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aving only relocated to the lakeside area a few years ago, I enjoy hearing stories about life on Logan Martin back in the day, such as the one Laurie Brasher told me not long ago.

We both happened to be visiting the home of Dan and Nancy Duke and taking in the view of the lake and Stemley Bridge from their dock. With that spectacular vista as a backdrop, Laurie reminisced about childhood weekends spent at the lake with her parents and three brothers.

"My parents took time when we were young to make sure we enjoyed the lake, and I'm glad they invested in our lives like that," she said. "There's not a summer since that I haven't been at the lake."

Laurie's parents and grandparents owned a mobile home on a leased lot at Coosa Island Marina. "We'd go there every Friday after dad got home from work. Mom always had the car loaded up. The boat stayed at the lake, and my parents kept a set of bikes at the trailer just for us to ride on the weekends."

She was "8 or 9, old enough to ride a bike with my older brothers" Ronnie and Randy. Her younger brother Jay wasn't yet old enough for cycling.

"We rode those bikes all over the place. Our goal on our bicycles was to ride to the little store that was there and get a bag of chips and a Coke. We each had a dollar, and that's what we could buy with it back in the day."

Trips to the lake also included time spent fishing from the pier, boating and skiing. "This lake is where all of us learned to ski, and I can still slalom to this day," Laurie said, gesturing toward Stemley. "I've skied under that bridge many, many times."

Those weekends also frequently involved visits with Miss Polly, a hair stylist who lived near their weekend getaway. "I wanted so much to be like Miss Polly. I wanted to cut hair when I grew up so I could live on the lake all the time."

Sunday mornings, it was time to pack up and drive to Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Center Point. "We always went to church. It was all about church on Sundays, and I'm glad it was."

Perhaps, like Laurie, you have your own favorite memories growing up by the lake. Or maybe you're like me and came later to Logan Martin. In either case, you're here – and you're reading Lakeside Living – because you appreciate how special a place it is. We submit this issue's features as proof: coverage of the 2018 LMLPA Carboard Boat Regatta, a new floating concessions stand, a first-ever training event aimed at making time spent on the water more safe and an event that brought people from all over the country to Logan Martin to look at old bottles.



Laurie Brasher

We're proud to bring you these stories, and I'm glad Laurie allowed us to share her story about a happy lakeside childhood.

"Those weekends were our special family time," she said. "There's something about the lake that brings families together."



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What is terminal tackle?

Terminal tackle is defined as the tackle between the fish and the reel. It includes the following.

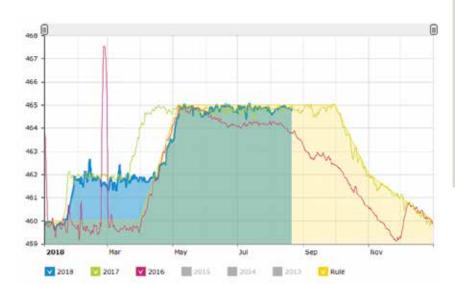
Hooks, which keep fish attached to the fishing line. Hooks must be kept sharp. They come in many sizes and types. If fish are nibbling but not getting hooked, a smaller hook should be used.

Snaps and swivels. Most hooks and lures are more effective without snaps or snap-swivels attached. Crank baits (wobbling lures) are the exception. When trying a variety of lures, a small but strong snap will make changing lures easier. A swivel or three-way swivel can be used to attach a dropper that keeps the bait or lures off of the bottom.

Floats, bobbers or corks. Floats keep baits off the bottom and assist with detecting a bite. The float should be just large enough to do the job. If the float is too large, the fish will feel it and may not become hooked.

Rigging. Rigging is how the bait is hooked and where the hook, snap or swivel, weight and float are used. What's the best rig? The type that catches the most fish.

Source: Outdoor Alabama



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Written and Photographed by Sherry Kughn

hen two business owners put their heads together, they can do cool things. Matt Kronen, owner of Coosa Island Marina Bake Shop in Cropwell, and Tarang "T" Gandhakwala, owner of T's Sno Biz Chelsea, met one day and wondered how they could offer concessions



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on the lake.

"So we talked." said Kronen. "I told him I have the perfect boat, but I needed a little help."

Kronen had the bottom of the boat and ideas for building a concession stand on top. He worked on the project starting in May.

"I worked all summer," he said.

Kronen and Gandhakwala collaborated when placing the necessary freezers, sinks, and appliances in the boat, and they built it to comply with the state's health codes. A generator provides power to the ice shaving machine and air conditioning inside the cabin.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, they first made available snow cones in dozens of flavors, selling them in two sizes for \$3 and \$5. A touch of crème on top is available for an additional dollar. Even on the first day of business, dozens of boaters pulled alongside the neon yellow SnoBoat and bought their wares. Business was brisk.

Since that initial Saturday, the two have had fun and have left their respective businesses in the hands of employees while they team up and enjoy selling on the water. Hours are from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday only. The Sno Boat will operate through Labor Day.

"This is a great public relations tool for our businesses," said Kronen, "and we get to meet all kinds of people out on the lake. We are the face of the SnoBoat."

To contact the SnoBoat, call Coosa Island Marina at 205-525-5521.

"We will stay in the area around the dam unless we have a private party or event," Kronen said. "Also, people can schedule an event or request a drive-by at their pier."



Matt Kronen and Tarang Gandhakwala launched The SnoBoat on Logan Martin Lake this summer. There's still time to sample their tasty treats in a variety of flavors.



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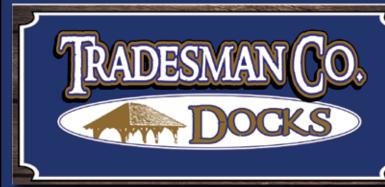






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THE CURIOUS WORLD OF BOTTLE COLLECTING

Lincoln expo brings enthusiasts to lakeside community

Written by Amanda E.H. Pritchard Photography by Bob Crisp

 hroughout the Lincoln Bottle Show, the wheeling and dealing was as curious as some of the vintage slogans seen on the bottles. "Tastes better 'cause it's stilled better." "Be sociable. Serve Pepsi." "Ramon's Relief Bottle." Collectors from all over the state and the

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country came to the lakeside community in August for the third annual event, one of only three bottle shows in Alabama.

Logan Martin area resident Jake Smith organized the show to provide an outlet for vendors to showcase and collectors to buy vintage treasures. "Every collector has their own way of collecting," he said. "They buy what fits their collection, and they collect for different reasons."

Take Corey Davidson of Davidson Trading, who started collecting and selling bottles as a pre-teen. "At 12, it was a great way to make a buck when you're young trying to save for your first car," he said.

Uniqueness is the name of the game at bottle shows, and he plays that game well. Among the more distinctive bottles he has



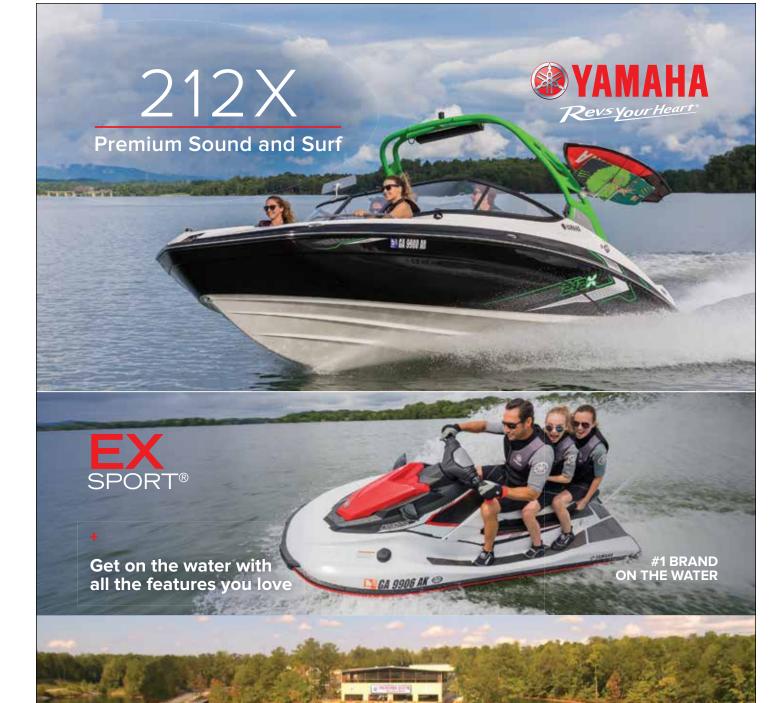




acquired are an onion bottle (shaped like an onion when you pull it from the ground) and a Christo Cola bottle. "Christo Cola competed with Coca-Cola in the early 1900's," according to Davidson. Bill Johnson of Georgia got into collecting in



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the mid 1980s. "Back then, I used to sell to pharmacies. That's how my collection started," he said. "I like going to shows for the networking of friends."

Driving as far as 10 hours to obtain a bottle, Johnson owns a diverse collection featuring a cobalt Solomon's bottle that he says has ties to Robert E. Lee.

"The Solomon's had a factory in Savannah, Georgia and their biggest customer (at the time) was Robert E. Lee. They kept a letter from Robert E. Lee from around 1845 or 1846 framed and mounted on the wall in their lobby."

Across from Johnson during the Lincoln show was a dealer who perhaps traveled the

furthest from home to display bottles. Dennis I. Smith of Buffalo, New York, is a Birmingham native who began collecting when he found an old iodine bottle in 1975 while hunting for Native American relics.

Researching over the past 50 years, Smith has developed the website www.kolawars. com and has published articles about bottle collecting. Traveling approximately 900 miles (one way) to the Lincoln Bottle Show, he believes the trip is "totally worth it because of the camaraderie."

Collector Amanda Jesse started her collection in college when her grandparents had a flea market. She said from there things exploded. One of her favorite finds is a drinking



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glass from a manufacturer in Montgomery. It reads, "1948-1989 Plant 13 serving the South for 41 years. First run 5-17-48, Last run 10-26-89." Jesse said, "This is my second show as a vendor. Usually I'm a shopper."

Joe and Jan Justice of Jasper have such a large collection that they've added a bottle room and basement to their home. Inspired by a woman in California named Grandma Prisbrey who used one million bottles to build a chapel near her home, the Justices cultivated their own creations.

"We built bottle mountains," Jan







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said. "One is seven feet tall and took one month to build. We also built a 5 ½-foot tall one that took two weeks to make." Joe added, "We live on Curry Highway in Jasper and people stop and look."

They all came to the lakeside area last month, and Smith pronounced the local show such a success that the fourth annual Lincoln Bottle Show is already scheduled for August 10, 2019.

Until then, for more information contact Smith at syl_bottleguy@yahoo. com or 256-267-0446.



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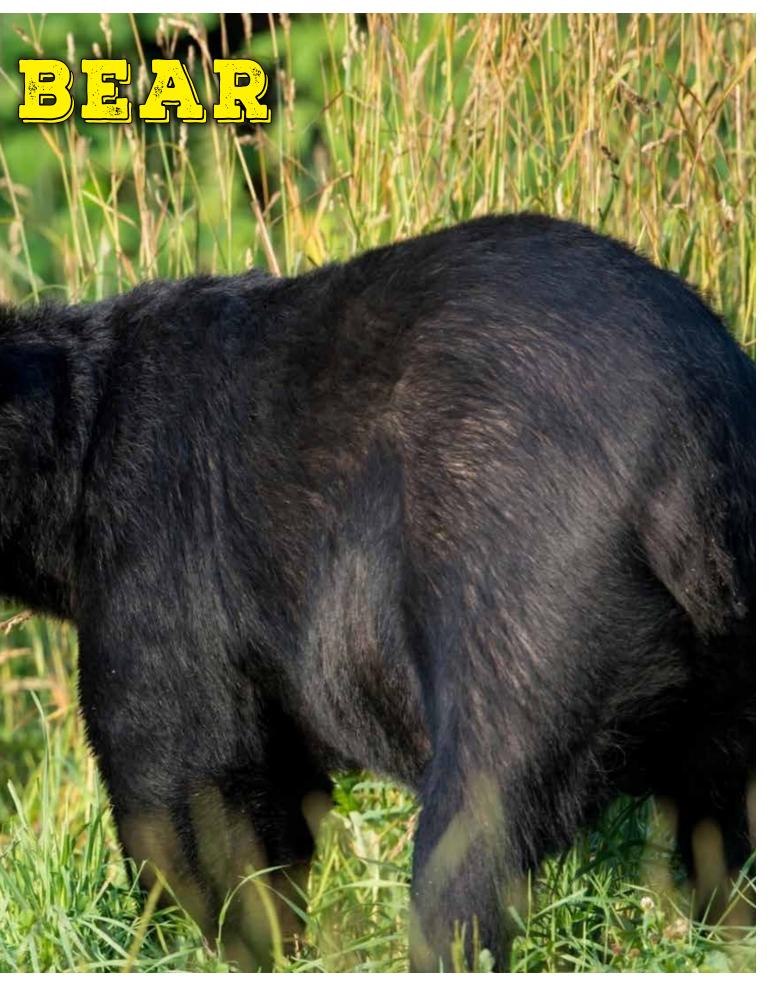
lack bear sightings have been reported in the lakeside area, according to state wildlife officials, and they have the potential to increase as summer turns into

fall.

But that doesn't mean that outdoors enthusiasts are in danger of violent face-to-face encounters with bears while fishing, hiking or camping on and around Logan Martin.

"Black bears are typically secretive, shy animals that will avoid human interaction," said Marianne Hudson, conservation outreach specialist for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. "While seeing a black bear in Alabama is uncommon and exciting, it is no cause for alarm. If you are lucky enough to see a bear, simply leave it alone."

St. Clair County is one of five Alabama counties in which at least one black bear has





been spotted this summer, which the WFF sees as evidence that the state's black bear population is growing.

"There is the potential to see a bear anywhere in the state, especially in the summer and early fall months," Hudson said. "If you have seen a bear in your neighborhood, on your property, crossing a road or while you're out enjoying the outdoors, you're encouraged to report the sighting to your WFF district office. Seeing a bear isn't an emergency or a cause of alarm, but it's important to report it because it helps us document their movement and distribution and the status of their population."

No hikers, anglers or property owners have ever been harmed by a black bear in Alabama, and according to Hudson, "black bear attacks rarely happen even in states that have thousands more bears than we have here." She offers the following suggestions about what to do in the event of a black



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bear encounter.

• Do not run from the bear, and avoid direct eye contact. "You hear a lot about playing dead when you see a bear," Hudson said. "That's a general rule for grizzly bears. We don't have grizzly bears in Alabama. We have black bears, and you should never play dead with a black bear."

• Encourage the bear to move away by waving your arms and yelling as you slowly back away. "You want to make yourself known to the bear, make noises, tell it to go away and raise your arms above your head, like you're trying to spook away a stray dog. Allow the bear an



trash cans clean, and don't put trash out until ready for pick-up. "Black bears are basically oversized and ampedup raccoons," Hudson said. "Anything that would attract a raccoon – food left outside, trash cans, bird and deer feeders – will attract a black bear." Avoid feeding birds and other wildlife between April and January, when bears are most active.

For more bear safety advice, visit www.bearwise.org. Bear sightings around the lake or in lakeside communities can be reported by email at Thomas.Harms@dcnr. alabama.gov or at www.outdooralabama.com.

escape route, and don't turn your back to it."

• In the unlikely event of an attack, "fight back with everything you have. Don't instigate the situation, but fight back to the extent you can." Although black bears are game animals in Alabama, there is no open season on them, and they may not be shot except in life-threatening situations. "While a person has the right to protect their life, just happening upon a bear or catching one rummaging through your trash can isn't legal cause to shoot one."

 Never approach or feed a bear. When hiking, camping or fishing, keep food stored in bear-resistant containers. Do not leave pet food outside overnight. Keep





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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary hosts first responder training on the lake

Written by SHERRY KUGHN —
 Photography by Tucker Webb

n a typical hot weekend in early August, the Auxiliary Fleet Academy of the United States Coast Guard at Logan Martin and Lay lakes held a three-day study course complete with hands-on exercises.

Participants from nearby fire and rescue agencies spent Friday evening through Sunday

morning studying and then performing life-saving activities on Logan Martin Lake near the Logan Martin Dam.

The auxiliary is the volunteer extension of the Coast Guard and is charged with patrolling and providing boating safety on lakes.

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Representatives of several local public safety agencies participated in the multi-faceted training sessions.

New London Fire, Pell City Police, and the St. Clair County Sheriff's office learned how to improve communications between agencies in order to locate those in peril and learned how to use best practices in disaster response.

Trent Richardson, a coxswain serving with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary at Logan Martin and Lay Lakes, helped implement the classroom studies and hands-on activities.

"The day was perfect," Richardson said. "All departments turned out and were very excited to be there."

Attendees spent Friday evening at the Birmingham Sailing





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Organized by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the training exercises were hosted by the Birmingham Sailing Club.

Club studying and enjoying a fellowship meal. Then on Saturday afternoon, after more classroom studies, they engaged in the Amazing Race, a round-robin joint exercise in which representatives from the four agencies were in the same boat and had to compete with other rescue boats in order to locate where several simulated emergencies had taken place. Next, each boat had to carry out a certain function, such as knowing how to rescue someone who had fallen overboard. Other new skills included learning the best way to quickly dock a boat, how to most effectively anchor a boat, and how to figure out who would take over if the coxswain charged with overseeing an operation became incapacitated.

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On Sunday, each of the four agencies had its own crew in a boat and studied how to fight fires on and near the water.

"Part of the mission," Richardson said, "is knowing boating safety and how to coordinate our resources among each agency."

All members of the auxiliary are volunteers, and all seemed to appreciate the training.

Jim Landrum from the New London Fire Department, a lakeside resident who retired as vice president of the Mitsubishi Electronics division, said he had learned new skills.

"This has gone great," he said. "It was our first time to participate. We learned how to drop a hose in and fight fires from the lake. The coast guard worked with us to teach us how to hold our positions.

Richardson said next summer's exercises might take place in a different location. He added, "It just makes sense to coordinate resources."

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Written by Laura Nation-Atchison Photographed by Bob Crisp

> atrick Hallowell used 22 boxes for his regattawinning watercraft. Specifically, they were Milo's
> Tea boxes, held together with duct tape. Lots of duct tape.

Hallowell had developed a certain knack for applying the tape to the cardboard hull he named The

Hummingbird. He cut it into strips and braided them into 18-inch ties. And it gave him the edge to win the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association's 2018 Cardboard Boat Regatta.

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Launching The Hummingbird from Lakeside Park in Pell City, Hallowell swiftly took the lead in the three-vessel



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Entrants in the regatta prepare to launch their cardboard vessels onto Logan Martin at Lakeside Park.

race, making his way to the turning marker without wobbles, cutting the turn and heading for home in straight form.

In second place was the grandfather-and-grandson team of Paul Miller of Pine Harbor and Hudson Alexander aboard the "S.S. Diane." They also made the trip without mishap and came in just behind the leader.

Miller said he learned about the regatta while reading an article promoting the event in *Lakeside Living* and showed it to his grandson as a possible project. They agreed on the endeavor and spent several weeks working on their entry.

He credits Hudson with drawing up plans for the boat, which made the trip for the race with ease. Hudson's plans for the boat following the race were to try it out again back at home, Miller said.

For the third vessel, The S.S. Minnow, manned by Ava Nguyen and her mother, Emily Ann, the trip on the course was a short one, the craft going down shortly after leaving the shore.

The two enjoyed a little dip in the water as they

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The colorful S.S. Minnow enjoyed a very short foray before submerging below Logan Martin waters. Crew members returned to the shore unscathed.

gathered up their broom straw paddles and the somewhat soaked boat and laughed their way back to the mainland.

The pair got to work on their polka dot-decorated entry the night before the race, after just finding out about it and deciding to join in the fun.

Hallowell's design included a dash and one small, tight spot for him to sit and paddle, with the sections of cardboard held together by drilling holes to hold the braided sections of tape.

He used some household paint he had left over from another project and said he probably had \$17 invested in materials to build the winning boat.

Hallowell is manager of the deli

Hudson Alexander and his grandfather Paul Miller paddled to a runner-up finish.





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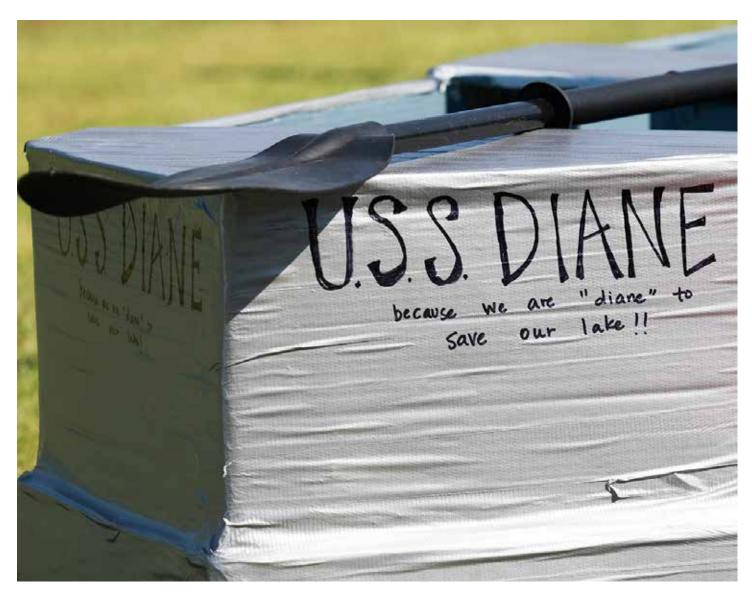
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Miller and Alexander said they spent several weeks working on the U.S.S. Diane after reading about the regatta in an issue of *Lakeside Living*.

at an Oxford grocery store. He said after hearing about the event and having access to plenty of boxes, he wanted to give it a try.

"And I really want to do this again," he said.

LMLPA hosted the regatta for a second year, and organizer Deborah Cearley said it's on again for next year, along with hopes to add lots more entries and fill up the categories created to serve all ages.

The Logan Martin Lake Protection Association (LMLPA) was formed as a tax-exempt Section 501c4 corporation in 1995. LMLPA applied for and was awarded its 501(c)3 status in 2000. Contributions to the organization are fully tax deductible.

There are now more than 450 members.

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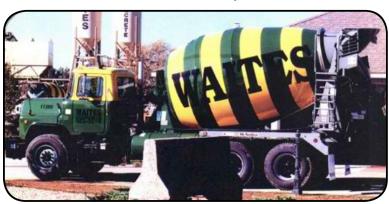


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The master suite

the lake here on one side, and a pasture and farm on the other."

Their hillside offers has a perfect view of the water. The inlet of the shoreline is shaped like a little private bay, where several other homes face the water and adjoining docks and boathouses line the edge.

The inlet joins deeper water and the Maddoxes launched their brand new pontoon boat from the spot this summer.

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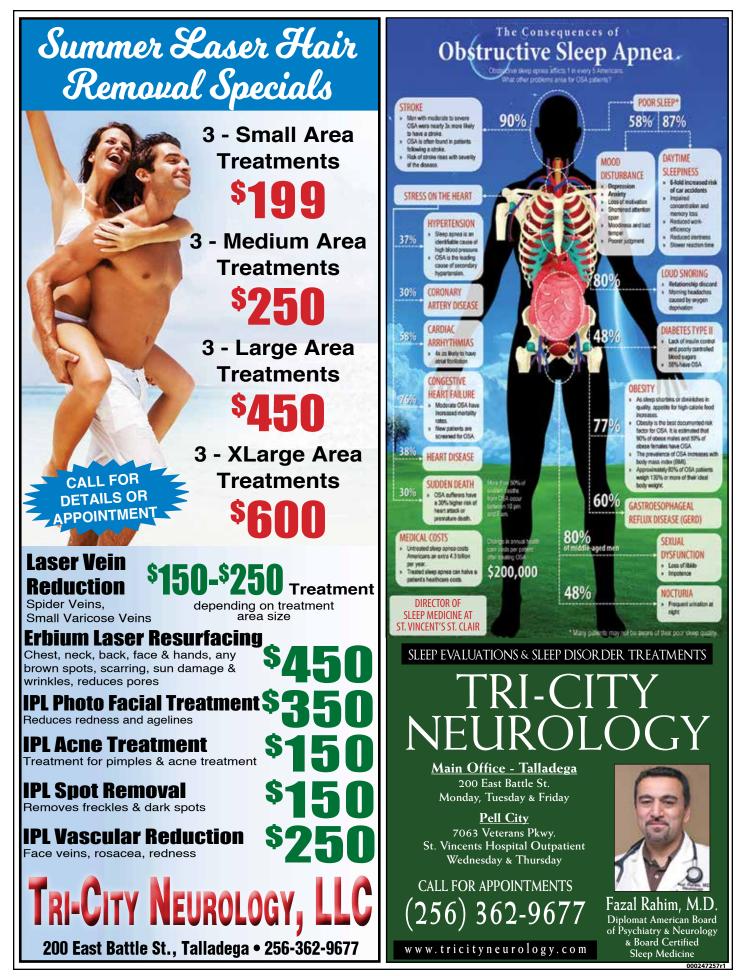
signature thatched roof and seating, where guests can linger and visit and watch the goings-on.

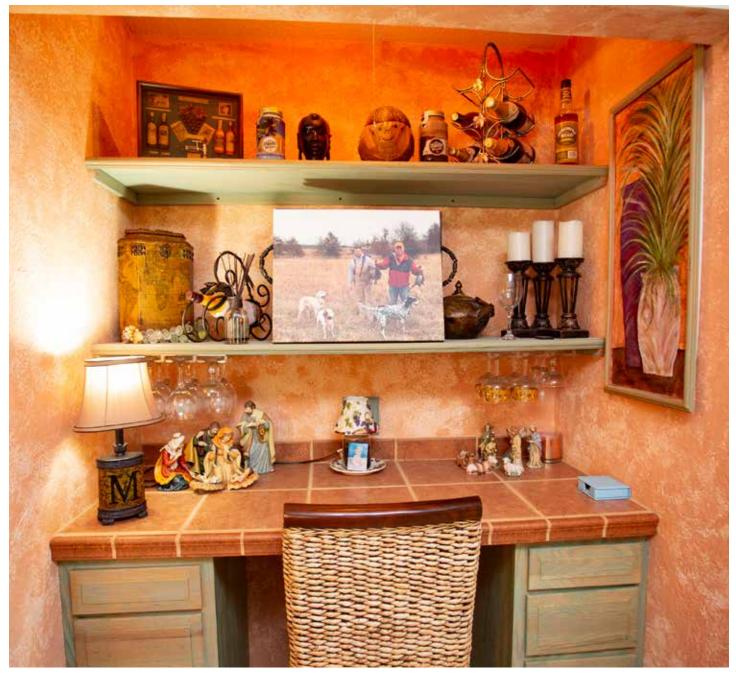
This spot, too, is a wonderful spot to take in the lush landscaping the Maddoxes have created, with a terraced effect of comfy corners to stop and enjoy.

Big batches of flowering lilies and shrubs surround these areas, many with a tropical touch that creates the feel of a visit to an oceanside getaway tucked into the Logan Martin shore. Entering the house from the patio through matching sets of double glass doors, visitors are welcomed to the living room, where additional glass panes set beside and overhead bring in the outdoor appeal and view.

A stone fireplace in between the doors reaches to the vaulted ceiling, and deep leather couches and chairs are arranged to surround this special touch.

It is open to the spacious kitchen and serving area, where a full cooktop island is equipped with seating to





The built-in desk serves as a functional work area.

add to the dining space offered by a full dining table situated at one side.

There's a full wall of light cabinetry for storage, and a built-in desk and work area to one side of the oversized

island, and a deep pantry for even more storage for kitchen and serving needs.

The main level includes two guest bedrooms and private baths, one situated at either end of the home and

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The deck offers superb views of the lake and plenty of room for entertaining.

each with its own waterside theme.

Also on the first level, there's a huge multi-function room where there's room for family gatherings.

There's the extra-long table to seat 12 at one end, and the fun and funky carved booth Tammy found at an auction. "It was a real doozy to put together, it came in pieces when it was delivered," Maddox said.

The room is also where Ronnie's fondness for hunting can be viewed. He's placed three of mounted deer heads atop fence posts strung with aged barbed wire and of cotton and reeds beneath.



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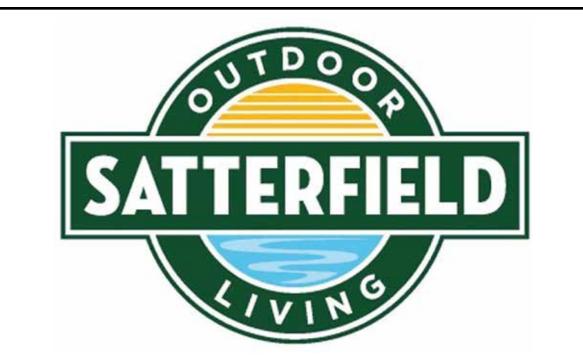
The Maddox home is beautifully landscaped with colorful flowers.

The room serves a place for many other pieces of family memorabilia, including an Alabama football quilt with Tammy's late father's Crimson Tide ties embedded in the design, placed on a deep leather sofa.

An antique chifferobe serves as a wine cabinet for

serving in the room, and there's a selection of favorites on hand for any occasion.

The couple ended up buying more property adjacent to their lake home, and this is where they have added a quaint barn with a broad front porch.

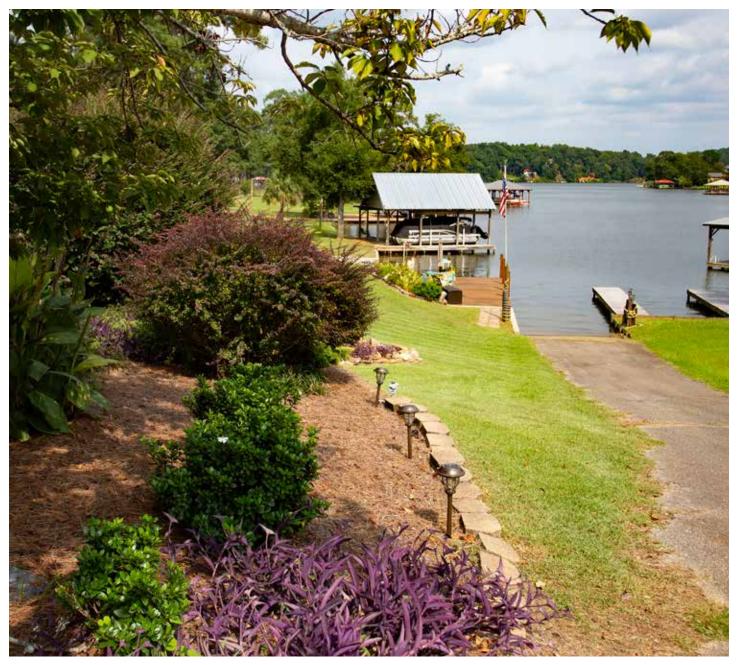


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While searching for their perfect lake home, the couple used listings found on the Internet to narrow their search.

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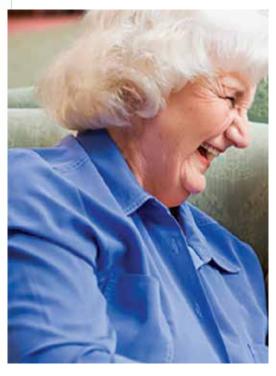
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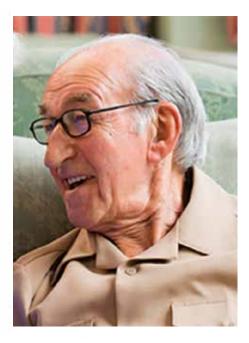




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ropwell resident Curtis Gossett has spent three decades as a teacher and coach, but it's been in recent years that he took on what he considers his biggest professional challenge: starting and
 coaching Pell City High School's bass fishing

team.

"I've coached just about every sport, but bass fishing is the most challenging sport I've ever coached," he said. "Starting this team is one of the biggest highlights of my career, and we've been blessed to be one of the most successful programs in the United States."

Gossett serves as director of the New Directions Alternative School at Duran North, where his office is decorated with plaques and trophies reeled in by members of the Panthers fishing team. It doesn't take much to get him to talk about the team or bass fishing in general.

His love for the sport: "I've been bass fishing for more than 40 years. Bass fishing is my passion, and I want it to be (the students') passion too. This is a recreational sport they can carry on throughout the rest of their lives."

Gossett has passed his passion for fishing on to his son Zeke, a junior at Jacksonville State University and a champion competitive fisherman since he was 11 years old. Zeke was among the founding members of the PCHS fishing team.

Coaching his son: "Zeke took up fishing at age 6, and as an 11-year-old, he won the first two tournaments he entered. It's been quite a ride since then. Being his dad and his coach, it has been a blessing to watch Zeke learn, but he has a God-given talent that I had nothing to do



Curtis Gossett

with. The things he can do with a rod and reel...it's hard to explain the thrill I get out of watching him fish."

The Panthers fishing team: It currently includes between 12 and 15 members, and the season "runs all year long," according to Gossett, "fall and spring." The team has won several state championships, a Southeastern title, produced an All-American angler and had two top 10 finalists for the BASS High School National Championship.

Earlier this year, the team participated in the local county schools bass tournament, finishing third behind winner Moody and runner-up Springville. Teams from Ashville, and St. Clair County High School also fished in the competition, which was held at the new Canoe Creek launch in Ashville.

What is the role of a fishing coach? "That's not an easy question to answer. On the business side, it involves getting the kids signed up for tournaments, making sure all the forms are completed and deciding how to best spend sponsor money. On the technical side, it involves helping the students – especially those new on the team – develop their levels of skill."

His appreciation for Logan Martin Lake: "When you have such a great fishery as we do right at our back door, how can you not use a resource like this?"





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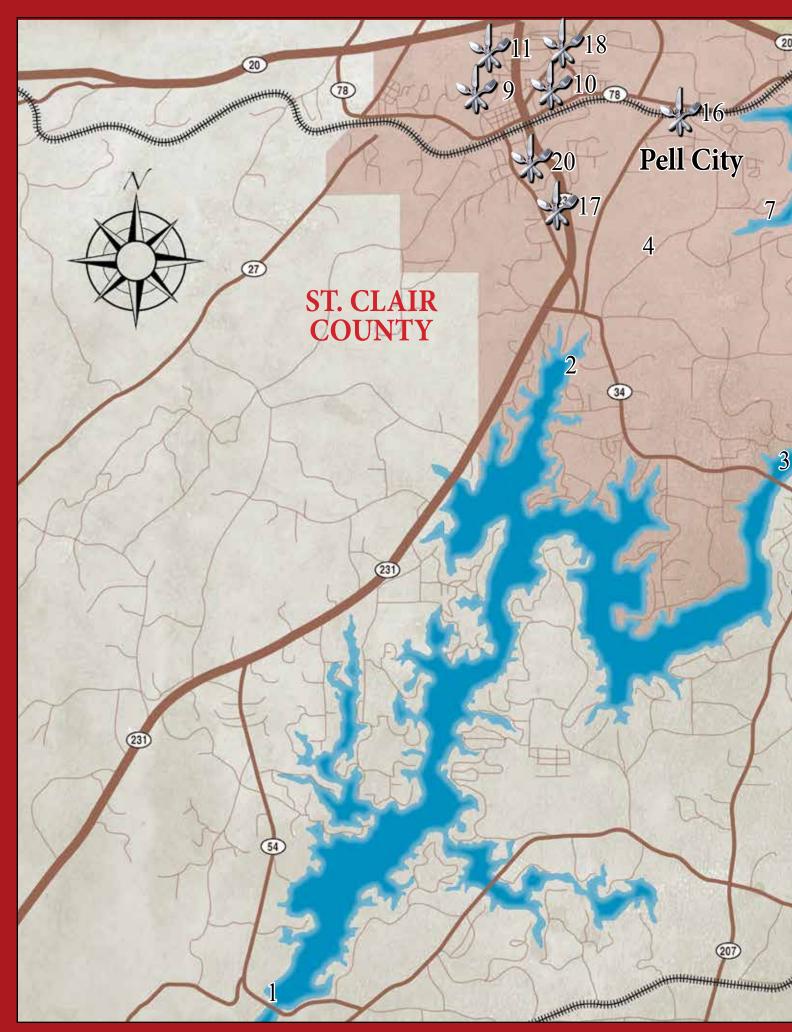
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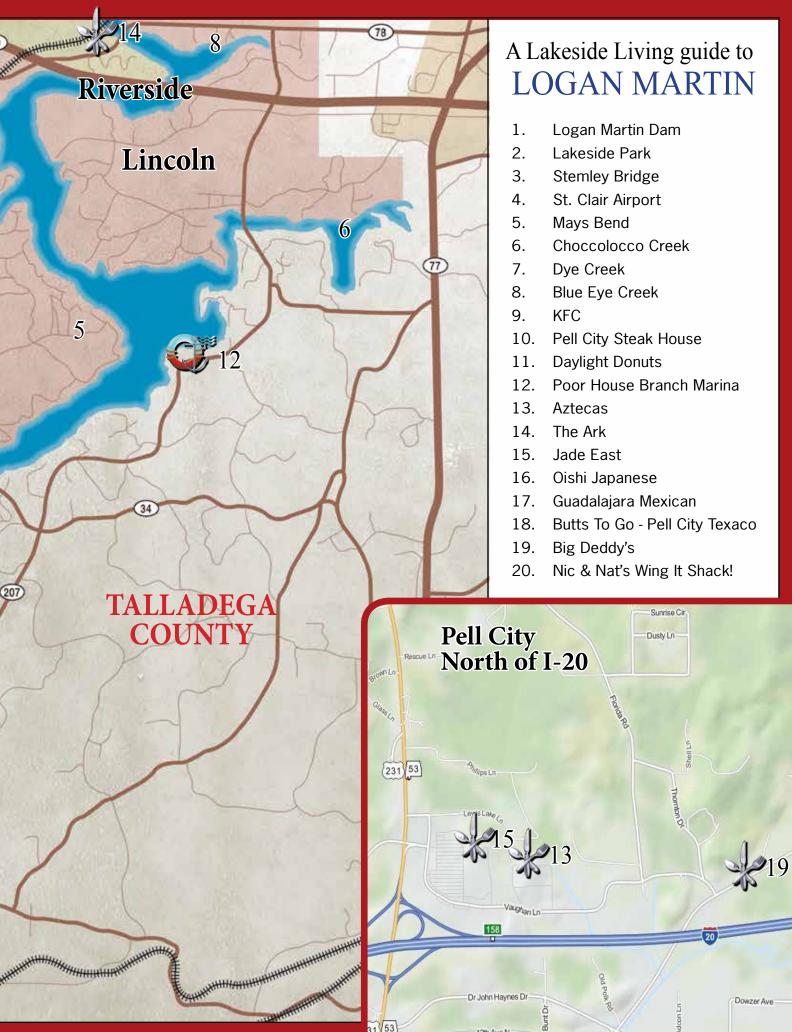
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Written by Buddy Roberts Photographed by Bob Crisp

rospective homebuyers seeking modern amenities in a setting of country-style charm may find what they're looking for in the property at 1115 Creekside Circle, Talladega. The four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home sits on 19 acres and features many amenities sure to please those who love the outdoors, including a partial wrap-around porch, a deck, patio area, 40x50 detached garage with workshop (which has high ceiling arches, lift and three garage doors), a 20x40 pool, a five-stall barn with fencing and a riding ring for horses.

Interior amenities include a spacious kitchen (with dishwasher, built-in microwave, electric oven and refrigerator), sunroom overlooking the pool, formal dining room, master suite with sitting room and fireplace, great room with stone fireplace, recreation room with pool table and plenty of basement workspace or storage.

The property lists at \$589,000. For more information, call The Realty Pros at 205-884-0400.

She's new to

real estate, and

she loves it

Written by Sherry Kughn Submitted photo

ayna Harris started her career co-working with her husband in youth ministry and became a hair and makeup stylist. It seemed a natural transition to keep her hands in that profession and also become a realtor. Two years ago, her broker, Greg Tubbs of Fairmont Realty in Sylacauga, "showed her the ropes" and set her on a new path that she loves.

"I'm one of those people who cannot do enough," Harris said.

During that time she has used her biggest strength to develop her new career: she loves people and finds that interacting with families is fulfilling, especially when they are wanting to buy a new house.

"I am still learning, obviously," she said, "but my favorite part of this job is the people."

Sometimes, she and her family (husband Patrick and 13-year-old daughter Sydney) spend the day taking a family around Logan Martin Lake looking at houses. The more times they go to the water, the more they want to buy a house on the lake for themselves.

Harris enjoys the flexible hours in her new job. She sets aside some days to "do real estate," which involves making contacts. Other days, as she goes about being a supportive mom to her cheerleader daughter, she markets to people she knows and gets to know.

Her tips to those wanting to buy a new house is to keep an open mind, be patient, and be willing to make alterations to a new house to include the perfect touches.

"Most people automatically have in mind exactly what they want," Harris said, "and this closes their



Jayna Harris

minds to new possibilities."

Sometimes she suggests how a house without a laundry room can easily have one added, and sometimes a house needs only a wall knocked out, things that are simple to alter thanks to today's emphasis on do-it-yourself information available to them.

She has been in business long enough now that some people are beginning to call her and ask her to sell their house. She especially likes a situation where someone wants to sell their former house and buy a new one. That gives her a chance to interact with the family for a longer period of time.

"I continue to be friends with all of my clients," Harris said.

Both Harrises grew up in Walker County and found they loved living in Sylacauga during the years they worked with The Sanctuary Church. He teaches 12thgrade government classes and is a baseball coach at Sylacauga High School, and Harris continues to help new brides with their hair and makeup.

One other aspect of her real estate job is that she enjoys her fellow realtors, even those outside of Fairmont Realty that she meets at seminars and when showing their houses. "Everyone seems to have a 'let's be good to each other' attitude."



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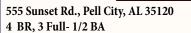
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5 BR, 4 1/2 BA

MLS# 823642. 2nd story foyer has a grand staircase. Formal dining, open great room & screened porch. Hardwood floors flow from one room to the other. The carpeted master suite is on the main floor and has a claw foot tub, separate vanities & shower. The 2nd floor has 4 large bedrooms, 2 full baths & a floored attic. Fully finished basement and an in law suite. 2 car garage attached to the basement in addition to the 2 car garage on the main level. In-ground salt water pool with large patio, covered deck and fenced back yard. ONLY mins to the lake or I-20.



1030 Images Sq., Cropwell, AL 35054 5 BR, 3 Full- 1/2BA

This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath jewel house will blow you away, with its high ceilings, huge kitchen that has granite, stainless appls, island, breakfast area, work desk & lots of cabinets. A formal dining room with coffered ceilings is the perfect spot for family meals. The lakeside den has amazing lake views & a stacked stone, wood burning fireplace with gas starter. The covered porches & private boat dock invite you to enjoy the lake views & activity! The large master suite offers space for both with its own private, lakeside deck. The 2nd bedroom has its own bath while the 3rd & 4th spacious bedrooms share a large hallway bath. The upstairs loft area & second kitchen add a space for relaxing and convenience for making that first cup of coffee, without having to go downstairs. The 2 car garage offers additional storage space. The community pool is only steps away from your front door. MLS #818955



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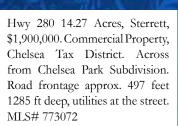
Large great room with wood burning fireplace. Dining room and eat in space in the kitchen. A detached garage/work shop. Some updating has been done. New roof, laminate flooring, HVAC and windows. This home is sitting on a permanent foundation. Yard is fenced. Kitchen features a Island with the cook top and eat up bar. MLS 818731

3215 Dr. John Haynes Drive - \$210,000. Two 75X150 Lots, 31 Warehouse 11-10X20= \$60,00 Ea 11-10X15=\$55.00 Ea 5-6X10 =\$30,00 Ea 1 Double 10X20 \$150.00 1 Double 10X15= \$130.00. This property offers 2005 By 150 Lots. On one of the lots there's A 31 unit wearhouse. Several different sizes . The other lot is vacant and fenced. MLS #726742



160 KOA Road, Riverside. \$219,900, Country living in the city. This home is sitting on approximately 1.3 acres. The home offers 4 bedrooms 3 full baths. Approx 2100 sq ft. Kitchen with Corian counter tops. Eat in space in the kitchen. Great room with gas logs fireplace Hardwood floors. Basement den with fireplace. Double car garage. Great outbuilding/Work shop. Shop 20 x 20 with underground utilities. Power, water and phone. MLS 806300





116 Amitola Dr. - \$675,000 - Logan Martin

Lake at its best. Large level lot with fantastic

view. Enjoy the lake while sitting by your

pool or on your screened porch. 3BR and

3.5 BA. Downstairs den has a wet bar. In-

ground pool fenced with hot tub. Kitchen

and bath rooms have been updated with

granite and stainless appliances. Roof, hvac

and windows all replaced 3 yrs ago. Double

car garage on main level, boat/lawn mower

garage downstairs. MLS #798239



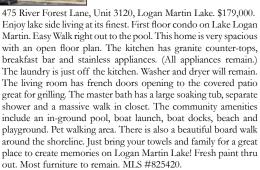
2001 19th St, Pell City \$176,900. 1.5 ac farm in the city with such charm. Fenced with a barn and pasture. This adorable home is perfect for the southern charm home lover! It is full of character! Unique LR w/high ceilings! Pretty DR w/ hardwoods! Spacious master BR w/large closet! Front foyer is great place for art work! This home is a treasure you see to appreciate! Tile counter top, gas heat, gas water heater, wood siding. MLS #790241

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195 Bellbrook Drive, 305,000.00 Wow...What a View!! This 4 bedroom 3 bath, beautiful single level home in a desirable neighborhood. Has a great view of Logan Martin Lake. This home is located directly across the street from the lake and only minutes for a boat launch or Marina. Lots of recent updates which include: hardwoods, granite countertops, limestone tile,

mosaic tile "rug" in dining area and custom oak cabinets. There is a built-in entertainment center and gas fireplace in the den. Tons of closet space and storage and a beautiful yard with a great patio make this home perfect for entertaining! Circular drive. Plantation shutters remain and most window treatments remain. Pantry. Study and dining room has door opening to screened in porch. Laundry room with utility sink and oak cabinets. Storage area in garage and pulldown steps to attic with floored area for storage. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms. MLS #814870



1201 Logan Martin Dam Rd. \$529,000. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 24.5 fenced acres. Master has walk-in closet, 4'x4' shower w/ dual shower heads and rain shower. Upstairs bedrooms have their own full bath and are separated by a loft/ TV area. Spacious living room overlooks

pool and fireplace with Buck Stove insert. Eat-in kitchen overlooks the pool, lots of cabinets and is adjacent to the large dining room with builtin window seat. Oversized laundry/utility room includes pantry. Beautiful hardwoods and stained glass throughout the house as well as plantation shutters. Lots of closet space. Attached 3 car garage with floored, walk-up

attic space. Wrap around porches with built-In benches and picnic tables. 60,000 gal saltwater pool is 9 ft deep and has diving board, slide and entertainment patio. 5 stall horse barn with tack room and hay loft. Property is fenced for livestock with two ponds -lg pond has pier and is stocked with catfish, bass, and bream. Lots of wildlife. Detached workshop. Included is a Kubota tractor w/implements. MLS #817832.



105 Rising Fawn Rd., Harpersville, \$340,000. Welcome to Your Peaceful Paradise and Family Retreat. Located in Unincorporated Shelby County, this spectacular sanctuary boasts 10 +/acres filled with breathtaking views. This exquisite property offers one-level living with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths nestled between two of your very own lakes.

We are told the front lake is stocked with hand fed bass, crappie, and brim. The longleaf pine floors are simply gorgeous. You will enjoy the spacious kitchen with new stainless appliances, lots of kitchen cabinets and tons of counter space! The abundant wildlife in the area is just another asset to this pristine retreat. This unique property features many shade trees. The private boathouse features a covered fishing peer. A must to see.. MLS 808360

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