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Find the bait, find the bass

In the fall, having shaken off their summer laziness and in anticipation of their winter chill, bass want to get fat. They are the finned equivalent of the offensive linemen who strike fear into the hearts of buffet restaurant owners. These bass have big mouths, big eyes and big appetites.

On most major bass fisheries, the primary object of their gluttony is the common shad. In some cases, it's threadfin shad. On some lakes, they may be jazzed up enough to go after the big old gizzards. Either way, shad travel in packs, making them easy pickings for hungry bass. If you can find the bait, you can usually find your prey.

Shad tend to migrate to the back of any cove or tributary, whether it's a major river or just a creek arm, as the water starts to cool off. You can run your boat all the way to the back and then fish out, hitting key structural elements along the way. Eventually you'll intercept the bait, and the bass should be right there with them.

Find the bait this fall, and you'll find the fish. While they fill their bellies, you can fill the livewell and hopefully leave that weigh-in bag bursting at the seams.



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Fall has undeniably settled in around Logan Martin Lake, and knowing how much my friends the Hathorns love the season, I decided to drop by their place one recent Saturday morning.

As I'd expected, Stan was on their deck at the grill, applying his special maple and brown sugar glaze to a big Boston butt. Chasidy stood nearby sipping a freshly-ground cappuccino sprinkled with cinnamon. Their daughter Abby sat in a rocking chair, covered with a fuzzy plaid throw and reading Gertrude Stein's *Three Lives*.

"Come up and sit a spell," Chasidy invited. "Stan has an apple cobbler going in the Big Green Egg that will be ready before long."

I took a chair and declined her offer of a coffee beverage. Despite its alluring aroma, I've never been able to drink the stuff.

"Don't y'all just love fall?" Chasidy asked.

Abby and Stan each mumbled something, without looking up from the book or the grill, that sounded like agreement, so she continued.

"The cooler temperatures, brightly-colored leaves, playing in the leaves, pumpkins, pecan pie..."

"And football," Stan added.

"You're apparently ready for that this afternoon," I observed, noting the big screen TV with surround sound that he had installed on the deck.

"Of course," Chasidy said. "I'm a big Mississippi State fan. Football is one of the five Fs of fall: football, foliage, food, family and friends. That's what the season is all about."

"Do you feel like things slow down a bit in the fall?" I asked.

"I think it does slow us down," she replied. "It's blissful. It reminds me of Frank Lloyd Wright and the arts and crafts era. I love just sitting on the porch, reading, sipping coffee, chatting with the neighbors...Life seems to slow down, and there seems to be less noise. Even rain clouds are beautiful this time of year."

"Fall does have its own unique beauty," Abby said, again without looking up from her book.

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FROM THE EDITOR

What Do You Love About Fall?

"That's what I love about this time of year – how everything looks prettier," Chasidy said. "It's the last big color show until spring arrives."

To celebrate the season in this month's issue of Lakeside Living, we bring you the story of the Kitty G, a reproduction Prohibition-era rum runner built and launched on Logan Martin by 88-year-old Mike Gordon. We also have some information recently presented to the Logan Martin Lake Preservation Association about conservation efforts in the area, and we invite you to visit with Erik and Katie Carmack in our monthly home feature to find out what makes their lakeside property so spectacular.

And if you'd like to read more of Chasidy's reflections on the season, visit her blog at www.sweetsorghumliving.com. There's plenty of good stuff there, so you might find yourself staying for longer than a spell.





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The Kitty G pays homage to the craftsmanship of the past

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS Photos by BOB CRISP

It was smooth sailing on a late summer morning as Talladega resident Mike Gordon took the Kitty G on its inaugural voyage from Poor House Branch Marina, bringing a 27-month project to a successful conclusion as he guided the boat into its slip at his home on Logan Martin Lake.

"I need a drink," he said as he stepped onto the dock. "Water. I'm thirsty."

Wearing a T-shirt he'd had made for the occasion, the 88-year-old Gordon was congratulated by his neighbors and his wife of 68 years, for whom the boat is named. He cut the first piece of wood for the boat's hull in May of 2013, a project he started "to keep my body and mind healthy. I can't stand monotony."

The Kitty G is a 27-foot motorboat, a two-thirds replica of a Prohibition-era rumrunner in a style similar to that often used by early 20th century boat builder William Frost. "This has been my amateurish attempt to honor Mr. Frost by constructing a smaller



Mike Gordon named the vessel in honor of his wife Kitty. The Talladega couple has been married 68 years.

version of his famous vessels," Gordon said. "The characteristics of those vessels allowed them to elude the government's revenue cutters. They had an extremely efficient hull form and were very fast for their time."

The boat's hull contains no metal, comprised entirely of three layers of ¼-inch timber that were formed, shaped and glued together with epoxy. "Basically, it's all one piece. The epoxy is stronger than the wood, so it's a really strong hull." All of the construction of the Kitty G was done in Gordon's basement, which includes a machine shop. "We had a rule as we were doing it not to buy anything – wood or metal – that we couldn't make ourselves," he said. "And we didn't have a target date to get finished by. You tend to rush things if you have a target date. The purpose of this was the journey, not the destination."

The retired pilot and Army veteran, who has built and restored as many as 10 boats beside the Kitty



G, said he believes the craftsmanship of the past is missing from production of modern watercraft. "Boats they make now are all plastic molding, and they kick them out like cookie cutters. I like something that has character, some kind of history."

Gordon's own history is a story in itself. Originally from Missouri, he learned to fly a J-3 Cub when he was 16 and married Kitty, a native of Georgia, a year later. "She's been my friend, my buddy and staunch supporter," he said. "We've had a wonderful life together."

It's a life that took them to Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Ecuador, Columbia, Central America, Japan and Nigeria during Gordon's career in the military, from which he retired as a first sergeant, and subsequent work as a corporate pilot and aircraft operations manager for Mobil Oil based in west Africa.

When he retired from that position in the mid-1960s, he decided to return to the United States by sailing across the Atlantic Ocean in a 47-foot steel cutter he built himself.

"I was getting close to retirement and had the opportunity to get the materials and figured I'd never have a better chance to build a boat," he said. His voyage was delayed shortly after launching, when heavy winds off the coast of Ghana damaged the boat's 62-foot mast and rigging, but after repairing it, Gordon made the 21-day transatlantic trip from Dakar to Trinidad without incident, ultimately docking in Florida.

In 2011, after half a century of flying planes, Gordon was awarded the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, which is on display in his home office. "In all my years as an aviator, that plaque is what I'm most proud of. But I can't fly any more, so I had to switch back to boats."

Gordon attributes his life in the air and on the water to something he learned from his father.

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Gordon and Huff begin the Kitty G's inaugural voyage from Poor House Branch Marina. Gordon built the boat with the aid of Skene's Elements of Yacht Design, a standard text for naval architecture first published in 1904. "Mr. Skene taught me everything I know about building a boat," he said.

when it came to understanding things. He would always tell me that life is like a glass. As you drink from it, you refill it. It's easy to sip on it once in a while, but if you really want to have a full life, you grab that thing, slug it down and fill it right back up again. And he was so right."

The Gordons settled on Logan Martin Lake 20 years ago. "We had friends here, and we fell in love with the lake." Some of his friends describe Gordon as "a man of many talents," but he modestly shrugs it off.

"I just like to stay busy." 🖪



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Lighting up the lake

Talladega business keeps tradition alive

Story by TIANNA MASON Photos by TUCKER WEBB

Crimson Gypsy Cottage lights up Talladega, one lamp at a time.

"My car brakes for yard sales," said owner and resident gypsy Angie Cooper, who operates a growing antiques, lighting repair and restoration shop at 206 W. Coosa St. She aims to keep the spirit of Talladega alive by providing unique pieces and antiques that anyone can enjoy.

"I've been dreaming about this business since I was in elementary school. I named the business when I was in elementary school," said Cooper. "I like antiques. I



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One of the antique light fixtures available at the Crimson Gypsy Cottage. like restoration. I like salvaging pieces. I will brake for yard sales. If it can fit in my car, I will bring it home and try to salvage it."

The Crimson Gypsy Cottage was originally Townsend's Lamps & Gifts, a well-known store that did lighting repair and restoration along with antiques sales and bridal registries. It was owned by the same family for 60 years. When Townsend's began to go out of business, Cooper started buying its inventory in May 2014 and opened the Crimson Gypsy that September.

"It was a chance to carry on a legacy," said Cooper. "Everybody around here knows Townsend's and their business and their reputation."

Cooper has been slowly buying the Townsend's old inventory since last year and currently employs its former employee Sylvester White as her lamp restoration and repair technician. He repairs broken and salvaged lighting as well as creating lamps and chandeliers from repurposed material.

"Sylvester is a big asset here and a really big draw to this shop. He is really good at what he does," said Cooper. "He trained with the Townsends when he was 17 years old and has been working with lights ever since."

Cooper's husband, Roy Cooper Sr., also works as a carpenter at the cottage, helping her to restore old furniture and create new furniture out of repurposed material.

"I couldn't do this without my husband," said Cooper. "He really is one of the best carpenters around here."

Cooper says she is a "picker" at heart, a picker being an individual who loves spending time finding beautiful and unique antique pieces. She's been picking for 25 years.

"It's about preserving our history. It's about keeping pieces out of landfills. Things made back then were made



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Townsend's banquet hall at the Crimson Gypsy Cottage can accommodate as many as 140 people.

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a lot better than they are now and they last for years," Cooper said.

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Cooper also has a network of pickers who bring her interesting pieces to work with on a consistent basis.

"This is a very eclectic shop. From new gift items to antiques to beautiful chandeliers. We repurpose any type of vintage item, like a heater," said Cooper. "We turned an old heater into a lamp. Not too many people do what we do."

With the football season underway, the Cottage works to keep the football gear stocked.

"I can't keep it on the shelves," she said.

Many of the Cottage's clientele are people who live on or near the lake who are looking for decorating inspiration.

"We have a variety of people come in, we have a lot of people who are restoring houses on the lake or they're building a new house," Cooper said. "They'll come to us

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Experienced repair technician Sylvester White keeps the lights on at the Crimson Gypsy Cottage.

for that one-of-a-kind lighting fixture that no one else has. They want something different than the average piece."

Customers can come in or call the office to request lamp repair, repurposing, or to commission a piece. Most lighting pieces can be repaired and all the necessary parts can be ordered through the shop.

"Our lamp repair guy is not here every day but he is here on Thursdays and Fridays," said Cooper. "So what I'll do is start taking pieces in on Tuesday and go over the problem with the item with the owner."

Cooper also manages Townsend's banquet hall. The space features a spacious main room, a small kitchen, bathrooms and a walled-in courtyard. It can accommodate up to 140 people.

"We do wedding and birthday parties here," Cooper said. "The courtyard is a hidden gem here in Talladega."





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The Crimson Gypsy Cottage carries on the tradition of Townsend's Lamps & Gifts.

Cooper works with other shops to give back to the community in the form of open houses and Santa Claus photos during the Christmas season. Despite the opinion of others, Cooper aims to continue keeping Talladega alive in her own way.

"What I do is about reviving Talladega," she said. "People say I'm crazy for opening a shop here because Talladega is dying, and I say it will if we let it, but I'm not going down without a fight."



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Conservation easements can help maintain Logan Martin Lake's water quality

Story and photos by BUDDY ROBERTS

Seeking a conservation easement for their property is a good way for landowners to have a share in protecting local water quality, a spokesman for the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust told members of the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association at its fall membership meeting.

"By piecing conservation easements together, the land trust has had the unique opportunity to create a wildlife corridor of protection reaching from the Oxford area all the way to the Choccolocco Creek's endpoint in Logan Martin Lake," Christy Claes said. "It has also improved water quality in the creek, its tributaries and ultimately the lake."

One of the largest private lands conservation groups in the Southeast, the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust is a nonprofit organization founded by "conservationminded individuals in response to rapid development and encroachment of natural areas, farms and woodlands. Our goal and everything we do is for the purpose of



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protecting land for present and future generations using conservation easements."

The trust protects more than 265,000 acres in Georgia and Alabama through more than 700 voluntary easements, which Claes describes as agreements between landowners and the land trust restricting what can and cannot be done on and to the property involved.

"It's not just a handshake deal," she said. "It's a legal agreement that takes an average of six to eight months to work out. The land trust has even spent years working on some easements so that both parties will be happy."

Easements are strictly voluntary and do not transfer ownership of property to the land trust. Nor do they restrict property owners from using their land for its current purpose.

"When a conservation easement is placed on a

property, the land trust does not own the land," Claes said. "The property owner still does. We don't come to anybody and tell them they have to do anything to their property. Out of misunderstanding, some people think we are a government agency looking to force something upon the landowner. What we do is put some measures in place to protect the property from future development so that wildlife habitats, prime farmland and water quality are preserved."

It is important, however, for landowners to understand that once an easement is placed on a property, it's there permanently.

"The easement stays with the land, even if the property is sold or willed to heirs," she said. "If the property owner sells it, the new owner will have the easement restrictions. If the property owner leaves it to their kids, the easement will still be there. So if you're LOCAL ARTISTS - CELEBRITY SIGNINGS



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Coldwater Creek is a "very important" tributary of the Choccolocco Creek, according to Christy Claes of the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust. The Choccolocco meets the Coosa River before flowing into Logan Martin Lake.

thinking about doing this, you need to talk to your kids and the people who will use the property after you."

Landowners should also understand that a conservation easement will affect the value of their property.

"For example," Claes said, "a property may be valued at \$200,000 before an easement, and it may only be valued at \$100,000 after. The \$100,000 difference in value may be considered a charitable donation by the IRS, since easements generally provide a benefit to the public, even when held privately. That helps serve as an incentive for people to conserve their land, although some people don't do it to benefit from a write-off. They do it because they worry about what will happen to the property when

they're gone or because keeping the property the way it is has sentimental value to them."

Conservation easements are monitored annually once they're in place, "just to make sure there's not a Walmart going up on the property or something else being done that conflicts with the easement. Each easement project is a unique transaction that involves discussion with the landowners regarding their goals and uses for the land into the future, and the restrictions are simply to prevent such things as unrestricted clear-cutting on forested lands, commercial developments and other uses of the land that would degrade its natural qualities and ecological values."

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Coldwater Creek is a diverse wildlife habitat that serves as home to the pygmy sculpin, an endangered species of fish that lives nowhere else.

science with a minor in geography, Claes said she has always been concerned with conservation and enjoys working to protect the Choccolocco Creek Watershed. "Coming from a place where there is an insane amount of people and the cities go on and on and on, I love all of the protected places here in the watershed: the wildlife refuges, the waterfalls, the trails and the Talladega National Forest."

She encouraged lakeside residents who are interested in learning more about the watershed and how it affects Logan Martin to attend a free educational conference from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Oxford Civic Center. To register, visit www.choccoloccocreekalliance. org.

"The target audience is everybody in the general public, especially landowners and lake area residents who want an update about what's going on in Choccolocco Creek. Our speakers will talk about rare and endangered species that live in the watershed, erosion control and what we can all to do make an impact on water quality in our creeks, streams and the lake."





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Small Home, Spectacular View

Erik and Katie Carmack enjoy their lakeside vista

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS Photos by BOB CRISP

Erik and Katie Carmack moved from Irondale to their lakeside home in Talladega's Country Club Estates in March, even though it meant they'd both have a longer commute to work.

"Sometimes people ask us why we decided to commute," said Katie, who makes the daily drive to Cadence Bank in downtown Birmingham, where she serves as an executive assistant supporting an executive vice president and six senior vice presidents. "I don't tell them. I just take out my phone and show them a photo of the sunset."

"This view we have here is hard to beat," Eric said. His commute is to Trussville, where he owns A+ Tire & Auto Repair. "It makes the drive to work and back so worth it. It's why we love it here."

Katie doesn't deny that the commute gets tedious, but she says her husband is right. "It's so worth it to be able to come home, grill out on the back porch and watch the sunset."

The Carmacks' property includes 120 feet of year-round water frontage on the lake's main channel, which their two decks, small patio area and second-floor balcony allow them to take in from every angle. "Every bedroom has a sliding glass door, so all total, we can look out of eight doors and see water."

The 2,100 square-foot home, built in 1977, has three bedrooms, three full baths and a sitting room. It's been "semi-updated" in the 38 years since, although two of the bathrooms are "still in 1977," Katie said, furnished in the yellow and avocado colors that were popular during that decade. "It's an old house that needs a lot of love, and we have some big plans for this place."

At the top of their list are such projects as updating the bathrooms, enlarging



Katie Carmack took this photo of a recent sunset from their deck overlooking the lake.

the kitchen and adding a fire pit outside. "We're actually outdoors more than we're inside," Erik said. "In reality, there could be a tent sitting right where the house is, and we'd be fine. As long as it was air-conditioned."

That isn't to say the Carmacks aren't happy to be in their lake home.

"I grew up camping on Lake Guntersville, but it got to be so far of a drive that we started easing up here on weekends," he said. "My parents bought a camper on St. Clair Shores, then we bought one, then this place opened up."

"We knew we wanted to be up here but never thought we would be able to," Katie said. They had become acquainted with the house's previous owner, "Mr. Gibson, a very, very nice guy who used it as a weekend house. He called and told us he was moving and asked if we would be interested. We were at the beach and left early on a Saturday to come back and look at it." Having made the decision to buy it, "we moved in before we closed on it. That's how well we knew him."

In the eight months since moving in, they've enjoyed

the sights and quiet solitude offered by a lakeside neighborhood of largely weekend and season homes, encountering only one drawback besides the commute. "That's the hill," Erik said.

Their house sits at the bottom of a steep incline that has on occasion been difficult to negotiate, Katie said. "One day when we were seriously looking at buying it, it had rained, and we couldn't get my car out of the driveway and up the hill because of all the pine straw and the rain. I knew right then the pine trees would have to go."

They recently had eight pines and more than 25 other trees removed from the property and feel that the hill is a small inconvenience when compared to the vista and easy access to the water their property offers.

"Our hobby is the water, and we love having it yearround," Erik said. "We have a 100 percent floating pier, and even when the water is down, we still have 10 feet under our boat. We put about 150 hours on the boat this summer, and every Thursday or Friday night we go to Pier 59 by water. You go in there and tell them you



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"This is an old house that needs a lot of love," Katie Carmack said. "We have big plans for this place," including enlarging the kitchen.



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As much as they love being on the water, "there are some days we'd rather just sit here on the deck than go out on the boat," Katie said. "We're in a pretty good spot because it's in the middle of everything. The (Summer Lights on Logan Martin Lake) parade came right by here, and we didn't have to leave home to watch the fireworks."

Now, they're ready to enjoy their first fall and winter

as lake residents.

"We're looking forward to seeing the leaves changing colors and being able to see more of the lake with all of the leaves gone," Katie said.

"It's going to be more...not sad, I guess, but different with cooler weather coming in," Erik said. "The good thing about where we are is that even at winter pool, the lake is still beautiful. Some homes are spectacular. Ours is small, but our view is what's spectacular. That's all you can say."





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When Jessie Burgos was a youngster in Baraboo, Wisconsin, he looked forward to visits from his uncle, who worked with the Cook County, Illinois, Sheriff's Department in Chicago. "I remember thinking, 'That's what I want to be.'"

Now a corporal with the Pell City Police Department, where he serves as a school resource officer assigned to the Pell City school system, he enjoys working to instill in students the same respect he developed as a youth for law enforcement officers.

Over a chicken biscuit with mayonnaise at a local fast food restaurant, Burgos explained what he does, why he enjoys it and why he believes it's important.

What does a school resource officer do? "We investigate any crimes in the school system, develop safety plans for each school and try to be a mentor for the kids and teach them to make good decisions. A school resource officer is the face of the department in that we get to know the kids and their families toward the goal of breaking the mindset that the police are just here to give you tickets and take you to jail. We're your friends."

What he enjoys most about his work: "The interaction with the kids. I don't have a 9 to 5 job. I see them when I'm at Walmart or the civic center. I see them go from grade to grade. Kids that I taught years ago in the DARE program are graduating this year. It's cool to see that."

The biggest challenge school resource officers face: "Overcoming the perception that we're in the schools so we can catch your child doing something wrong and take him to jail. We're there to keep the schools safe and keep someone from coming in there and hurting your child. Pell City is not exempt from something like that happening. I believe each school needs its own resource officer. I have two kids of my

Cpl. Jessie Burgos

own, and I know I want everything possible done to protect them and all the other kids in the school system."

Addressing recent situations in which police officers have come under criticism: "Perception in the media or on TV lately hasn't made what police officers do any easier, but it is why what school resource officers do is so important. When parents see me dealing with the kids and treating them with respect, no matter what they've done, and then they see me treat them with respect, that's going to roll over when they see an officer on patrol or they get pulled over. They'll realize we're just doing a job.

"Sometimes it's a job that makes people mad, but hopefully when they hear bad news about officers in the media they'll remember how they were treated with respect and think, 'Well, maybe there's more to the situation.' Did every officer do everything right in some of these situations? No, but 99 percent of officers are great, and that 99 percent will get rid of the 1 percent that isn't great pretty quick."

How he describes himself: "Happy-go-lucky. I love helping people, and I like seeing people get along with one another."

Growing up in Baraboo: A small town in south Wisconsin, west of Milwaukee and a short drive from the famous Wisconsin Dells tourist destination, Baraboo is where the Ringling Brothers started their first circus in 1884. "My father operates the Elks Club there, and it's in the building that used to be the Ringling Brothers' house." While exploring there as a child, Burgos discovered an underground tunnel connecting the house to a theater the Ringling Brothers owned. "I loved growing up in that house."





Community Calendar

Thursday, November 5 Choccolocco Creek Watershed Conference

The free workshop is scheduled for 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oxford Civic Center, 401 McCullars Lane. Five experts will speak about such topics as water quality on the Choccolocco Creek, fish advisories, restoration efforts involving rare and endangered wildlife in the watershed, dealing with invasive species and erosion control techniques. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Visit www. choccoloccocreekalliance.org and click "Event Registration" to register. For more information, call 256-454-6347 or email cclaes@galandtrust.org.



Saturday, November 11 Kiwanis Club Bass Tournament

The Childersburg Kiwanis Club will hold its inaugural bass tournament at Sunset Marina from safe daylight until 3 p.m. Entry is \$100 per boat, including boat launch. There is a 5 fish limit, with a \$10 entry, winner-take-all big fish contest. Cash prizes are \$1,000, first place; \$625, second place; \$500, third place; \$250 fourth place; and \$125 fifth place. A percentage of proceeds will benefit the Childersburg Kiwanis Park. For more information, call April Morris at 256-510-6596.

Thursday, November 19 Leading Ladies In Lights

Pell City's Business & Professional Women Organization presents its 15th annual fashion show from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Celebrations, 3005 Martin Street S. Meteorologist Harmony Mendoza of WVTM Channel 13 in Birmingham will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, which showcases fashions from local retailers. Tickets are \$15 each, including lunch. Proceeds will benefit the B&PW's scholarship fund. For more information call Elise or Teresa at 205-884-1111, Dana Jacks at 205-884-6168 or Karen Bain at 205-884-2300.

Friday, November 20 Painting for the Pantry

Create art, support charity and have a fun evening with friends from 6:30-9 p.m. at St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church, 3702 Mays Bend Road, Pell City. The registration fee is \$35, including supplies, and you will leave with a finished painting. To register, email karlaconway@gmail. com. Proceeds will benefit the Christian Love Pantry food bank.

Saturday, November 21 Seventh Annual Art Extravaganza

Event set for 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Aljerald Powers Memorial Lodge at Plank Road Station in Winterboro, next to Winterboro School. Arts, crafts, vendors and entertainment will be available, and organizers are still seeking crafts and vendors. Available tent and table spaces are \$25 each. For more information or to reserve a space, call Becky at 256-362-9375. Proceeds from the event will benefit restoration projects of the nonprofit Plank Road Society.

Sunday, December 6 175th Anniversary Celebration

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 100 Mt. Pisgah Dr, Cropwell, will commemorate its founding in 1840. After regular services at 10:30 a.m., a program of gospel music will be followed by a church-wide covered-dish dinner in the gymnasium. Mt. Pisgah began with a handful of members in a one-room log cabin and has grown into a close-knit congregation with a rich history. For more information about the church, visit its website at http:// www.mtpisgahchurch.net/

Tuesday, December 8 Art Workshop

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Story by BUDDY ROBERTS Photos by BOB CRISP

With its four bedrooms and four full baths, the property at 726 Pine Harbor Road in Pell City may be considered ideal for a growing family that enjoys entertaining on the water.

The main level features a living room and dining room with 9-foot vaulted ceilings and new hardwood flooring. The kitchen includes finished cabinets, a breakfast bar, pantry, electric oven, refrigerator and built-in dishwasher and microwave oven. The newly-carpeted master bedroom is also on the main level, as is a spacious laundry room.

Upstairs are two bedrooms, each with a private bath.

Downstairs is a finished basement with a den, which could be used as a fourth bedroom, and full bath. The home also includes a safe room and storm shelter, security system, fireplace and a walk-in attic.

Currently listed at \$344,900, the house is situated on .06 acres with 155 feet of waterfront on Logan Martin Lake. Exterior amenities include a screened and open deck, an above-ground pool surrounded by a deck, a storage building and a private dock.

For more information, call Sharon Thomas at ReMax Hometown Properties at 205-338-7355.

Lakeside Agent Spotlight

From Logan Martin to the Caribbean and back, Buchanan's goal is to do what's right

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS

Many people may have fantasized about buying a boat and sailing away, but a few years back, Pell City realtor Chuck Buchanan actually did it.

"It was 2008, and my dream had always been to see the world on my own boat. So we sold two houses, loaded up the boat and went and played around in the Caribbean for a few years," he said. "I would recommend it to anyone."

At times, it may have been more adventure than he had bargained for. "We rode through two hurricanes," he recalled. "Still, it was a wonderful experience that I'm glad we got to have."

It was after returning to Alabama and settling in St. Clair County that he came to real estate and joined the ReMax Realty Pros team in Pell City.

"I had always invested in equities and commodities and had an interest in real estate, so I got my license, and here I am," he said. "I think back sometimes to the boating community and cruising the world and how it was the people you meet who make it special. Real estate is the same way. You brush up against so many people with different experiences, and it's fun getting to talk and form relationships with them."

Buchanan believes the experiences he's been through serve him well in his new career. A native of Talladega County, he grew up in Alpine and "went straight into the Navy" after graduating from Homewood High



Chuck Buchanan

School, becoming an electronic warfare specialist. "It was the days when the U.S. was involved in a lot of drug interdiction in South America, and there was a lot of monitoring and radar work," he said.

His naval career ended unexpectedly when the front end of the P3 Orion on which he was a passenger was severed while in flight over Puerto Rico. "It was like suddenly hitting a brick wall." Buchanan sustained injuries that left his right side fully paralyzed for almost a year. After recovering, he studied computer science at the University of Alabama at Birmingham before starting a successful technology business.

"I think all of that gives me an advantage now that I'm working in real estate," he said. "From my military background, I'm extremely attentive to detail. Real estate is so tech heavy now with marketing and sales and virtual tours, my technology background gives me a good foundation to work from. I also recognize I have a fiduciary responsibility to my clients, and I want to do the best I can for them. That's one thing I love about Realty Pros. Our view is that we always want to do what's right."







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240 Cove Dr. Pell City, AL 35128 - Bottom pine floors that flow throughout the living space & into the spacious lakeside sunroom! 1 level home offers so much space with Master suite, 2nd bedroom & bath easily accessed from the living areas. The master BR has french doors that open into the sunroom & screened porch, with main channel lake view! Both bathrooms have marble showers & floors, while the hall bath also has a soaking turb. The kitchen that overlooks the open living with fireplace & breakfast room is a chefs dream with granite, stainless appliances, lots of clabinets & wood floors. Office space next to the kitchen and large space off of the 2 car grange. Either of these could be additional bedrooms . Large deck and boat dock with lift. MLS# 730433



75 HODGENS DR- Main level has a formal living/dining room with wood floors. The den/family room has wood floors. Half bath is in hallway. Master suite has carpet with a very spacious bath with a jacuzi tub, separate tub/shower, double vanity. Kitchen has beautiful oak cabinets, breakfast bar, black appliances, ice maker & a breakfast room with large windows. The upstairs offers 3 more bedrooms with a playroom, office space, a huge storage / media room & a full bath. Perfect home in a country setting for a growing family or if you just need more room! mls# 725037



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 - \$99,000



5604 Smith Road - 3 BR, 2 BA home in Pine Harbor subdivision! Pool house/workshop wth covered patio is large enough to create a second living spacel 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



15 CHERRY TREE LANE - 5 BR, 4 BA home has a lovely front door with lead glass. Livingroom with large FP with marble tile surrounding it. 2nd BR & BA on main level is perfect for a nursery or mom in-law space. 3 spacious BR's upstairs w/BA. Newly finished man cave/ hobby room in the basement, with wood floors has a full BA with a tub/shower combo, 2+ car garage in the basement, with work/storage space. mls# 629405



324 HOWARD CIR. - 4 BR, 3.5 BA home on level corner lot. Fenced back yard in-ground salt water pool, a pool house with a 1/2 BA, outdoor kitchen with concrete countertops, grill deck. Huge master suite & 2nd BR on the main level, while BR's 3, 4 & potentially 5 are upstairs with a full BA. Master suite has brand NEW CARPET, large walk in closets, Jacuzzi tub, separate vanities, huge tile shower & linen cabinet. mls# 609251



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



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



6462 Cromer Circle #16 - 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage home in located in Southern Trace subdivision. Dining room, spacious kitchen, breakfast/keeping room, 2 story den with see thru fireplace & LOTS of windows, half BA & a great master suite with jacuzzi tub, separate shower & double vanities, on the main level. Upstairs 2 BR with nice closet space, a full BA & bonus room that can be anything, to suit your needs. mls# 727929

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LINCOLN \$399,000. Beautiful 1 level brick 3BR/2BA lake home in lovely subdiv.Landscaped lot with amazing lake view. Great room has FP, media center with bookcases & hardwoods. Nice sunroom, kitchen has quartz counters, ice machine & pantry. Sec system, irrigation sys fromlake to road, all new decking, including stairs to guest apt with separate HVAC, entrance, kitchen, bed & bath. boat launch plus 300+ shoreline, circular drive, concrete to the lake, 2 slip boat port with 2 lifts. MLS#634599



TALLADEGA REDUCED TO \$369,000!! One of the best views on the lake! Recently updated 4BR/3BA LAKE HOUSE DREAM! Magnificent views from every room! New windows & hardwood flooring, vaulted ceilings, modern open kitchen with granite island. Main & lower level full length decks, large master with huge closet and adjoining office. Huge rec room downstairs with 2nd kitchenette. Workshop, covered boat dock with deck above. Lighted steps down to the water, concrete retaining wall. MLS#620708



RIVERSIDE \$450,000. Beautiful one level lake home with 4BR/3.5BA. Great patio with cabana/grill area, inground pool ready for summer, all overlooking waterfront and new covered boat dock. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, dining and office area open to kitchen with island and breakfast nook. Nice master with jetted tub, sep shower and walk-in closet. New 30 yr roof, new heat pump. MLS#630845



PELL CITY \$239,900. Great brick home in nice subdivision with 3BR/2.5BA on main level, plus finished area in basement with full bath. Nice open deck & patio overlooking fenced backyard. Double garage, sec. system, large attic. MLS#731221



PELL CITY \$295,000. AP-PROX 5.3 WOODED ACRES ON LOGAN MARTIN LAKE. APPROX 300 FT OF WTFG, GREAT PLACE TO BUILD OR SUBDIVIDE. PELL CITY LIM-ITS. NICE MH WITH FRONT PORCH OVERLOOKING THE LAKE. MLS#633317



TALLADEGA \$339,900. 1.5 story home with great lake view, 4BR/3.5BA, with 2 BRs on main level & 2 up, 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, sustom shower, jet tub. Great lake living and still convenient to I-20 MLS#634260



RIVERSIDE \$185,000. PARADISE ISLE CONDO 2BR/2BA ON LOGAN MARTIN, MAIN CHAN-NEL VIEW. MLS#627856



LINCOLN \$\$26,000. 2 BEAU-TIFUL LOTS, IN EASTLAND SHORES SD. WATER ACCESS, 1 ACRE EACH, READY TO BUILD ON. MLS#611817 & 611818



TALLADEGA\$249,900.Country-style home on flat 2.3acres with garden area. 3BR/2BA with nice hardwoods, 9'ceilings, formal dining, largeliving room, kitchen has newDW. Metal roof, well-insu-lated, all electric. Garage plusdetachedworkshop/partialapartment. Salt water pool.MLS#629582

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PELL CITY \$189,000. WATERFRONT LOT IN PINE HAR-BOR, HAS EXISTING BOATHOUSE. MLS#603599

TALLADEGA \$149,000. GREAT LOT FOR BUILDING ON WITH BIG WATERFRONT VIEW OF YEAR-ROUND WATER. COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES IN CUL-DE-SAC. MLS#635187

ALPINE \$75,000. 3 LAKEVIEW LOTS & 1 LAKE ACCESS LOT, 2.6 ACRES. UNIQUE BUILDING OPPORTUNITY! MLS#582712

TALLADEGA \$149,000. NICE WATERFRONT LOT IN CUM-BERLAND COVES. PARTIALLY WOODED MLS#618196







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352,500 - 7148 Skyline Dr. - RARE FIND with this 4 BR 2.5 BA one level brick home on a beautiful waterfront lot with approx. 500' of shoreline. Home has family room with FP, dining room, sunroom plus den downstairs with "a Foundation for Generations" another FP and some of two of the bedrooms. Lot of decking and gentle slope lot convenient to town and I-20. MLS #725658 Call Brenda 812-4141



\$1,300,000 - 229 Willow Dr. - CUSTOM BUILT with abundance of amenities and GREAT VIEW - 2-story brick 4 bedrooms home with master located on the main level with open living room, solid surface countertops, hardwood, central vac and stereo system are some of the amenities. Saltwater inground pool, covered pier and boathouse and convenient to 1-20. MLS #729239 Call l awrence 812-5195



\$219,000 - 99 Michael's Cove - 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with 15 ACRES of fenced pasture. 4-stall barn with tack room, above ground pool and sunroom. MLS #627623 Call Carl 965-47655 or Michelle 427-3222



\$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



\$249,900 - 1237 Funderburg Bend Rd. - MINI LAKE LOT with this charming cottage style home with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Well maintained and features an open floor jalan, hardwood floors, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Cozy living room with fireplace, wrap around porch and detached garage. MLS #728457 Call Adam 369-2704



\$779,900 - 451 Eagle Pointe Dr. - GORGEOUS SUN RISES AND PANORAMIC VIEW are just some of the great features of this 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath brick home with large rooms, open floor plan and unfinished area that provide room for in law suite, media room or more. Amenities of central vac, custom shades, outside lighting, pella windows, sprinkler system and walk in closets are just some of the nice features of this home MLS#724996 Call Karen 473-4613



LOT with this mobile home that has a sunroom with panoramic view of the lake and completely enclosed, oathouse has a lift and storage area. MLS #607198 Call Tina 337-8509



\$199,900 - 4732 Red Hawk Trl. - GREAT LAKE COTTAGE - 1.5 story 3 bedroom 2 bath home located on a gentle slope, private wooded setting and waterfront lot with large platform/dock. Great view and convenien location. MLS #607491. Call Blair 812-5377



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\$149,900 - Clear Creek Dr.- GORGEOUS VIEW with this beautiful waterfront lot, new seawall and pier with boat lift is ready for buyer's enjoyment. Cleared and ready for a new home and located with deep water. MLS #612655 Call Mary 586-0825



\$79.000 - 546 Broken Arrow Creek - GREAT PRICE for 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on permanent FHA foundation located on 4.62 ACRES m/l. Home has family room with fireplace, dining room and spacious kitchen. MLS #727391 Call Scott 368-8138



\$65,500 - 2095 Wolf Creek Rd., N. - HISTORIC COTTAGE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, locate4d on a beautifu 1.2 ACRE lot. MLS #722997 Call Alesia 405-0860



LIVING with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath waterfront t home Living room/dining room with vaulted ceilings and stone fireplace and large sunroom overlooking the lake. Large backyard with stone walkway,sitting areas for viewing the lake and separate building with HVAC. MLS #720297 Call Blair 812-5377



\$298.900 - 445 Coosa Dr. - LEVEL LOT with 4 bedroom. 2 bath (2) level home that consists of living room updated kitchen and screen porch. MLS #621486 Call Nan 256/452-4761



\$319,000 - 2010 Holladay Dr. - ACREAGE (20 Acres m/l) with one level brick home with partially finished basement, partly fenced acreage, large utility shed, conveniently located in Pell City. MLS #611493 Call Bill 369-7977



930 River Oaks Dr. - GATED AND BEAUTIFFULLY LANDSCAPED 1.5 story 3 bedroom, 4 bath home with open floor plan of large family room with stone fireplace, master bedroom with waterfront view and stacked tone fireplace. In dir direct to the transmission of the starts o store fireplace. Lot of glass for the the great view and wonderful sunroom with plenty of room for entertaining. Main channel waterfront with walkway and pier. MLS# 614684 Call Brenda 812-4141



\$255,000 - 169 Lakeshore Dr. - 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with finished basement with bonus room, 2-car/ boat detached garage, workshop and above ground pool. Lincoln schools. MLS #630743 Call Tony 281-1317





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