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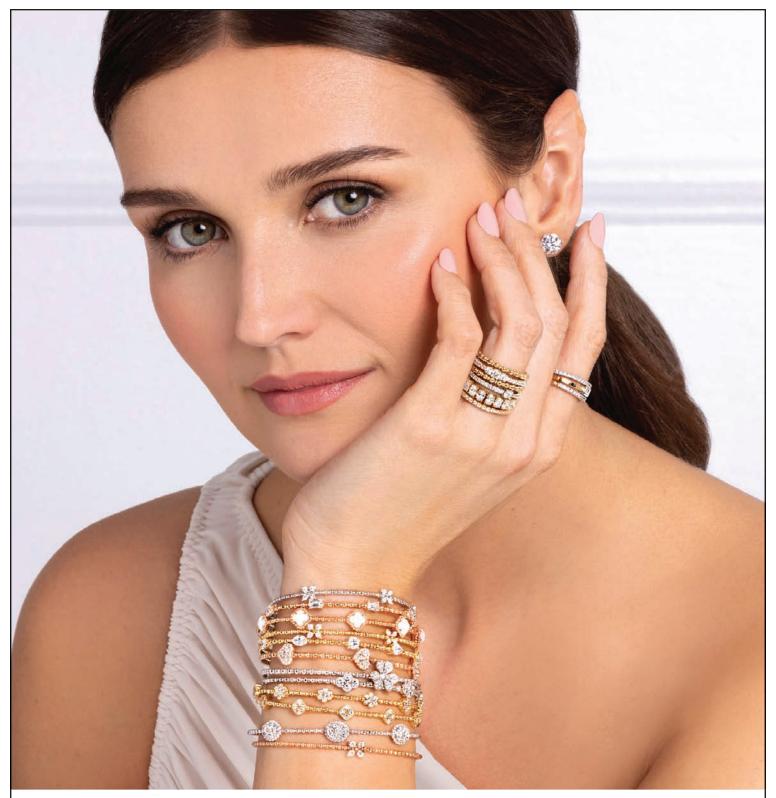
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Miss Alabama 2025 at Logan Martin Lake

year ago, Emmy Terry was on the cover of Lakeside Living, photographed during a visit with our good friends at the Birmingham Sailing Club.

She's back on the cover again this month, in a portrait from the same shoot, with Logan Martin Lake in the background, but this time as Miss Alabama 2025.

The 22-year-old Leeds resident and UAB graduate was crowned June 28 by Abbie Stockard, Miss Alabama 2024, to whom she was first runner-up in last summer's competition. Slightly more than a month later, Emma says she's still adjusting to the idea that the crown and title have been passed to her.

"I was at the post office the other day – didn't have the crown on or even a full face of make-up – and someone asked me, 'Aren't you that girl from Leeds who won Miss Alabama?' And I had to think for a second before I remembered, 'Oh, my goodness, I am!' I don't know that it ever really will sink in."

I doubt she will allow it to. I've known Emma for eight years, and her success in the Miss Alabama organization was fait accompli. I could see big things in store for her the first time we spoke, when she had been named Miss Cahaba Valley's Teen. Seven titles later, she's more seasoned, assured, and confident, but essentially

the same Emma: optimistic, real, compassionate, resilient, and still just that girl from Leeds.

"Through the Miss Alabama organization, I have grown up and become a more empowered and confident version of myself," she says, "but I think Emma still is and always has stayed the same. I have always known that I wanted to make a difference and have an impact in the lives of others. Throughout the coming year, you're going to continually hear me say how grateful I am to have this opportunity to do it."

Her primary vehicle for making a difference through the Miss Alabama organization is her community service initiative, Stomping Out ALS One Step at a Time. She developed it in honor of her grandfather, Stewart Simpson, who died in 2024 after battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) for more than two decades.

Stomping Out ALS One Step at a Time is a 501c3 nonprofit, and its mission is to promote awareness about ALS (which, according to Emma, is considered "a rare disease" that affects 30,000 Americans) and support fundraising efforts toward finding a cure.

"The number of Americans with ALS is not in the hundreds of thousands. It's not in the millions. It's 30,000. That's why a personal connection is so important in helping people understand



Emmy Terry

why we need to find a cure. The main two associations that most people have with ALS are Lou Gehrig and the ice bucket challenge, but they don't know how to make that connection between ALS and those two things. I'm the person that can make that connection."

Her goal during the coming year is to make such connections during visits to each of Alabama's 67 counties. We wish her well in her new role.

And we thank you for choosing to join us for another issue of Lakeside Living. This issue takes us to Coosa Island for the opening of a new restaurant, to the newly renovated home of a unique Logan Martin couple, and to Wadsworth Farms for some DIY blueberry picking. And that's just for starters.

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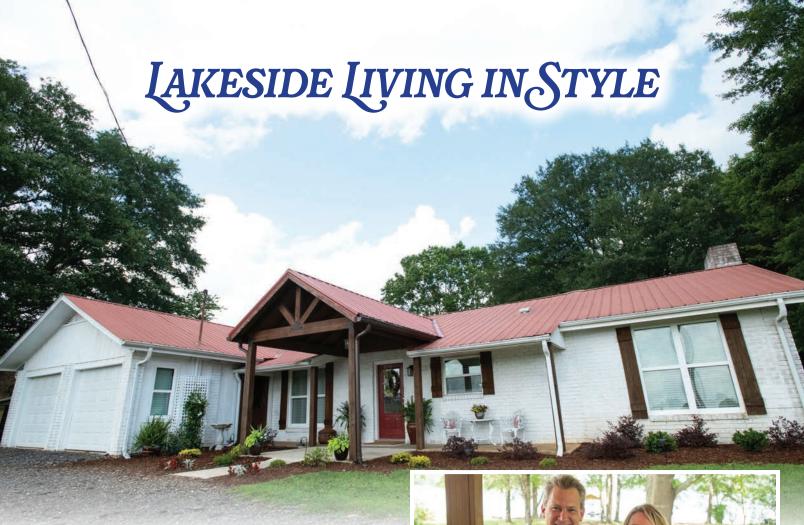




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Modernized disco-era home reflects the whimsical personalities of its owners

Written by **LOYD MCINTOSH**Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB** 

f you had seen Shawn Reese's house on the Logan Martin shoreline before he modernized it, you might have wondered why he bothered.

However, after two years of sweat, toil, and even a few "what-have-l-gotten-myself-intos," the 1970s-era single-story home is not only livable but a lakeside jewel reflecting the style and sense of humor of Shawn and his wife, Susan Pruitt.

Along with their dog, an excitable blue heeler/poodle mix named Gracie, the first-time newlyweds who met a bit later in life (Shawn graduated from Pell City High School in 1988, while Susan graduated from Hewitt-Trussville High School in 1998), are having a ball living, creating, and entertaining in their updated disco-era home.

It was built almost 50 years ago by the father of one of Shawn's aunts, who worked at a cement plant in Leeds. He framed the house out of ammunition crates from the Anniston Army Depot, which made the house darn near

indestructible but also made it challenging to renovate due to the unusual way it was constructed.

"These crates are something like 33 inches long and six inches deep, and he just stacked them up and nailed them in. He went a little overboard with the nails, though," explains Shawn. "It's really sturdy, but it makes it difficult when you want to rewire things."

The denseness of the interior walls made them a major hassle to remove, a problem Shawn discovered while creating an opening from the kitchen into the living room. Shawn, who spent more than 15 years in New York as an actor and admits he's not the handiest of fellows, was forced to enlist a pair of uncles, Jack and recently deceased Dennis, and some creativity to bring the wall down and

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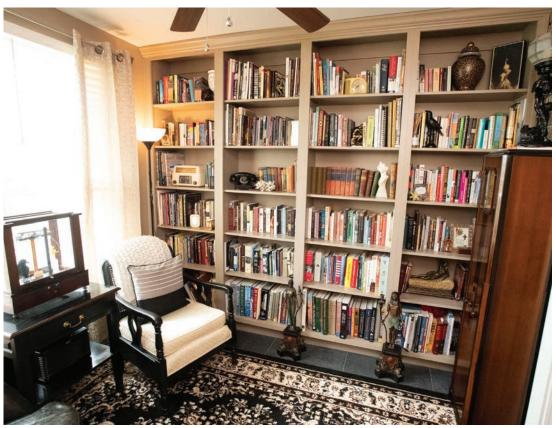


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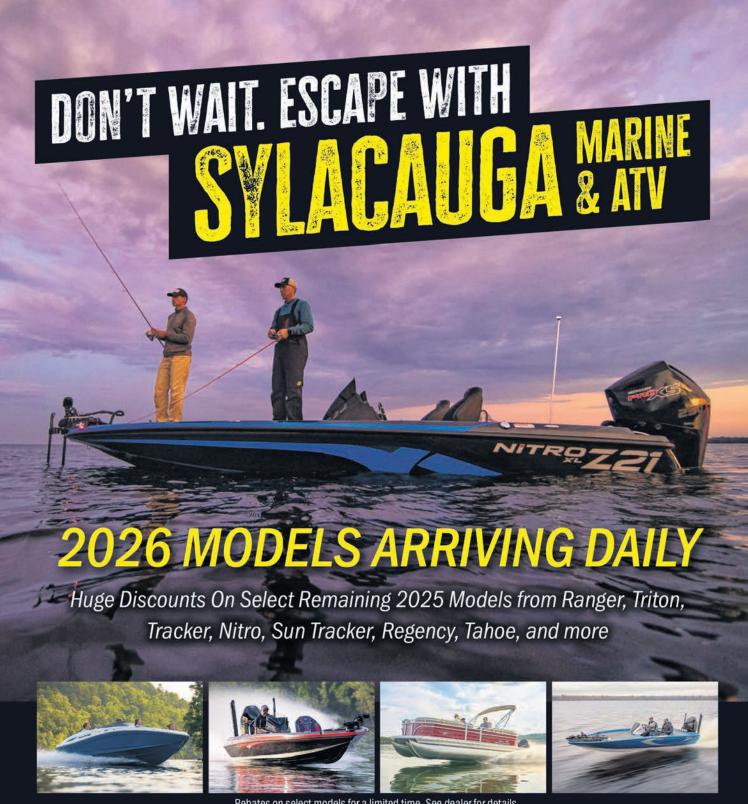
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assist in the total renovation.

Shawn says that he and Jack stopped trying to cut through the wall after a couple of hours of futility. The next day, Shawn said, Jack decided to employ a little "good old boy" ingenuity.

"He came in the very next day and brought a chainsaw, and he's like 'Okay, we're going to do this." Moments after his uncle began sawing, he hit a nail, breaking the chain. "So he put me to work pulling out nails wherever he was going to be cutting and then he would cut it. We finally developed a method where he would cut and then use a crowbar and just pry these things loose. It just took forever to get them out."

Susan and Shawn credit Jack and Dennis for the time and effort they put into the house, but Shawn says the renovation project also gave the two men a chance to reconnect after drifting apart over the years.

"They hadn't seen each other in a long time because they came from two different sides of the family. One was my dad's brother, the other was my mom's brother, but they used to always pal around in their 20s," Shawn explains. "It was great because they get to hang around each other for like six to eight months. I got to listen to their old stories and see them having fun every day."

The home's guirks allowed Shawn the opportunity to

make other improvements, such as converting a room housing the furnace into a third bedroom after relocating the furnace into the attic and turning a small room off the living room into a cozy but funky library.

"My dream was to always have a library," says Susan, adding that the home she owned in Trussville for several years prior to marrying Shawn was too small for one. What Shawn describes as a junk room with his computer gaming system in it was reimagined by Susan into a library with a painting created by her father, other unique pieces of art,



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Shawn and Susan's view of Logan Martin Lake.











and what she calls her "cabinet of curiosities" – a display of antique medical equipment reflecting her work as a clinical research coordinator at UAB and her quirky sense of humor.

Shawn Reese and Susan Pruitt haven't just updated a house; they have created a space that reflects their shared sense of style and humor, and the house represents a fresh chapter in their lives together. "It was nice to come together and kind of have a new beginning," Susan says—and the result is a home that's not only livable, but a one-of-a-kind retreat.







## HOOK, LINE & SINKER

August is a great time to introduce kids to the fun of fishing



ugust. Brutally hot and humid, oftentimes marked by sunburns and dehydration.

It's the perfect month for relaxing and spending late evenings fishing on the pier with the kids. Don't pass up the opportunity to make late August evenings a priority for introducing youth to the outdoors.

The equipment you'll need is relatively simple. Bait casters or spinning reels will work just fine. For the standard kids' setup, a light action rod and red worms/nightcrawlers will suffice. I like to use very small circle hooks and a split shot for the kids' setup.

I also recommend using bigger-than-average equipment for catching the bigger bottom dwelling catfish. I suggest bigger line sizes and heavier rods for targeting the larger catfish. Live bream will be the best bait. Seventeen-25-pound test line will work. The setup will consist of a Carolina rig-style setup. A mid sized circle hook and a ½-oz egg sinker, paired with the live bream will give you the best opportunity to catch that monster pier catfish. Simple but yet effective, whole bream works great.

Remember to always keep your piers chummed daily with fish food and bread. The local fish will acclimate to the feeding times, making for easier and better

fishing opportunities. This will keep carp, bream, and catfish conditioned to the specific areas you intend to fish.

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### A visit to

## PORKY PIRATE BBQ

### New family-friendly restaurant is open on Coosa Island

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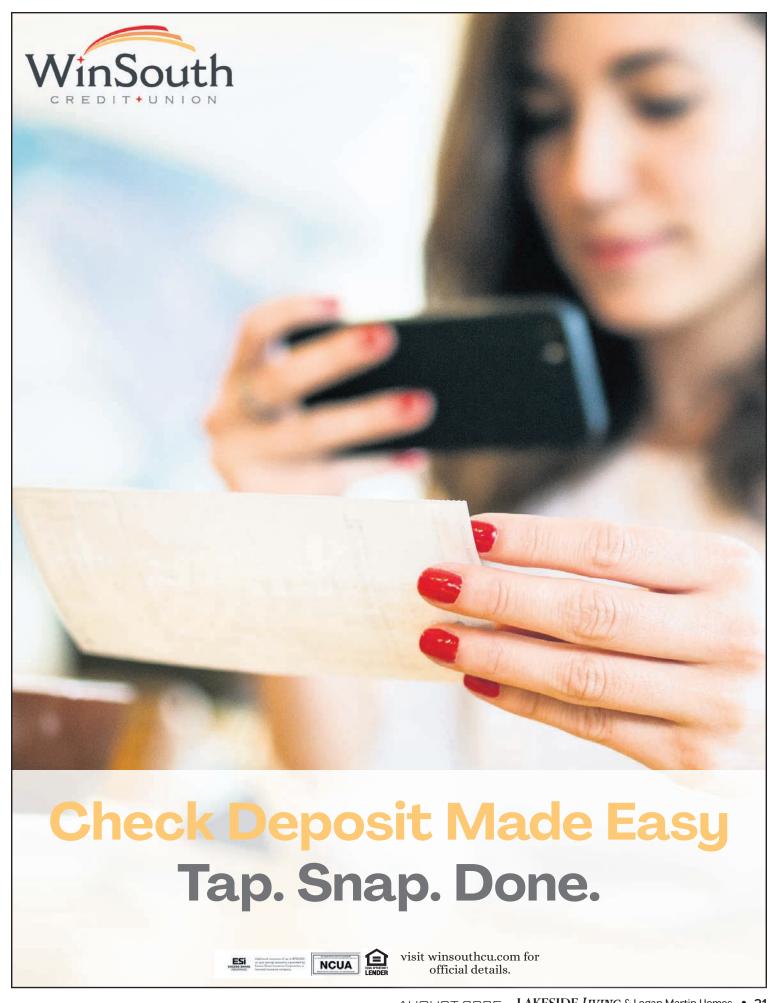
ocated on Logan Martin's scenic Coosa Island, Porky Pirate BBQ offers a unique dining experience, serving up a perfect blend of lakeside lifestyle and hearty southern smoked meats.

Coosa Island's newest eatery has only been open for about a month, but it has a clear vision and theme; barbecue with a nautical twist. Driving to the island, I was able to find my destination easily, thanks to its logo - a pirate pig. Perfectly fitting. Once inside, the restaurant is much larger than it looks from outside. The main dining room is spacious with windows along two of the walls - an ideal space for watching boats cruising the lake. It also has a small U-shaped bar with a flat screen TV, which I know will be a popular spot during football season. There's also outdoor seating and an upstairs dining area, properly deemed The Crow's Nest.



Even though I dropped by during the lull between lunch and dinner hours, several tables were still occupied by hungry guests. The menu immediately caught my attention. Instead of a typical menu layout, items are categorized by nautical terms, such as Nippers (appetizers), Seabiscuits (sandwiches), and Barnacles (sides).

The menu itself features an ample amount of choices such as burgers, tacos, ribs, soups, sandwiches, salads, and much





more. Even the picky eater will find something to interest them.

After spending a couple of minutes going back and forth about what to order, owners Brandon and Amy MacDonald came to my rescue. The husband-and-wife team started sending out an array of fresh menu selections for myself and photographer Tucker Webb to try.

These included (but were not limited to) loaded potato skins, a smoked brisket sandwich, barbecue chicken nachos, a shrimp po-boy, and a pulled pork barbecue sandwich served with a side of jalapeno corn.

While Tucker was photographing the entrees, which looked good enough to be featured on The Food Network, I chatted with the MacDonalds. "We got the building back in December and have done a lot of work to make it more open and family friendly," Brandon explained as we went to sit at one of the empty tables.. "We officially opened on June 2."

Logan Martin has long been one of his favorite places.

"Growing up in Birmingham, my family spent a lot of time at our property out here on the lake.

Our place was just beyond those trees," Brandon said, pointing across the water. "All my crazy childhood memories are here."

When asked what inspired the couple to purchase the building and open a restaurant, Brandon explained that he had owned restaurants in the Birmingham metro area in past years and caught the restaurant bug again during the COVID pandemic.

"I spent several years in Florida where I owned an insurance agency," he said. "I retired three years ago and sold my agency. When we moved back, I wanted our daughters to see their dad getting up and going to work every day. I never really lost the passion for the food industry, and we always wanted

something on the water."

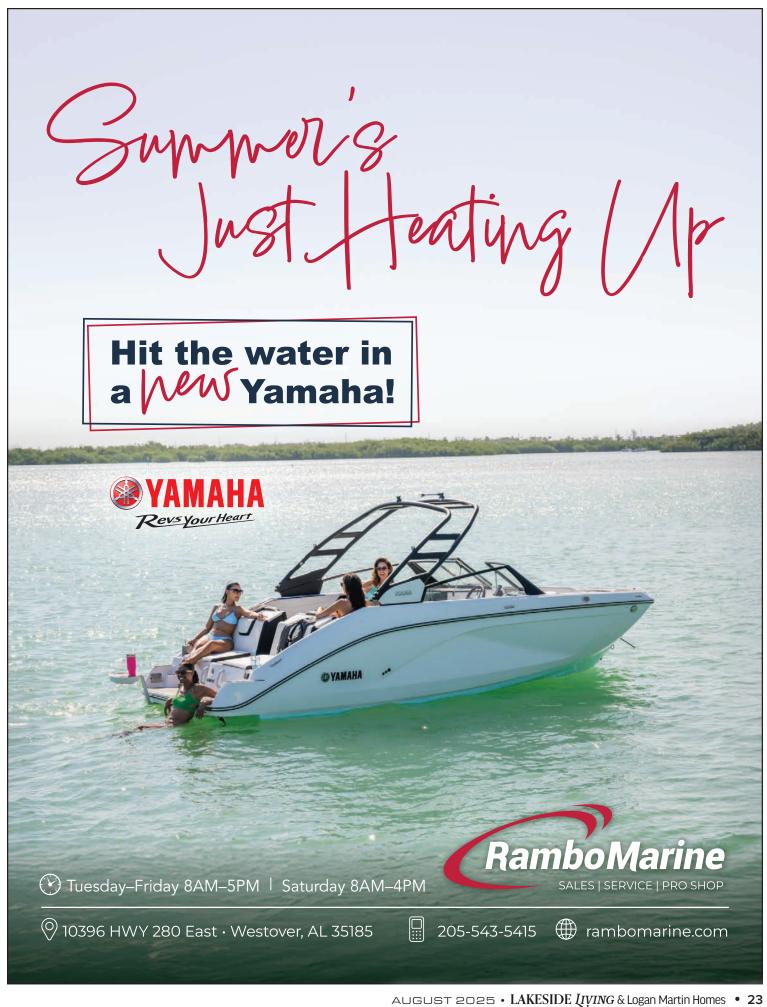
The MacDonalds' menu inspiration comes from many family experiences. Brandon says he often took his son on vacation and traveled to several states to find the best barbecue. Amy's side of the family is also represented on the menu.

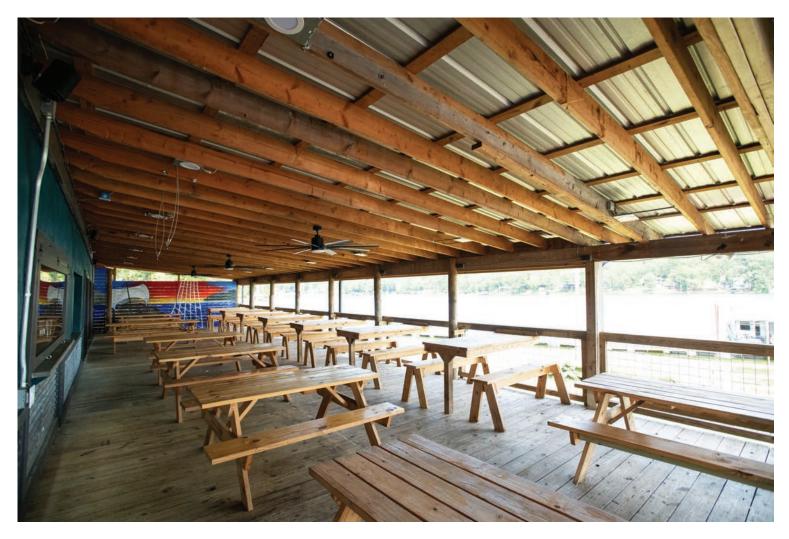
"Her father was a commercial fisherman, and she spent a lot of time on a shrimp boat with him," Brandon said. "It's where some of the nautical themes come from. We incorporated some of her childhood too."

The Porky Pirate owner said he wanted the place to serve the best of the best. "If it's ribs, we do more of the St. Louis style. The best brisket in the world is in Texas, so our brisket is influenced by that."

Brandon added that the restaurant's smoked turkey and chicken is prepared with Alabama white sauce. "Our pulled pork is served more of a Carolina style, but you can order it with any sauce," he said. "We make all of our five barbecue sauces, and even our burger and ranch sauces are made in







house from scratch."

The owners emphasized that although the restaurant is barbecue-driven, they also serve top-of-the-line burgers, soups and a variety of seafood. "Being on the lake, you have to have some seafood," Brandon said. "We make shrimp poboys and serve fresh catfish."

Attention to every detail of the food is important to the MacDonalds. "People eat with their eyes before their mouth," Brandon said. "Presentation matters."

Although food is the focus, the owners believe it's important to serve it in a family-friendly environment on the lake.

"I think of this place as more than a restaurant," Amy said. "I want people, when they come, to know it's about enjoying food with your family. We want families to create memories here. We want people to feel happy when they are here and be joyful."

Future plans for the restaurant include installing artificial turf out front to have a play area with cornhole, ring toss, and even a pirate ship playset. Brandon says that although the business is just getting off the ground, it already feels like home. "Our daughters have already made friends with the regular customers and their children. We want our place to be a space where you don't have to worry about bringing the kids."

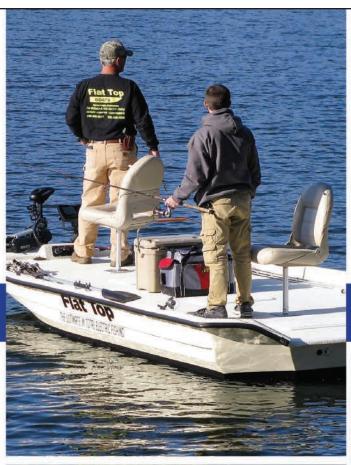
Porky Pirate plans to have feature music on Thursday evenings and weekends out on the deck.

When asked why he wanted barbecue to serve as the eatery's anchor cuisine, the owner replied, "Everyone has their own style of doing it, but we are the only ones on the water and accessible by boat. The barbecue fried rice has been a big hit. It's something a little different from your typical barbecue dish. And I have to recommend trying the smoked bacon wrapped honey buns during brunch."

Back at home in Talladega County, I couldn't wait to try the selections I opted to take home from the restaurant. First up were the loaded nachos, topped with plenty of meat, corn, jalapenos, queso. and red barbecue sauce. They were delicious and addictive. It was difficult to only take a few bites. I knew the dish would be something I wanted to order again, next time splitting it with my boyfriend while watching an Alabama game.

Growing up in the South, I've had my fair share of pulled pork barbecue, but it's safe to say Porky Pirate's sandwich is one of the best I've had. The pork was delectably tender, and the sauce was packed full of flavor. The jalapeno corn was the perfect side. I normally would choose fries as my go-to, but this was light, refreshing, and ideal for summer.

I also thoroughly enjoyed the loaded potato skins and recommend them as an appetizer if you have a couple of





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people to share with. The portions are hearty.

Porky Pirate also has menu items specifically for early morning and late night hours. Another plus is that it serves select menu items in group portions, perfect for hungry crowds after enjoying a summer's day pontooning on the lake.

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p.m. Saturdays, and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays. It is at 1095 Coosa Island Road in Cropwell. To see the full menu, visit www. porkypiratebbq.com.

My only problem with Porky Pirate BBQ is that it isn't closer to where I live, which might prove to be a good thing for my waist-line. I can't wait to go back.





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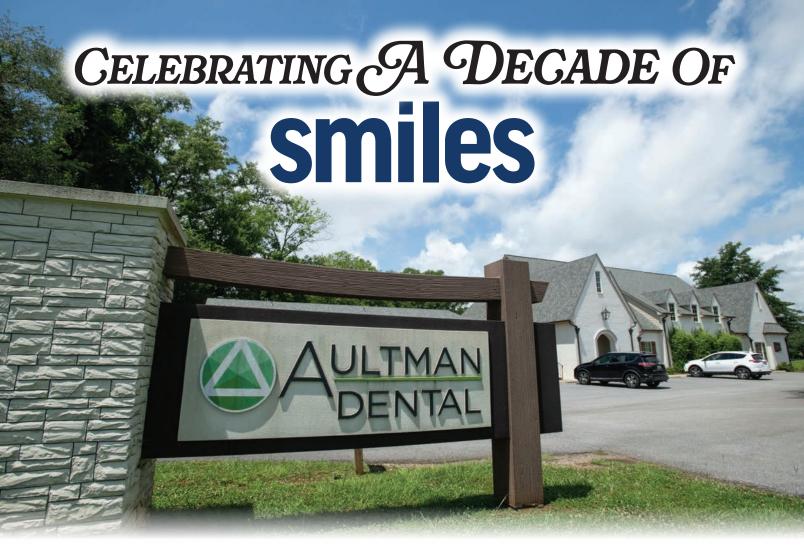












Logan Martin area dental practice combines cutting-edge technology with personalized care

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ultman Dental celebrates a milestone in 2025.
Ten years ago, Dr. Al Aultman opened a small dental practice in Pell City's South Park Center shopping complex, just a few doors down from Publix. Over the course of the past decade, Aultman Dental has grown into one of the largest and most well-respected dental practices in the lakeside community.

A graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, Dr. Aultman earned a master's degree and his dental degree from UAB before moving on to the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency at Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, where he acquired many of the advanced skills and techniques that are a hallmark of his practice.

While some of the services Aultman Dental provides may be more associated with high-end practices in affluent, exclusive neighborhoods, Aultman is more comfortable in smaller, close-knit communities and found Pell City to be the perfect location to plant roots and grow his practice.

Aultman grew up in Pleasant Grove, a small town in

western Jefferson County that's slightly smaller in population than Pell City. Aultman says he chose the Logan Martin community after his parents moved to a house on the lake. Wanting to be close by as his parents age, he quickly found Pell City to be an ideal location

"I looked for a place that was close, and Pell City was it," says Aultman. "It had a Chick-fil-A, and it had a Publix. I figured they spent millions of dollars on marketing, why should I do all the other hard work? It's a lot like the place I grew up in. Pell City is the same type of place but with a better lake."

During his ten years in Pell City, Aultman successfully combined those small-town values with big-city services, and, as a result, the practice flourished. He says the public quickly embraced the practice, which soon outgrew the shopping center office, and soon took over the practice of the retiring Dr. Robert DeShazer, which included the office located in an older house on Stemley Bridge Road.

Soon thereafter, Aultman demolished the original building, constructing a gleaming new office in its place. With the new building came loads of new technologies and treatment options, many of them offered in Pell City for the first time.

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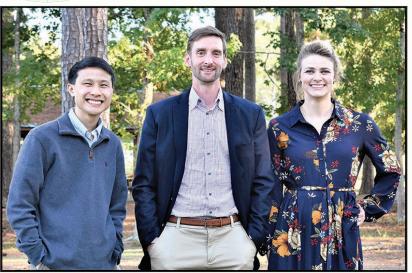
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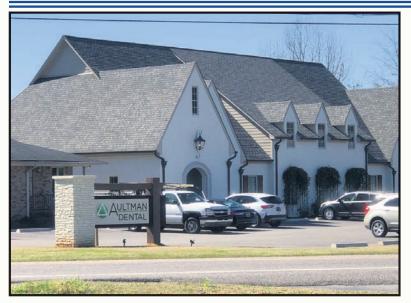
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"This way, patients can get more X-rays, and they have better prognoses because we have more data without increasing your risk of radiation," Aultman says. "Everything that we have as technology is there for the dentist, but it's really there to make the patient's life more predictable."

Some of the advanced services Aultman Dental offers include same-day crowns using computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM), Cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) aided implants, 3D printed dentures that can be completed in half the time of traditional dentures, cosmetic dental veneers, and even Botox treatment provided by Dr. Claire Leverton.

While technological advances have enhanced treatment options for patients and the capabilities of the staff, Aultman says they won't allow technology to replace the human connection. Many of the staff have been with the practice for several years, including credit coordinator Val Hogeleand and dental assistant Caitlyn Jemison, who have been on staff for

eight years.

With four doctors on staff – Aultman, Dr. Victor Cheng, Dr. Lilian Kilgore, and Leverton (the daughter of Dr. DeShazer) – and a typical ratio of two assistants per dentist, Aultman says his focus for the practice has always been to provide personal, empathetic care for all patients as quickly as possible. He says they paused the adoption of new technology and any growth plans in 2025 to reset their focus on what they do best and ensuring the patient experience is as simple as possible.

"We haven't introduced anything new this year because we are refreshing ourselves on the things that work and mastering the skills that we already have in place," says Aultman. "The main thing for us is to continue to see patients that want to be seen, so having availability within 72 hours is a goal of mine for emergencies. We're mastering techniques that we already have in place and making sure that the experience of our patients is not just good but easy."

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### Local developer enjoys making Pell City 'a better place to live'

Written by **FAITH DORN**Submitted Photos

ill Ellison can see potential.
That ability has shaped his career, which began in the restaurant business in Lexington, Kentucky, with a small hamburger chain.

"I would have to find locations and negotiate," he said. "I got into real estate development playing defense. My restaurant was not a national competitor. I would buy the property in a compatible use or deed restrict it on restaurant use."

His experience in commercial development grew from there. Ellison describes Lexington as comparable to Mountain Brook with "extremely expensive" land values in the early 1970s. "I saw what the developers were doing, and I wanted to do it. There was all of this growth in Lexington around my restaurants. The developers were wealthy and respected. I wanted to become one of them."

As is typical of Ellison's character, he found a way to do it. "With my restaurants, I wasn't wealthy enough to be in that game, but I still wanted to get into that profession. My partner and I started going to all these planning and zoning meetings. We were trying to watch and learn," he said.



"We talked to all of the people whose projects failed about the reason that their projects got turned down. We would tell them that we thought we could still develop their project and turn their negatives into positives. I was a 24/7 workaholic. I ended up moving to Pell City in 1985, and I was semi-retired. My restaurants were my income, and for 15 years, all I did was hunt and fish."

Still, Ellison looked at property in and around Pell City. He put a group of developers together and bought the land where Publix is today. "Every retailer I chased said that they didn't think Pell City was big enough for a shopping center at that end of town and that they'd rather be on the interstate. They kept telling me that the interstate is where they wanted to be."

At the time, there were 10 different property owners on the side of the interstate that Ellison wanted to develop. "I needed it all to be assembled for a shopping center, but I never could get

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all those people to agree. We didn't have any shopping here. We had to go to Talladega or Anniston or Birmingham to shop. I knew there was a need."

After four or five failed attempts, he tried in 1999.

"I made up my mind and said, 'You all tell me what you will do.' There was a consensus on price, and I thought it was way too expensive, but I said if I could get everybody to agree, I would do it. It was a big project, and I brought in other partners."

He had the contracts in place, but at that time, the area had not been annexed into the city. Ellison spoke with then-Mayor Mack Abercrombie and asked for a development agreement, which was granted. The St. Clair Economic Development Council was formed at the same time as this large project was being developed.

"Ed Gardner Sr., was the first director, and he helped guide me with my plans and through discussions with the city and all the elected officials," Ellison explained. His goal was to open a Walmart, but one had recently opened in Leeds, so that was delayed because the company wanted to see how that location would do. Our first phase was just the outparcels on I-20 and US-231. We started with Golden Rule, Krystal, the gas station, Arby's, Wendy's and Western Sizzlin'. My partners and I opened the Western Sizzlin', then the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express came."

The Western Sizzlin' was such a success that there would be as many as 200 people standing outside on Sundays trying to get a table. Thinking ahead, Ellison reached out to "a friend with a plane, and he went up and took some pictures that I was able to use to market to other restaurants. Within about a year and a half, I got the approval for Walmart."

Since that time, Ellison has developed the Publix shopping center on the south side of town. He was the original developer of Pell City Center, and he brought Noon Management in to make sure that was completed. He bought another 50-60 acres where

Home Depot, Cracker Barrel, Zaxby's, and Planet Fitness are now, and he was involved with recruiting the movie theater and entertainment center to come to Pell City.

Ellison explains that as a commercial developer, he buys the land, designs what projects will look like, obtains all the city approvals, hires attorneys and engineers, and more. However, he simplifies his job description by saying that as a commercial developer, his job is to communicate.

"The good Lord has given me the ability to do what I do. I communicate and communicate passionately. In the restaurant business, I was never better than my last transaction. If people didn't enjoy it, they wouldn't come back."

The community and retailers enjoy their relationships with Ellison. "I have a great relationship with all of the elected officials—multiple mayors and city councils—the EDC, as well as Metro Bank. Metro Bank has financed all of my projects."

Although Ellison takes the financial risk when working on a commercial development, he says making these projects happen is a team effort. "I may be the motor behind it, and I stay with it, but it is a true team effort. It is 'we', not 'me."

He is complimentary of Pell City and St. Clair County officials for their dedication to continuing to improve the area. "Pell City is just so blessed. There is so much talent in our city officials and with our county officials. We're all in this thing together."

He also makes an effort to hire locally, including Walker Excavating, Luker and Co. Surveying, and Bain and Company CPA.

Brian Muenger, city manager of Pell City, remembers the first time he met Bill Ellison. After a town hall meeting led by then-Mayor Bill Hereford wherein the city was considering creating a city manager position, Ellison introduced himself to Muenger.

"He asked if I wanted to get dinner, so we went to The Ark and had dinner for about two hours. Bill is somebody incredibly passionate and intense, and he wants to know so much. I had no idea I would be working here eventually," Muenger said, "I've







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worked with a lot of developers. I've worked with cities for close to 20 years now. Every project has a local or regional or national developer, and most are agnostic about where they work. It is rare to find a developer who cares so much about the area they are developing. For the better part of 30 years, he has been instrumental in developing Pell City."

According to Muenger, Ellison's projects account for at least four of the top 10 sales tax generators in Pell City.

Ellison continues to pursue commercial development projects because he enjoys making Pell City a better place to live.

"The tax revenue improves our community," he said. "It helps make the city better, and I have a lot of pride in that. I am a competitive person. I am a hard worker. I want to continue to see this city do well. I am 79 years old, and I am working just as hard today as when I started."

Don Smith, executive director of the St. Clair County Economic Development Council, calls Ellison the epitome of a community promoter.

"His love for Pell City and St. Clair County is shown by his dedication in trying to improve and develop the area he loves. Not only does he advocate for development, but he also invests his own time and money. I wish every community had someone like Bill Ellison. He is such a team player. He just cares about winning, not credit," said Smith.

"If you think of a team as a car, he is an engine with unlimited energy. He is the driving force behind many of the projects that the citizens of Pell City utilize daily. I'm in the Rotary Club with him. He will get behind a charity or community event, and he just pours his whole heart and soul into it. He is a highly competitive person, and I don't think he knows how to do anything halfway. His only weakness is that he's a big Kentucky fan," Smith said with a laugh, "He is very straightforward and very genuine. He says what is on his mind, and I appreciate his honesty and candor."

Ellison considers himself a retail hunter.

"I like chasing things. I am a retail hunter," he said. "I hunt big boxes. I can't hunt things that won't fit in our demographic."

When he travels, he notices what retailers are building new stores. One literal hunting trip led to a huge commercial retail success for St. Clair County and beyond.

"I used to be a quail hunter. This particular time, on a hunting trip in Oklahoma, I drove back home through Texas. On my way, I stopped at a Buc-ee's. I thought it was the most incredible thing I had ever seen in my life. I took pictures. I Googled the corporate office number and asked to speak to their real estate representative for Alabama," Ellison said.

On the call, he spoke with their in-house real estate developer, and she said that it would take five to six months to determine what their growth was going to be. He asked her to send the plans for a site, and he would see if it would fit on the property he had in mind.

"On a Sunday, Father's Day to be exact, she calls me and says she has bad news because the site I submitted did not fit their criteria. I asked her if she knew that site in Leeds, and she asked me to start working on it with her," said Ellison.



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That cold call to Buc-ee's is just one of many that make up his commercial development career. "Everything I've done has been a cold call. Every single store that I've brought here, I have had to cold call and research and find the district manager and go on up the chain to the decision makers. People don't know me. They used to not know where Pell City, Alabama, was."

According to Ellison, businesses like the fact that Pell City is in one of the fastest growing communities in Alabama.

"We are the economic and retail hub of St. Clair County. We are the county seat, and substantially more tax revenue is collected here than in any other city in the county," Ellison said.

The recently-developed shopping center with TJ Maxx, Ross, Old Navy, Ulta, Five Below, Rack Room Shoes and Hobby Lobby has further expanded the city's trade center. "We are pulling more people to shop here. It has kept our spending power in Pell City. Outback opened recently in Pell City, and in the spring or summer of 2026, Longhorn and Olive Garden will be opening in Pell City. That is what I am working on right now. Our growth is going to continue. This is just a really great place."

Ellison remembers "when Pell City didn't have much of anything, and I was part of when we got something—the Walmart shopping center. We have never forgotten how we worked together. We were in a drought and thirsty. Because of the way we worked together, we can have anything we want, and there is still lots more we can do. My success is not my success. It is our success."

Ellison's dedication to improving the community doesn't end at professional responsibilities. As a member of the Pell City Rotary Club, he supports all of the civic organization's service projects.

"When I look at our Pell City Rotary Club, it is made up of people who are difference-makers in our community. If you really want to do something, they can make it happen. We give back, and we do so many things," he said. One of the things Ellison helped the club do was host a 5K fundraiser. "They put me on the board over community service, said we needed to do a 5K, and asked me to chair the committee and bring that race to reality in 2023."

Similar to preparing for his cold call to Buc-ee's, Ellison Googled "How To Put Together A 5K Race."

"They said it would take nine months to put the fundraising together. We had five months. Our beneficiary was the St. Clair County's Boys Ranch. I knew if I was on the fundraising side,

I was going to need to tell the story. My wife Dana and I went down to see the ranch. That place had been vandalized and was in horrible condition."

Ellison told the story of the ranch, and the first 5K raised \$65,000 for it.

While health concerns may have created complications for him in recent years, Bill Ellison does not give up.

"I have CLL Leukemia. It is a chronic disease. They have medication now. They can't cure me, but they can keep me in the middle of the road. During Covid, I got really, really sick. I almost died. I went from 185 pounds to 135 pounds. It was touch-and-go for a while, but God was not done with me yet. I've got another chance, and I've still got work to do.

"I don't know what the future holds, but Pell City is hotter than a firecracker right now. There are a lot of projects that are about to be announced. There is a lot of momentum. I typically operate under the radar, and with these projects, it is always 'we', not 'me'. I have been blessed to be a part of this growth."

Ellison is appreciative of the opportunities he has received and the relationships he has developed.

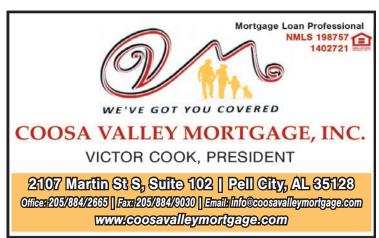
"It is the people around me that are so important. When I worked with Kevin Jennings and Jamey Flegal from Noon Management, they told me, 'You just don't realize how blessed you are.' Everybody wants to be involved with Kevin and Jamey. For them to come to this city and talk about the level of talent and professionalism here, that is really why we have been able to have all of the successes we have had. It is a team effort, and there have been so many people who have worked on these projects."

One important relationship that will mark 20 years in December is his marriage to Dana, who describes being married to Bill as "an honor. I came from a humble background, and he has given me a great life. I do residential real estate, and he is my biggest supporter. I've had to come through some tough obstacles in my life. Bill backs me in everything. I never doubt who my biggest supporter is. I had breast cancer, and he has leukemia, and we are in it to win it. I couldn't ask for a better husband. I'm just so proud of him and his accomplishments.

"I was 38 when I met him. I felt like I had searched 38 years to find him. We know we have something good here," said Dana.

Pell City knows that it has something good here with Bill Ellison, too.







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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**Photos Courtesy of **WADSWORTH FARMS** 

ust as many of us were counting down to the first day of summer, Cropwell residents and residents of other lakeside communities were eagerly waiting for the opening day of blueberry season at Wadsworth Farms.

The fourth-generation, 114-year-old farm has been designated as a Century and Heritage Farm by the State of Alabama, and it's a place that locals strongly recommend as worthy of a visit. It's frequently described as a peaceful, fun experience, with the added benefit of a bounty of locally grown fruit.

"When we first started, we would say that we would open on Father's Day, and now the climate has changed enough that it is warmer earlier," owner Mike Wadsworth said. "So this year,



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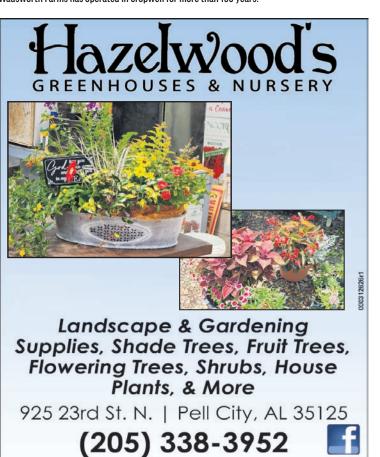
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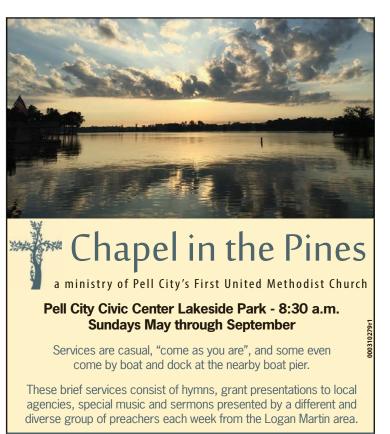
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blueberry season started the week before Father's Day. This year we didn't have any big freezes, so we have a big crop. Most years, we have a late frost that knocks some of the berries off, and that's okay. There's nothing we can do about that, but it's been about two years of the last 30 years that we lost a complete crop from freezes. Hopefully that doesn't happen again any time soon, but other than that, I would say we do pretty good."

Wadsworth Farms was established in 1911 by Wadsworth's grandparents Lee and Ella Wadsworth, who started it as a peach orchard. Mike now runs the farm with his wife Jeanette, and in 1987 they planted the very first blueberries, knowing that the farm needed to produce more than just cattle and timber. The initial plan was to produce strawberries, but found they proved too expensive to plant and maintain. Finding success with blueberries, Mike believes that he is keeping the tradition of what his grandparents started while adding his own vision to the farm's legacy.

"What keeps me motivated to keep going," he said, "is meeting the various people that come to visit. I've had archeologists, geologists, scientists, doctors, you name it come to the farm. I think it's also a stewardship thing for me because I don't like seeing vacant land. I always try to make things better,

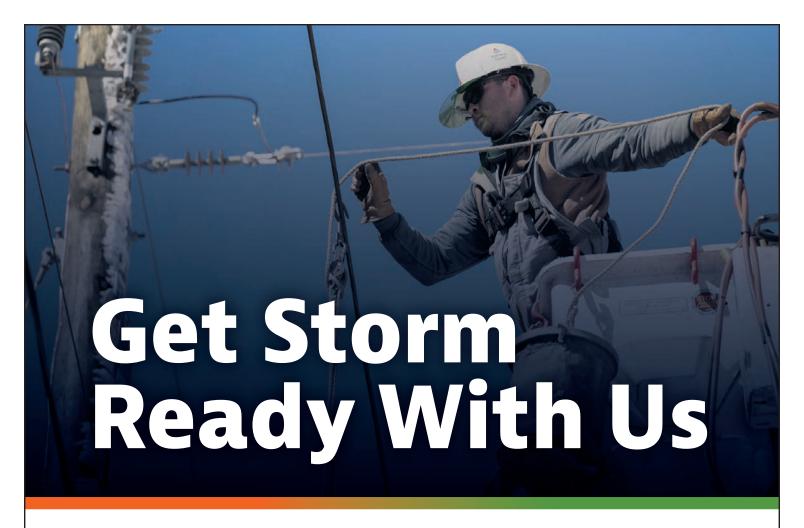
and I think that's something everybody should try to do."

The farm offers seven varieties of rabbiteye blueberries, and Wadsworth says that he strives to offer the sweetest berries possible. For this year, the farm could have opened sooner based on the color of the berries, but they weren't sweet enough. He refuses to sell berries that aren't ripe and sweet, and he'd rather lose some berries than not offer his best harvest.

Wadsworth Farm is a you-pick-it farm where customers can come grab a bag and bucket, pick as much or as little as they please, purchase, and enjoy at their leisure at a picnic table on the farm or back at their homes. Eating the fruit is a pleasant experience, and Mike believes picking it can be too.

"When you're out there picking blueberries, you're just out there with your own thoughts. You can think about anything or nothing at all, and you're among nature. People can also see first-hand where their blueberries are coming from, and I think that's important too."

Wadsworth Farms is open seven days a week from sunup to sundown and until blueberry season is over n late summer-early fall. It is closed during heavy rains or if there is lightning in the vicinity. For more information and step-by-step blueberry recipes, visit the farm's Facebook page or visit www. wadsworthblueberries.com.



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type after studying the photo of a long-limbed, golden-eyed bird staring toward the horizon. The sender is the owner of the two dogs I am taking care of while he and his family are at the beach, specifically Dauphin Island.

"Probably," he replies immediately, and I text back, asking him to send more photos of any other birds they might capture.

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body, and whistling ducks with startling
orange-red beaks that shine in the light.
What catches my attention the most is the
direct, piercing stare of an osprey.

While I admire the photographs, one



of the dogs nudges at my phone, toppling it to the ground, with a bang that startles the older dog from her deep, snore-filled slumber. She lets out a litany of barks as I lean over the sofa to retrieve the phone, its screen still displaying the gorgeous yet

piercing stare of the osprey.

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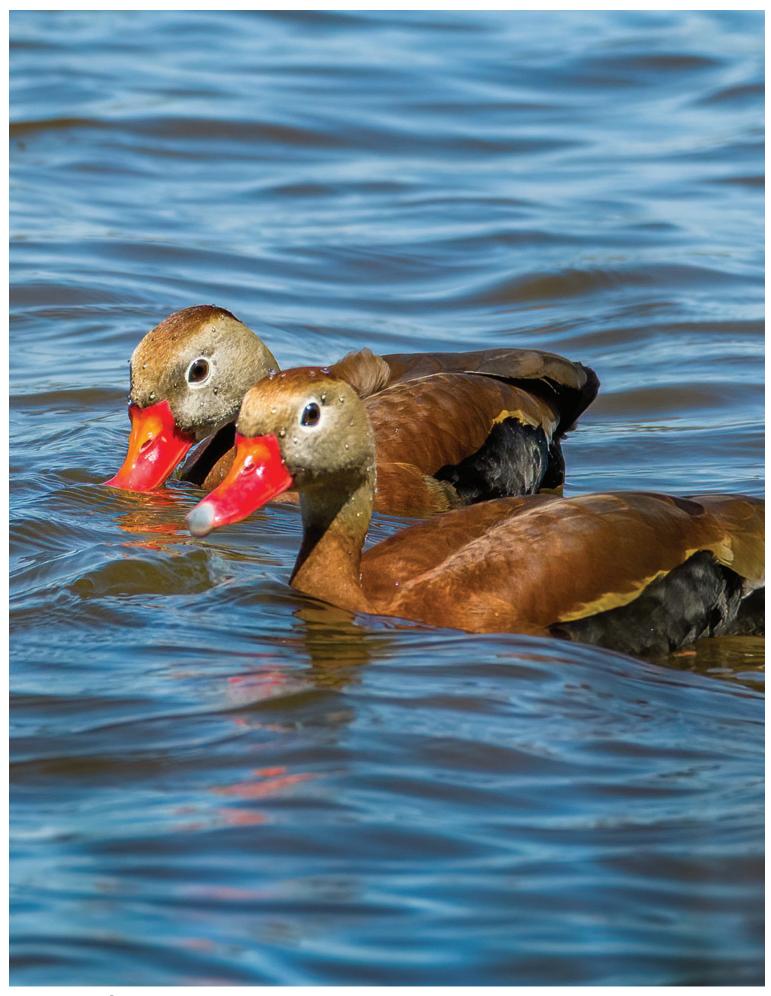


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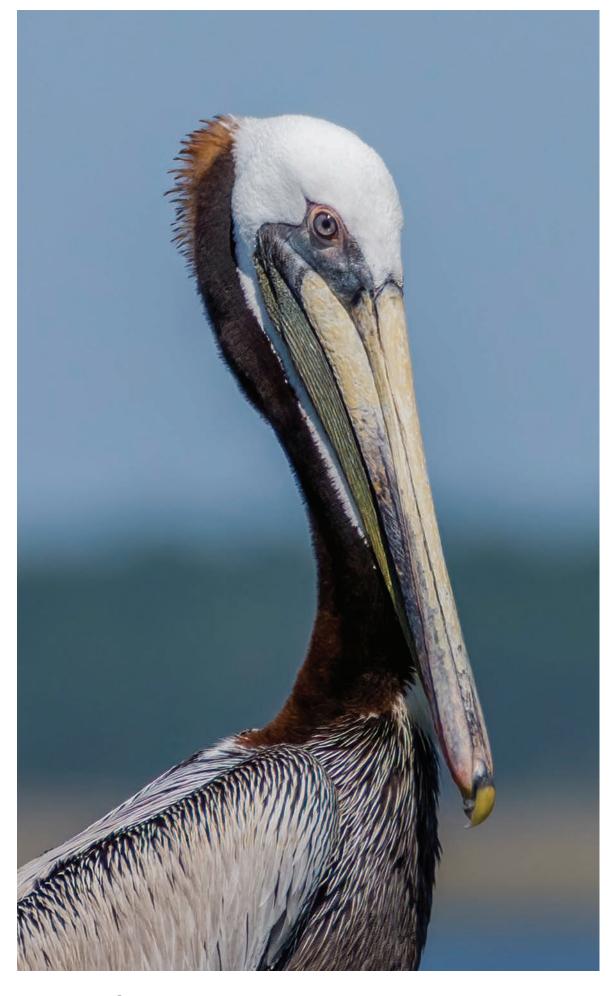
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The wet grass tickles my bare feet as I walk across the yard to the mailbox. The sounds of birds cawing and chirping keep me in a mindset of wonder, especially at how they fly with such effortless grace.

After retrieving the mail, I head back to the house to drop it off before joining the dogs in their fun. I toss a tennis ball to the puppy, who eagerly catches it. She is still learning the game of fetch and does not yet understand that I need the ball back in order to throw it again. I laugh as she either drops the ball or keeps her jaws locked around the neon green toy, unwilling to let it go.

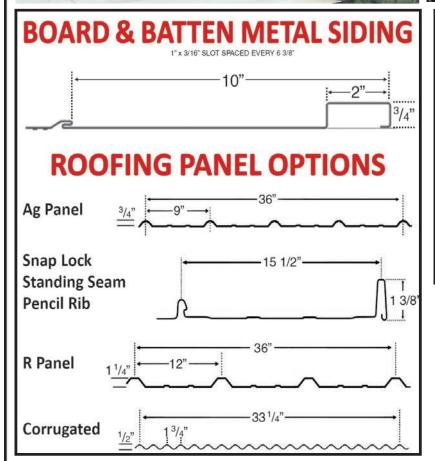
I pull out my phone to snap a few pictures of the determined puppy before walking away to encourage both dogs to keep chasing each other. I settle into an Adirondack chair and switch my phone to video mode to record them burning off energy in the freshly rained-on backyard. Then I send the photos and video to their humans.

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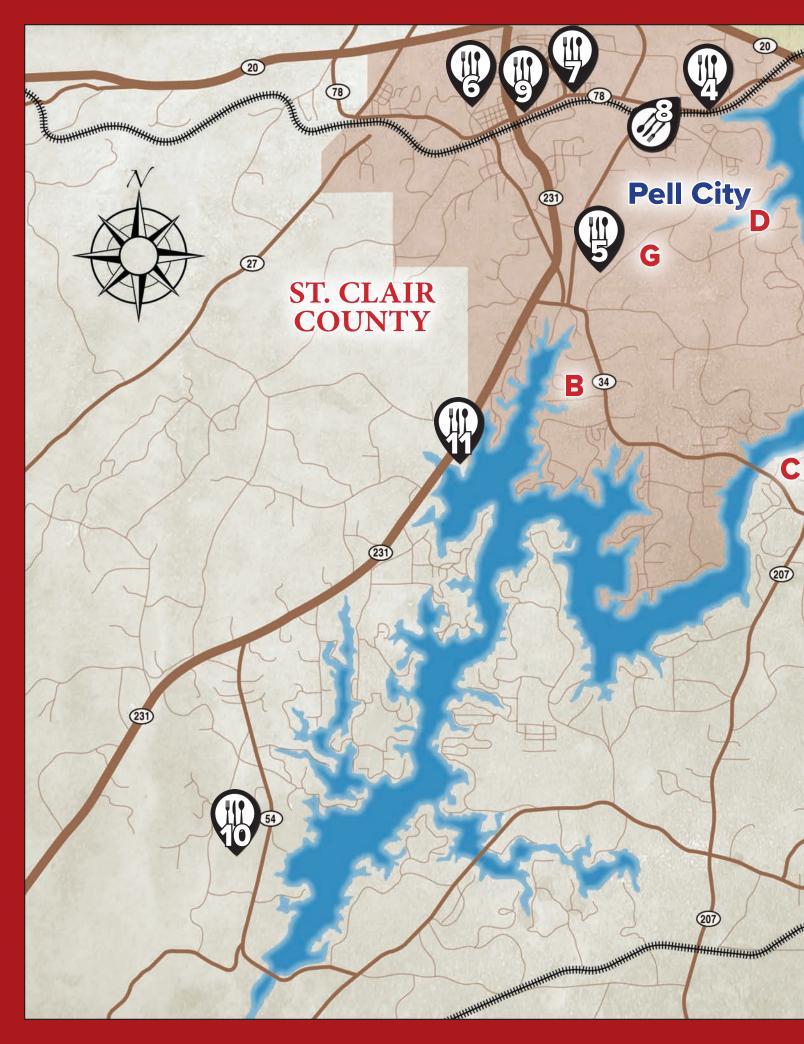


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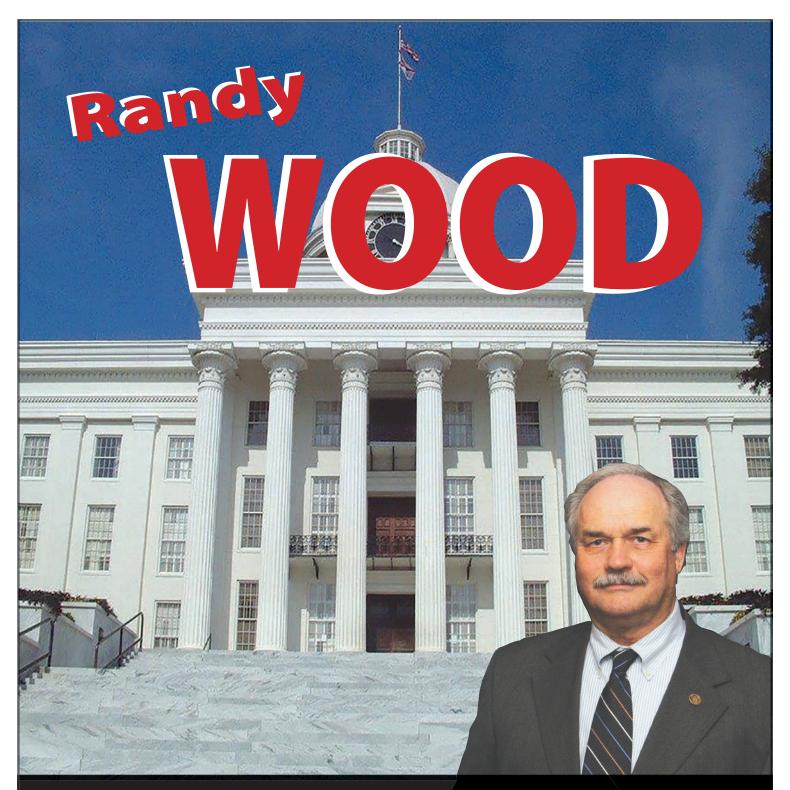


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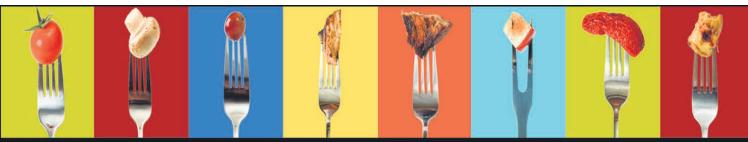
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rospective buyers seeking a lavish home on the shores of Logan Martin Lake will want to see 2929 Hamilton Road in Pell City.

The all-brick one-and-a-half story single-family home sits on 1.53



2401 12th Ave. N., Pell City, AL 35125 205.753.0225 acres and was built in 2007. It has six bedrooms, five bathrooms, a basement, movie room, gaming area, workshop, office space, and screened sunroom within its 5,358-square-foot interior.

The living room area has a spacious open floor plan, wood floors throughout, high ceiling, two ceiling fans, exposed wooden beams, large windows offering views of the lake, wooden shelving with attached cabinets, and a brick gas fireplace.

The kitchen is a chef's dream come true. There are ample brown cabinets, plenty of counter space, continued wood flooring, recessed lighting, modern light fixtures, tiled backsplashes, granite countertops, and an island at its center. The

stainless steel appliances include a double-door refrigerator, dishwasher, gas range stove, built-in microwave, and two ovens.

A distinctive feature of the home is that the main bedroom has a double-entry shower with a separate soaking tub and a walk-in closet.

Exterior features include a twocar garage, driveway, storage shed, curved open deck with a ceiling fan, a patio, a large backyard ideal for gatherings and activities, and a boat slip with an attached diving board.

The property lists at \$1.6 million. To schedule a tour of the home or for more information, call Nicole Walters of Lake Homes Realty at 205-753-0225.





# BEING INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

### is important to lakeside area broker

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atrina Hennings has worked in real estate long enough to know that there's no such thing as perfect circumstances.

"When it comes to buying a home," she says, "I don't think there's such a thing as the right time. Everything is based on an individual's need. Whether it's that time in their life to size up a house because their family is expanding, to size down because the kids have moved out, or a firsttime home buyer, the goal is to work with each situation as each is unique. A home purchase can't be based upon what's going on in the world locally or nationally, because we're always going to have something going on. I don't think there's a good time or a bad time to buy. It depends on what vou need."

Hennings is a managing broker at ERA King Lake Office in Pell City. She has 30 years of experience and can't see herself ever doing anything else. She is committed to showing up for her community and offering guidance and training to new agents. She calls herself a 24/7 broker because if she's needed she's going to be there. It doesn't matter what time of day it is or if it's the weekend, she's going to answer the call for the 30 agents that work out of the office.

"What makes a good agent," she says. "is someone who is dedicated, who keeps up with the education of



real estate and its changes, knows what's going on around them, and who is involved in the community. To network is also important because you build connections and it shows clients how hard you'll work for them. This is why I'm a part of the chamber of commerce and I'm going into my fourth term on the Springville City Council. Representation matters far beyond just showing a house."

When asked why she feels a real estate agent is needed as opposed to just using the Internet, she says it's all about knowledge. "Yes, it's

now easy to go online and find the house and price, but the listing doesn't come with the resources you need. To have an agent who provides guidance, understanding, and the support of having someone hold their hand through the transaction is invaluable."

Hennings encourages buyers to not let interest rates deter them from becoming homeowners. "Interest rates change. Start with knowing where you stand, and let that be your determining factor. Pre-approval is so important before you start looking. It discloses if there's something on your credit, your debt-to-income ratio, what you might need to work on, and the price range you'll be qualified for."

While it may be convenient to use an online platform to determine pre-approval, she strongly advises going with someone who can pick up the phone if you have a question or a problem arises. "If you use an online lender, you will be assigned a file number, and you're going to get a different person every time. Instead of going with someone you will never meet, let it be somebody that you can reach out and shake hands with, who you can pick up the phone and call directly. You deserve that level of attention, guidance, navigation, and support."

Hennings is a native and resident of Springville. She is married and has three daughters and six grandchildren. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her family.

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### **Favorite snack:**



### 70 Whispering Oaks \$699,900

Located 5 miles from Pell City Civic Center. This home has super waterfront on yearround water off main channel. It has its own concrete boat launch and dock. There are four garage spaces on two levels-main and basement. There is extra room in basement for boat parking. Basement floor has epoxy finish. Great kitchen! Solid oak cabinetry. Soft close cabinet drawers. Deep drawers for pots and pans. All (mostly new)stainless appliances, Natural gas oven and range Granite countertops with eating bar. Laundry room with utility sink. Water-tight .basement Extra matching rock for future build, i.e. pool, tennis court, outdoor BBQ. Updated hvac on main level. Hardwood floors throughout. Tile floors in the three full bathrooms.



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### 475 River Forest Lane 1250 Talladega, \$319,000

Beautiful 3BR/2BA end-unit condo in Lincoln Harbor with stunning sunset and forever views of Logan Martin Lake. Enjoy extra natural light from additional windows, a cozy fireplace, and fresh paint throughout. The spacious deck is perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Master suite features a large walk-in shower. Community amenities include pool, pier, beach area, and boat launch. Lake life at its best! Some furniture to remain.

MLS 21417363



### 1331 Funderburg Bend Rd, Pell City, \$375,000

This spacious 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home sits on a serene 1.1-acre lot, with a mini lake lot on the main channel. The heart of the home is the expansive great room with a cozy fireplace, perfect for family gatherings. A dining area provides ample space for entertaining, Large kitchen with solid oak cabinets and island, the screened porch offers a peaceful retreat to enjoy the outdoors. The property includes a finished basement for additional living space and an unfinished basement with endless possibilities. Outside, you'll find a convenient outbuilding for storage or hobbies and a double garage. This home blends comfort, functionality, and natural beauty, creating a perfect place to live and relax. MLS 21414103



### 27 Morning Glory Drive Pell City, \$309,000

Charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath full brick home in desirable Morningside Subdivision. Features include a spacious formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar, and a cozy screened porch perfect for relaxing. Also, there is a gas log fireplace in great room. Enjoy a fenced backyard ideal for pets or entertaining, plus a double car garage for ample storage. A perfect blend of comfort and convenience!

MLS# 21424915



### 499 Sweet Apple Rd Pell City, \$55,000

Beautiful 2-acre vacant lot on Sweet Apple Road in a serene country setting. The property is half cleared and half wooded, offering the perfect blend of open space and natural privacy. Perk test completed and survey available. Ideal for a stick-built home or barndominium. Peaceful rural living with easy access to city amenities—don't miss this great opportunity!

MLS 21424404



### 1524 Martin Street S Pell City, \$550,000

Commercial property on Hwy 231 currently operating as a body shop. Features two  $70^{\circ} \times 70^{\circ}$  concrete block buildings with metal roofs, 5 bays, 4 metal roll-up doors, office, and 1 bathroom. Includes two rental houses on-site for additional income. Deeded driveway access, 5 ac gives ample space for expansion, and flexible commercial use potential. Ideal for auto, industrial, or investment use.

MLS 21422860



### 200 Cove Dr Pell City, \$799,000

Pell City, \$799,000

INCREDIBLE VIEW from this gorgeous lake home on year-round water. As you enter, you find a living room or office area. The large, updated kitchen has quartz countertops and farmhouse sink. The beautiful sunroom traverses the entire length of the house. The main bedroom and bath, a second huge bedroom, and a full bath are on the main level. The main level laundry room has an outside entrance from the lake for dropping off wet items. Downstairs is a family room with a gas-log fireplace: another large bedroom and full bath on this floor. Walk outside onto your covered patio with your outdoor kitchenette, which includes a sink and grill with a copper vent hood. Gentle slope to the double-stall boat house with lifts and sundeck. Concrete seawall with steps. Beautifully landscaped yard with mature trees where something is always blooming, located on a quiet, dead-end street. Neighborhood HOA Park with boat launch, walking trail, and picnic areas. A MUST SEE!



### 22 Eagle Pointe Lane 22 Pell City, \$163,500

Lake lot on Logan Martin Lake main channel 1.25 acres with 125 ft of waterfront. Enjoy a forever view and deep, year-round water perfect for your private dock. Concrete seawall. Neighborhood amenities include a pool, tennis court, and boat launch. Ideal for your dream lake home!

MLS 21417238





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276 Forest Glen Rd. Sylacauga, AL

\$532,500

This beautiful brick home features 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths and 2 half baths. The open floor plan with hardwood floors and granite countertops with loads of cabinet space in kitchen is ideal for all your family gatherings. The fenced i back yard has a pool and a screened porch for entertaining. This gorgeous spacious house is a must see so many great amenities.

MLS# 21386345



39684 Alabama Hwy 77, Ashland, AL

\$269,000

You do not want to miss this 3 bed 2 bath new construction home conveniently located just moments from the heart of Ashland. As you walk through the front door you'll step into the living room featuring an eye catching stone fireplace. Not's the well of the convenience of the co



694 Center Point Rd. Sylacauga, AL \$229,000

Welcome to this beautiful 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home located in the desirable Center Point Acres neighborhood! This property offers a perfect blend of space, comfort, and potential. Featuring large living spaces, a fully fenced backyard, and an updated kitchen, it's ideal for entertaining. Spacious rooms with ample natural light, including a master suite with its own.

MLS# 21403055



1500 County Road 78, Sylacauga, AL

\$465,000

An exceptional property! Nestled among the hardwoods, this 4-bedroon, 3.172 bath log home is a must-see! Relax on the front porch, enjoying the scenery, or take in the beauty of the log and beam pine floors, slate floors, and an eat-in kitchen with stainless appliances. Enjoy the first-floor master suite, featuring a sitting area and a private outside deck with French door access. Did! mention the hydrocommunication of the property of the start of the property of the start of the property of the property of the start of the start of the start of the start of the property of the start of

MLS# 21422606



1412 Fox Run Sylacauga, AL \$349,000

Great, one of a kind custom home in Sylacaugal This is a passive solar home, built against the mountain, with 3 bedroom and 2 full baths, plus an extra bedroom upstairs or office. Relax in the full glass sunroom, overlooking beautiful wood! Hardwood floors, a beautiful fireplace, granite countertops, 2 car garage are just some of the amenities of this beautiful home!

MLS# 21406472



2041 Arrowhead Dr. Sylacauga, AL

\$295,000

Welcome to this beautiful 4-bedroom, 2-bath home nestled in the sought-after Arrowhead subdivision in Sylacauga, ALI This well-maintained property features a new roof, ensuring peace of mind for years to come. Step inside to find spacious bedrooms, perfect for relaxing and unwinding. The inviting living spaces flow effortlessiv, creating a warm and welcomind.

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123 Meadow Farm Circle, Sylacauga, AL \$279,000

Located in a quiet, established neighborhood, this well-maintained 3-bedroom, 2-bath home offers comfort, space and functionality. The spit bedroom floor plan provides added privacy, with the spacious master suite featuring a relaxing soaking tub, separate shower, and dual walk-in closets for his and hers storage. Enjoy outdoor living in the fully fenced backyard-perfect for pets, kids, or weekend BBCs. A powered storage building/workshop offer end of the provided storage building/workshop that the pet of the pe

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\$239,500

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MLS# 21411709



2101 Fulton Gap Rd. Sylacauga, AL

\$296,500

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This updated 3 Bedroom and 2 Bath manufactured Logan Martin Lake home includes luxury vinyl plank flooring, updated windows, fresh interior and exterior paint, a beautifully designed brick patio, pier, covered dock, private boat launch, and a recently built sunroom, complete with a cozy stone fireplace all on an easily accessible walk to the water.



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\$369,900 90 Highland View Dr. - NEW CONSTRUCTION - One level 3 opens to kitchen with large pantry/storage, master suite with his/hers walk in closet, separate vanity and bonus room off master bath that can be private office or whatever needed. Extra room in unfinished bonus room upstairs, 2-car garage and located conveniently to I-20 and town. MLS # 21390845 Call Brenda 205/812-4141



\$1,100,000 - 595 Dabbs Lane - HIDDEN GEM ON LOGAN MARTIN LAKE with this 3bedroom, 3 bath home that features family room with stone brick fireplace 1000 sq.ft. Of wrap around porches, 575 sq. ft. Garage workshop, located on approx. 5.6 ACRES, over 3000 ft of Wsterfront detached C RV snot used for RENTSL INCOME, additional amenities include bathhouse, shower house, boat launch, large pavilion with enclosed kitchen. Potential of income producing property, family compound or great place to live.. MLS #21406672. Call Karen 205/473-4614

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\$624.999 - 5024 Collins Dr. Pell City - NEW CONSTRUCTION! This custom built 302-4,333-302-4 commission, rent register, and construction in its commission bound to bedroom and 2.5 bathroom home is perfect for entertaining family and friends with the open floor plan consisting of the family room with a floor to ceiling stacked stone fireplace, high ceilings which opens to an inviting chef's dream kitchen, large tone treplace, mgn ceilings winch opens to an inviting chet's orean intchen, arg namle bar with seating, stahliers stell explainces, an abundance of cabilities, of filler, and a custom built hood and just around the corner of the kitchen is editized dinling room. The master suite is located on the main level with tre elitings, his and her vanilies, free standing tub, filled shores, and a large wall to closet. Upstairs is another 3 bedrooms with a full bathroom. MLS #21395985



\$639,500 - 65 River View Ln. - MAIN CHANNEL ON LOGAN MARTIN

LAKE with this 3 bedroom 2 bath one level home that features open

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\$369,900 - 6187 Rainbow Row. - JUST IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER at the LAKE with this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that features the primary suite on the main at features the primary suite on th om that flows into the kitchen and area. The cozy fireplace and soaring ceilings create an inviting space for whatever needed and the gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream. Upstairs you will find (2) additional bedrooms with its own dressing area and walk-in closet and connecting full bath. Subdivision offers shared 3000° of waterfront and boardwalk plus clubhouse and pool. MLS #2147539 Call Karen 205/473-4613 .MLS #21417539 Call Karen 205/473-4613



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