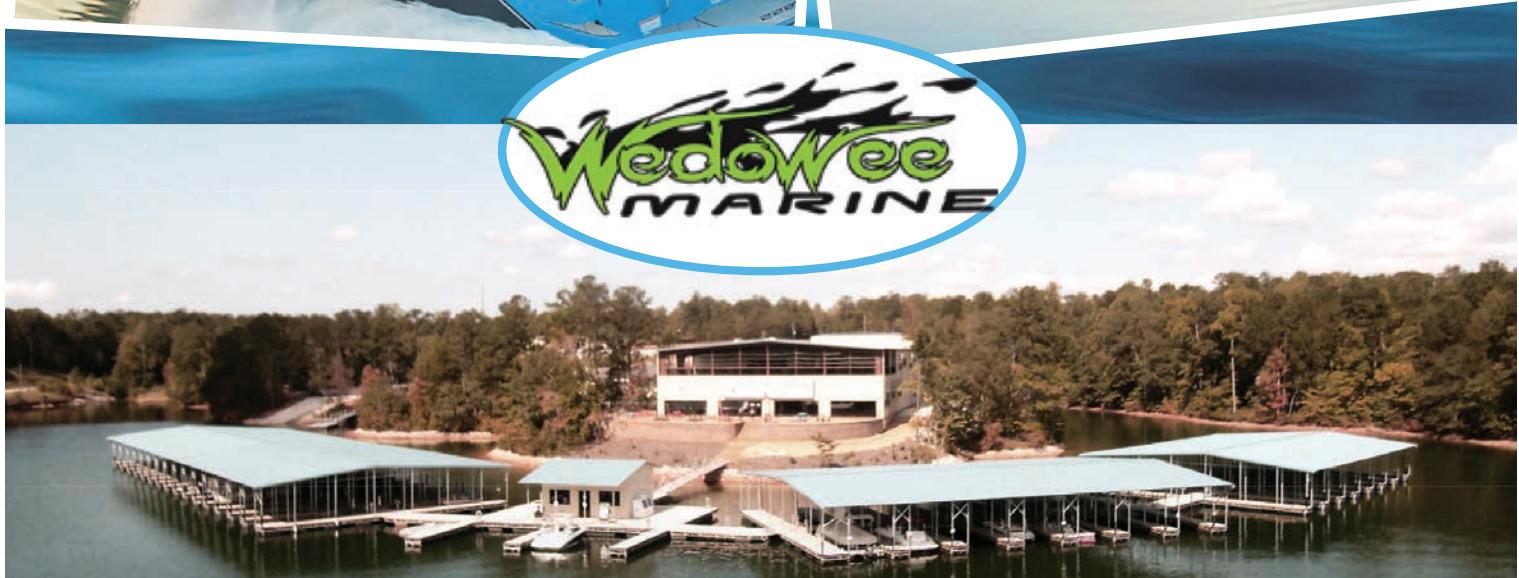
Turning off the GPS on my phone as I drive past First Baptist Church of Sylacauga, I take in the artistry of the new downtown mural painted by Birmingham artist Stephen Smith, illustrating a panoramic view of the Imerys-Gantts Quarry Observation Site. Even under the heavy dark rains, the artwork stands out, drawing my admiration as I continue past the heart of the downtown storefronts toward B. B. Comer Memorial Library.

With my best friends of an umbrella and good red Hunter rain boots, I make my way to the entrance, shaking the excess water from the umbrella. It is the best kind, the one that closes inward to trap water inside and prevent leaks, unless I leave it open to dry out. The foyer of the library greets me with its intricate floor design, an eight-pointed star painted in black and grey atop large off-white tiled squares. Beyond this artwork is an impressive staircase that leads up, flanked by several pathways to explore the library, with marble sculptures on display.

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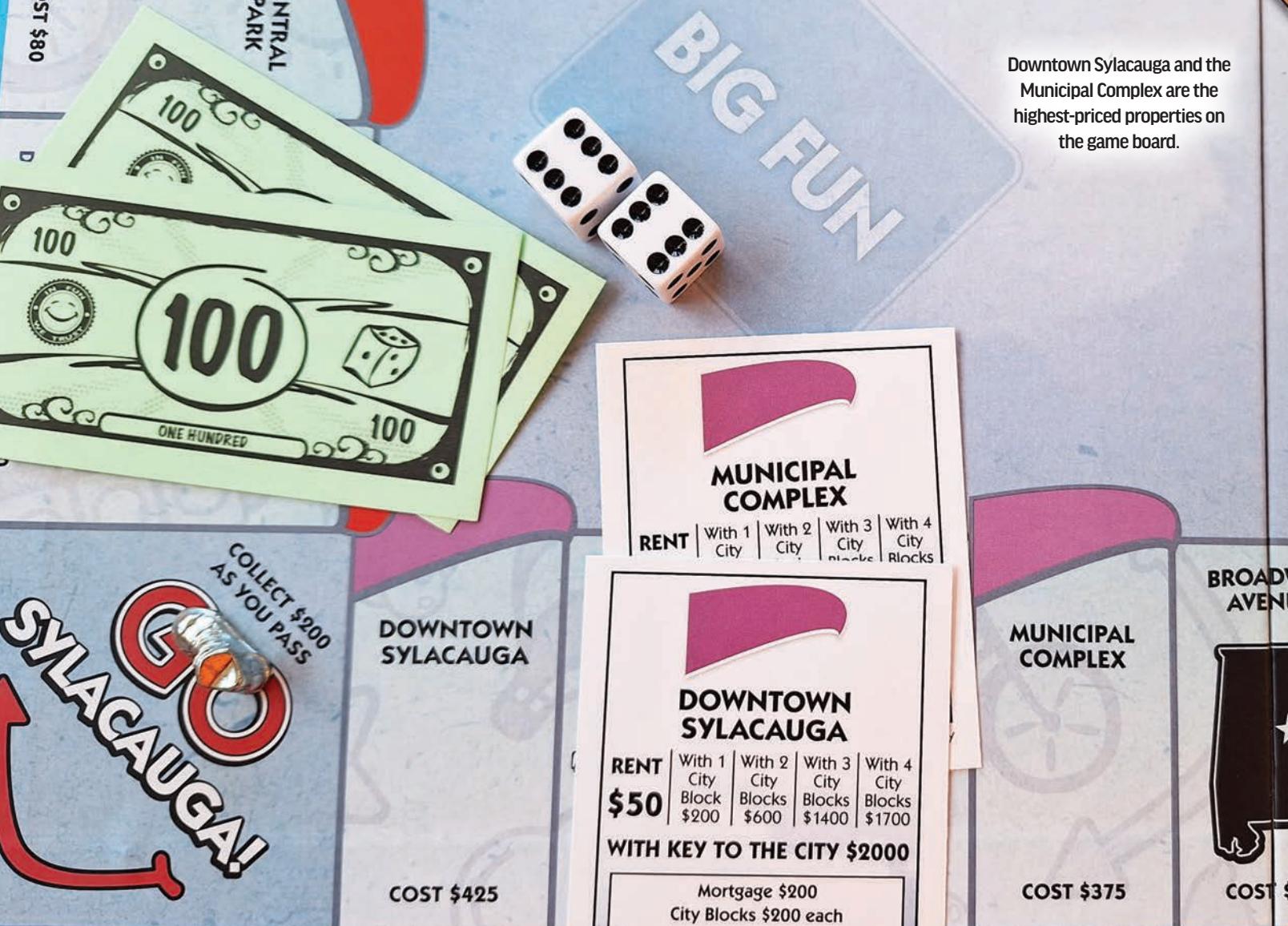


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Downtown Sylacauga and the Municipal Complex are the highest-priced properties on the game board.

After a sweeping glance at the vast collection of marble sculptures, promising myself a closer look after this gathering, I veer to the right and spot the ladies sitting in a small conference room inside a glassed-in space. Looking up, I see the gold lettering on the wall over the glass reading, Cornelia M. Foote Reading Room, and I greet them as they see me coming to the door. Further into the room stands my editor, Buddy. I wave at him before addressing the ladies at the table. I immediately recognize Candice Hightower, my former student by her radiant smile, which I have seen shine through her submitted writings, and I confirm it is her from the pictures I have seen on her social media.

I meet her colleague Renee Smith, director of the Senior Behavioral Unit at Coosa Valley Medical Center, where Candice serves as the community education manager. I then turn to meet the youngest lady of our gathering, Valerie Ogle, Miss Sylacauga 2023. After the exchange of introductions, smiles, and compliments on our education and work, we turn our attention to the Sylacauga-opoly gameboard, which seems to be waiting to be introduced. I immediately note the differences from the classic Monopoly game, such as the absence of Railroad spaces. Instead, they are replaced by the main streets

of Sylacauga. The player tokens are fewer, only five: a dog, a pretzel, a heart, smiling lips, and a Converse-style sneaker.

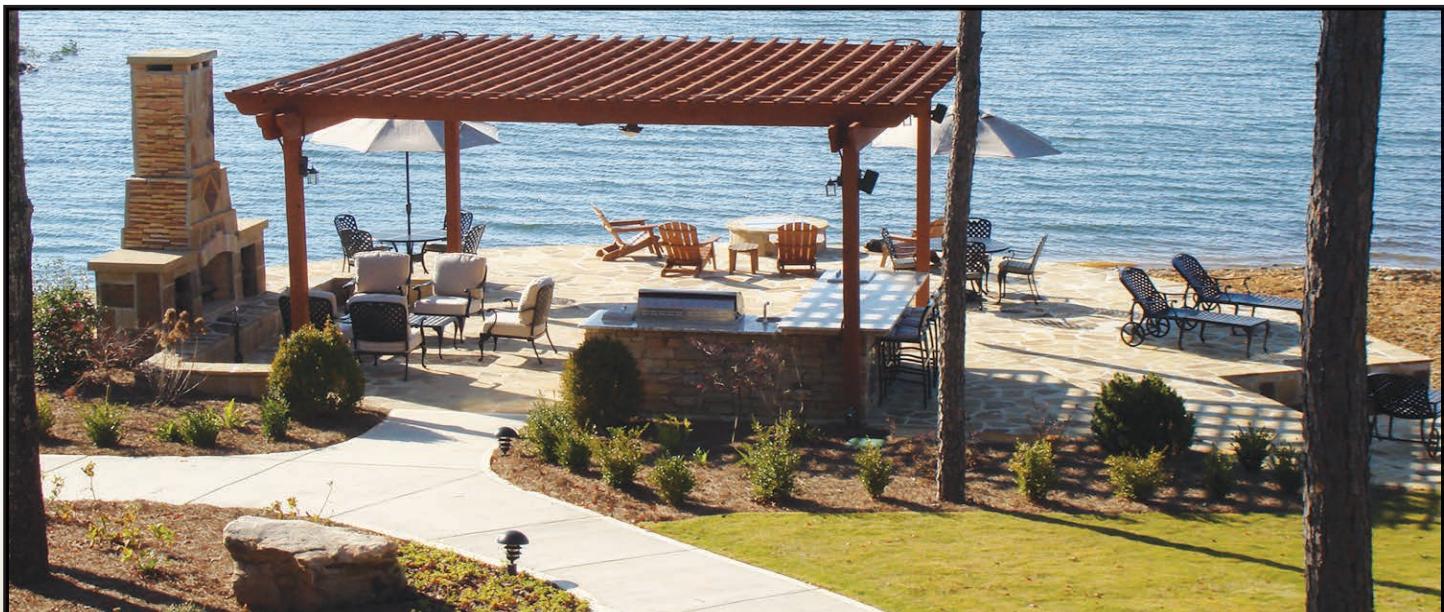
After a few seconds of uncertainty about how to begin the game, Valerie speaks up, asking who would like to be the banker. Her question startles me, making me realize how long it has been since I played a game of Monopoly. I softly laugh, "Wow, I think the last time I played was when I was a teenager." Saying this makes me realize how busy I have been and how little I take the time to stop and play games. Playing cards, not poker other than the time I participated in the Riverside Poker Run at Logan Martin Lake last summer, do not count because I typically play solitaire. Playing games is a fun bonding time, a way to be part of a community, big or small.

Seeing that a quick refresher is needed, Valerie jumps in with a detailed explanation about the banker's role and how other players will interact with the game. Without needing to exchange a glance, Renee, Candice, and I unanimously prompt Valerie to take on the role as the banker. As she counts the paper money to distribute, I reach into my navy tote bag to grab more colored pens for notetaking while we play. Noticing that we have yet chosen our player tokens, I pick up the bag and tear it open.

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Holding up the dog token, I ask, "Is there a dog mascot in Sylacauga?"

Candice and Valerie respond with, "The Samford Bulldog," referring to Samford University in Birmingham, Candice's alma mater where she earned her degree in liberal studies, while also completing the required English composition classes under my tutelage at Jefferson State Community College. Valerie attends the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford, where she will graduate in 2027.

"All right," I say in my teacher's voice, "back when I used to play the classic Monopoly game, we always used the top hat as a paperweight to hold the money in the center of the board. But before we get started, I would like each of you to pick a piece to play with. Once you have chosen, share with us why you picked it and what it represents to you."

Across the table from me, Renee raises a hand. "The smile," she says.

With a soft "Let me give it to her," Candice picks up the lips token and hands it to her.

At my encouraging nod, Renee continues, "I was told I have a pretty smile." We all agree; her smile is not just pretty – it's dazzling beautiful.

I then look at Candice, who says, "I think I'm going to choose the pretzel, because of my charcuterie business."

Valerie then picks up the hand token, saying, "I'm going with the hand, because I took a hands-on approach to bringing the community service of Miss Sylacauga to the area."

With a self-deprecating grin, I retrieve the shoe token. "I am getting this, because –ahem–of my shoe collection, which is quite a conversation piece. I have a lot!" I hand the heart token to Valerie, asking her to place it on top of the \$500 bill that covers "Sylacauga-opoly."

"You start," Valerie says to Renee, who shakes the two dice before rolling them onto the board. Conversation then relaxes into tea party-like chatter, such as where to get the best Italian food in Sylacauga, which is Giovanni's. Candice often uses them to cater at the hospital, as the delivery is convenient with the door to their unit providing an easy entrance for deliveries.

When my turn comes and my shoe token lands on Norton Avenue, a counterpart to Monopoly's original Railroad property, I announce that I will buy this property.

"I used to live on Norton Avenue," someone says as I hand Valerie two \$100 bills and a \$50.

On the next round, I buy another property, this time Marble Festival for \$190. Given its location on the board, I quickly notice how others keep landing on my Marble Festival property, and I continue collecting \$16 in rent. As the game progresses, the dice clatter on the board, and snippets of conversation drift through the air, creating a camaraderie that feels easy and relaxed.

A few rounds later, my shoe token lands on Kymulga Grist Mill and Covered Bridge property. When I start pulling \$270 from my dwindling bank account, I listen to Candice telling me about the historical landmark.

"It's in Childersburg, an old mill. They have the grits festival



every year. You can get street corn and face painting. It's in the late spring or early summer, because it's not too hot. It takes place in the parking lot around the covered bridge. People can walk the property and fish if they want to. It's really neat."

Valerie grabs the dice for her turn. After moving the number of spaces indicated by the sum of both dice, she announces that she will buy Legion Stadium.

"Legion Stadium is where the annual Sylacauga City Schools Foundation race is held, which was my first event as Miss Sylacauga," she shares. "We had a 5K and 10K. My first duty as Miss Sylacauga was to cut the shoestrings off of the racers."

After several rounds, with others already enduring traffic jams, property taxes, and whatever fines the contingency cards throw at us, Valerie reminds me when I find myself in a traffic jam: "When you're sent to the traffic jam, you go directly there and you don't pass 'Go,' so you don't collect two hundred dollars. You can leave by rolling doubles on any



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of your next three rolls. If you're successful, you move forward but don't roll again. If you don't roll doubles within three turns, you must place one hundred dollars in the center of the board and move forward the number of spaces on the third rule. While in the traffic jam, a player may buy or sell property, buy or sell city, bucks, or keys in the city and collector..."

Her explanation overwhelms me a bit. I am not sure I prefer traffic jams to being sent to the original Monopoly jail. I try to roll for an 8, as for some reason, 8 has become my lucky number in this game. This time, I only get a 1 and a 4. Groaning, I hand the dice over to Valerie, the next player. Renee, unlike me, has had the good fortune of rolling doubles.

When Renee lands on my Marble Festival property again, despite her luck with rolling doubles, Valerie shares some details about the annual Marble Festival in Sylacauga. "It's a week-long event where people from all over come and sculpt marble structures. A lot of them are actually displayed in the library. If you go look around, you'll see many from this year. It's really a cool festival, a whole week of watching artists do their thing."

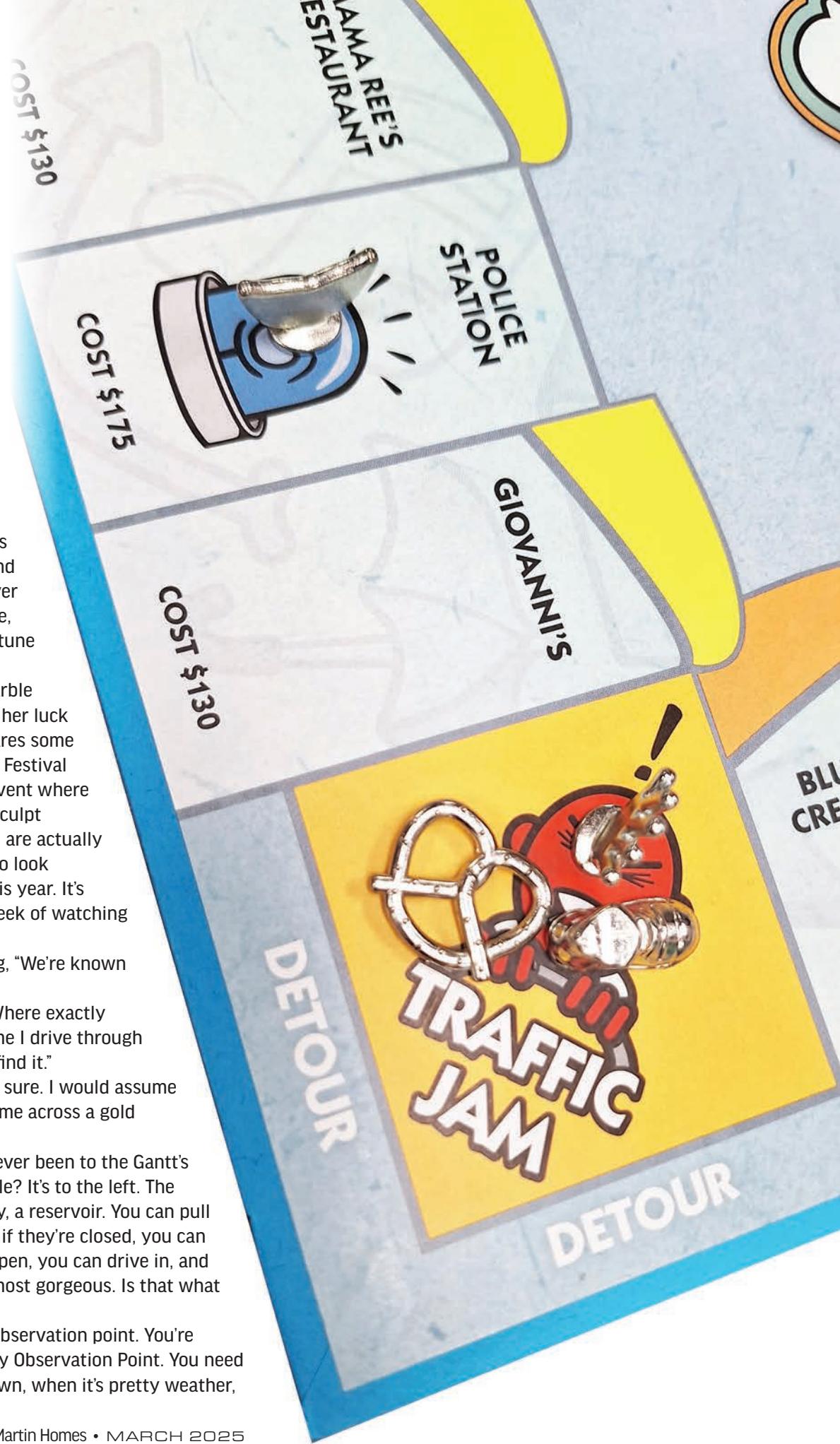
She pauses before continuing, "We're known for our marble here."

I lean toward her and ask, "Where exactly can I find this marble? Every time I drive through Sylacauga, I can never seem to find it."

Valerie nods. "I'm not exactly sure. I would assume maybe it's the same way you come across a gold mine. It's just the marble mine."

Buddy interjects, "Have you ever been to the Gantt's Quarry on the way to Fayetteville? It's to the left. The marble quarry has, well, let's say, a reservoir. You can pull over if the gates are open. Even if they're closed, you can still see it. But if the gates are open, you can drive in, and it's this beautiful lake. It is the most gorgeous. Is that what you are referring to, isn't it?"

Candice responds, "Yes, the observation point. You're absolutely right. The Gantt Corey Observation Point. You need to go one day when you're in town, when it's pretty weather,



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and just see. It's one of those places that makes you want to swim, but you can't. It's really dangerous. It's very deep, and that's where they mine for the marble."

I let out a small laugh, considering how the depths of the water make it dangerous, then ask for confirmation.

Candice adds, "Yes, but the water is so pure and clean because they've dug so deep into that reservoir. It looks like something straight out of a movie. It's gorgeous."

Realizing it is my turn, I turn to Valerie and sigh, "How am I going to get out of the traffic jam?"

After being told to pay \$200, I drag out small bills to free myself, but I still cannot move until the next round. I watch others continue playing while we mix the conversation about the game rules with real-life facts. Valerie then comments on the real estate, "Some people play the first round around the board without buying anything. Others start buying as soon they begin rolling dice."

Someone asks, "I remember playing that way. You had to go around once. Okay, okay, this is probably a dumb question, but I'm going to ask it anyway. What is the goal of the game? To own as much property as possible or...?"

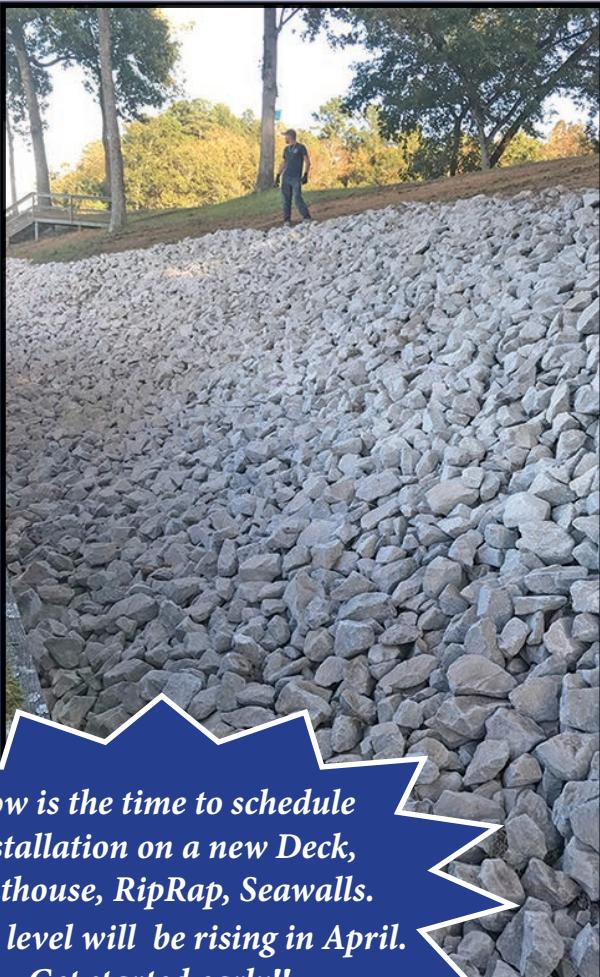
Valerie responds, "The goal is to make as much money as possible. Some people get stuck paying a lot of rent and can't buy property. Every time someone lands on an owned property, rent has to be paid. When you buy properties, you need to

remember what you own. The next time someone lands on it, it's about whether they rent or buy. It's all about strategy. If you have properties scattered here and there, that's good. But it's even better to have a whole strip because then anyone landing on any of those properties has to pay. It's all a strategy game. I'm the strategy queen, and I can't even remember the last time I lost a game of Clue. So, yeah, life is strategy." She gives a firm nod at the board before continuing, "Maybe that's why I went into pharmacy. Fun fact."

Candice draws a Contingency card. She reads the card out loud: "You ate too many scoops from Bluebell Creamery. Lose one turn to recover." We go deeper into conversation about the Blue Bell Parlor and Country Store, only a few blocks away. Buddy joins in, asking about our favorite flavors. Salted caramel brownie batter for Candice, cookies n' cream for Renee, and blackberry cheesecake for Valerie.

"The Blackberry Cheesecake is so good. The crunch in it, it's got a little bit of twang of the blackberry. I'm waiting to get my hands on the oatmeal cream pie. I'm trying to build up the courage to buy it, because if I don't like it and it is twelve dollars, you know."

Everyone looks at me, and I pause, taking a moment to think since I typically get small cups of homemade vanilla or Dutch chocolate from the Blue Bell brand. Finally, I blurt out, "Mint Chocolate Chip."



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We resume playing the game, and Candice pulls a Contingency card that sends all players to Fort Williams Street, which happens to be my property. I gleefully collect twenty-five bucks from everyone. I am pleased to have secured three out of the Railroad-type properties, with Renee holding the fourth.

The competition kicks into high gear when someone tells Candice to stop being so nice and really play the game. Traffic jams and property prices continue to rise. Valerie shares how other versions of the game can be more cutthroat, like Red Bull or Mafia. The blur of property purchases makes us occasionally miss paying each other rent, but we catch it at the last minute. Renee draws a fun card that lets her collect a hundred bucks for winning Miss Sylacauga. I laugh as I glance over to see the real-life Miss Sylacauga 2023 handing her the money.

After having landed in two traffic jams, I lament the fact that my funds are running low, and I cannot afford to purchase the Pursell Farms. Valerie offers to buy one of my properties, the Majestic Caverns so she can complete her strip. I cannot remember this part when playing the classic Monopoly, but I now realize I have the potential to build housing on my own strip sooner than later in this game.

Candice reminisces her childhood visit to the Majestic Caverns: "When I was a kid, I loved it and thought the caverns were really cool."

My thoughts are interrupted as Candice asks Renee, "Ma'am, I need twelve dollars please," before turning to me. "All right, roll two. I believe in you. Everybody needs somebody that believes in them." She hands over the dice to me. I roll the dice, but still have not pulled a double to break myself free from the traffic jam.

When Valerie's turn comes, she talks more about the Miss Sylacauga experience: "Amelia Tucker is the current Miss Sylacauga and a student at Jacksonville State University. It's an open pageant, and we've expanded the geographical region to include not only the neighboring counties, but more of Alabama as well."

Candice asks a question, and Valerie responds, "I had the opportunity to compete in Miss Alabama's Teen in 2019. I graduated high school in 2020. I've competed at Miss Alabama twice and then hung it up. Miss Sylacauga was my last one. It was time for me to focus more on building practical experience for pharmacy school. I still love community service and serving Sylacauga. I come back to visit, have projects to do here, and I'm still involved with Children's and Smiles, my organization in Birmingham. I no longer do these things with a title. I do them because I love it. I find more satisfaction now, not feeling like I need someone's approval or a scholarship to validate my service."

Candice and Renee share how, at their workplace, they are

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constantly engaged in serving others, and improve things for their patients aged 55 and older, with a focus on mental health care. "We focus on addressing the acute behaviors associated with mental illnesses, with a goal of getting the patients back to their maximum level of function."

Valerie, drawing from her pharmacy experience, agrees with the importance of caring for these patients. She comments, "It takes a special person to work in an environment, and I am honored to know you both. I know that your patients are in the best hands!"

After glancing at her watch and realizing it has been almost two hours of playing the game, Candice asks, "How exactly does the game end? How do we know when it's over?"

Valerie explains that to end a game, we stop where we are and count the value of all our assets, from the money in our bank accounts to the properties we own. After tallying up our respective assets, Renee wins the game with the most value—\$2,424, while I have the lowest balance at \$775, with many properties but little cash. It is all about the strategy, and hers was to start out slow, whereas I was too impulsive, snapping up properties without planning ahead for unexpected expenses like traffic jams and surprise rent payments.

I lean back in my chair, adopting my teacher's stance, and ask them, "Now that we have played this game of Sylacauga-

opoly, how does it reflect your decision-making and life in general? Or are you using this game to take risks that you might not normally take in real life? Also, do you think this game teaches you more about the City of Sylacauga?"

Candice says, "I think you have to take chances in life. You just have to choose carefully. Be strategic."

Valerie adds, "It's about how you spend and invest your money, because you get it back threefold. It doesn't happen immediately; it takes time. Had the game continued, some people would have gone bankrupt, and there would have been a whole process."

Renee chimes in, "I spent my money slower in the beginning, but I gained the most in the end."

I press another question: "What about the game representing Sylacauga?"

Candice responds, "There are a lot of things I was surprised not to see on here, like the value of some of the locations. Some are actually in Childersburg, not Sylacauga. But we take a lot of pride in the Rec Center and other places. None of the dance studios are on here, and they're pretty big in this area."

Valerie adds, "The biggest two employers in Sylacauga are the hospital and Nemak, and they're not represented."

Renee comments, "They did a good job identifying some of the hole-in-the-wall places. However, it missed a lot of

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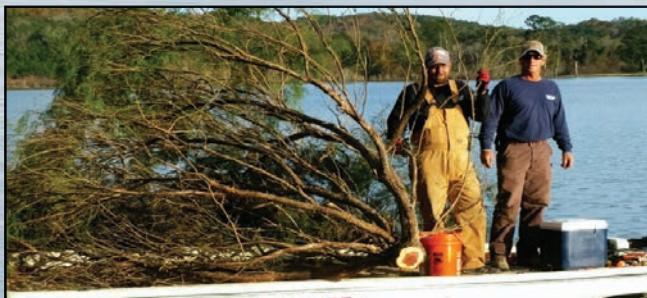
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opportunities to include places that truly mean the most to Sylacauga. The chamber's not on here."

These questions and thoughts linger in my mind as I step out of the glassed-in Cornelia M. Foote Reading Room. As I approach a few marble sculptures, I pause to examine the plaques identifying the artwork. I stand in awe before the 2024 Sylacauga Marble Festival's featured sculptor, Desirée Pucci of Pietrasanta, Italy, and her "Rebirth - Calla Lilies" sculpture. After a moment of reflection, I slowly make my way back out into the rain, sheltered by my trusty umbrella and red Hunter boots.

The question still remains: does the game reflect real life? What I can say in my case is that how I play the game depends on my mood and what I hope to achieve, whether it is being impulsive as a risk taker or using the game to discipline myself to be more thoughtful about life and its curveballs. Listening to Candice, Renee, and Valerie has taught me something. It all goes back to being prepared and having a strategy.

While I will play Monopoly again and hopefully more often in the future, I have realized that it is really the connections, communication, writing, and community that help discern which chances to take in life. And to truly know a city, playing a city-themed board game now joins walking on my short list of effective ways to learn a place.



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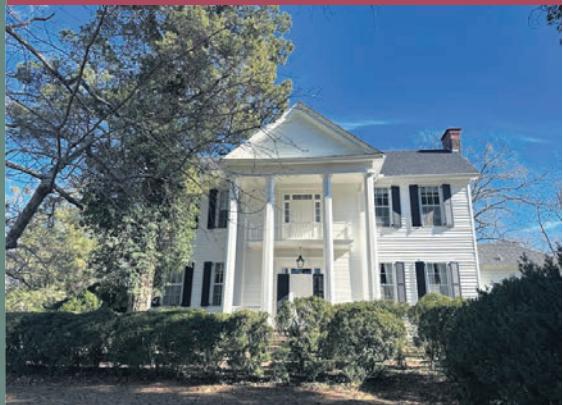


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Angler's Pointe attracts couples and families from around the region – Georgia and Alabama in particular – looking for a peaceful getaway and has also become a point of interest for diverse groups. Griffin says the resort has hosted competitors and spectators for the 2024 Bassmaster Open and is becoming a favorite for parents and coaches in town for youth sports tournaments.

In the center of the resort, Griffin explains, is The Yard, a venue for regular live music. He says that they hope to have more music events there. "The goal is to have regular weekend bands for the guests here. As occupancy and demand grows, that will probably come along faster."

Angler's Pointe is one of the catalysts transforming the business community in Lincoln, Pell City and throughout Talladega and St. Clair counties. Griffin said Angler's Pointe actively promotes neighboring restaurants and retail establishments to visitors and has developed a symbiotic relationship with a nearby business, Lincoln's Landing Tournament Fishing Park.

"There is a great dynamic duo between Lincoln's Landing and Angler's Pointe," he explains. "You've got Lincoln's Landing bringing in these fishermen. They need somewhere to stay, and we're right next door, so they're paying lodging tax to the city of Lincoln by staying with us. So, for every time we rent a lodging, it is tax dollars going to Lincoln. We have people from all over the country coming in and pouring in revenue to Angler's Pointe, which is getting paid out to Lincoln in taxes. While I don't have a specific number for you, I can tell you the impact is substantial."

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## THE AMERICAN WHITE PELicans HAVE RETURNED TO LOGAN MARTIN LAKE

Distinctive migratory waterfowl offer a portrait of purity and sacrifice

Written by **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN**

Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

**T**railing my fingers along the wooden railing of the deck, I take in the satisfying roughness of the grain, its warmth tempered by the early days of spring break boating season. The stillness of the lake emphasizes the quiet of midweek, and the sun has yet to reach its highest point. Letting out a contented sigh, I smile. I am stopping by to visit my cousins on my way back from the conference where I presented. A cool breeze carries the scent of early spring, mingling with my thoughts about the conversations following my presentation, discussions on the importance of observing body language as a key to meaningful connection.

In my peripheral vision, a formation of heavy white birds glides into view, their majestic wings, each spanning up to

nine-and-a-half feet, beating slow and steady. As they draw closer, I reflect on the idea of sacrifice in communication, the art of setting aside the need to be heard and understood in order to truly connect.

The forested land across the stretch of the lake from my cousins' house is owned by Alabama Power, with its little kids of tiny islands sitting quiet and undisturbed, standing close by its banks. It is one of these little islands where the squadron of white-plumaged soaring birds has chosen to break formation. They circle many times to conserve energy, their flight seemingly lifted by the thermals created by the air currents before gracefully landing on the water. The blackness of their flight feathers, contrasts sharply with the rest of their white-plumaged bodies, now hidden beneath their tucked wings as they swim. The sun is higher, and I shield my eyes to see the aquatic soaring birds better.

One of them dips its beak into the water and upends before



righting itself. Its massive bill lifts back to drain water from its throat pouch. Others swim in a collaborative foraging fashion, corralling and scooping fish with their gular pouches. The featherless pouches hanging from their lower jaws stretch as they fill with water and prey. Like the first, they tilt back their heads to release the water while keeping their prey inside before swallowing.

Even from the deck where I am standing, I can see the unusual projection on their orange beaks, about a third from the tips. Rough-billed pelicans. I read somewhere that this species is the only one among eight pelican species to have caruncles. During the breeding season, the white pelican develops a fibrous, disc-like epidermal bump that rises from the top of its beak, called either a horn or caruncle, signaling its fertility.

Hearing footsteps behind me before feeling fingers teasingly pinch my arm, I turn to see the grin on my cousin's face.

"You have been standing there for quite a bit. What are you thinking about?" she asks, handing me a mug of hot lemon

water. I am undergoing a detox phase to get ready for the warmer weather, and all I am drinking is lemon water, hot or lukewarm. Never cold.

Lifting my free hand to gesture to the birds luxuriating in the water, I ask, "Are those American White Pelicans?"

She glances over before responding, "Yes. Aren't they beautiful?" We fall into a comfortable silence that only cousins and close friends understand. My eyes study the graceful lines of their white-plumaged necks before traveling up to note the red tinge of their massive orange beaks. Among the pod of white pelicans, three converge into a huddle, forming an exquisite picture of trinity, of purity.

The white pelican, with its snow-white feathers and red-tinged orange beak, is often depicted in Christian art to illustrate the crucifixion, symbolizing sacrifice. According to tales inspired by the Scriptures, a white pelican pierces its chest to feed its young with its blood, blood drawn from the chest, where the heart is. The red tinge of the yellow bill becomes clearer when one sees the redness inside the stretched gular pouches, making it appear as though the



young are drinking blood from their parent. In the pews of churches, as we sing songs in remembrance of the crucifixion, where Jesus Christ willingly sacrifices Himself to save mankind, for sinners everywhere and at all times, we metaphorically drink His blood during the Eucharist communion, with wine or grape juice, alongside bread or crackers representing His body. The redness of His blood washes away our sins, purifying us into a state of snow-white purity, free from sin.

The breeze grows strong, raising goosebumps on my arms beneath my lambskin leather jacket. Lifting the mug of hot lemon water to take a sip, I look over to my cousin.

"What will you be doing for Easter? Going down to Florida to see them, or will they come up here?" I ask, referring to her son and his family. As she excitedly shares her Easter plans, involving her preschool-aged granddaughters, blonde and angelically beautiful as they are, showing off what they have learned in dance classes and dying eggs, I think about how life is about relationships. These relationships thrive when there is sacrifice involved. We put aside our egos, our selves, our selfish needs to engage with others, to give attention, to serve.

My cousin stops talking as her phone rings, interrupting her. Seeing her son's name on the screen, she excuses herself and walks back inside.

After another long glance at the white pelicans, still

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luxuriating and foraging next to the small uninhabited island in the inlet of the lake, I pull my smartphone from my back pocket with one hand as I take another sip of the lemon-infused now-lukewarm water with the other. Tapping in “pelicans in the Bible” and sifting through the Google results, the first part of Psalm 102:6 catches my eye. The NKJV version shows David lamenting, “I am like a pelican of the wilderness...”

“What is wilderness?” I whisper to myself as I drink more of the lemon water. David compares himself to a pelican, symbolizing the depths of his affliction in the wilderness. Wilderness, I muse, as I glance back at the pod of white pelicans. Wilderness is internalizing the growth, however rough and harsh it may be, of our consciousness and self-awareness, gaining clarity on what matters most, what we value, and what we need to let go of, to sacrifice. It is always the self we must deny in order to esteem others above ourselves, following Jesus’ example of living life. To live with a pure conscience, peace, and joy, I am still learning to let go of what I want, choosing to think more of others, especially in communication. With the pelican symbolizing crucifixion

and the wilderness of our struggles to deny ourselves before picking up the cross to follow Him, I am understanding more about the meaning of communion—not only to remember His sacrifice, but to live by His example.

The white pelican reminds me of this, and now I am looking forward to Easter. In the meantime, I will partake in my daily bread of prayer and gratitude, setting aside my own desires to esteem and connect with others in the community.

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## Logan Martin family doesn't take its lake access home for granted

Written by **MICHELLE LOVE**

Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

Like many, Elizabeth and Grant Stinson grew up going to Logan Martin Lake with their families.

Spending weekends on the water was a staple of their childhoods. When the couple was looking for a home to raise their children in, the lake was the obvious choice.

After spending several years in their first home on the lake, the couple decided to find something with a little more space. This search would last, according to Grant, between four and five years.

"We lived in a neighborhood where the last house we were in was also lake access, so we knew we wanted to keep that and be on the water," he said. "We just couldn't find what we wanted on the lake in our price point. Liz wanted to pick out all the stuff, and she wanted it to be newer and updated, and that's hard to find on the lake."

Grant, who runs a boat dealership at Rambo Marine on Highway 280, said having lake access was key for their families and also for his customer base. He and his parents moved to the lake in 1995, and his parents still live in the lake house Grant grew up in.

"We've pretty much lived here our entire lives so that was the main reason we wanted to live by the lake," he said. "The



biggest draw for us is being on the lake every weekend. We wanted to keep that going with our kids and the lake led to my career."

Their efforts in the search for the perfect home were finally rewarded when they found their current house that checked most of their boxes: a spacious, partially completed home with lake access and an unfinished backyard where Liz and Grant envisioned building a pool. They moved into the house in November 2023, and they have thoroughly enjoyed making the house into the home it now is.

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Stinson home was photographed shortly before Christmas 2024.



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When picking out the finishing touches of the home, Liz opted for lots light and bright colors to keep the home feeling open and welcoming.

"The layout was really what we were looking for," she said. "We love to have family and friends over, so the layout of the house allows for us to do that. We've hosted many events from just fun get togethers from Memorial Day and Labor Day to baby showers and birthday parties. Our home has become a place where our family and friends want to come and host their things at as well and we absolutely love that."

Liz said space was a top priority when picking out the ideal home. They wanted to have enough room for everyone to be together.

"We really value family time and spending that time together, so interiorwise we wanted a lot of open spaces and areas to hang out then carrying that into our outdoor space," she said. "We are very into being outside and swimming in the pool then having that lake access. One thing I've mentioned to Grant before is that I can't believe this is our everyday life. We definitely can sometimes take it for granted that we can literally hop on the golf cart and go down to the lake while others have to travel here to do that. It's really

awesome."

Updating certain areas of the house took about four to five months to complete. While most of the house was finished, Liz said the main focus was on the backyard, which they wanted to clear out so they could install a pool and a fence. When asked what their favorite parts of the house were, the pool and garage were at the top of Grant's list, while Liz opted for the kitchen area.

"For me, I would say the kitchen because it's where we all gather and cook meals together," Liz said. "The kids sit at the island and we're able to talk to them. It's just the central space in our home where we're all able to be together."

Grant added that the privacy of their neighborhood was a major plus for their move.

"Our old neighborhood was great, but it was very close in proximity to each neighbor," he said. "Not that that's a bad thing, but the way our lot is laid out here, it's extremely private. People aren't just driving by and saying, 'Hey, there's the Stinsons out on their front porch.' It's real private up here and

quiet."

The couple also both have their real estate licenses, which Grant says is a great perk when working with his clients at the Rambo Marine. They'll sell houses in several different areas including Birmingham, Lake Martin, Logan Martin Lake, and all over central Alabama.

"In the process of us buying multiple houses, we just saw it as an opportunity to add onto what I do," Grant said. "I run into so many people every day that are like, 'Hey we're buying a boat and we're also looking for a lake house.' And with us working as a team, I'll run into these people and because Liz and I both have our license, I can sell them a boat and then get their information and Liz is able to work with them to help find them a house."





Helping people find their dream home is something both Liz and Grant enjoy, and helping people experience the life of living by the lake is another added bonus. Liz said there are many perks to raising your family on the lake, but quality time is the major priority.

"I would say, everybody is all into technology now, and we're just as guilty as everyone else," she said. "But when you are right near the lake or live in a town where you have such close access it gives you a reason to get outside and get away from the daily distractions that you have that keep you from spending time with your family. That's the biggest thing for us as to why we want to always stay here."



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# MEET ME BY THE LAKE

Dana  
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Written and photographed by  
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**T**It was an unusually warm midwinter afternoon, and Dana Ellison was taking in the view of the lake from her shoreline.

"I love sitting out here watching the sunrises and sunsets, the turtles and

the birds, the bass tournaments and the changing of the seasons," she said. "Spring is always my favorite season. It's a new beginning. The lake is coming to life again."

And while it won't officially be spring until March 20, Ellison is enjoying the unique beauty of winter on the lake. "I love the stillness, the quietness, and the

sunrises. They seem to be even more beautiful in winter. The twinkle and sparkle of sunshine on the lake is even brighter. It may be cold, but there's still so much beauty to being on the lake."

She can't remember a time when the lake wasn't part of her life. "I'm just a country girl from Talladega County. When I was growing up, we lived a quarter-mile

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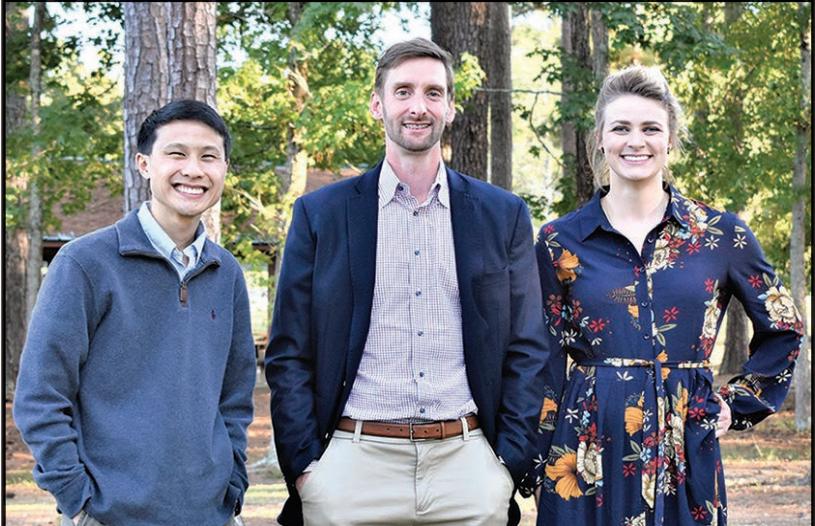
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from the lake, and we'd walk over the hill to it. I know the lake like the back of my hand. I grew up in Lincoln, so this is my home. Always has been."

A 10-year breast cancer survivor who operates Resale to the Rescue (at 20 Cropwell Drive in Pell City) to benefit Animal Savers Pell City Inc., she spent the afternoon discussing her work, extolling the lake, and offering advice for anyone considering moving to shores of Logan Martin.

**Her work:** Ellison is a Realtor with LAH Southeby's. She's worked in real estate for 14 years.

**Her advice for buyers who are considering waterfront property:** "It's much easier when a buyer has done their homework when looking to buy on the lake. Logan Martin Lake spans over approximately 23 miles of shoreline, so the options for location are spread out over two counties. Most buyers think they want main channel property, but when I explain the lake traffic and the damage it can cause on their boat, dock, and seawall, they generally are willing to look at off-channel homes."

**More things to consider:** "Have a Spider Be Gone system installed, or you will be battling spiders and webs every day. Also, which side of the lake do you prefer to be on based on shopping convenience and schools?"

**Her favorite water-related activities:** "Besides sitting on the dock and watching the lake activity, I enjoy fishing with my husband and taking long boat rides with friends. We all pitch in and bring a variety of sandwiches, dips, chips, cheese, and drinks. Our friends always have the great music picked out for the awesome day on the lake. We all like anything from the oldies era to rock and jazz."

**How being by the water makes her feel:** "Being by the lake brings a sense of peace. Watching the sunlight dance on the water makes me happy."

**How she describes herself:** "A real go-getter is how most describe me. I'm full of energy and love helping others, and I'm not afraid to tackle a task that most run from. I am an organizing freak and can see a vision of how to make things better."

### The best advice she ever received:

"Be confident and know my worth. Never look back on life's mistakes. The windshield is larger than the rear view mirror for a reason."

**What makes her laugh:** "A funny movie or seeing a child be happy and silly. Being able to laugh at yourself is a gift I embrace."

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## THE GOLDFINCH: A symbol of grace, hope, and the renewal of spring

Written by **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN**

Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

**B**ending down onto the freshly mopped hardwood floor, I lean over an upraised knee to tie the laces on one of my canary yellow running shoes. Shifting my body to tie the other shoe, my mind is filled with thoughts of "Do I have to do this?" Once properly tied, I slowly stand to my full yet nearly petite height. With a slight stretch of my neck, I take a deep breath before pulling open the front door.

Outside, it is still dark, and it is so chilly that my sharply exhaled breath smokes out in the air. The ice is still formed as daggers hanging precariously from the eaves and tree branches. However, I lean into the cold air as I mentally command my feet to move. "Give it a few minutes," I tell myself as my hips and thighs feel the incline of the hilly driveway blanketed with pine needles and oak leaves. Feeling the strenuous pushing and pulling of my leg muscles the faster I move my feet, from walking to jogging, then to running, my

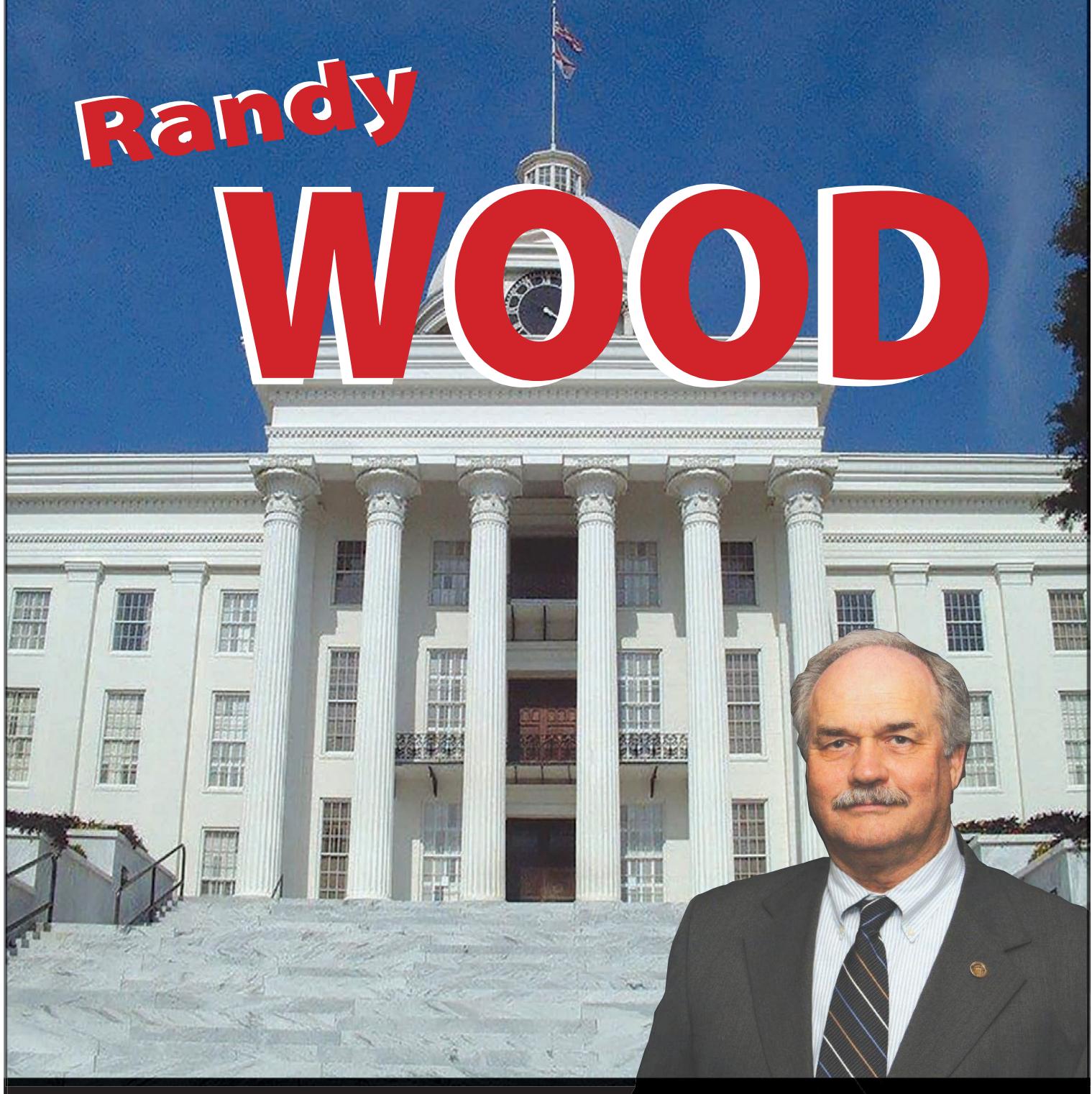


lungs take in more of the cold air, waking me up more.

When the inky darkness of the sky whispers into cotton candy-ness of gray, I feel lighter, not feeling the ground beneath my running shoes. By the time I reach the edge of the lake beyond the trail that weaves through

the park peppered with pavilions and wooden picnic tables, the sky colors into a cerulean blue as the sun rises, bringing a golden aura. The sun's warmth melts the sharp icicles, causing sporadic splattering around me, some voluptuous drops of melted ice splotching my hair and shoulders. I slow down to a stop,

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of resurrection  
and hope surges  
within me as the  
sun smiles on my  
upturned face ”





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to stand in a brightly sunlit spot at the forest edge, within the shadows filled with foliage. While letting my hair dry in the sun, I absorb its goldenness as the sun touches everywhere that my eyes can see like King Midas.

In all this brilliance of gold and melting ice, the sense of resurrection and hope surges within me as the sun smiles on my upturned face. Letting out a long, satisfied sigh before laughing at myself about having an initial reluctance to go for a run, I open my eyes to a cheery, upbeat chirping sound. I turn to see a flash of the color of highlighter yellow. I watch as the sparrow-sized songbird bounds up and down, joining others out in the weedy open field across the park, sending out musical and plaintive calls. Some are flitting around purple and

yellow flowers, probably coneflowers and zinnias. Dandelions are already blooming, and my favorite—the brilliant yellow daffodils—nestle in clusters around the park.

These wild canaries, the goldfinches, have already gone through the molting of their dense, dull yellow-olive colored winter plumage. They have already gone through the awkwardness of patchwork appearance, to merge into lighter plumage of brighter yellow. Their new, breathtaking brilliance of yellowness phenomenally transforms the landscape, similar to the day smothered with gray clouds that threaten rain being punctured with radiant sun rays. The goldfinch embodies grace, hope, and vibrancy. With the goldenness in its plumage, the delicate sharpness in its short, conical

bill, and pointedness in its notched tail, the small songbird embodies a resurrected hope.

Having run many good miles to get here in life, I know I have found contentment and joy. And, joy, to me, is the color of hope in yellow. The goldfinch, spiritually well-revered in many cultures, is the savior bird, a symbol of coming back to life, for its diet of thistle seed, thistles having thorns, associated with the crucifixion and crown of thorns. I grew up drawn to anything yellow, the daffodil-dotted days growing brighter, longer, and warmer with sunlit happiness as promised by the dazzling, refreshing appearance of fully molted goldfinches.

With a smile and a joyful surge of invigoration, I turn around, not needing to convince myself to keep running.

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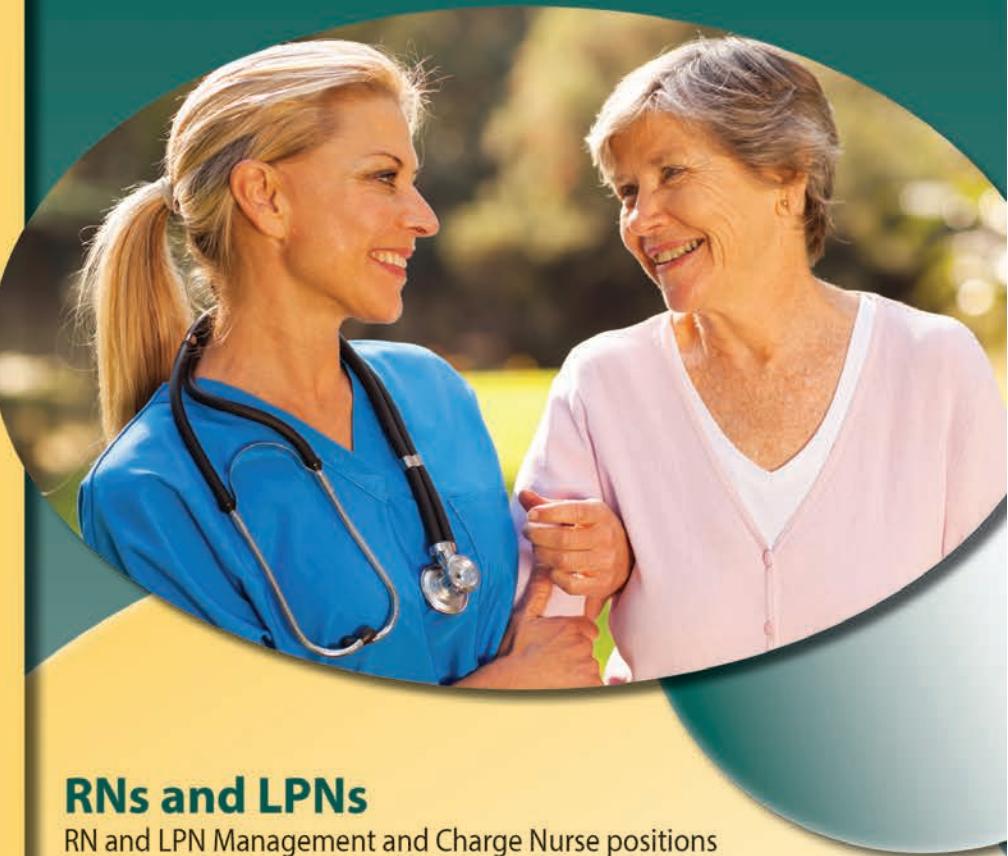


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**MARCH 7**

## MARDI ON MAIN

The Leeds Depot (1601 9th Street) hosts this festive party at 7 p.m. Dress in your most fun and festive party attire for an evening of blackjack, craps, roulette, and poker for a good cause. Tickets are \$125 per couple or \$65 for singles. Tickets include two drinks per person, play money, live band, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Leeds Main Street hosts the event.

*For more details,  
visit its Facebook page.*



**MARCH 8**

## YOUTH TURKEY CALLING EXPO

Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve (1700 Murphrees Valley Road, Springville) hosts this event at 9 a.m. Admission is free. Attendees will learn about turkey life cycles, tracking, and hunting tactics, including hands-on turkey calling techniques.

*Visit the event's Facebook page for more details.*



**MARCH 15**

## GLOW IN THE DARK PICKLEBALL

This event is scheduled for 4-9 p.m. at the St. Clair County Arena & Event Center, presented by Pickleball Events Group. An open play event (not tournament style), it is a benefit for pickleball improvements at the St. Clair Event Center! There will be food, music, shopping. Entry is \$30 per player.

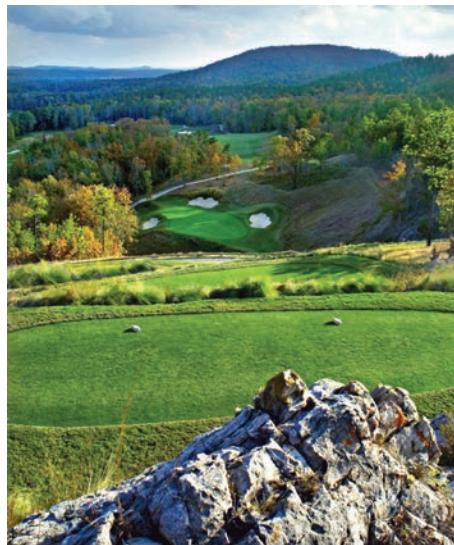
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## MARCH 15

### 2025 COMMUNITY BED BUILD

Coosa Valley Electric (69220 Highway 77 in Talladega) hosts this community event at 8 a.m. Community members will be building beds for children in local communities who do not have a bed of their own. No experience is required; participants will be taught everything they need to know. Tools will be provided. The event is open to anyone within the community.

For registration information, visit the event's Facebook page



## MARCH 22-23

### THE HEART OF DIXIE SENIOR REGIONAL

FarmLinks At Pursell Farms hosts this two-day tournament organized by the Alabama Senior Amateur Golf Tour. Players from all over the country will be coming to the Fayetteville course to compete in five different flights. A total of 100 spots is available, so the event is expected to sell out quickly. A skins game for anyone playing in the tournament is scheduled on Friday, March 21.

For registration information, call 256-684-2780



## MARCH 28-29

### RUSTIK BUCKET VINTAGE MARKET

The St. Clair Rodeo Arena in Odenville hosts this event featuring more than 50 vendors offering vintage items, handmade goods, plants, jewelry, boutique clothing, seasonal decor, and baked goods. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. both days, rain or shine.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page



## MARCH 29

### COACH EXHIBIT OPENING

The Museum of Pell City hosts the opening of this new exhibit at 11 a.m. It features Coach Will Glover (Pell City's winningest coach of all time) and Coach Pete Rich (recognized as an architect of building character). These beloved coaches are credited with molding boys into young men, teaching them the values of character, teamwork, and leadership.

More details about the opening are available at the event's Facebook page.



# CELEBRATE MARCH

## with this easy-to-make version of a traditional King Cake

Written and Photography by  
**STACEY LITTLE**

**L**aissez les bon temps rouler, y'all! That's right, Mardi Gras season is here! We're huge Mardi Gras fans at our house, and we love to

celebrate with parades, beads, and this delicious king cake tradition. These days, a cream cheese filling seems to be most traditional, but these things have really changed throughout the years. I even love to swap out the regular cream cheese for whipped strawberry cream cheese

and add fresh sliced strawberries to the middle.

Let's be honest, though: a traditional Mardi Gras King Cake can take some time to make from scratch. If you're looking for a way to lessen the time and work, here is another option.

## DESSERT

### MARDI GRAS KING CAKE

Serves: 8

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 2 (17.5-ounce) cans jumbo cinnamon rolls with icing (each tube has 5 rolls)
- 2 ounces cream cheese
- Sugar crystals in purple, yellow and green

#### Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and spray a Bundt or tube pan with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Pop open the cinnamon roll tubes and remove the icing. Line the bottom of pan with the rolls. You may have to squeeze them in there.
3. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until the cinnamon rolls are no longer gooey. Turn out onto platter to cool.
4. In the meantime, mix the two icing packets with 2 ounces of softened cream cheese.
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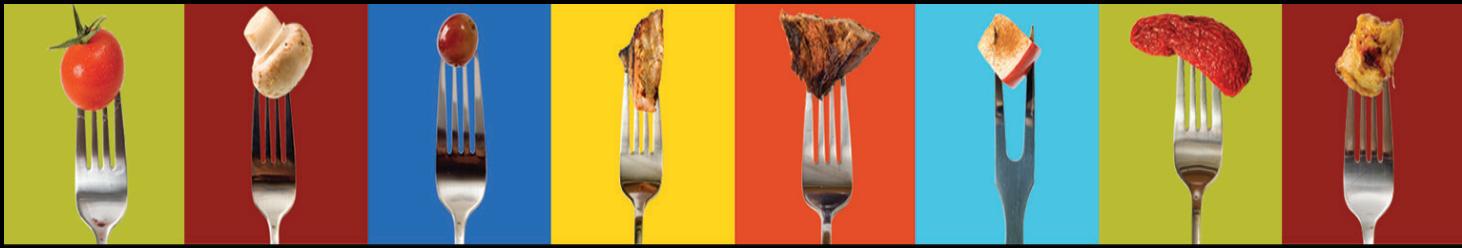
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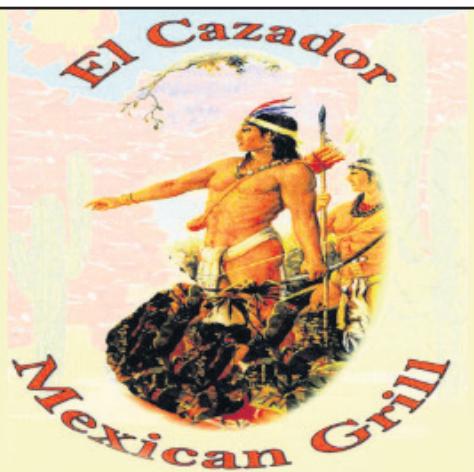
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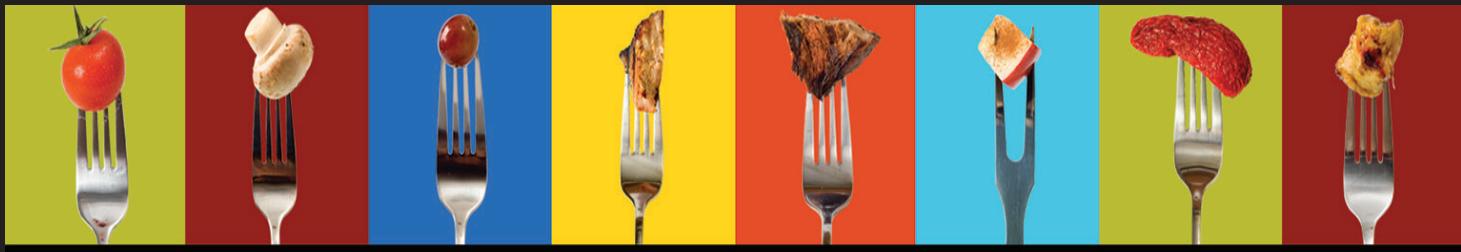
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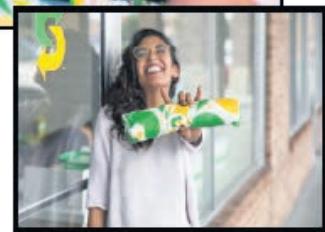
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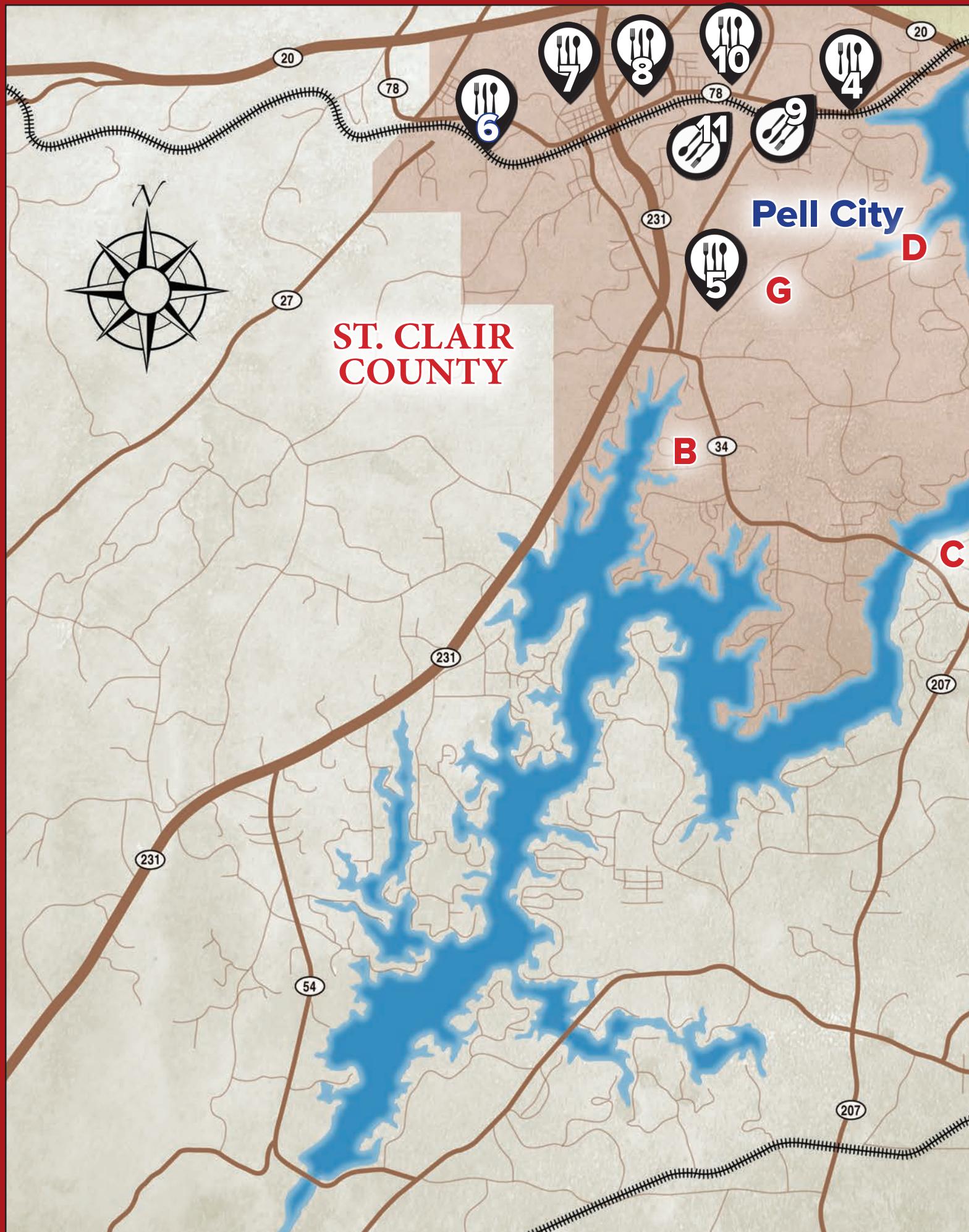


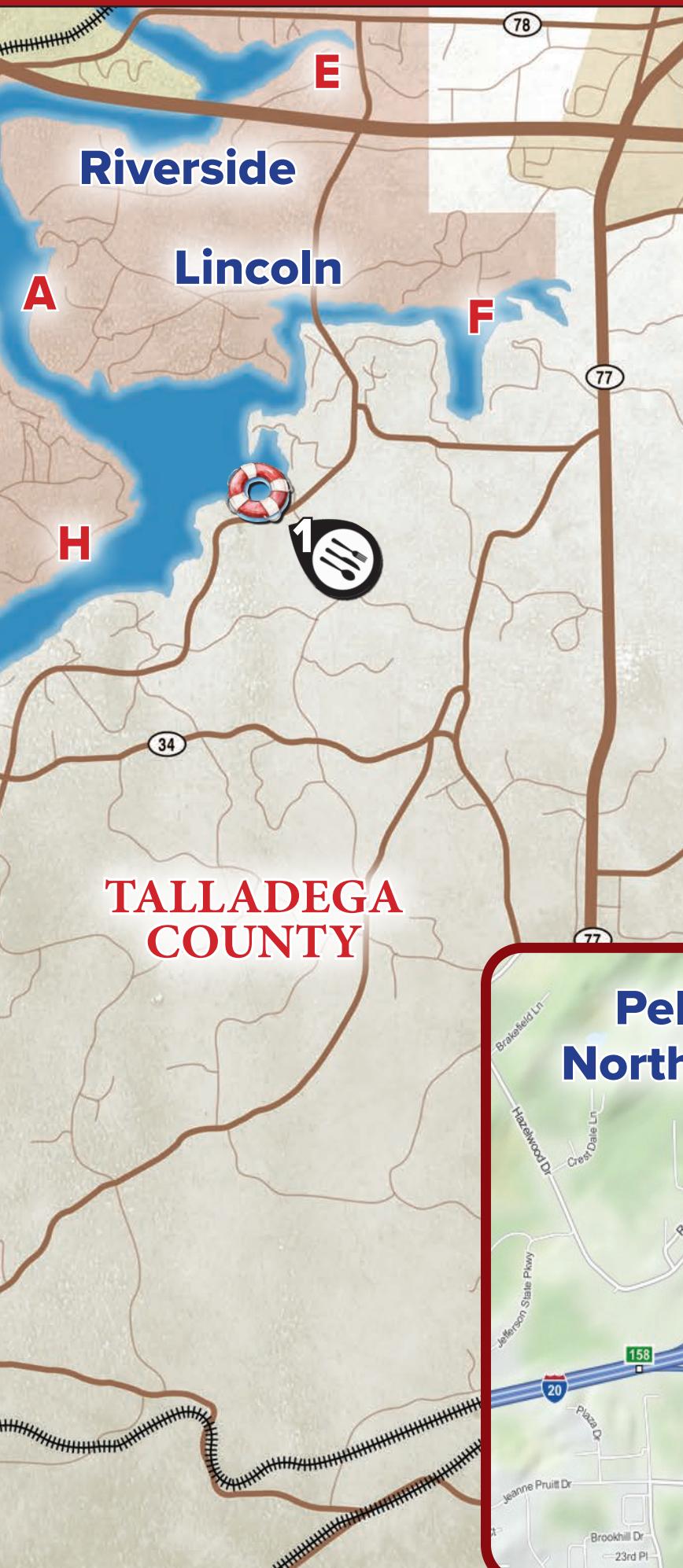
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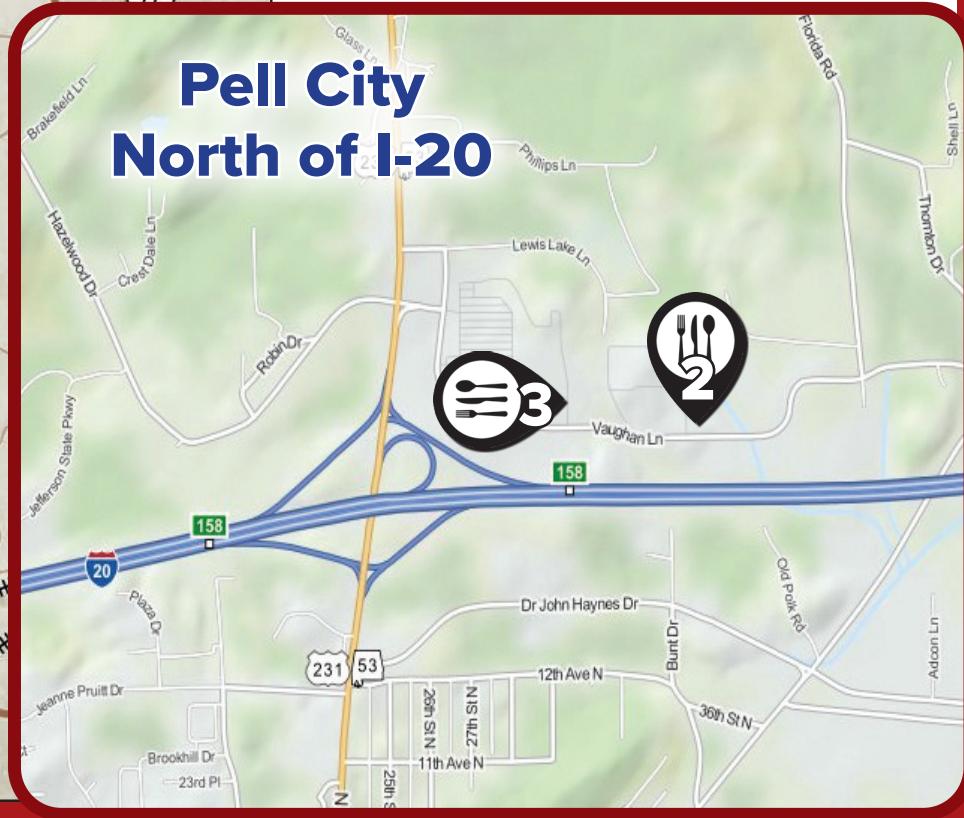


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## 634 TWIN RIDGE CIRCLE IN LINCOLN

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The floor plan of the home has an open concept with a quaint, carpeted living room area.

The kitchen has hardwood flooring, recessed lighting, brown cabinets offering plenty of storage, a breakfast bar, pantry, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances that include a built-in microwave, gas range stove, dishwasher, and a double door refrigerator that has an ice maker.

The exterior features a driveway with an attached two-car garage, back porch, a covered parking space in the backyard, and a small storage building.

The property lists at \$275,000. To schedule a tour or for more information, call Josh Manning with Realty South at 205-369-8315.



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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**

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**H**eather Roberts is a full-time Realtor, although a career as a real estate agent wasn't originally her plan. Leaving insurance because it was overshadowing her family life, she decided to join her husband Randy in operating their co-owned real estate agency, AlaHomes Realty.

“When I decided to be home to spend more time with my kids and to run the business, I had no intent of getting my license,” she says. “However, in working with the business and helping people, it inspired me. The level of joy it gives people to find their place to call home is something rewarding that I wanted to be a part of, so I got my license and have been in real estate since 2006.”

Roberts now has 19 years of experience in real estate and has been a homeowner for 25 years. She understands the dynamic and importance of what it means to be a homeowner.

“One of the greatest rewards of what I do is when we get to the closing table and I can hand keys over to the new homeowner,” she says. “That’s the biggest rush that I experience. I know that this may be an investment, but it is actually something that they will always remember. It’s also beautiful to build



these relationships and be a part of their journey through life. There have been people I’ve sold houses to when they were newlyweds who have gone on to upsize because they’ve expanded their family.”

Roberts believes that home ownership means family. “Having a home is your family’s safe space, a place to gather, and a chance to fellowship with one another.”

March, she says, normally kicks off the home buying season, adding that the current average 30-year fixed mortgage interest rate is around 6.875 percent. “There was no decrease this year, but it is a great improvement from years ago when the interest rate was in the double digits.”

Asked what advice she would give to prospective sellers, she advises to “reach out to an agent and let them come out and do an evaluation of the home. With an agent, they can provide information about the market and help with getting the house ready for the market. They’re aware of what buyers are looking for, and they can give sellers some tips and tricks on repairs and improvements for certain programs. It’s better to be proactive than reactive.”

Roberts is a Birmingham native and resides in Waldo. She is married and has three children. When she is not working, she enjoys traveling with her husband, riding with Jeep groups, and hiking.



# A BIT MORE ABOUT HEATHER

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**\$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



**\$1,450,000 - 705 Lakeview Crest Dr.** - LUXURY LAKE LIVING with this 4 bedroom 4 bath brick and stacked stone home with stunning appearance as you drive onto the property and great water views. The home features great room with 14' ceiling and gas fireplace. Beautiful Dream Kitchen has vaulted ceiling and decorative beams, large island and ample cabinets. The basement features den with fireplace and second kitchen plus bonus area. This quality home is handicap accessible with elevator, double boat slip, year round water and 4-cars garage which includes a separate detached garage, and a concrete golf cart path to the lake and boat house. This is one to see! **MLS #21407665** Call Karen 205/473-4613



**\$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 boat dock, (2) storage buildings and 2-car garage. **MLS #21404382** Call Laurie 205/365-3639.



**\$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, master suite with fireplace and French doors that open to sunroom. Basement features den with fireplace, one of the kitchens, 2 of the bedrooms, bath and another hook 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



**\$1,200,000 - 595 Dabbs Lane** - HIDDEN GEM on LOGAN MARTIN LAKE with this 3bedroom, 3 bath home that features family room with stone/brick fireplace 1000 sqft. Of wrap around porches, 5/7 sq. ft. Garage/workshop, located on approx. .56 ACRES, over 3000 ft of Waterfront, detached CRV spot used for RENTAL INCOME, additional amenities include bathhouse, shower house, boat launch, large pavilion with enclosed kitchen. Potential of income producing property, family compound or great place to live. **MLS #21406672** Call Karen 205/473-4614



**\$639,999 - 5006 Collins Dr.** - BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION with this 5 bedrooms, 3 bath 2 story home that features family room with stacked stone fireplace, chef's dream kitchen complete with oversized island with farm house sink, breakfast nook and an outdoor entertainment area on 2 lots 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 commons area. **MLS #21395979** Call Laurie 205/365-3639



**\$624,900 - 260 Riverview Dr.** - YEAR ROUND LIVING with this charming 3 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, breakfast room, separate dining room and master bedroom all on main level. Upstairs features nice walkway overlooking family room and has (2) bedrooms 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 fenced and private dock. **MLS #21394568** Call Brenda 205/812-4141



**\$745,000 - 70 Whispering Oaks** - QUALITY-BUILT brick and stone 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home that features living room, dining room den with fireplace, plus 2nd kitchen, bonus room and play/rec room. Home has hardwood floors, granite countertops, recessed lighting and oak cabinetry, with (4) car garages, two on main level and two in the basement. The property is gentle slope to the lake with boat launch, dock decking is composite decking board and lighted, landscaped yard. **MLS #21390838** Call Tina 205/337-8509



**\$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



**\$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



**\$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



**\$575,000 - 155 Nottingham Dr.** - BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM-BUILT BRICK 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home located in Archers Bend Subdivision. Home features family room with fireplace, dining room, and main level master suite with luxurious amenities of jetted tub, standing shower, double vanities and large walk-in closet. Three bedrooms located upstairs provide ample space with two bedrooms 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



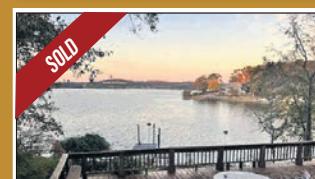
**\$390,000 - 107 Viewpoint Circle, Pell City** - LAKE ACCESS with this 2-story 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with living room with fireplace dining room and den with fireplace. Some updates. Nice view of the lake and 4 car garage on main level. **MLS #21366542** Call Karen 295/473-4613.



**\$624,999 - 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 chef's dream kitchen, large granite bar with seating, stainless steel appliances, an abundance of cabinets, a pot filler, and a custom built hood and just around the corner of the kitchen is a dedicated dining room. The master suite is located on the main level with tray ceilings, his and her vanities, free standing tub, tiled shower, and a large walk in closet. Upstairs is another 3 bedrooms with a full bathroom.



**\$422,500 - 580 Avondale Lane** - MOVE-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-car garage. **MLS #21388381** Call Adam 205/369-2704



**\$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



**\$279,500 - 285 Seddon Farms lane** - BEAUTIFUL 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 a 2-car garage. **MLS #21405254** Call Carey 205/901-0652

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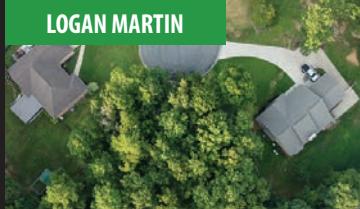


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3 BR, 2 BA**

**\$615,000**

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2 BR, 1 BA**

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**2118 3rd Ave N  
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4BR, 2BA**

**\$265,000**



**204 Wolf Creek RD N,  
Pell City  
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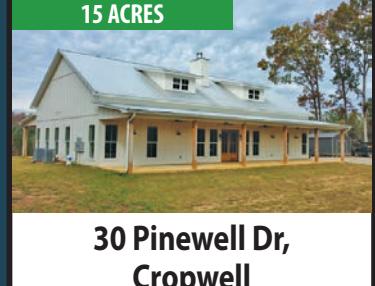
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15 ACRES



30 Pinewell Dr,  
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NEW CONSTRUCTION



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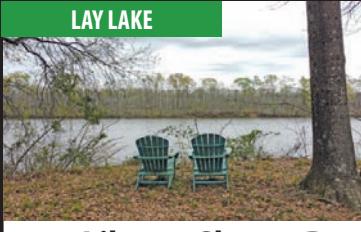
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**UNDER CONTRACT**



**5006 Collins Dr, Pell City  
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\$177,000**

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**398 Andrew Ln., Odenville  
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**5024 Collins Dr, Pell City  
\$624,999**

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MLS# 21408320  
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400 Morgan Bridge Rd #1/1, Ragland  
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Pell City  
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15 Old Roadway, Cropwell  
MLS# 21389324  
**\$409,900**

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60 Old Road Way, Cropwell  
MLS# 21384364  
**\$482,900**

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330 Saint Smith Cir, Cropwell  
MLS# 21381951  
**\$209,900**

**ONE LEVEL**



105 Elm St, Pell City  
MLS# 21406567  
**\$227,500**

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**



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



620 Woodland Crest Rd, Pell City  
MLS# 21409523  
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**241 Eureka Road**  
**Lincoln, \$750,000**

WOW!!!! What a View!!! Multi level deck with trex decking to sit and look at Beautiful Logan Martin Lake. Breathtaking view from the great room with a multi tiered chandelier w/dimer. Upper lake side window and doors w/reflected solar film. Newly remodeled very spacious kitchen, granite countertops, slate flooring, stainless appliances. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Master suite to die for. It's HUGE !!! Ladies get ready a closet like no other you've ever seen. Plus two more closets in the master. Covered patio area. Fenced dog run with Dog condo or kids play house. Boat launch, double stall boat house, one with lift, sun deck with trex decking, seawall. Forever View. Lakeside patio with firepit. MLS #21406655



**234 Henderson Ln**  
**Talladega, \$999,000**

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 port 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, \$170,000**

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 of 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**

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



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

**13 Hickory Lane,**  
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MLS# 21400963

**1754 Fairview Dr.**  
4 Bed, 2 Bath in Moody

**\$229,000**



MLS# 21407071

**3173 Coosa County rd 74**  
3 bed 2 bath  
Just outside Sylacauga

**\$289,000**



MLS# 21397142

**634 Twin Ridge Cir.**  
3 Bed 2 Bath  
On oversized lot

**\$275,000**



MLS# 21389505

**680 Sterling Pl**  
**\$220,000**



MLS# 21386261

**525 Stovall Dr**  
**\$259,750**



MLS# 21394784

**4408 William Way**  
41 +/- Acres

**\$389,900**



**UNDER CONTRACT**

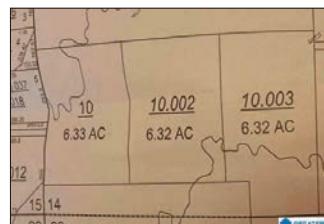


MLS# 21376211

**36th St, Pell City**

*Great opportunity* - 30 acres joins  
industrial park on the north and  
well established subdivision on  
the south and east.

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MLS# 21401127

**Lots 2, 3, 4 Dove Dr,**  
**Odenville**

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MLS# 21406230

**0 Peaceful Valley Rd.**  
23+/- acres Approved subdivision

**\$315,000**



**UNDER CONTRACT**



MLS# 21394358

**136 Widgeon Dr.**

3 bedroom 3 bath on a corner  
lot with a full basement  
Alabaster City Schools

**\$370,000**

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