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Jul 28, 2016	■ POOR	Morning
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Jul 31, 2016	■ GOOD	Morning

Cleaning the Catch

Preparation of a catch for eating is called cleaning the catch. Two different ways to clean the catch are filleting and dressing. Filleting involves cutting the edible part of the fish away from the inedible part; no bones are left. Dressing implies taking off parts that cannot be eaten, and most bones are left with the edible portion. Some fish have to be scaled with a knife or a spoon. Catfish have a skin that must be removed.

Once fish are cleaned, they should be frozen immediately or prepared within three days. Frozen fish may develop freezer burn unless they are tightly wrapped or unless they are frozen in water. When freezing fish in water, just enough water should be used to cover the fish. Plastic freezer bags work well for fillets, if they can be sealed without leaking.

Fish may be cooked by baking, boiling, broiling, frying, grilling, microwaving, and poaching. Three preparation methods are also preserving methods: canning, pickling and smoking. Fish are often cooked too long. Fish should be white and flaky, not dry and brittle. Some species cook more quickly than others. Thicker pieces of fish take longer than thinner. Trial and error is the best way to learn to cook fish. The Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division offers a game preparation class.

Source: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



Information from the Farmers' Almanac.

Lake Levels

Full Pool: 465 Feet
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FROM THE EDITOR

Close encounters of the snaky kind

But back to reptile identification. The cottonmouth, of course, is characterized by the white lining of its open mouth. It can appear aggressive, standing its ground instead of fleeing when confronted, although research indicates it seldom bites unless stepped on or picked up.

Among the nonvenomous aquatic snakes that may be spotted in Alabama waterways are the brown, midland, diamond-backed, Florida green, Southern, plain-bellied and Mississippi green varieties. That's a lot to keep up with, and the distinguishing characteristics of each could easily be confused, so Armstrong has an easy way to avoid getting any of them mixed up with a cottonmouth: when you see one, leave it alone.

"The best way to avoid a run-in with a water moccasin or any water snake is simply to let them be," he said. "While there will always be exceptions, most snakes only bite when given a reason. I've been bitten by many nonvenomous snakes, but I 'asked for' every bite."

We're glad you've chosen to ask for the current issue of *Lakeside Living*. This month, we get to visit the resort at Clear Creek Cove, spend some time there in a yurt, go cruising on Randy Smith's houseboat, chat with members of the marine patrol for some lifesaving boat safety advice and learn about some exciting things coming up at the Center for Education and Performing Arts in Pell City. It's all good stuff, and we're glad you came along for the ride.

But if you brought a Florida green water snake with you, I'll thank you to put it back in the lake. 🐍

I heard the rustle to my left and immediately froze. There shouldn't have been a rustle to my left. Something wasn't right.

Then I looked down and saw the copperhead about an inch away from my foot.

Thankfully, he was more interested in getting away from me than he was in biting me, but the close encounter left me a little shaken up nonetheless.

If the anecdotal reports I've been hearing about an increase in Alabama's snake population this year are correct, you've a better-than-even chance of having your own close encounter with a snake in or around the lake this summer. Hopefully yours won't be of the venomous variety, and according to some information provided by the state cooperative extension service, it may not be.

The poisonous cottonmouth is the first snake we usually think of when we see one bankside or swimming around, but Dr. Jim Armstrong, a forestry and wildlife specialist, points out that not every snake that takes to the lake or river is a water moccasin. You just have to know what to look for.

"Alabama has a number of nonvenomous water snakes, and there are ways to tell the difference," Armstrong said. "Learning to identify snakes is a major safety factor. Many people allow an unrealistic fear of snakes to hinder their enjoyment of the outdoors."

To be fair, though fear of serpents may be unrealistic, it can be very real, deeply rooted and hard to overcome. I know I'm still working on it. I understand the role snakes play in the ecosystem, and I think they're fascinating creatures. But when I see one, my first impulse is still to find an instrument that will allow me to either pummel it to a jelly or chop it to smithereens.



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Clear Creek Cove: “It’s like stepping back in time”

Resort regulars have built a community, one RV at a time

STORY BY KELLI TIPTON
PHOTOS BY BOB CRISP

Clear Creek Cove RV Resort is a tightly-woven community of people who love living life on lake time.

They come to the resort on Willingham Road in Talladega from all over the nation, driving pickups and pulling RVs with names like Grey Wolf, Montana, Sandpiper and Challenger. They unpack, plug in, settle down, and fall in love with Logan Martin Lake. They are building their

community one camper at a time.

James and Sandy Greer arrived from Tucson, Arizona, but they call Memphis, Tennessee, home. “We just retired, and we are full time RVers,” Sandy said. “We’ve been here for three months, and we are going to be here for a year. Last year was just full of being on the road and seeing the sights, and we decided to stay still for a while. It is just beautiful here. We have a perfect view up on the mountain, and you can look out over the water and see the sailboats.”

The Greers live on the

upper level of the resort, or “uptown,” as the locals call it. Cooled by a continual breeze, it offers a spectacular view of Logan Martin Lake and colorful foliage.

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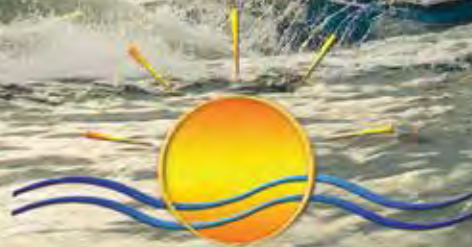
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said.

David Foss is the "unofficial mayor" of the resort community. He set up his RV in the resort three years ago after retiring and leaving Portland, Oregon. As a professional truck driver, his many trips through Alabama made him want to relocate here. "I told my wife, 'I'm

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moving to Alabama with or without you,” he said. “When she saw me packing, she said she’d try it for a year. I told her if she didn’t like Alabama, I would move her anywhere she wanted to go. We are still here.”

Foss is a fixture in the Clear Creek community. He and his wife recently started a movie night at the resort’s pavilion on Saturday nights. They show family friendly movies on a screen he purchased to stretch across the side of the pavilion. He plans to put a community billboard at the entrance to the park to announce upcoming movies and other events, but he says he knows most of the residents well enough to contact them by phone or knock on their door.

“What I love about movie night is that you can put your lawn chairs out and bring blankets when it’s chilly at night and you snuggle down into your blanket. It’s so relaxing,” said resort manager Beth Hitesman. She recently moved into the community from Pennsylvania and has managed the resort for two months. She resides on the lake level of the resort among the other travel trailers and fifth wheels.

“Even though I am the manager, people have welcomed me as a friend,” she said. “What I really appreciate is that even though the community is small, it is a big support system, and everyone keeps an eye out for one another. Neighbors swap keys. It reminds me of the communities that used to exist back in the 1950s, where you

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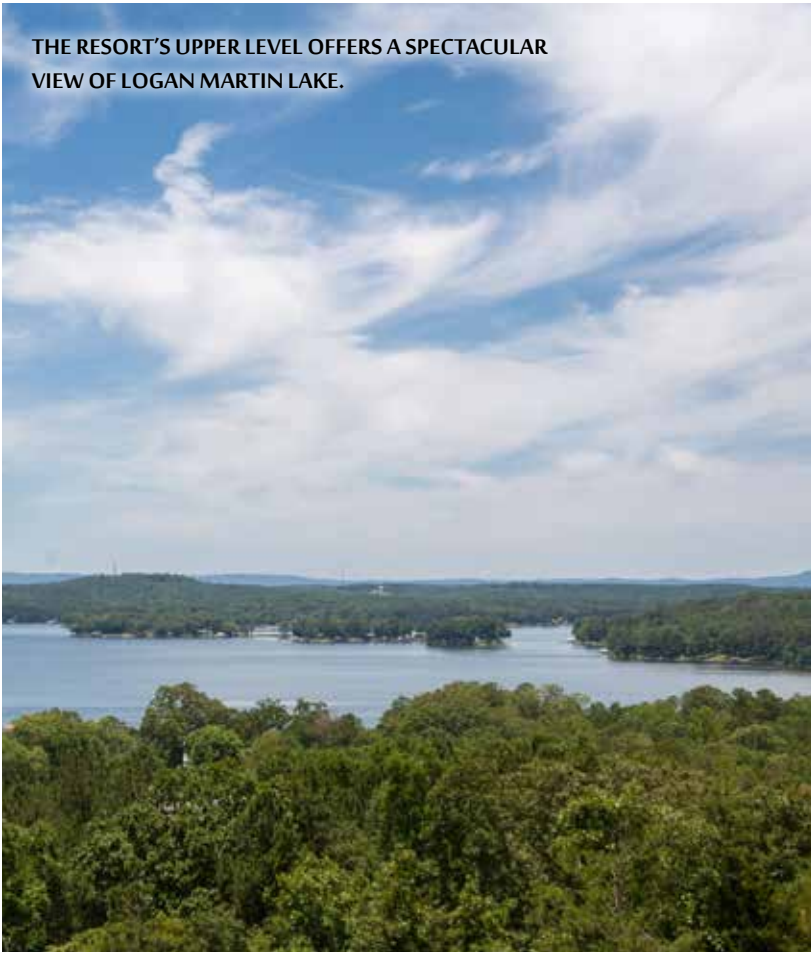
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knew your neighbors. Somehow this is like stepping back to a time when the people knew each other and really cared about each other.” Many lake level residents have built wrap-around decks and other more permanent structures around their RVs. Most have been here for a while, and most of them plan to stay a long time.

Hitesman said there are more than 150 lots in the resort. There is a waiting list for a lake level lot, which rents for \$200 a month. Upper level lots are \$300 a month. The middle level is reserved for the resort’s two yurts (see page 18), which are available to rent for \$99 a night.

All residents have access to the playground, pavilion and picnic table areas. The private white sand beach is the perfect place to access the water to swim, and boat slips and communal boat docks accommodate boaters and fishermen. Other amenities include free water, sewer and waste management. The resort is open year-round.

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WHAT'S A YURT?

STORY BY KELLI TIPTON
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Find out at Clear Creek Cove

I love communing with nature, but setting up and maintaining a campsite is more work than I care to do on my downtime. I recently discovered that a yurt offers a chance to be closely connected to nature without giving up creature comforts.

A yurt is a circular tent with a cone-shaped roof. Yurts have been used for centuries as shelter in Mongolia and other parts of Asia. Defining characteristics of a yurt are that it is portable, circular, has an accordion lattice wall, a tension band or cable, radial rafters leading up to a central compression ring and is covered in felt or fabric.

The yurt has been called an “architectural wonder” by

Architectural Digest. Its natural strength comes from its rafters pushing inward on the compression ring and outward on the tension cable, which prevents the rafters from moving or spreading outward. Modern yurts are used as art studios, home offices, home gyms, spas and the like. They are also part of a trend called “glamping,” which is glamorous camping.

Clear Creek Cove RV Resort offers two rental yurts on its middle level. They are available for \$99 a night. While they are quite an unusual sight from the road, they fit in well with the natural surroundings. They are built on platforms and set on pilings to make them level on the uneven terrain. Mike

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Horton, owner of the resort, recently invited me to camp for a weekend in his yurt, and I eagerly accepted.

His yurt is 24 feet in diameter and 15 feet high. It is covered in terra cotta colored vinyl laminate with kaki colored trimming. A spacious deck is outfitted with patio furniture and a small charcoal barbecue grill. It is partially shaded by trees, and it provides a beautiful view of Logan Martin Lake's sparkling surface. A salamander scurried across the railing as I unlocked the wooden door and walked into my first yurt experience.

I was met with an air conditioned, light-filled interior and the smell of new hardwood. The circular wall and floor are made of durable Douglas fir. The light colored wood gives the yurt a seamless natural look and feel. Three windows across from the entrance and an acrylic skylight on top of the yurt provide enough sunlight to light the entire structure. The windows are outfitted with adjustable wooden blinds. A wide-screen TV is mounted on the tongue and groove wall.

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In the center of the yurt, a futon couch folds out into a bed. Three upholstered chairs provide comfortable seating for watching TV or reading. A black granite bar top with four wooden stools provides plenty of space to eat.

The kitchen is equipped with a full-size stainless steel refrigerator, stove and sink. Gray painted cabinets are filled with ceramic dishes, pots, pans and silverware, and almost everything needed for preparing and eating a meal.

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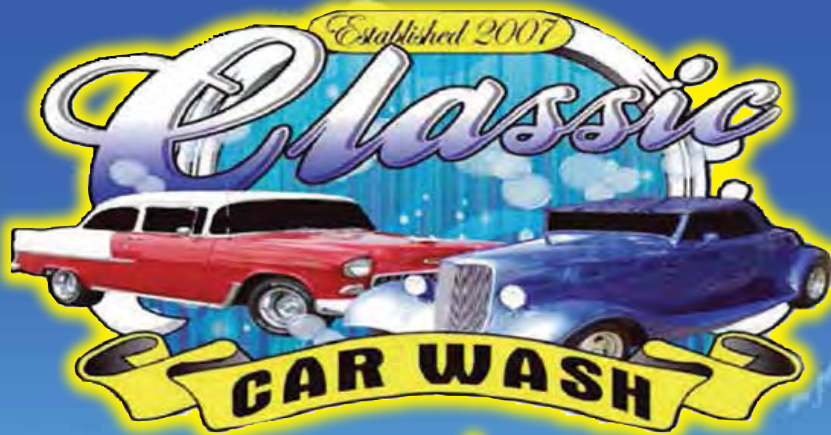
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The other yurt belongs to Mike’s sister, DJ Horton. It is as spacious as his, but the floor plan is different. It has an air conditioned master bedroom with two twin beds that can be pushed together. The kitchen also has granite counter tops, and the white appliances are scaled down in size to allow room for a dishwasher. The bathroom is fitted with a white fiberglass shower, ceramic sink and toilet. The main living area offers more seating, and there are a set of stairs instead of a ladder leading to the loft. It has a country cottage feel, down to the porch swing and rocking chairs on the wrap-around deck.

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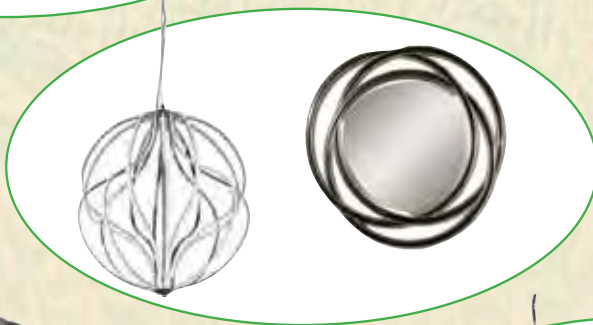
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Staying safe while navigating local waterways this summer isn't a complicated matter, according to state law enforcement officials.

"Simple things save people's lives every single day," said Senior Trooper Chuck Daniel, public information officer for the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA). "And the simplest thing is remembering to wear a life jacket. As much as 80 percent of boating fatalities are the result of people not wearing life jackets."

Steven MacLeroy, a senior trooper with ALEA's marine patrol division (which monitors the 49 miles of waterway between Logan Martin Dam and Neely Henry Dam), added that while water enthusiasts should pay attention to proper safety measures any time they're on the lake, it's especially important during the summer.

"This is the time of year when people are really out on the water," he said while patrolling Logan Martin Lake with Daniel on a recent weekday morning. "Our two busiest weekends are Memorial Day and Fourth of July, but that doesn't mean those are the only times you should make safety your practice."

ALEA joined the North American Safe Boating Campaign

this year in promoting consistent life jacket use during recreational activities on the water.

"It's tempting to boat without wearing a life jacket, especially on nice days," said Rachel Johnson, the National Safe Boating Council's executive director. "A life jacket not worn can't save your life."

It's also illegal in Alabama to go boating without one, MacLeroy said.

"When you're boating, there should be a life jacket for every person on board the vessel. They should be the proper size and readily accessible, not stored in a locked box. Every child under the age of 8 must have a life jacket on at all times they are on the water."

Operators of jet skis and other personal watercraft, regardless of age, are required to wear life jackets at all times, and kayakers and paddleboarders 8 years old and older must have accessible life jackets. "Of course, it's always advisable to wear them rather than just have them accessible on board," MacLeroy said.

He illustrated the advisability of having a life jacket by recalling a crash that occurred two years ago on Alabama waters involving a speedboat that was moving at almost 150

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The troopers have also encouraged boaters and passengers to be cautious when drinking alcohol while on the water. Intoxicated boaters can be charged with boating under the influence, and the penalties are the same as for driving under the influence.

“There is no open container law on a boat like there is for an automobile,” MacLeroy said. “Passengers can consume alcohol, but the operator should stay sober, like how the highway patrol encourages having a designated driver. Even if you’re a passenger, you might want to think about whether you should drink at all, because after you’ve been out on the water, you’re going to be getting into your vehicle and driving home. And, of course, it’s illegal for anyone under age 21 to possess alcohol at any time.”

Alcohol is often involved in boating accidents, he said, as is what troopers refer to as careless and reckless operation.

“A lot of what causes accidents is just people not paying

attention to what they’re doing. That’s operator error. It’s just like driving a car. Unless something mechanical goes wrong, all accidents are preventable if drivers are paying attention.”

“The majority – the vast majority – of boating accidents are preventable,” Daniel agreed. “Safety saves lives.” 



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Pell City's Block Party withstands weather

STAFF REPORT
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Organizers deem 17th annual event a success

“C onsidering the weather was a hindrance this year, I think we did ok and would say the event was successful, even if the crowds were down a little bit because of the rain,” said Lisa Gaither, executive director of the Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce.

A total of 80 vendors participated in the event, which was held in early June. Streets around the St. Clair County Courthouse in the heart of the historic downtown district of Pell City – the gateway to Logan Martin Lake – played host to the block party.



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In Style

Story by KELLI TOPTON
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Randy Smith enjoys life aboard his houseboat

When people say they live on the lake, they usually mean they live in a house, on solid ground, in close proximity to the lake.

When Randy Smith says he lives on the lake, he means it. His house floats.

Smith has lived aboard a 16 x 80 Somerset houseboat



IT'S HARD TO BEAT THE VIEW FROM CHECKMATE, RANDY SMITH'S HOUSEBOAT, ESPECIALLY WHILE ENJOYING THE ON-DECK HOT TUB.



named Checkmate for the past 10 years. He can't imagine life any other way.

"I don't know if I could live on land," he said. "I like living on the water. It's a different lifestyle. You take the family out and anchor somewhere and spend time with your family. Families don't spend time together anymore."

Smith enjoyed taking his children and grandchildren out on the lake to kick off summer during Memorial Day weekend. "We had a blast. We had little babies sleeping all over the place. Houseboating is very family oriented."

He also uses his boat for ministry. For the past 17 years, he has led Divorce Care workshops for people who are struggling with life after a divorce. He also

counsels couples who are thinking about ending their marriages. He sometimes counsels them aboard Checkmate.

"The boat is different. It's not an office setting," he said. "It's out here on the water, it's tranquil and for some crazy reason, it's unique. I've had 10 people in a group here before."

Checkmate is actually his second houseboat. His first was purchased from an individual at Rabbit Branch Marina. He kept the boat for a few years before wanting a bigger one.

"I was living in Inverness, and I was spending more time on the boat than in Inverness, so I started looking for a larger boat." He met a boat dealer at a watercraft show in Atlanta, and he would travel to Lake Lanier about once a month to see houseboats for sale. "And then one day they called me, and a



AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF LIVING ON A HOUSEBOAT, LOGAN MARTIN RESIDENT RANDY SMITH SAID HE CAN'T IMAGINE GOING BACK TO LIFE ON DRY LAND.

sales rep said, 'We found your boat.'

Smith was told that the vessel "had everything you could put on a boat at that time," as it was built to impress potential buyers at the Atlanta Boat Show. "Then I asked him what color it was, and he hesitated. I had been working with them for a year, and they hesitated when I asked what color it was. So I asked what color the carpet was, and they said, 'Uh...uh... it's purple.' I told them I didn't want a purple boat. I am not an LSU fan," Smith said jokingly.

But he agreed to see some pictures. "I couldn't tell really from looking at the pictures what color it was, but it wasn't purple like I was imagining," he said. The next day, he drove to Lake Lanier to see it. "When I walked on board, it was like, 'Woah.' It wasn't really purple. I still don't know what color it is," he said. "I have heard the word mauve. I've heard plum. I just don't know. But when I walked on board it was calming and peaceful to



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The houseboat is fully furnished, professionally decorated and lit up like a jeweler's showcase. It has two bedrooms, two baths, a small home office and an open living space. The upper deck is partially covered and outfitted with a wet bar that has a sink and refrigerator. There are two helms. One is in the main living area, and the other is on the upper deck.

After taking Checkmate for a test run, he sealed the deal and had it shipped from Georgia to Riverside Marina. "This was the first time I had bought a boat outside of the water. My first boat was in the water when I bought it. So when they pulled up with this thing, there was an army of folks escorting it. Two trucks in the front and two in the back, because it's as wide as the lane on the freeway," he said.

Although the boat arrived with no



problems, launching it proved to be an ordeal. It was a cold January day, and the water was at its lowest.

"They pulled into the marina, and two guys got out with a dinghy," Smith said. "They put the dinghy in the water and got in, and they had these long poles, and they were poking around the bottom of the lake. They came back and said, 'We can't launch it here. There are holes out there, and if one of the wheels on our boat trailer gets stuck in a hole, it's going to break the frame on our trailer and sink your boat. We can't launch it here.'"

Smith didn't have a backup plan, so he checked with other marinas in the area. "I came to Lakeside Marina, and the manager said they could check

the bottom of the lake there. The guys put the dinghy in the water and poked around. Then they came back and said, 'We are good to go here.'"

But they needed a new permit to launch at Lakeside Marina, and they needed a police escort to move the boat from one marina to the other. Riverside police coordinated with Pell City police to provide Checkmate with its escort. "They had police officers out in front, moving everybody over until the boat came through. It was a parade. It was an interesting adventure," Smith said.

These days, Checkmate is docked at Images, a small private gated community at the end of Blue Springs Road in Cropwell. Smith sometimes



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takes the boat out solo for an overnight trip. "I love taking it out and throwing an anchor and just spending the night on the water."

When he is not working in Leeds at his printing company, Smith Printing Company, he spends a lot of time in his home office. He calls it the "War Room," after the movie of the same name. It is essentially a prayer room covered in Post-it notes. On the notes are the names of people who have asked him to pray for them and a description of their problem.

He frequently posts photographs of the lake on Facebook. He enjoys sitting on the stern's deck early in the morning and taking pictures of the sunrise. The pictures he posts are usually accompanied by a Bible verse and an inspirational message for the day.

For Smith, living afloat has more advantages than disadvantages. He said severe weather can be a problem, but he has experienced only a few major storms during his 10 years aboard Checkmate. "I've left the boat maybe six



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times, and that is when the news is saying that tornadoes from Shelby County are headed toward St. Clair County. My friend is the director of St. Clair County EMA, and I go to her office. I'll answer the phones and hang out with them during severe storms."

Comparing land living to boat living is like comparing apples

to oranges, according to Smith.

"I don't own a lawn mower or weed eater," he said with a laugh. "You buy a boat tag, and there are no property taxes because you are on the water. I have three 100-gallon tanks for gasoline. I fill up two or three times a year, depending on how much I drive it. I don't think you can compare this to land living." 

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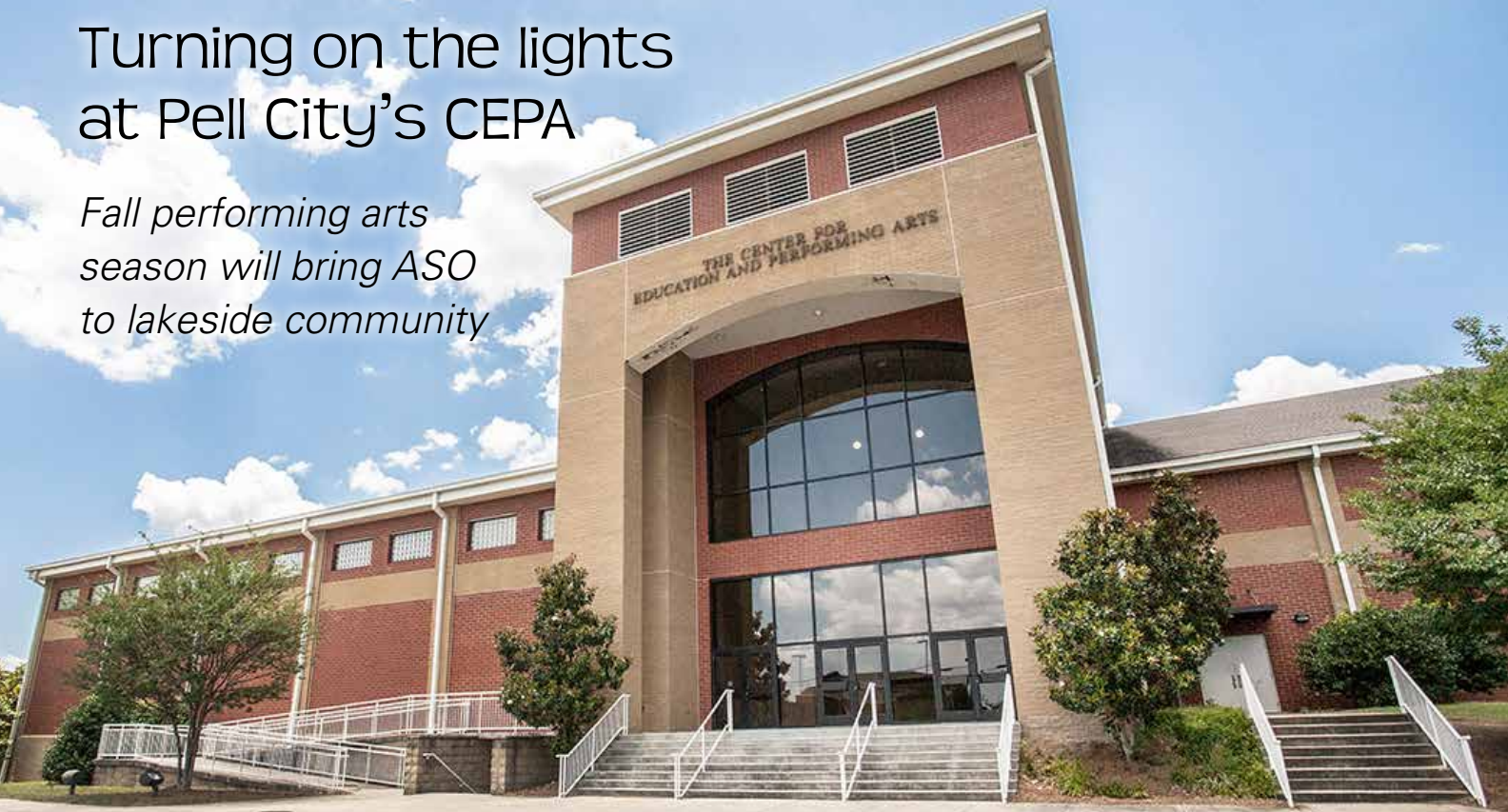


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Turning on the lights at Pell City's CEPA

Fall performing arts season will bring ASO to lakeside community



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

“In 10 minutes, a group of dance students would be coming in for a dress rehearsal, and I was trying to turn on the lights so I could direct them to the stage,” he said. “I flipped every switch and pushed every power key and button on the thing, trying to get the lights on.”

Eventually he got them on, and the young dancers found their stage. Now a month into his tenure at CEPA, Thompson looks back on the then-harrowing experience as a metaphor for what he and the center's board of directors hope to accomplish.

“There is an attitude toward this center that the board is looking to change,” he said. “It's time to turn on some lights. We're going to start doing that, and we're going to start big.”

Big, as in bringing the Alabama Symphony Orchestra to Pell City in September for a performance that will kick off CEPA's fall season.

“That's the only event I can talk about at this point, but we are building a fall season that's going to be fantastic,” Thompson said. He announced the ASO appearance during a presentation to the Pell City Rotary Club – an announcement that was met with applause from Rotarians –

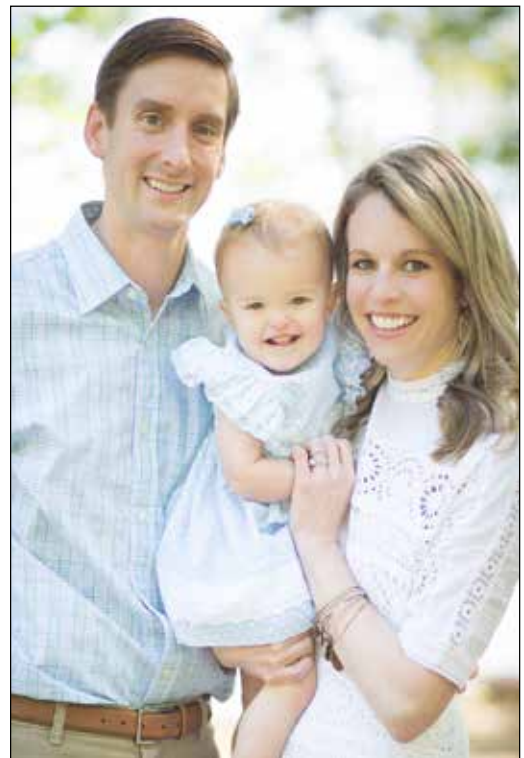
which was appropriate, since the civic group played a part in making it happen.

“A representative of the ASO spoke at one of the club meetings, and someone asked ‘What would it take to get you here?’ I don't know who it was, but I commend them for asking. Turns out, all it took to get them here was a phone call. They came down, walked the stage and said they wanted to perform on it. They're excited, we're thrilled to death about having them here and we're going to follow it up with things that will make you proud of Pell City.”

Thompson, who previously served as editor and general manager of the St. Clair News-Aegis, said he recognized the center's potential during his first visit there.

“The first time I walked in the building was during my first week on the job at the newspaper. I'd gotten a press release about an upcoming performance. I didn't even know Pell City had a community theater. Besides seeing the cast members from the Pell City Players there, the number of people there supporting them was amazing. For a town this size to have so many people invested in the production was incredible. They were all just so into it and passionate about it. I remember thinking that having access to this center, being on this stage and under those lights had to be a big part of what drove them to come out and be a part of great performances.”

Much of the CEPA's potential, though, remains untapped, he believes.



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“Part of it may be that it’s just for school functions and the only reason you’d go there is to see a basketball game or play. I think enough of the population knows that’s not the case, but we still have a tremendous asset that, for whatever reason, is not being utilized. We want to change people’s definition of what the center is. When you look at it, don’t just see the gym or the performance hall or the lobby. See the potential that is there in that multi-million-dollar building. Know that what we have here is a place worth putting people on the stage.”

Thompson said he shares the CEPA board’s goal of maximizing the center’s potential and getting people through its doors.

“As executive director, the board has given me a pretty

clear charge to have constant communication with the community about what’s going on in this building and to schedule things that will bring people from all areas of the county and beyond. We will be using creative and diverse marketing campaigns to tell the narrative of what’s going on here so that the story of CEPA becomes connected to the story of Pell City and St. Clair County.”

Individuals or organizations interested in CEPA memberships or supporting any of its efforts may call Thompson at 205-338-1974 or 256-466-0715 or email pellcitycepa@gmail.com or jthompson@pellcitycepa.com.

“Whatever I can do to share our vision for this center or talk with anyone who desires to support it as we build it, I will be happy to do so day or night. Let’s turn on some lights.”

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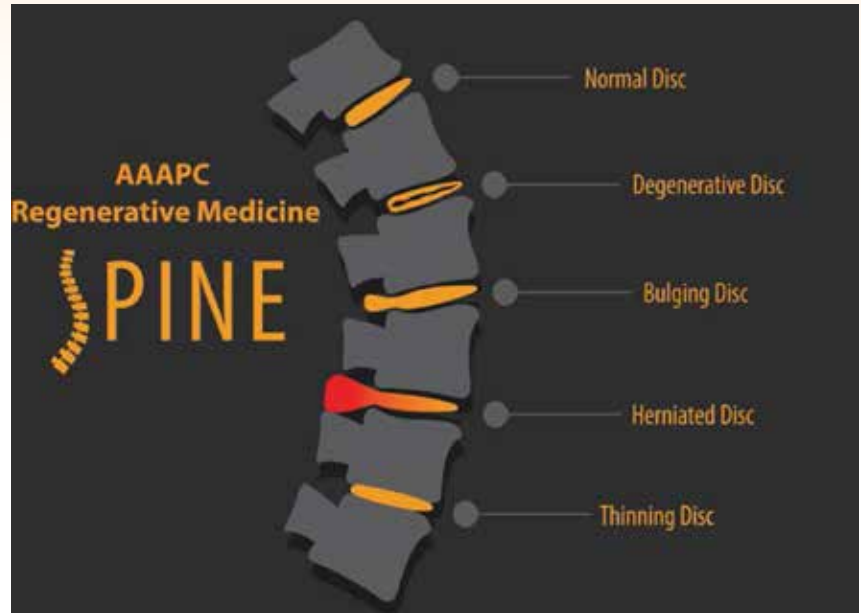
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Caitlin Freeman

STORY AND PHOTO
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As a native of Pell City, Caitlin Freeman says she grew up on the water. So did her husband Michael. “It’s in our blood,” she said. “It’s how we live. Every afternoon, get off work, go out on the lake and go for a boat ride.”

That’s why selecting Michael’s grandparents’ lake house as the venue for their wedding last month wasn’t a hard decision.

“I couldn’t picture a more fitting spot for us to be married than Logan Martin Lake,” Caitlin said. “We always spend our summers here at their home, and everybody is always there Sunday after church for lunch. I couldn’t think of a better place or a more breathtaking view.”

The setting didn’t disappoint, as she described while taking in some sun on a recent morning, a few feet away from where she and Michael exchanged vows.

Her wedding day: “It was everything I had hoped and prayed over and more. It’s very hard to put into words the emotions leading up to the day: the hard work, planning, sleepless nights and countless amounts of small details, but when the big day actually happens, it all just fell into place. It was actually a very smooth day.”

“Michael and a few of the groomsmen went by boat to have breakfast at The Back Porch, while the bridesmaids and I had our makeup and hair done. There was a brief gloomy cloud that brought in some winds and we all started checking our radars on our phones and there were rain storms all in our surrounding area, truly right on top of our beautiful setting, but that brief gloomy cloud rolled out fast and everything held dry for us, and everyone just danced the night away.”

Special moments: “Seeing all of our family and friends there to support us. Family means so much to both of us and having all of our families together was like the icing on the cake. We could never thank everyone enough for all that they did for us in making our day so very special. The most enjoyable part was after our vows and they pronounced us Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, we both took out our hidden Alabama Crimson Tide shakers and walked down the aisle to the Alabama fight song. None of our guests knew about it, so it was fun to see their faces in excitement.”

A typical Saturday on the lake: “We get up early. I mean,

early early, when the water is calm and still and nobody else is out. Not that many people get up extremely early. It’s so calm and relaxing, it’s like you have the lake to yourself. I can’t ski – I’ve tried – but I like to pull Michael early in the morning. I like to fish, but Michael doesn’t have patience for it. He likes to ski and wakeboard. I just like to cruise. Then we’ll go down to The Back Porch to have breakfast or lunch. Then you just have the rest of the day, and our families are always here in the summer. That’s what makes it so nice. That’s the life. The lake life.”

Lakeside style: “I like to be comfortable. A swimsuit, cover-up, shorts and my hair pulled up – it doesn’t get any better than that.”

Her work: First-grade teacher at Salter Elementary School in Talladega. “I didn’t start college knowing I wanted to be a teacher. It took me about out where I fit in. Then I participated in the Read Alabama program. We’d go into schools and read with the kids, and that’s when I fell in love with the classroom.”

The reward of teaching: “The feeling you get when you’re with the kids and you see how they’ve come from Point A to Point B during the course of a school year. It truly puts a smile on your face. It’s worth all the extra hours and the late night lesson plans. There’s no better feeling.”

How she describes herself: “Very determined. I’m also very stubborn. They go hand-in-hand. My stubbornness makes me determined. When I put my mind to something, I’m going to make it happen.”

The food she could eat every day: “Pizza. With pepperoni. Extra pepperoni.”

The food she hopes she never eats again: “I can’t really think of one. Michael and I have had octopus and a lot of other exotic foods. We’re not afraid to try anything. You never know until you try it, right?” 🍷



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15th 4-H
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Open to St. Clair County youngsters ages 9-19, the event is scheduled for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lakeside Park splash pad, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road, Pell City. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes a snack, lunch and a t-shirt. To pre-register, call the St. Clair County Extension Office at 205-338-9416 or download a form at www.aces.edu/St.Clair.



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Presented by Pell City Fire & Rescue, Triple H Bucking Bulls Co. and Lickert Paving, the event returns to Logan Martin Lake for its second year, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Muscular Distrophy Association. Gates open at 5 p.m. at the Pell City Civic Center, where pre-sale tickets are now available.

Pre-sale tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12. Admission at the gate is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 years old and younger will be admitted free. Events will include Southern Extreme Bull Riding Association championship bull riding, barrel racing, bareback riding, mutton bustin, kids chicken chase, clown acts and The Rawhide & Dusty Show. For more information, call Adam Manning at 205-365-7881.



SATURDAY

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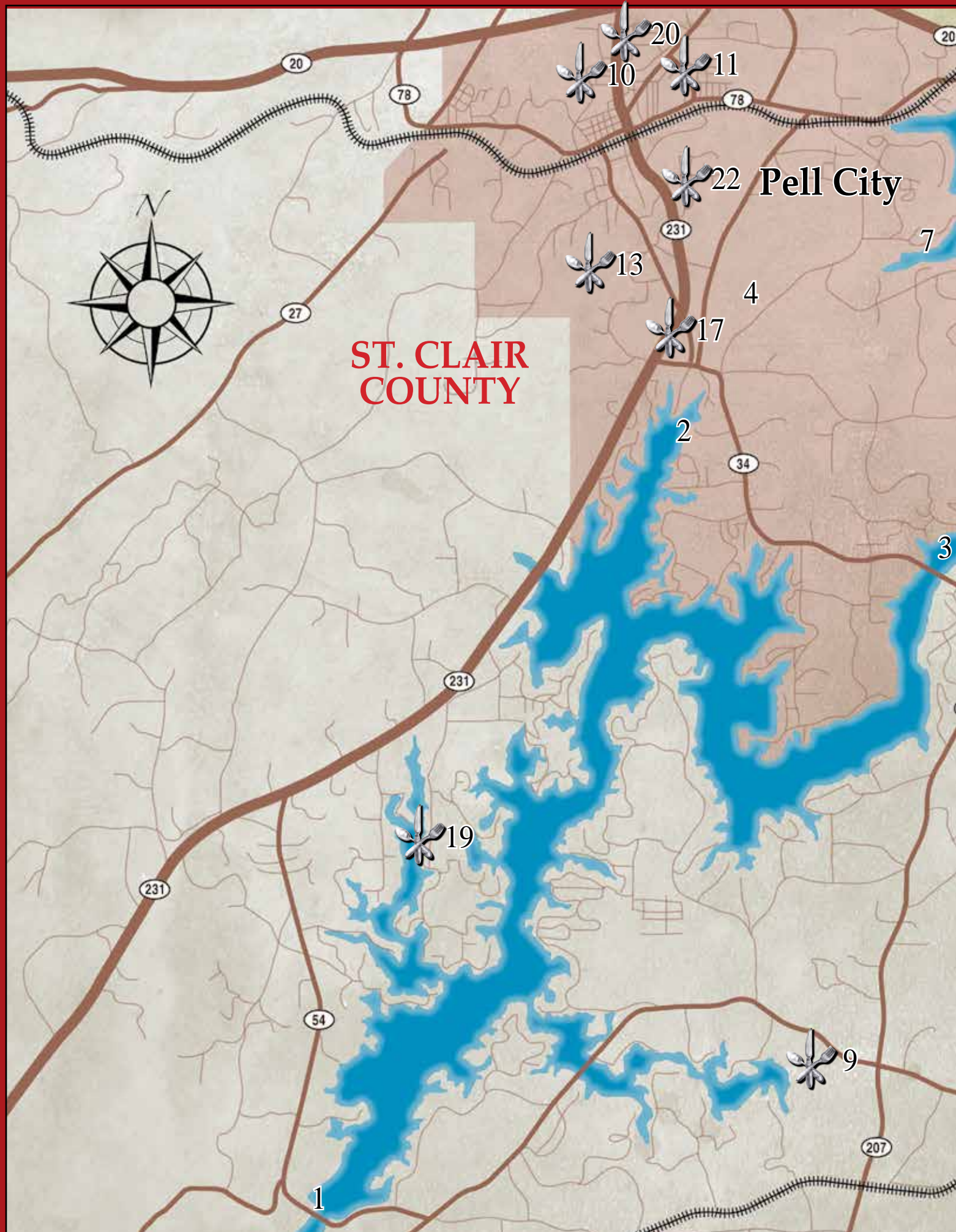
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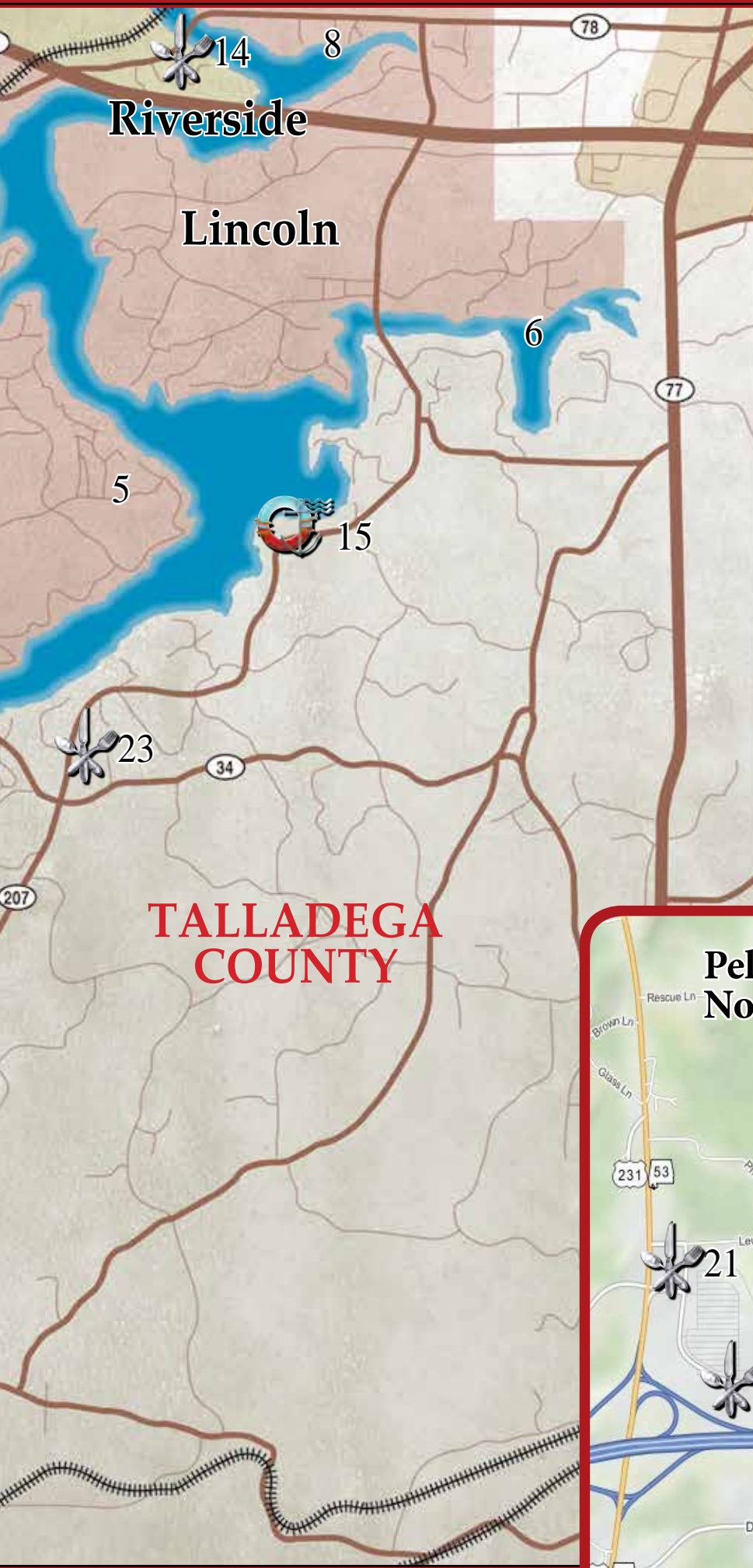
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Two additional bedrooms, each with its own full bath,

are on the second floor.

The house features arched doorways and a fireplace in the family room. New carpet was installed in April, and a new roof was installed in 2013. The property also includes an unfinished basement with a half bath.

Other amenities offered by the lakefront home include an installed security system, a screened-in porch, a two-car garage, a seawall and covered dock.

The house is listed at \$359,900. For more information, call Brenda Fields with F&G Realty at 205-812-4141. 

LAURIE BURGESS

Real Estate
Agent with
Webb & Company
Realty

‘Putting the pieces into place’

Realtor reflects on helping others



STORY BY LACI BRASWELL

Laurie Burgess has been in the real estate business for 26 years and considers it a “blessing to be able to help others” through her profession.

“Honestly, my favorite thing to do is to help others,” she said.

A graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Burgess felt a calling to serve early in her life, discovering a means to fulfill it through the medical field while working in UAB’s open heart surgery unit and catheterization laboratory.

“I wouldn’t take anything away from my time in the medical field, but I still feel like I’m able to help others through real estate, just in a different way,” she said, describing her line of work as an agent as “trying to put together a puzzle. Every situation is different, and sometimes the pieces may not fit like you want them to, but **it** all works out in the end.”


Burgess, a Realtor with Webb & Company Realty, said the best advice she could give to potential homeowners and

sellers is “to have someone represent you who has your best interests at heart. If you are working with someone who truly understands what your needs are, the transaction will be much smoother.”

She has a particular partiality to lake life.

“I grew up around Guntersville Lake, and now I live in St. Clair County, to be closer to my family,” she said. “The water is very peaceful, and it’s nice to get away from all the hustle and bustle. I look forward to my drive home from work each day.”

Burgess and her dog Skipper live in a lakefront home in Cropwell, which she describes as “a little piece of heaven on earth.” Her home is perpetually open to members of her Presbyterian Church of Leeds family, as well as all of her friends and family. “I love to spoil all of my nieces and nephews,” she said.

“The lake is the perfect environment for fellowship and to bring people together, and I wouldn’t trade it for the world.” 



The Sign of Results



Dana Ellison, REALTOR®

SOLD



\$329,900

2045 Enclave Dr, Trussville, AL 35173 -5 BR, 3.5 BA brick home with supersized master BR. Kitchen has granite countertops, beautiful cabinets and stainless steel appliances. Screened in porch, open deck and a large yard.



\$259,900

287 Merrill Road Logan Martin Lake home on 1.3 acres, next door to the Birmingham Sail Club is in great condition! Built on steel beams, including the deck. Switzer custom cabinets, corian countertops, laminate hardwood floors, tile bathrooms & carpet in 2 rooms. Furnished including all appliances and washer/dryer. Additional room can be 3rd bedroom or office space. Situated on 174 ft. of water frontage. Concrete circular drive allows for plenty of parking, gentle slope to the lake. Priced Right...Don't Wait!!

LOTS & LAND



587058 - 115 CHERRY TREE LN, #18 CROPWELL, AL - \$20,000
587110 - 130 CHERRY TREE LN, #20 CROPWELL, AL - \$25,000
587104 - 20 OLD ROAD WAY, #32 CROPWELL, AL - \$20,000
587052 - 75 DELLWOOD LN, 11 CROPWELL, AL - \$15,000
586925 - 60 OLD ROAD WAY, #30 CROPWELL, AL - \$25,000
586914 - NIXON RD, #9.7 AC CROPWELL, AL - \$94,000

2 Lots in Catatoga Estates
733035 - Lot 27 Ingram St. - \$22,500
733040 - Lot 28 Ingram St. - \$22,500



\$339,900

5604 Smith Road - 3 BR, 2 BA home in Pine Harbor subdivision! Pool house/workshop with covered patio is large enough to create a second living space! Kitchen has granite, all stainless appls, living rm with gas FP. Master has a large closet, walk in shower, jacuzzi tub & double vanity. The spacious 2 & 3 BR's share a BA with large stone shower & countertops. Plantation shutters, gleaming hardwood floors, tile in kitchen & baths. mls# 727088

READY TO MOVE IN!



\$269,500

450 Big Oak Circle, 3 BR, 3.5 BA brick home. Move-in ready. AWESOME finished basement with large windows, 2nd kitchen with Alderwood cabinets, granite counters, tile floors. Hardwood floors throughout main level. MLS #738810



\$539,900

284 S. Lake Hills Dr., Home on Logan Martin. Great room soars to 2nd floor, new hardwood floors. Stacked stone wood burning fireplace. Kitchen with white cabinets & stainless appliances, double ovens with conv/micro combo. Breakfast bar, eating area and pantry. Master suite is on the main level, offering a fireplace, jacuzzi tub, separate shower, double vanities and laundry room conveniently located next to the master bath. Upstairs has a loft that overlooks the great room & 2 bedrooms with a spacious Jack & Jill bath. Roof, HVAC, water heater, septic tank/lines are recent. Covered porch, flagstone patio, boat house with lift & upper deck. 275 ft. of shoreline, boardwalk, seawall, boat launch & landscaping.



\$317,900

7019 Blackberry Ln, Pell City, AL 35128 -SOLD AS IS... New roof was added a short time ago. Cedar home on Logan Martin lake offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, very large covered porch on a dead end lakefront street. mls# 743672

PENDING CONTRACT



\$679,000

620 River Oaks Dr, Cropwell, AL 35054 -6 BR, 4 BA on waterfront lot. Additional lot can be purchased separately. White kitchen with stainless appliances, Viking gas stove, immaculate house with pier and seawall in excellent condition. Gentle slope to the water. mls#743675



\$649,000

5112 Lakeshore Dr. - Main channel lakefront property year round water frontage! 5 BR, 3 BA, main level gourmet kitchen has Thomasville cabinetry, induction cook-top with pot filler faucet, granite counter tops & tile floors. Large master suite on main & 2nd master on 1st level, all glass low e & low e with argon gas for heating & cooling, solar powered attic vent, 22x44 in-ground pool, 3 car garage, boathouse, exterior deck, storage building. mls# 629131



\$449,900

67 Mays Bend Circle, Brick home on Logan Martin Lake, 4 BR, 3 full BA, 3 car garage, central vacuum system, master suite w/jacuzzi tub, lake view from every room in the house MLS #738433

ZONED BUSINESS

WILL SELL

SOLD



\$193,000

2101 1st AVE. N. - Conveniently located to I-20, retail & hospital. Located in the Historic Downtown area of Pell City, this special & stylish property is currently set up as a fully licensed cafe/restaurant with a comm kitchen, however, it would be very easy to convert to a wonderful office/retail site. The property is 2500 sf of livable space and there is a storage/garage area which could easily be finished for additional shop/office space. mls# 720988



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CROPWELL \$389,000. Spacious 3BR/3BA on 4.6 acres on Logan Martin Lake. Has 2 wood burning fireplaces, basement, garage, 2 storage buildings and several pecan trees. MLS#741214



TALLADEGA \$339,000. Great for weekender or year round, nice waterfront, poured concrete seawall, new pier system. 3BR/2BA home with metal roof, vinyl siding, carport, living room with fireplace, sunroom. MLS#733109



PELL CITY \$299,900 Great 3BR/3BA lake home or weekender on year-round water with pier & seawall. Enjoy the open greatroom/kitchen area with fireplace, Terrific screened porch overlooking the lake. Roof, elec heat pump and master suite were added in 2002. MLS#743915



GREAT LAKE PROPERTY! PELL CITY \$295,000. APPROX 5.3 WOODED ACRES ON LOGAN MARTIN LAKE. APPROX 300 FT OF WTFP, GREAT PLACE TO BUILD OR SUBDIVIDE. NICE MH WITH FRONT PORCH OVERLOOKING LAKE. MLS#633317



CROPWELL \$595,000. Lovely 3BR/2.5BA home on a beautiful lake lot with a awesome view in a very nice, quiet neighborhood. Level lot, Cabana, fenced area and pier. Master has separate sitting area. Great room overlooking fantastic view of lake/ Stacked stone fireplace. Separate office and laundry room on main level. Upstairs has 2 bedrooms plus a large bonus room.



TALLADEGA \$334,900. 1.5 story home with great lake view, 4BR/3.5BA, plus a bonus room! Greatroom with vaulted ceiling, stacked stone FP. Spacious updated kitchen with restored cabinets. Nice sunroom. Spacious master with walk-in closet, custom shower, jet tub. Great lake living and still convenient to I-20 MLS#634260



LINCOLN \$389,000. Great 4BR/3BA farmhouse with approx. 3400 sq. ft on 8.8 acres. Ready for farming! Blueberry plants under irrigation barn, 20x100 ft Greenhouse, Barn/Garden Shed, Cooler for produce, Covered Shed, Finished Bldg, drilled well, separate finished bldg with porch. Covered & screened porches, unique farm-style interior, clawfoot tubs, 2 FPs. Downstairs could be mother-in-law suite with bed, bath & kitchenette.



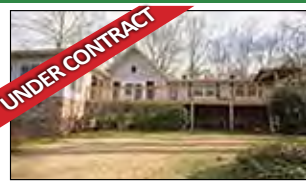
TALLADEGA \$435,000. Beautiful lakefront home on year round water. Brick 3BR/3BA, open floor plan, hardwood & marble floors, stainless appliances, granite counters, stained glass windows. Master suite has his&hers full baths, 3 walk-in closets. Beautiful view of lake from every room. Sunroom, covered patio across entire length of house on water side. level lot with seawall, pier, covered deck with boat lift. Minutes from I-20. MLS#745299



PELL CITY - LOGAN MARTIN
1803 Truss Ferry Rd.- 3br, 2.5 ba
MLS #751801 **\$239,900**



PELL CITY - LOGAN MARTIN
4908 Lakeshore Dr. - 4br, 3.5ba
MLS #733836 **\$429,900**



PELL CITY - LOGAN MARTIN
130 Hickory Ln.- 3br, 2ba
MLS #739299 **\$274,900**



PELL CITY - LOGAN MARTIN
260 Sunset Strip. - 5 br, 3.5 ba
MLS #750072 **\$319,900**



RIVERSIDE - LOGAN MARTIN
630 Cove Point Dr.- 4br, 3.5 ba
MLS #742755 **\$419,900**



RIVERSIDE - LOGAN MARTIN
315 Rabbit Point - 3 br, 3 ba
\$349,900



CROPWELL - LOGAN MARTIN
37 Mallard Dr.- 3br, 2ba
MLS #833465 **\$249,900**



CROPWELL - LOGAN MARTIN
59 Coosa Island Cir. - 3br, 2ba
MLS #739787 **\$149,900**



CROPWELL - LOGAN MARTIN
45 Willow Point Ln.- 3br, 4.5ba
MLS #746673 **\$317,900**



CROPWELL - LOGAN MARTIN
870 Black Acres Rd. - 1 br, 2 ba
MLS #748366 **\$369,900**



CROPWELL - LOGAN MARTIN
145 Maine Dr. - 4br, 2ba
\$169,900



TALLADEGA - LOGAN MARTIN
195 Fulmer Dr. - 10 br, 7.5ba
MLS #753665 **\$730,000**



ALPINE - LOGAN MARTIN
100 Waters Edge Cir.- 3br, 2ba
MLS #745139 **\$589,900**



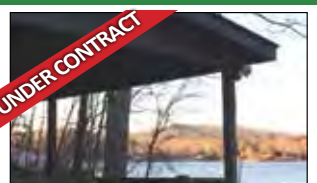
ALPINE - LOGAN MARTIN
44 Pine Needle Way- 1br, 1ba
MLS #745129 **\$65,000**



ALPINE - LOGAN MARTIN
516 Lakeview Cir.- 4br, 3.5ba
MLS #741029 **\$449,900**



SYLACAUGA - LAY LAKE
1194 Kelley Lane - 1 br, 1 ba
MLS #748486 **\$119,900**



ASHVILLE - NEELY HENRY
2975 Waldrop Rd.- 2br, 1ba
MLS #737102 **\$119,900**



ASHVILLE - NEELY HENRY
875 Colvin Springs Rd.- 3br, 2ba
MLS #742830 **\$169,900**



ASHVILLE - NEELY HENRY
97 Pulaski Cir.- 3br, 3.5ba
MLS #739637 **\$389,900**



WEOGUFKA - WEOGUFKA CREEK
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- 4 TOE RIVER LN #LOT4 CROWPELL \$42,000 - 3.12 ac. great lot on paved road in wooded neighborhood. MLS# 568489
- 1355 COUNTY ROAD 42, STEELE \$154,800 - 33 acres MLS# 619571
- LOGANS EDGE -4 LOTS \$29,900 - Lincoln City Limits. MLS# 750168
- LAKE LOT - RIVERSIDE \$75,000



100 GUY DR. LINCOLN \$152,000. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan, just off the kitchen is patio with a beautiful pergola. Large corner lot. 1,340 square feet. Hardwood floors, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths, split bedroom floor plan. Two car garage. MLS 746005.



1015 HAMILTON RD., PELL CITY. \$138,000. 8 1/2 acres. Rose bushes, plum, cherry trees, persimmons, blackberry patches, jasmine, mimosa trees. Gate at rear of property. 8x12 storage building, two work benches and 12x20 awning. City water but has a well on the property. New septic system. 4 br and 2 ba. Living room, dining room and great Room. Huge laundry room. Kitchen with island. Seller offering \$300.00 paint allowance or 1 year home warranty with acceptable offer. MLS # 752007



247 SEDDON RD., RIVERSIDE, \$129,000. 3 br. 2 ba. New vinyl outside. Double pane windows. Inside has new carpet, kitchen and bath cabinets, commodes, bath fixtures, kitchen floor, paint, most light fixtures. The lot is level with big shade trees. Two piers and new seawall. Convenient to I-20. MLS #750844



334 CANE CREEK DR, PELL CITY - 3 BR/3 BA. - \$79,900 Walk in closets, fireplace, abundance of cabinet space and pantry in the kitchen. This home has a storm shelter and playground that is equipped with a pirates ship jungle gym. Also offers a large library with full Bath. MLS #726282



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



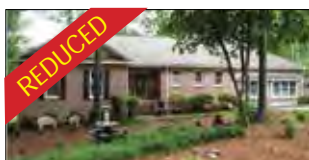
3215 DR JOHN HAYNES DR, PELL CITY \$220,000. Two 75x150 lots. There's a 31 unit warehouse. Several different sizes. The other lot is vacant and fenced. The proers als comes with a 2006 Chevrolet roll back wrecker. MLS# 726742



2407 ANNESLEY DR., PELL CITY, AL \$365,000. Three bedrooms, two baths. Great room has a fireplace with gas logs. Formal dining room with unique ceiling. Plantation shutters. Kitchen offers a eat up bar and breakfast room. All appliances remain. Sunroom over looks the pool and Logan Martin Lake. Fenced in back yard. The pier has a covered boat port plus a sun deck. Seawall. Metal roof. MLS #774038



204 VIEWPOINT CIR PELL CITY, AL \$425,000. Three bedrooms, two and a half baths. Formal dining room and living room. Great room with a gas log fireplace. Eat in kitchen, large pantry. Large screen porch. Patio. Two car attached garage. Boat lift and poured concrete seawall. Full brick, pella windows. Irrigation system pumps directly from the lake. MLS #746395



DOVE COVE \$321,000. Logan Martin Lake, four bedrooms, three bath, three living areas, full brick, two master suites, 3375 sq ft per owner, 1.2 acres covered boat port. MLS#619217



503 LINDY CIR., PELL CITY, \$379,000. 3 br, 2 ba. Great room has a brick fireplace, Tray ceiling with lighting. Formal dining room with unique ceiling design plus eat in space in the kitchen. Master bedroom opens onto a covered and open deck over looking Logan Martin lake. Two car garage with pull down stairs to the attic. Large level lot. 1 acre with its on personal pier. Roof and windows three years old. The seller is offering a carpet allowance to the buyer. MLS #: 751485



PARADISE ISLE Unit 112, RIVERSIDE - \$174,800. 2 Br, 2 Full Bathrooms. Paradise isle is perfect lake living. No outside maintenance for the home owner. Paradise is only seconds away from I-20. This unit is on the main channel with a forever view. Paradise isle features two pools, tennis courts, boat launch, grilling area, playground area, basketball court, boat parking. The owner of this unit has paid the fee to have a new pier built. The screen porch is great for relaxing while looking at the lake. This unit has a fireplace in the greatroom. Eat up bar in the kitchen plus a dining area. MLS# 736388



7725 AL HIGHWAY 144, RAGLAND. \$620,000. 4 beds 4 baths 3,265 sqft. Farm house on 93 acres, has dog trot for nostalgia but completely updated. 2 dens with fireplaces, formal dining room, big eat in kitchen with island, study and laundry. Hardwood, tile and carpet floors. Screen porch and country front porch. 3 car garage with storage. 3 barns, one with 5 stalls, tack room and feed room, 3 storage buildings. Property fenced and crossed fenced. Beautiful pond. 3 heat and air systems. MLS #752344



917 CRADDOCK AVE, SYLACAUGA. \$129,000. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath. Level one acre corner lot. Completely remodeled in the craftsman style. Great room with hardwood floors and fireplace, dining room, huge new kitchen stainless appliances. Large laundry room with washer and dryer included. MLS #746005



60 RIVER OAKS DR., CROWPELL. \$649,000 Beautiful Logan Martin Lake waterfront home with 4 bedrooms and 5 1/2 baths. Kitchen has Island and Butler Pantry. Hardwood and carpet floors. Beautiful landscape, pier and boat launch. 3 gargeage spaces. MLS # 748651



36 CEDAR POINT, LINCOLN - \$196,900 Water access, 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 dens, fireplace, storage, double car garage fenced back yard. # 568506



697 COVE POINT DR, RIVERSIDE - \$335,000 - 3 BR/2.5 BA, cedar siding, granite counter tops and stainless appliances. Formal dining room, greatroom with fireplace. Hand scraped maple hardwood floors. master suite with jacuzzi, walk in shower and closet. Boat launch, boat house and seawall. MLS #734813



1630 CONCORD CHURCH RD, TALLADEGA. - \$112,000. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths Farmhouse. Screen porch overlooking barn and pasture. Fenced and crossed fenced. Barn nice enough to live in. Great room with fireplace, open kitchen with eat in space. Master bath with jazz tub. MLS 747356





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\$1,400,000 - 710 Sunset Dr. - EXQUITE ESTATE of 94 ACRES M/L with beautiful 5 BR, 4.5 BA custom built home with gated entrance, (2) lakes and access for additional acreage. Home has all the grandeur anyone may want with private guest quarters downstairs along with family room with beautiful FP, master BR, dining room and office all on the main level. Convenient Location! MLS #749436 Call Brenda 812-4141 or Blair 812-5377



\$154,900 - 2312 Fraim Dr. - WATERFRONT TOWNHOUSE - End unit with Fantastic Views and Wonderful Sunsets! Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with living room with fireplace, dining area, oversize master bedroom, sunroom and loft located upstairs, boat slip and community pool. MLS #744195 Call Blair 812-5377



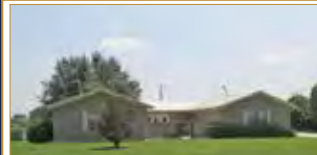
\$423,900 - 350 Riverview Drive - FANTASTIC WATERFRONT HOME located in Cropwell with 4 BR, 3 BA, covered boat dock with lift. Granite counter tops and SS appliances, hwd and tile floors. Large master suite, large lot with wonderful views of the lake. MLS #738511 Call Carl 205/965-4755 or Michelle 205/4273227



\$525,000 - 386 Lakeview Cir - PANORAMIC VIEW WITH DEEP YR. ROUND WATER - with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath beautiful brick home with exquisite details of heavy molding, hardwood floors and gourmet kitchen. Screened in porch, grilling deck and new two tiered boat house with lift and floating dock. Panoramic view from several rooms! MLS #738826 Call Karen 205/473-4613



\$267,000 - 523 Seminole Trl. - ENJOYABLE LAKE LIVING with this full brick 3 BR, 2 BA home. Living room w/FP, separate dining room, eat-in kitchen and screened in porch all on main level, PLUS den, 2nd kitchen and bath located downstairs as well as the 2-car garage. MLS #721636 Call Brenda 812-4141



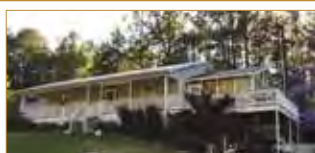
\$289,000 - 235 Cove Point, Riverside - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2-car garage, boat storage with workshop, covered boat dock and boat launch. MLS#723413 Call Bill 369-7977



\$205,000 - 2351 Fraim Dr. - 2 STORY TOWNHOUSE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, family room with fireplace, screened in porch and master bedroom with fireplace, private balcony overlook the lake, private dock. MLS #748368 Call Lawrence 812-5195



\$339,900 - 286 Clear Creek Dr. - RUSTIC LAKESIDE 4 bedroom, 2 bath log home with gorgeous wrap around porch, great room with stacked stone fireplace, kitchen and bathrooms with state tile, full unfinished basement and approx. 300' of water frontage with beautiful view of the lake. MLS #750565 Call Mary 586-0825



\$194,500 - 419 Pine Point Ln. - 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with full basement, part finished, large sunroom, screened porch, open deck, waterfront lot, fenced on approx. 3/4 acres. MLS#732697 Call Bill 369-7977



\$774,900 - 740 River Oaks Dr. - ESTATE SIZE 4 BR, 4.5 BA white brick home w/open floor plan. Elegance marks the extensively updated and remodeled interior. Hwd floors, 10' ceilings, 3 FP's and newly updated kitchen. Also featured formal dining room, office and cozy den. MLS #578320 Call Adam 369-270413



\$122,500 - 3390 Sprayberry Rd. - LARGE 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home with elegant living room, large den with fireplace, storm shelter, great kitchen with beautiful back splash, two out buildings for storage and located on approx. 3 Acres. MLS #748722 Call Tina 337-8509 or Bill 369-7977



\$359,900 - 325 Seminole Trl. - ATTRACTIVE 1.5 story 3 BR, 2.5 BA home with open floor plan. Enter the living room with vaulted ceiling and FP that also sees through to the other fireplace located in the den which opens to the eat-in kitchen and adjoining dining room. Master BR and BA is located on the main level. MLS #744896 Call Brenda 812-4141



\$210,000 - 113 Maine Dr. - 2 bedroom, 2 bath fully updated kitchen, hardwood floors throughout with boat dock w/lift and private boat launch. MLS #742280 Call Carl 965-4755 or Michelle 4273222



\$159,900 - 100 Deerbrook Rd. - UPDATED 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with beautiful hardwood floors, custom tiled bath and concrete counter in the kitchen and master bath. MLS #748507 Call Scott 3688138 or Joel 753-3831



\$115,000 - 514 South St. - COTTAGE STYLE HISTORIC home located in the Silk Stocking District of Talladega with lot of updates. Large open entry hall and staircase, large rooms with original wood ceilings, wide baseboards, crown molding and floors. LOT OF POTENTIAL! MLS #736000 Call Nan 256/452-4761



\$420,000 - Roberts Mill Pond Road - 28 ACRES m/l partly wooded, adjacent to Mill Creek Complex, equidistant between Barber's Motorsports and Talladega International Raceway. MLS #724167 Call Tina 337-8509



510 River Bend Cir
Talladega
MLS# 621433
\$179,900



2313 Fraim Dr
Pell City
MLS# 747861
\$179,900



2307 Fraim Dr
Pell City
MLS# 7531814
\$199,900



4970 Autumn Ln
Pell City
MLS# 738093
\$199,900



3933 Griffitt Bend Rd
Talladega
MLS# 559498
\$230,000



60 Joseph Cir
Talladega
MLS# 728841
\$259,900



160 Treasure Island LN
Cropwell, AL 35054
MLS# 617742
\$275,000



175 Lakeland Hills Dr
Talladega
MLS# 738704
\$275,000



455 Sunset Dr W
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 590209
\$294,900



240 Patches Ln
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MLS# 750981
\$299,900



297 Lakeland Hills Dr.
Talladega
MLS# 748626
\$299,900



89 Mohawk Trail
Talladega
MLS# 565984
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305 Patches Ln
Pell City
MLS# 734970
\$305,000



211 Kewanee Lane
Talladega
MLS# 744919
\$399,000



404 Allen Rd
Pell City
MLS# 745879
\$399,900



60 Pleasure Point
Talladega
MLS# 752764
\$410,000



386 Lakeview Cir
Alpine
MLS# 738826
\$525,000



1328 Willingham Rd
Talladega
MLS# 740621
\$529,000



130 Pineview Dr
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