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A woman, Emma Terry, is standing on a wooden dock at a marina. She is wearing a sleeveless, knee-length dress with a colorful floral pattern and a matching fabric tied around her waist. She is also wearing large gold hoop earrings and gold high-heeled sandals. In the background, several sailboats are docked, with their masts and rigging visible against a cloudy sky. The dock is made of grey wooden planks, and there are some blue ropes and equipment visible.

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On the cover: Miss Hoover 2025 Emma Terry amid the cabin cruisers docked at the Birmingham Sailing Club. Photo by Buddy Roberts

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Editor's Note

Welcome to CEPA's new administrative team

One of the lakeside community's finest assets is the Center for Education and Performing Arts in Pell City. It lives up to its mission to make a difference in St. Clair County by providing first-class cultural entertainment and education programs in a state-of-the-art performance and sports facility.

Until earlier this year, our friend Jeff Thompson has served as the center's executive director. But now that he has accepted the role of community engagement and special projects manager for the City of Pell City, Jeff has passed the helm of CEPA to Ash Arrington and Maci Johnsey, the center's new executive director and assistant director, respectively. Johnsey also serves as Spotlight Program coordinator.

New director Arrington has been involved with CEPA since the inception of the Spotlight Drama Education and Outreach Program, founding the first Spotlight Club at Moody High School in 2017. Obtaining a bachelor's degree in theater at the University of Alabama, she accepted the position as CEPA's assistant director and Spotlight Program coordinator in August, 2022. She has represented CEPA at the state level in Montgomery with the Alabama State Council on the Arts and built relationships with those that impact arts and education in Alabama.

"I've had the privilege of serving my community from the assistant director position, and I am grateful to CEPA's board of directors for the opportunity to continue to do so as the executive director," she said. "My time with this organization has prepared me to take



Ash Arrington



Maci Johnsey

on this role, and I am so thankful to those that have supported me and the organization in this transition."

Like Arrington, Johnsey also had considerable experience with CEPA and Spotlight before accepting the role of assistant director and coordinator.

Involved with CEPA since 2013 when she first attended Drama Camp, she obtained a theater degree at Samford University, and after graduation in May of 2023, moved to Orlando, Florida, for ten months to participate in the Disney College Program at Walt Disney World.

"Maci Johnsey is a testament to the importance of the Spotlight Program," Arrington said. "She discovered her love of the stage at CEPA participating in youth theater programs. She developed her talents throughout high school in Spotlight productions. She secured thousands in scholarship dollars due in part to an impressive resume, filled with technical credits. Maci is a passionate individual with specialized training and a love for teaching. I cannot wait to see what she does with this program in the future."

The new directors have said that lakeside area residents can "continue to expect to see your favorite artists on stage paired with exciting additions and a plethora of high school Spotlight Club musicals on our stage." And you'll continue to read about many such events here in Lakeside Living. We congratulate both Arrington and Johnsey and look forward to working with them.

This month, we take you to the Foodees Food & Culture Festival and Talladega's Christmas in July celebration, share an inspirational profile of Emma Terry (first runner-up to Miss Alabama 2025, who hails from the lakeside area), stop in at a new shop in Riverside that is closely linked to the city's history, and visit to the home-away-from-home of a Georgia couple that has fallen in love with Logan Martin Lake.

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Using limb lines is a relatively old form of fishing. Known for its maintenance-free aspects, limb line fishing can be fun, easy, and great for catching several species of game fish. On the Coosa River, you can expect to predominately catch flathead and blue catfish. The occasional gar or bass could be tricked as well. This simplistic method of fishing has shown results for many years.

Picking a limb to hang the line on can also be quite simple. Try to pick limbs that have girth and can withstand a large thrashing fish. I always try to target banks



CJ Knight displays a large flathead caught using live bream on Logan Martin Lake.

on the deepest side of the river in August. These banks will usually be the undercut banks where current hits the land.

Keep your gear simple. I like to use a small circle hook (sizes 1, 2, and 3) and heavy-duty trot line or braid. My favorite bait is

a live bream. Hook the bream in the back behind the dorsal fin and let the bream free swim on the line. This method is tried and proven. The sight of a bobbing limb line can surely excite anyone. This is also a great fishing method for kids. The good thing about nighttime limb lining is you can always come back in the morning to check your lines.

Beat the heat and try out limb fishing this month. As always, feel free to contact me for any of your fishing questions or guide needs.

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THE FOODEES FOOD & CULTURAL FESTIVAL IS 'ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY'

Talladega Superspeedway hosts food trucks from throughout the Southeast





Written by **LACI BRASWELL**
Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

As soon as I heard about the Foodees Food and Cultural Festival, I knew I couldn't miss the chance to experience a food lover's dream. The festival made a pit stop at the Talladega

Superspeedway and was in town for a three-day weekend event.

Driving to the track that balmy Friday afternoon, I wasn't sure exactly what to expect. Even as a local, I've only been to one NASCAR race, so the thought of navigating the sure-to-be-congested way to the track was a

bit intimidating.

Thankfully, the organizers had plenty of signs directing festivalgoers to the right place.

Driving down the tunnel, giddy with excitement, I couldn't believe how up-close-and-personal I was actually getting to the racetrack. It had been almost 30 years since I



Matthew Perez' Cosmic Empanadas came from South Carolina to participate in the festival.



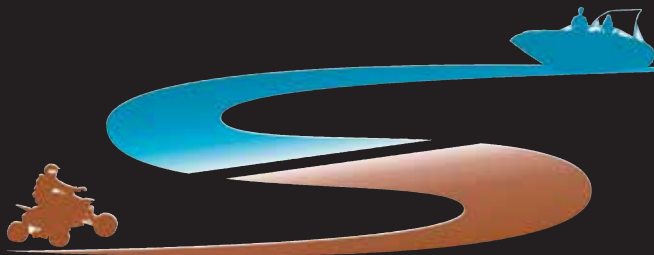
had been on the grounds.

Getting out of my vehicle, I had to take a moment to marvel at the beauty of the venue itself. My late grandfather helped build the track, and I felt proud that he had a part in my hometown's claim to fame.

Coinciding with the food truck festival, the superspeedway offered attendees an opportunity to take their own vehicle around the track for \$50. Although I'm sure it would have been a once-in-a-lifetime experience, I was there for one reason and one reason only -- the food.

Walking through the gates, I instantly smelled the most amazing mixture of fried battered goodness. Countless food trucks were lined up in rows adjacent





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Red velvet funnel cake

to the speedway.

Suddenly, my hunger turned to minor panic. How would I ever possibly decide?

Cuisines from all across the globe were represented, including American soul food, Italian, Mexican, and Filipino.

I knew to fully appreciate what the entire festival had to offer, it would be best if I took a few laps of my own around the food trucks, to attempt to draw up a menu.

As I circled the trucks, overwhelmed by thirst and the scorching heat, I noticed a lemonade truck. At first, I wondered if it was a mirage. It indeed was real. The Lemonaders food truck specializes in gourmet lemonades. It traveled more than seven hours from North Carolina to be part of the festival.

Glancing at the menu, I decided to try a peach lemonade -- but this just wasn't any regular lemonade. The large cup was adorned with a massive serving of sour and gummy candy. The beverage was, without a doubt, the best lemonade I had ever tasted.

My next pit stop was at the Cosmic Empanada food truck to order an entree.

Empanadas are essentially a Spanish meat pie, and a favorite food of mine. Cosmic Empanadas's food truck was space-themed, which I loved. I

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appreciated the creativity. I decided to order one chicken and one pork empanada, with a side of galaxy fries.

As I waited on my order, I spoke to Matthew Perez, whose family owns the food truck. Perez told me he and his family traveled all the way from Greenville, South Carolina, to participate in Foodees. "We are really excited to be here and meet everyone," he said.

The empanadas were everything I could have hoped for and more. The flavor was rich and savory, and the dough was soft, yet flaky.

The galaxy fries, which were smothered in different colored cheese and bacon, were out of this world. I wished I had ordered another plate for later.

The last and final stop on my food truck tour was, of course, for dessert.

Even though I don't have many memories of my first visit to the Talladega Superspeedway, one thing did stay imprinted in my brain since childhood --- eating funnel cake for the very first time.

Naturally, when I spotted The Funnel Cake Factory, I knew I had to stop.

The food truck offered just about every topping you could imagine to their confections. Because of the sweltering heat, I opted out of ordering any of the selections with ice cream and chose a red velvet funnel cake.

It tasted like the perfect marriage between red velvet cake and funnel cake. The red batter was sweet and rich, drizzled with cream cheese icing and powdered sugar. A sweet ending to a fulfilling day.

Despite the uncomfortable humidity, which showed no mercy, I hope the event returns – maybe next time the weather will have more mercy. Following the festival, I had the chance to learn more about Foodees and the inspiration behind it.

The owner and co-creator of Foodees is Tricia Croft, of Easley, South Carolina. She told me that the festival started out as a small family business venture but has quickly grown into something much more special.

Croft and her husband Ron worked in food service and wanted to start up a food truck of their own during the pandemic, but they soon realized their talents may be better suited for organizing a festival. "Our first event was in our hometown a few years ago, and we were completely blown away by the support," she said.

Foodees quickly gained a following, and its goal is to make stops all across the Southeast.

"We found out about Talladega through one of our team members," Croft said. "We were honestly shocked they said yes. We are excited to be here. The Alabama crowd has been the friendliest so far.



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Everyone has been really nice down here. We hope to come back again in the future."

As many as 80 different food trucks made the trip to the nation's fastest speedway. When asked what sets food trucks apart from other food establishments, Croft said it's all about community.

"It's all about bringing people together and helping small businesses in the process. It is our goal that each festival is like one large cookout. When you order from a food truck, you're meeting the people who prepare your food face-to-face. They all work so hard to put love into each dish."



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Seeing the lake with SARAH ELIZABETH



Talladega celebrates Christmas in July with laughter and loved ones



Written and photographed
by **Sarah Elizabeth Moreman**

With the sun flooding my senses, I carefully back my vehicle into a parking spot behind Talladega Bottling Works. Shutting off the engine and the air conditioning, I check my phone. Felecia has already texted that she is parked on the other side of the courthouse. Hot air rushes at me as I climb out of the vehicle, and I walk past the vendor tents filled to the brim with Christmas decor.

My eyes are drawn to the art deco-styled theatre on the square before

I recognize my friend's crossover vehicle. But she is not there. A movement from my peripheral vision directs my gaze to the courthouse instead. I spot Felecia's white felt hat. A smile curves my face as I rush over to hug her hello. It has been a while since we have seen each other. She has joined me to browse the Talladega Christmas in July booths and take a break from her caregiving duties.

With the scorching heat from the blinding sun overhead, I suggest that we go ahead and have some freshly squeezed lemonade. I opt for the

peach flavor, whereas Felecia prefers classic. As we wait for the lemons to be squeezed, the owner's son smiles at us. We smile back and retrieve our large cups of lemonade. We stroll past more food trucks and booths selling sweets like fried Oreos and funnel cakes. Later, I whisper to Felecia. She nods as we continue on to other booths.

Felecia eagerly walks under the blue tent where iridescent colors gleam from 3-D printed mermaids and Chinese dragons. She picks up several items one at a time, and I feel a strong vibe from her interest. I lean over and



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ask, "Are you getting one of these?" as my eyes admire the iridescent colors. Nodding, she explains that Brandon collects these, and she wants to surprise him with one. After making the purchase, we dawdle around the other items in the tent area as I ask the vendor about the dice within the tree sculptures. The vendor demonstrates how it is a game of dice by dropping it from the top. Sighing, I tell Felecia how it would be cool for me to gift one of these to my nephews, but I have too many of them. We walk away to continue our browsing.

The smell of leather wafts through the air as I enter the MBS Custom Leather Works booth. Taking in the keychains, bookmarks, journals, wallets, backpacks, and clutches, I appreciate the quality of effort and design of each handcrafted item. I decide to come back later, even though Felecia selects a bookmark with a meaningful Scripture verse engraved on it to purchase for her stepfather's birthday. The owners wave at us as we walk away, my eyes still lingering on the handmade leather goods.



We agree to browse the booths to the right and circle back to the leather goods booth. As we pause at each to admire the displayed items, Felecia and I indulge in catching up with each other's latest happenings.

I stop talking when we approach the Weeping Willow Boutique's booth. It features light blue gingham overalls with a smocked collar decorated with three sliced watermelons. I practically stop breathing at the sight of such a








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perfect gift for my grandnephew, who is expected to be born during the holidays. Sorting through smocked dresses on the round rack, I pull out this navy corduroy dress with the smock collar featuring the nativity scene and whisper-shout to Felecia, "This is perfect for my grandniece, Mary Gail!" After determining the appropriate size for the dress to gift my grandniece is two years rather than her exact age, so she can wear it for a longer time, I plunk down my credit card with joy, excited about the two gifts of clothing for my grands. I still cannot believe that I am now at the grand level of family relationships, even though I have no children of my own, only two boy cats.

By this point, we are soaking wet in sun-drenched sweat. We agree to slip inside Talladega Bottling Works to cool off. Once inside, we are greeted with the sounds of two men playing the guitar. Along one wall, two tables are set up with sweets and other items, while on the wall with the windows, handmade candles are displayed for sale. I walk closer to see what the girl is selling—bowl koozies. Seeing the cardinals and birdhouses on one fabric-coated koozie, I immediately think of Grammy, whose centennial birthday is coming up in October. I know this would be perfect for Grammy, given her love of cardinals and birdhouses, and how my cousin AnnaSmith is always cooking plenty of soup. I pick up two more with the rooster-inspired toile fabric for my mother and her best friend, Sweetie Pie—she is a rooster collection aficionado. Everything in her Colorado Springs home is rooster-shaped. For the fourth one in the package deal, I select the girlish Eiffel Tower design in glittery silver and poodle pink for myself, as a nod to the upcoming Olympics in Paris. It is a choice between the Eiffel Tower or Hello Kitty, and Eiffel Tower fits my mood at the moment.

Since I do not have enough cash on hand, the girl accommodates my purchase of the bowl koozies by guiding me over to the bar to complete the sale. While I am at the bar, I ask for a margarita. Felecia takes advantage of this moment to slip away for the ladies' room. With my purchases in one hand and a cold cup of salt-rimmed margarita in the other, I turn as Felecia returns. We start talking about the latest in our lives as we stroll back out in the scorching sunlight.

After several booths, we peruse the woven rope coasters, trays, and ornaments. I am drawn to the Christmas red truck design, and after asking if there are more of the red truck ornaments, the artist finds another one for me. While I am counting up the cost of the three ornaments, I notice two with roller skates and let out a small shriek. Felecia turns around from studying the handmade ornaments hanging on the artificial Christmas tree, and I quickly say, "Nothing. It is a surprise." "Oh," she replies, turning back around. I am definitely getting these roller skate coasters for Felecia's August birthday, since she recently bought a pair of roller skates and I am still waiting on mine. Whether or not we actually skate, it is a fun way to bring back the childhood nostalgia of the 1980s.

We meander along the remaining booths, pausing every once in a while. I step inside one that showcases The Prodigal Pottery and its mission of serving women





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We end up back at the MBS Custom Leather Works booth, where I give the man a cheerful greeting. Taking my time to choose from the handcrafted leather items, I run my fingers over the softness of the leather and admire the reptilian leather on one of the clutches. I bring my selections over to the man, and we chat for several minutes. I learn that he can customize anything in leather and that their business is



located in Homewood. Once the sale is complete, we exchange warm wishes before walking away. "Okay, I'm ready for that burger," I nudge Felecia as we head towards the white food truck. After checking for the right name of the burger, I smile up at

the vendors and request the pineapple BBQ cheeseburger. While waiting for the burger, Felecia heads back to her car to drop off her purchases. I look around the town square before being called for the burger. Felecia meets me as I head to the shaded area

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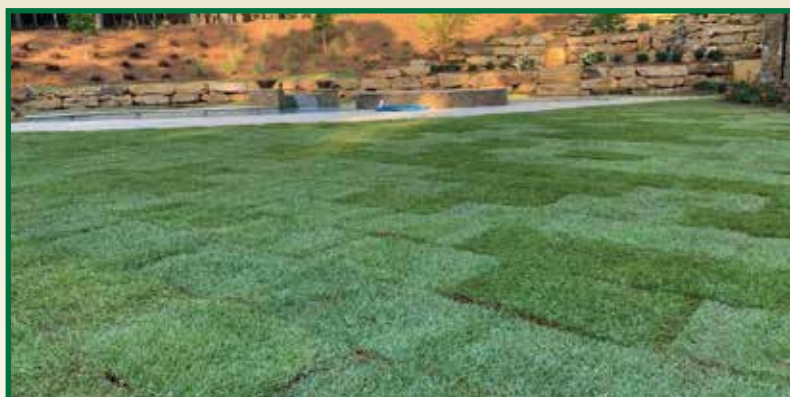
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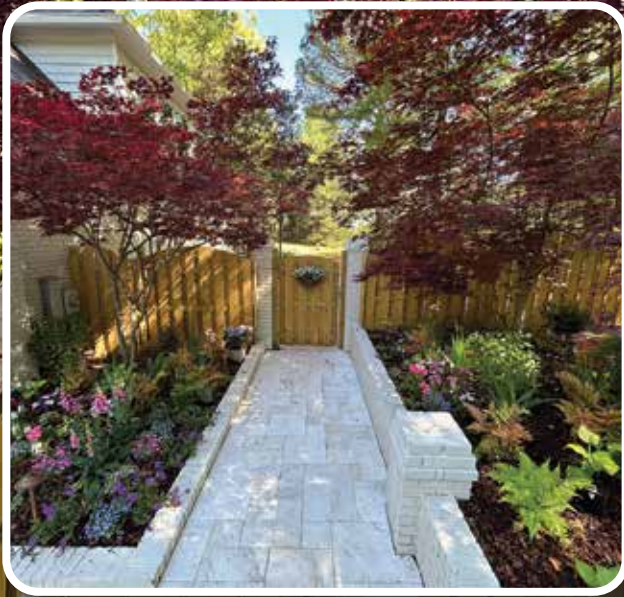


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under the huge ancient oaks, where the musicians are playing country music.

Settling on the sidewalk, I open the Styrofoam box to see the monstrous burger waiting for me. As I enjoy bites of the burger and converse with Felecia, at least four people stop to ask where I got the burger. After the last person asks about the burger, I look at Felecia and shake my head, "How do people know that I have this burger? I must be entertaining in the way I wolf it down." She bursts into laughter, agreeing. Once I finish off the burger and Felecia is done with the fries that I did not eat, I ask for her bottled water to clean my greasy fingers. She also hands over the water along with a hand sanitizer.

Now satiated with food in my stomach, I languish in the soupiness of the heated air as I listen to Felecia share what has been on her mind lately. The sounds of country music and conversations enshroud us as we go deeper in catching up on our respective lives. At one point, I look up to see the oak leaves swaying in the breeze, reminding me of how blessed I am to have loved ones, including Felecia, to give my attention and time.

A passerby pauses nearby to ask about the burger. Felecia and I look at each other and laugh.





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Stomping Out ALS One Step at a Time

Miss Alabama finalist promotes awareness,
seeks a cure for a rare disease

Written and photographed
by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

"What was going through your mind while you were waiting for the final name to be called?" I asked Emma Terry as she took in the view of Logan Martin Lake from the clubhouse at the Birmingham Sailing Club.

She smiled. "I was going to be happy either way, because I was standing there holding hands with Abby Stockard, our new Miss Alabama. Abby and I have actually known each other for years. We danced together in high school, and we've been friends for a long time, because we just connected based on some similar circumstances. So when it got down to the two of us, I remember we looked at each other and I just thought to myself how I had been blessed to hold hands with the past two Miss Alabamas and stand there in such a moment."

"Was it an anxious moment?"

"It was actually this moment of peace," she replied, "because I knew I'd done all I could do at that point. And I just thought, 'I love Abby so much. She's an incredible friend to me and has done incredible things with her service initiative and has worked so hard. And I know if I end up being Miss Alabama or she ends up being Miss Alabama, I'm going to be happy and be so grateful for the experience that I've had.'"

Emma's visit to the lake came a few days after she had finished as first runner-up in the 2024 Miss Alabama competition, besides finishing as winner of the preliminary evening gown competition and finishing as second runner-up for the Catherine Crosby Community Service Award.

I've known Emma for seven years and wasn't surprised by her success in the Miss Alabama competition. If anything did surprise me, it's that she only finished as first runner-up. I could see big things in store for her the first time we spoke, when she had been named Miss Cahaba Valley's Teen. Six titles later, she's more seasoned, assured, and confident, but essentially the same Emma: optimistic, real, compassionate, and resilient.

Those characteristics are particularly unmistakable when she speaks about the circumstances that inspired her community service initiative for the Miss Alabama organization, Stomping Out ALS One Step at a Time. She developed it in honor of her grandfather, Stewart Simpson, who died in April after battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) for more than two decades.

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



"As an advocate, the challenge for me is to generate momentum for finding a cure," she said. "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 why we need to find a cure. When I talk to people, I provide that connection.

"Even if I have just met you and started sharing my story about how I changed my grandfather's diapers, how we dealt with bed sores, how I've taken exams from hospital rooms, how I've spent the night in an ER waiting room to deal with a feeding tube crisis and sepsis, that creates a personal connection. The main two connections that most people have with ALS is Lou Gehrig and the ice bucket challenge, but they don't quite know where to draw that connection, and how to make that connection between ALS and those two things. So I'm the person that can make that connection. Sharing my personal story can make them understand why this is such an important cause to support. And it's really been a beautiful thing over the past seven years to see my community and the Miss Alabama family support the cause and understand why it's so important to me personally and how it's affecting 30,000 other Americans and families and communities across the country."

The average life span after an ALS diagnosis is two to five years, but Stewart Simpson lived with the disease for 22 years. "That is remarkable," Emma said. "He was a very resilient person, obviously, and he fought every day not to give into the disease. I helped care for him since I was a little girl, and I appreciate the gift of having so much time with him, even though it was so sad to see transitions of the disease happen to him so slowly."

As a young caregiver, she was inspired by her grandfather's resilience.

"He taught me how to continue to find the light in the darkest moments. When you're in the middle of a pandemic, you're sitting in an ER parking lot because your grandfather's blood pressure has dramatically dropped and the paramedics are saying, 'You gotta get him somewhere now,' and it's midnight and they're wheeling him out to the helicopter pad to airlift him to Princeton because that's the only bed available in Birmingham, and he's



Emma is congratulated in Montgomery by Rep. Susan DuBose after the state legislature designated February 11 as Stomping Out ALS Day in Alabama. February 11 was the birthdate of her grandfather, Stewart Simpson, who fought ALS for more than two decades. To learn more about Emma's efforts to promote ALS awareness and find a cure, visit www.stomping-outalsonestepatatime.com.



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septic for the first time, and he had a kidney stone that became infected – just this perfect storm of pure chaos in life – you just have to sit there and be resilient. So life has taught me a lot about the importance of optimism and positivity because that is the only thing that I believe is going to carry you through those really hard moments.

"I'm so passionate about this cause because of those experiences that I've had, because of those things that I've gone through with my family. I mean, my mom has changed her dad's diapers. I've changed my grandfather's diapers. My uncle has changed his dad's diapers, and my grandmother has changed her husband's diapers because of this disease. No one should have to do that. It gives me such motivation, and I realize that my family was not the only one going through this and fighting and struggling through the disease. There are other people that are fighting the same fight. I want to contribute to something that's bigger than myself. And so that's why I do the work that I do."



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'Riverside is so supportive'

Owner of Local Sister says her home decor shop encapsulates the history and spirit of her hometown

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

"I've always been crafty, and I always wanted to do my own thing," says Maddie Staples, the owner of Local Sister, a home decor shop in Riverside.

Over the noise and bustle of coffee beans grinding and customers ordering iced coffees and caramel macchiatos at the Pell City Starbucks, Staples, her mother Shannon Cochran, and grandmother Cynthia Coleman, are chatting away about Staples' bold decision to launch a business in her hometown.

"I love to make stuff, build stuff, and create my own designs," she says. "Now that I'm doing that, there's no greater feeling in the world than creating something on my own and everybody else loving it, too."

At just 22 years old, Staples is making a go at being her own boss, establishing Local Sister in 2021 while still in college at Jacksonville State University. A seventh-generation native of Riverside, Staples is newly married, and with her whole life ahead of her, she is more than content to scratch her creative and entrepreneurial itch in her hometown rather than search for success





elsewhere.

"Riverside's not very big at all," she says. "It's a very small town and people have asked me, 'Have you thought about moving? Are you going to move to Pell City?' Yes, I have thought about moving, but, Riverside is so supportive of me."

The daughter of Chad and Shannon Cochran, a football coach at Oxford High School and language arts teacher at C.E. Hanna Elementary School respectively, Staples grew up in Riverside, the town her ancestors founded in the mid-1800s. Her great-grandfather, Bill Coleman, was mayor of Riverside for more than 20 years while establishing himself as a successful businessman in the area.

After graduating from Pell City High School in 2020, Staples earned an academic scholarship and enrolled in the nursing program at Jacksonville State University. However, it didn't take her long to realize nursing was not her calling.

"I did all of my prerequisites and got into nursing school and went to orientation. Of course, it was during COVID and all that stuff going on. I left orientation and my dad called me, and I was just distraught in the parking lot."

Staples switched her major to business, but at the time she was unsure what career path to take. She leaned on advice from friends, her gut instincts,



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and a knack for creativity – a trait she shares with her mother – and decided she could be successful on her own.

"I think if you ask anybody who knows me, I've always been crafty, and my mom is very crafty. She can do, literally, anything in the world. So I got a lot of that from her," Staples says. "Many of my friends have told me, 'You need to have your own shop.'" Everybody's always told me that. 'You need to be your own boss and do your own thing.'"

She didn't wait until graduation, starting her business in 2021 at the age of 20. Staples opened Local Sister to the public twice a month and launched the Hat Bar, selling customized trucker hats, an item that remains popular.

Staples opened Local Sister in a building on some property that has been in the family for more than 100 years. Her parents currently live in the Coleman House, a historic home on the property built in 1848, 38 years before Riverside was incorporated, and is one of the oldest homes – if



not the oldest – in St. Clair County.

Coleman also owned several thousand acres in the area and, over time, either sold or donated parcels for various purposes, including the Riverside Post Office and Riverside Baptist Church, which was severely damaged in a fire in June.

According to Coleman, her father also ran a poultry business on large portions of the property. The farm, she explained, supplied eggs for

Kroger supermarkets throughout Alabama as well as local grocery stores and bakeries in Birmingham, and the building Local Sister occupies was part of the farm's daily operation. "I can't tell you exactly when it was built," says Coleman, adding that she believes her father constructed the building while she was in junior high or high school in the late 1960s.

"The building's main purpose,



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where Maddie's shop is, was where the egg crating room was," she explains. "The eggs would come in, and they had a station where they would wash the eggs, then they would go down a conveyor belt, and that's where they would grade them, where they would fall off into size, and then they packed them and store them in the room next door, the cooler."

By the time Staples got a hold of it, however, the building had been practically abandoned for three decades and used primarily to store old junk. Getting it ready for use as a boutique was, Staples says, not exactly a walk in the park. "Oh gosh! That was brutal."

Staples said she and her mother completely gutted the building, and, when possible, repurposed items from its early days. She incorporated a shelf from the adjoining post office which was once used as a small grocery store by her great-grandfather, and some tin from an awning that used to cover the carport of the Coleman house. "There's a lot of stuff in the store that was his," she says, "so that's really



sweet."

A year has passed since Staples graduated from college and dove head-first into owning and operating Local Sister full-time. And, while she understands that she will have to keep up with the times and continue to upgrade and repair her shop, she is

happy to live and work in Riverside.

"I really love where I'm at right now. Of course, the building is going to need more and more work because it is so old. Hopefully, it will keep going the way it is. It keeps getting better and better every year."

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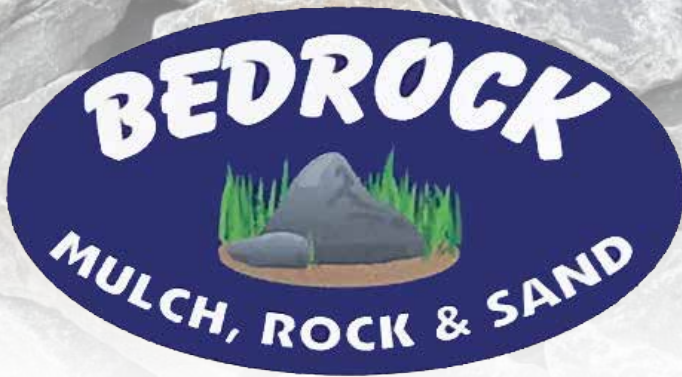
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FINDING PARALLELS IN THE MIRACLE OF FLIGHT



Written by

SARAH E. MOREMAN

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It is unseasonably cool this midsummer afternoon, which means a lot of activity out on the water. My cousin already has the paddleboard inflated and ready on the pier for me to take out.

Since I plan to leave in the morning to get ready for my first day at my new job, I decide to brave the choppy waves churned by wakeboats, pontoons, and waverunners. It is definitely a

lifestyle kind of paddleboarding day.

Feeling the familiar surface of the paddleboard under my feet, which I have come to know so well over the past several years as part of my healing from not one but two past chapters, I push myself up to stand, bending my knees for balance. After navigating the choppy waters past a few houses beyond my cousins' home, I lower myself into a cross-legged position to rest. I am feeling the fatigue from having run up and down a mountain for an 8-mile race earlier

this morning.

On the way to the lake, I met three vivacious red-haired young ladies who have brought plenty of smiles to my face. We immediately bond over so many things we have in common. I dearly love their personalities, which I can describe as freeing, like a bird in flight. As I am deep in thought about them, a great blue heron crosses my path, swishing its wings as it glides into the woods.

I stare at the way it flies, graceful and calm, mirroring what I am feeling at the moment.



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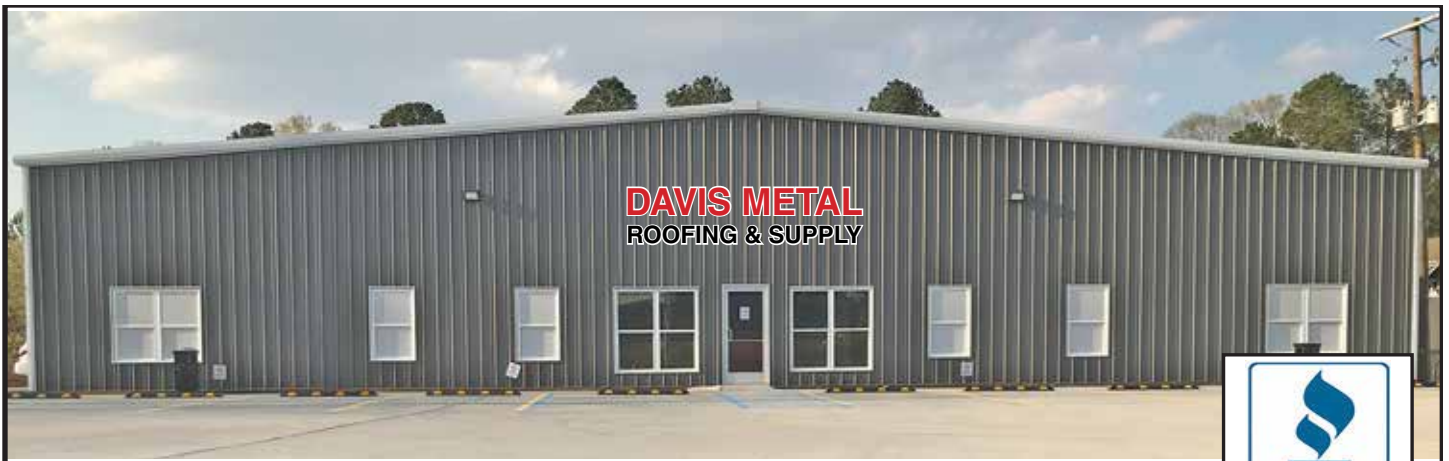
Straightening my shoulders, I continue to look in its direction long after it disappears into the thickness of the woods. Dipping the oar into the water, I steer the bright blue and white paddleboard past the peninsula, resuming my meandering path of nonconsequential direction.

The sun inches lower, its goldenness shimmering as the boat activity decreases until I am the only

one left on the water. Without my hearing devices, I can only hear the impactful claps of sounds around me. The birds squawking or yelling are silent to me, even though the water acts as a natural hearing aid, carrying the sounds across the surface. It is more about the depth of the sound frequency—the lower the frequency, the better I can pick it up. The higher the frequency, the more it eludes me, much like how a crow clings to a bald eagle. The lower the bald eagle flies, the better the crow can hold on; as the eagle soars higher and higher, the crow cannot handle the altitude and eventually lets go.

To be able to hold sounds like a white pelican with its large throat pouch, I receive large volumes of sound, which can be overwhelming and cacophonous. Sorting through the undecipherable sounds, I release some of the chaotic clamor to pinpoint what sounds familiar to me. Out on the water, I can relax, focusing only on the loudest claps of sound. For me, this is soothing. I know for others who experience hearing loss or impairment, it can be frustrating at times. But after more than four decades, I have found peace with what I have.

Having peace with what I have parallels with the

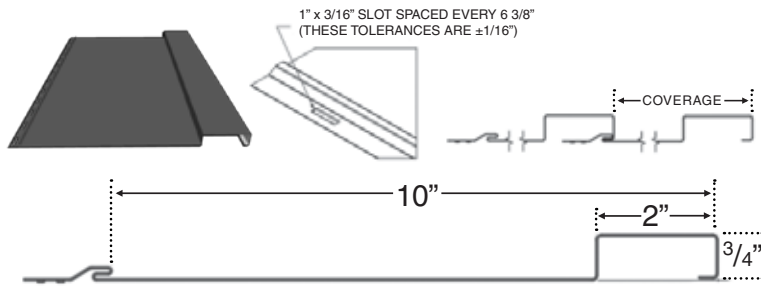


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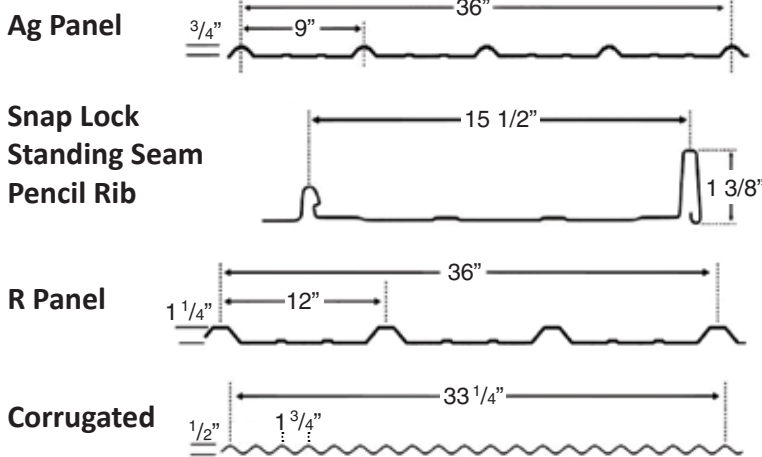


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Feeling the muscles in my upper body flex, I resume paddling through the now-smooth waters. The sun dips lower, painting the treelined horizon with fiery hues. The world transforms into a tapestry of deepening greens in the twilight. Over yonder, a green heron, its stocky form silhouetted against the fading light, takes flight with a single, powerful beat

of its wings. Its dagger-like bill points intently towards the water, a patient hunter unlike any other. Unlike its larger cousins, the green heron prefers to stalk its prey from a low perch, and perhaps that is where it was moments ago, meticulously scanning the water's surface.

As the green heron catches its prey, I reach my cousins' pier. Standing on the dock ladder, I lean over to pull the paddleboard

up by its handle. I gently place it side up to lean against the lounge chair before unzipping my life vest. Letting out a sigh of relief, I stretch my neck for good measure. I now feel ready for the first day of my new job. Thinking about the powerful sweeps of wings of so many magnificent aquatic birds bolsters my confidence, inspiring me to hit the ground running and take flight in my new role.



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GEORGIA COUPLE GOES ROGUE AT ANGLER'S POINTE

First-time Logan Martin visitors
fall in love with the lake

Written by **LOYD MCINTOSH**
Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

Good grief, it is still hot as blue blazes even as the day approaches early evening.

It's Friday in mid-July as I roll into the grounds of Angler's Pointe in Lincoln, and a handful of RVs are already parked for a weekend on the lake. Hanging out in covered RV lot 110 are Jerry Fortman and Eva Fegarido, a fun and welcoming couple from Georgia.

Making their trip to Logan Martin, the couple just arrived the day before and are already fans. Fegarido and Fortman typically hook up the trailer and head to the coast, but Fegarido said they decided to try something different for a long weekend closer to home for this





trip. She chose Logan Martin on a whim after learning about Angler's Pointe via Facebook.

"A social media ad popped up for this place, and I thought 'It's only two hours – that means we won't have to spend two days traveling,'" Fegarido says.

"This is kind of a new thing for us because we've always gone to the ocean. He has a boat and likes to go deep-sea fishing so we usually go to the gulf coast," she adds. "This is our first time at this lake, and we love it. We went all the way down to one end and back. It's really nice here."

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The couple's RV of choice is a 2021 Rogue Vengeance VKS toy hauler, although Fegarido says the only toy they haul these days is a golf cart for zipping around in during their excursions. Fortman says he bought an older trailer to haul remote control jets (a hobby he is passionate about) to events around the country. He eventually sold the trailer to Fegarido's brother, upgrading to the Rogue in 2021. Since then, the couple has taken their Rogue on four trips, including to Logan Martin Lake.

Fortman says he has made very few, if any, modifications to the

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RV, with the exception of a new piece of furniture to replace the Rogue's standard table and chairs: a massage couch for Fegarido. After trying one out while shopping recently, they both knew that the couch would become a part of their lives. "I wasn't exactly looking for one, but I made the mistake of sitting on one," she admits.

Fegarido and Fortman began dating several years ago and, while they have plans to marry soon, Fegarido says they are the target of some good-natured ribbing for taking their time before tying



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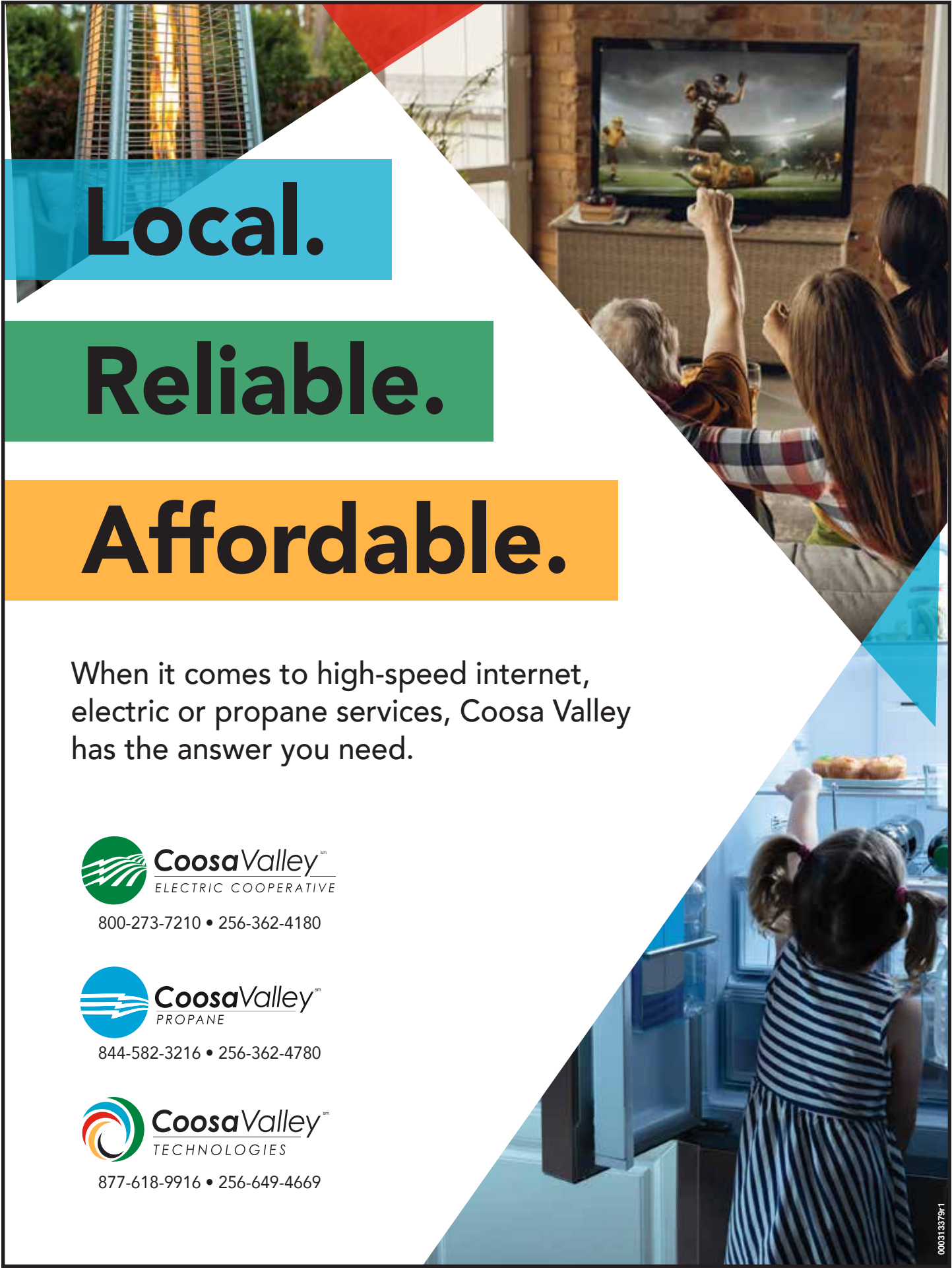
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the knot. "Everybody laughs about it because we've been together for so long. It's been what, 10 or 12 years? I don't even know how long."

Fegarido, whose husband died in 2010, met Fortman while he was recovering from an industrial accident that forced his left leg to be amputated. She was working as a nurse at the medical facility where he was doing some of his rehabilitation. Fortman adopted a no-nonsense approach to his accident and was back to work as quickly as possible, a character trait that caught the eye of Fegarido.

"Some of us get out unscathed, some of us don't. That's just the bottom line," he says. "I'm like 'Look, man, I'm fine. If we've got to cut the freaking thing off, let's cut it off, and let's get on with it, because I ain't got time for this.'"

"That was one of the reasons why I was so impressed with him, how quickly he got back on his feet," she says.

For now, the couple maintain homes about 30 minutes from each other. Fegarido lives in Sharpsburg, Georgia, while Fortman lives nearby in Greenville, and they plan to get married after Fegarido's children have graduated from college. They see each other two or three times during the week and on weekends.

Fortman operates his own machine shop business out of his home, keeping a busy schedule. Fegarido says she practically has to force him to take time off; otherwise, she's not sure he would ever leave his shop. For this trip, she says she told him well in advance to let his customers know they would be packing their Rogue toy hauler and leaving it all behind for a few days on the shores of Logan Martin.

"We have to get him away from home because, if he stays there, he'll be in the shop doing some emergency project," Fegarido says. "I told him four weeks ago, 'Tell all your customers we're going to the lake.'"





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Meet Me by the

Rolanda Turner

Written and photographed
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Having successfully completed her studies at the Cumberland School of Law, Rolanda Turner was spending an afternoon at Lakeside Park, enjoying a break from her rigorous preparation for the Alabama State Bar exam.

"It's nice to get away for a few minutes in a setting like this," she said. "Studying for the bar is pretty intense. I was encouraged to treat it like a job – an 8-to-5 – but a lot of people say eight hours isn't even enough, and you need to be studying 10 to 12 hours a day."

She recalls when her bar exam prep books were delivered. "The package came, and it was so heavy that my mom said, 'What is this? Did you order some weights?' I was like, 'No, Mom, that's my bar prep books.'"



Before heading back to the books, she dipped her feet into Logan Martin Lake and spoke about the path that led her to law school and where she hopes it takes her.

Her education: She completed undergraduate studies in psychology and political science with a minor in communication studies on the pre-law track at the University of Alabama. "I was accepted into a number of law schools, but I wanted to stay local, so I chose Cumberland. It definitely paid off."

How a change of plans led her to law school: "I planned to study pre-med for the longest time. I thought I was going to be an OBGYN. But during the 2016 election, with the question about where all the votes were being counted, I became interested in the political process. In my research, I discovered how law concerns everything we do. I changed my major at the last minute, and ultimately I got accepted into every school I applied to."



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Basic truths she learned about law: “From how we should act in public parks to how we interact online to how our information is tracked, there is a law or a statute that says this or that is wrong. I quickly learned that everything that we do in life is essentially a contract – going to buy groceries, going to the thrift store, you name it. It’s essentially a contract. Before I got into the legal field, the law was so mushy. I remember going to voting polls and not understanding how to read the constitutional amendments that people could vote on, and it led to me becoming a more knowledgeable citizen. And that led me to realize that if I have this knowledge, I can definitely apply it in a more practical manner. That’s why I decided to switch to law. I definitely think that privacy and definitely our First Amendment rights are being tested more than ever in our generation. Our country may be shifting a little bit, but it’s important to have those values that we still cherish every day.”

Her career goal: “I hope to practice corporate law. I have. I’ve gotten the opportunity to work with some Fortune 500 companies and have come to understand that I work best when I’m serving one client that has multiple needs instead of multiple clients with multiple needs. I have been told by many people that I should probably go into federal court to be a clerk or something, but I really, really see myself working for a huge corporation, just serving that client and all of its needs.”

How she describes herself: “I think I’m a hard worker. People always tell me all the time, ‘Oh, you’re so smart,’ and I’m like ‘No, I’m just a hard worker. Hard work beats talent and genetics any day. I’m no smarter than the next person, but I am an overachiever and a perfectionist. I value my attention to detail and work ethic. But I also think that I’m compassionate, caring, humble, and forgiving. I have really been shaped by my experiences, both good and bad, over the years.”

The food she could eat every day: “Bread. I can eat it for breakfast. I can eat it cold. I can eat it hot. I can eat it with butter, and I can just eat plain bread by itself. If I ever was to be skinny, it would be because I’ve given up bread.”

The food she hopes to never eat again: “It’s a liquid – unpasteurized milk, like raw milk straight from a cow. Little fourth grade Rolanda has to tell the story. We went to a farm with a bunch of different activities we could do. One of them was where they gave us milk from a cow, like fresh-squeezed. It was in a little tiny cup, and it was so nasty. I still have nightmares about it.”



Rolanda shared her law school graduation photo with her pet, Coco. “She got her ‘juris dogtor’ degree when I got my juris doctor degree.”

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August 10

LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL & DRAW DOWN

The International Motorsports Hall of Fame hosts this 12th annual event at 5 p.m. The menu includes all-you-can-eat fresh Gulf shrimp, a summer buffet, and homemade desserts. A \$100 ticket donation



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August 17

DOWN ON THE FARM WITH ALL MY ROWDY FRIENDS

The music and food festival is scheduled for 4-11 p.m. at 2004 Mudd Street in Lincoln. Admission



is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. The music lineup includes Cody Barnette, Railroad Avenue, and Birkenh d. The PaPa Queso food truck will be on site. For more details, visit the event's Facebook page.

August 23

THREE ON A STRING

Sponsored by the United Way of North Talladega County, the concert – featuring standards, country, classical, bluegrass, and folk – begins at 7 p.m. at the Historic Ritz Theatre. Three on a String's four-part harmony has entertained audiences for more than four decades. For ticket information, visit www.ritztalladega.com.



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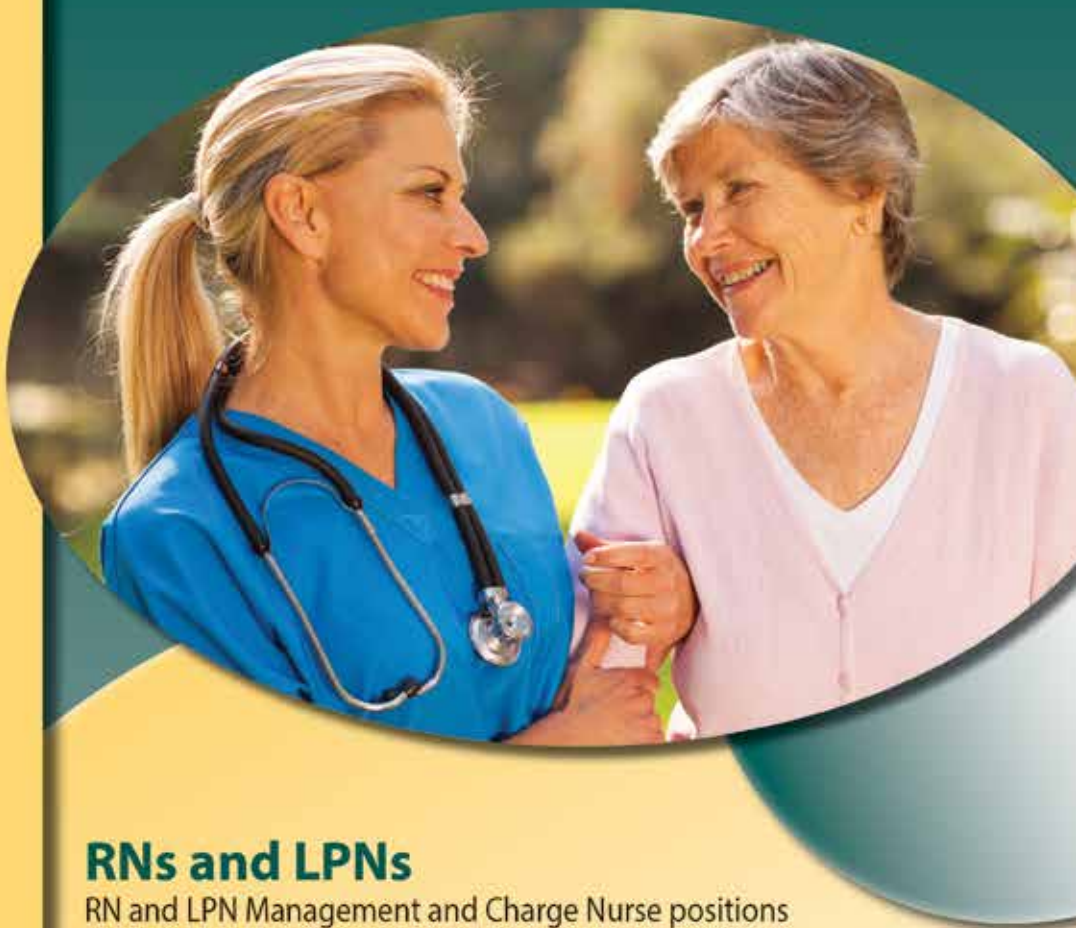


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Lakeside Park in Pell City hosts the Sheriff Billy J. Murray Bass Tournament benefiting the Alabama Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Boats are scheduled to launch at 5 a.m. The entry fee is \$150 per boat, with \$10 per boat for the big fish contest. For more information or to register, call 205-337-1914 or 205-368-4708.



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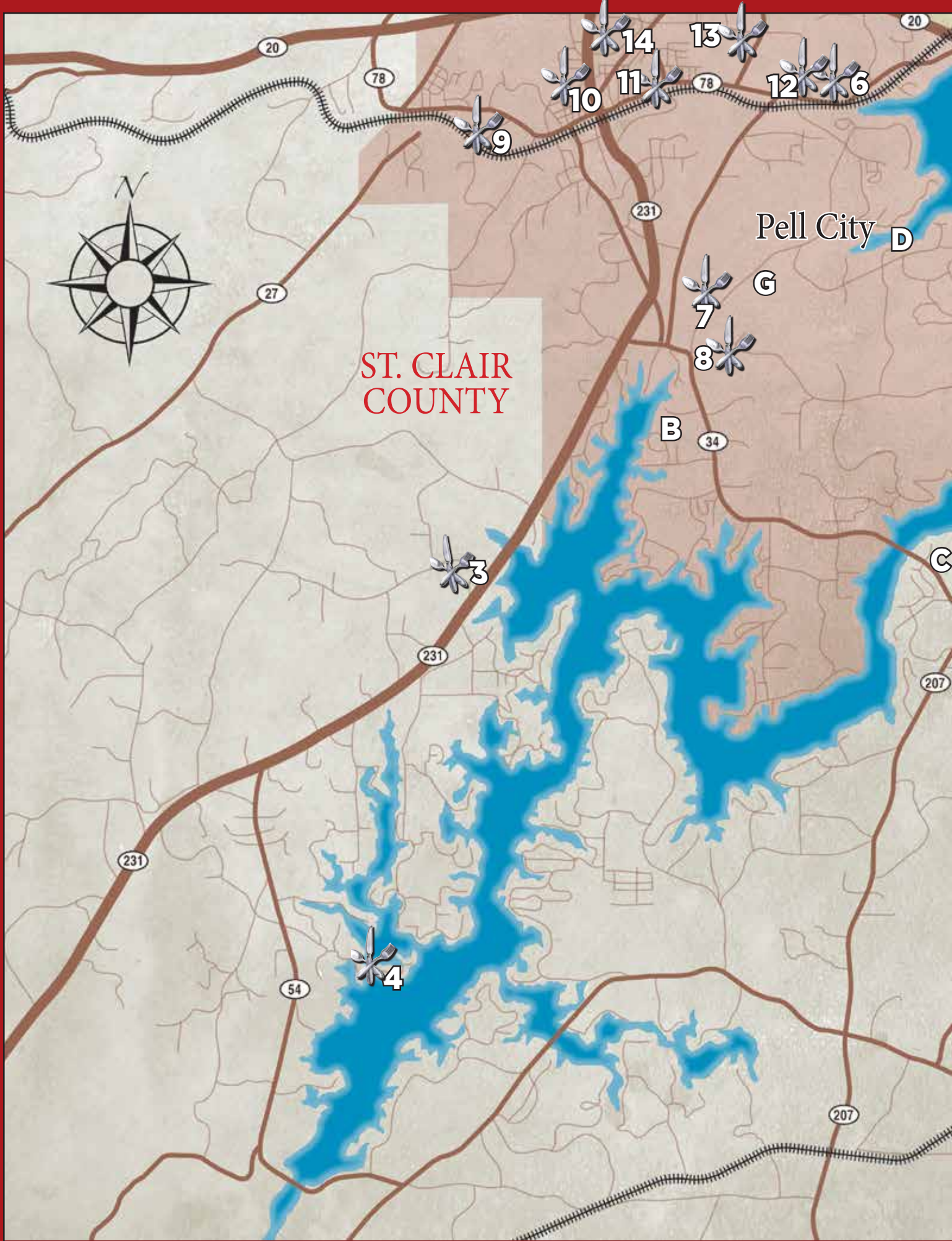
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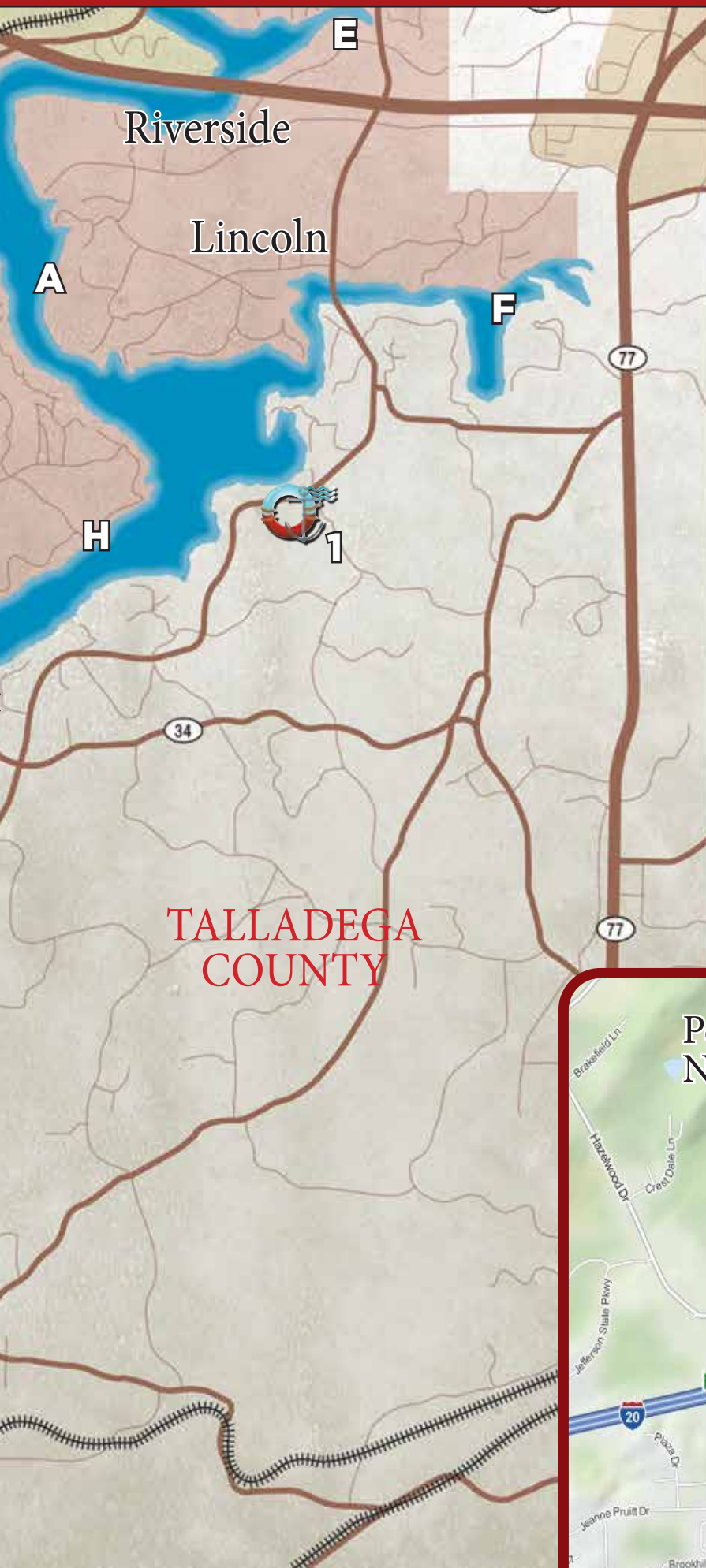
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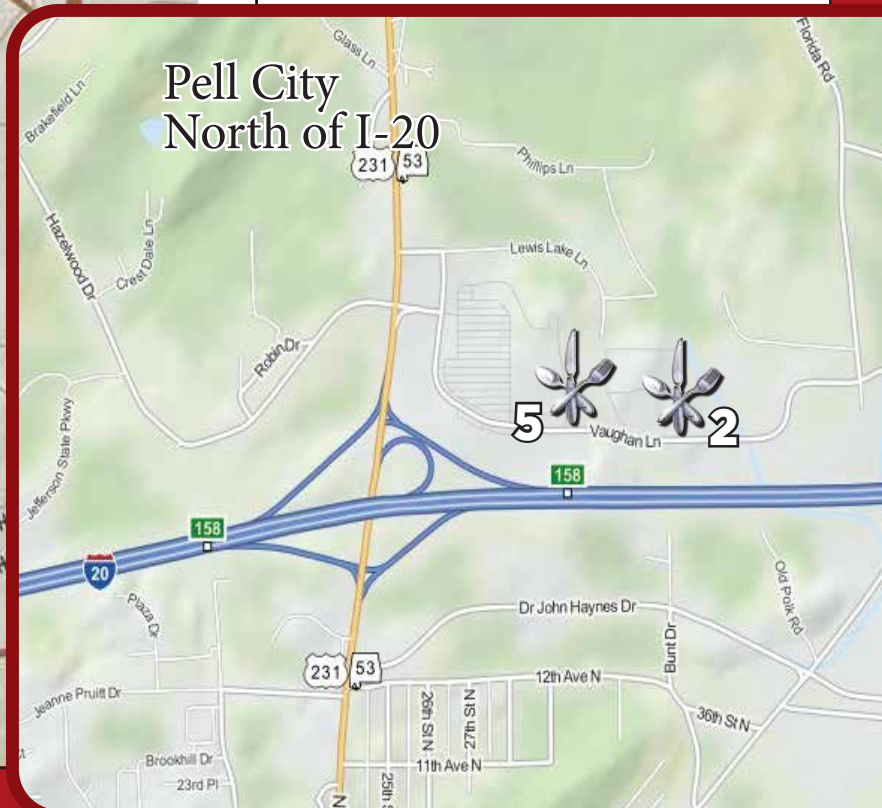




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Waterfront home in Country Club Estates is ideal for family living

Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**
Submitted Photos

Prospective buyers looking for a property that's tucked away on the Talladega County shoreline and offers breathtaking views of Logan Martin Lake will want to see 231 Lakeland Hills Drive in Talladega.

The modern single-level house is surrounded by trees and equipped with everything for a large or growing family needs in a home. The exterior has vinyl siding and a finished basement. It sits on less than an acre, was built in 2005, and has four bedrooms and three full bathrooms within its 2,496-square-foot interior.

The living room area has wood flooring throughout, floor-to-ceiling windows, a tray ceiling, built-in shelves, a fireplace for those chilly nights, and a ceiling fan for when it's time to cool down. The ad-

jacent dining room area has views of the screened porch and lake.

With two full kitchens, there's no need to worry about feeling crowded. Both kitchens have wood floors, granite countertops, gas ranges, stainless steel appliances, and tiled backsplashes. There is also an adjoining pantry and a laundry room.

Distinctive features of this home include a wine nook, a bedroom that has a view of the lake to wake up to each morning, and a kids' room with a built-in floor-to-ceiling chalkboard wall.

The exterior of the home has a wrap-around driveway, two-car carport, open deck, and a path in the back yard that leads to the lake and boat dock.

The property lists at \$589,900. For more information, call Morgan Munn with ERA King Real Estate at 256-223-0838.



Lakeside area real estate broker advises clients to have realistic expectations

Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**

Submitted photo

Blake Pharr is an associate broker who found his niche in real estate during an unprecedented time.

"I have a love for forestry, and that's what I went to school for," he says. "But about the time I graduated, it was during the peak of Covid, and jobs in my field of study were scarce. While in college, I earned my real estate license and decided to go that route, as I was familiar with the industry and believed I could make a living while helping people. Once I tried it out, I loved it and have been doing it ever since."

Working with AREA Real Estate, he has five years of professional experience but has been around real estate his entire life. His father, Bill Pharr, is AREA's owner and broker and was working real estate before his son was born. Blake cites his father's success and love for helping people as his inspiration in seeking his real estate license.

"My father's advice has helped greatly, and he's been a guide for me, but I wanted to go about it my own way and not ride his

coattails. So I have paved my own lane in this industry, built relationships, and acquired quite the clientele from those I've met, been referred to, or people that I've gone to school with."

While Pharr leads AREA's land and timber division, he finds that working with first-time home buyers is equally rewarding. When asked what is a common mistake when it comes to buying land, he said that at times clients fail to be realistic. "Land is expensive, and buyers must be realistic in what they can afford to avoid settling for less or going above what they can afford."

Pharr believes that "it is my job to over-perform and over-deliver because I want my clients to have the best experience in their purchasing journey. I strongly advise all clients to set realistic expectations for buying a home or land. I'm going to do my part, but I want them to be honest with themselves. I strongly try to steer clients in the direction of not getting so wrapped up in a mortgage that it takes away be-

ing able to live. Be smart with your investment.

"The reason why I want people to have realistic expectations is because I would rather them go into the process being happy with what they get, but if they get more along the way, it just doubles the win. This way of thinking allows for the client to settle less and avoids possibly being disappointed. To be happy with what you can get leaves the potential to be blown away."

As a homeowner, he understands the process of buying a house firsthand. One of his favorite memories is the day he bought his own farm and renovated the house that was on the property. He has no intention of ever selling it, as he met his wife while living there and hopes to pass it down for generations.

Pharr is a Sylacauga native, a graduate of Auburn University, and one of his favorite snacks is beef jerky. When he is not selling homes or land, he enjoys spending time with his wife, hunting, and fishing.



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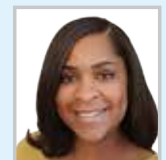
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5012 Collins Dr, Pell City
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A NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BR and 3.5 BA home with almost 3000 sq ft will be the perfect entertaining home with an oversized family room and upgraded kitchen and an outdoor patio complete with a stacked stone fireplace. This beauty sits on an approx. 1 acre lot and is seconds away from Logan Martin Lake!



9266 Jardin Cir, Leeds
\$429,500

(Leeds but St. Clair Co)-Move-In READY! This beautiful 4 BR and 2.5 BA with 2380 sq ft home is filled with Southern Charm and many extras. The open floor plan from the front door, through the family room, and into the kitchen is so inviting and perfect for indoor entertaining and also has several large decks for outdoor entertaining with a fenced-in backyard!



394 Lakeview Crest, Pell City
\$110,000

This beautiful, slightly sloping, almost one-acre lake access lot is the perfect place to build your dream home on Logan Martin Lake. Located in the well-established community of The Reserve.



268 Lyles Dr, Odenville
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Spacious and quiet! These are two words that describe this (2009) 2200 sq ft manufactured home on 4.5 acres in Odenville.



3396 Old Beavers Rd, Cropwell
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503 Markeeta Rd, Leeds
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3017 Kathy Ln, Fultondale
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5018 Collins Dr, Pell City
\$659,000

This NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BR and 3.5 BA home has an abundance of upgrades! The oversized lot sits majestically in the beautiful subdivision of The Reserve with boat launch and common area. The outdoor patio comes complete with a stacked stone fireplace and sitting area perfect for enjoying family and friends.



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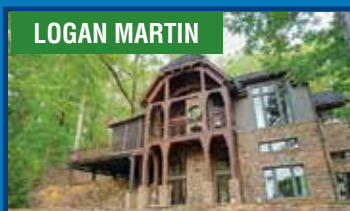
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\$985,900 - 435 Lee Cutoff Road - STATELY 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2-story home with a GRAND STAIRCASE to the second floor balcony has many amenities PLUS with approx 29 ACRES! The home features a 27' ceiling great room with open floor plan to include fireplace, dining room and kitchen. Master bedroom is located on main level with recessed ceilings, spacious bathroom with his/her vanities and an office located off the master with separate front entrance. Also additional bedroom with on-suite on main level and two bedroom with Jack and Jill bath and bonus room upstairs. So much potential with pasture, for horses, recreation and beautiful, peaceful setting as well as a landing strip for small aircraft. A MUST SEE! **MLS #21387793 Call Alesia 205/405-0860**



\$679,000 - 5012 Collins Dr. - BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION with this 5 bedrooms, 3 bath 2 story home that features family room with stacked stone fireplace, chef's dream kitchen complete with oversized island with farm house sink, breakfast nook and an outdoor entertainment area on 2 lots that includes covered patio and a stacked stone fireplace. Upstairs with an oversized playroom/bedroom and 2 of the bedrooms and a full bath. Located in subdivision with community boat launch and commons area. **MLS #21383742 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**



\$364,900 - 75 Treasure Island Circle - COZY is this 4 bedroom, 3 bath one level home with basement. The home features living/dining room, large den with fireplace, kitchen with granite countertops and stainless appliances. (2) masters on the main level and basement has den, two of the bedrooms and a bath. Home is nestled on over an acre of land with view of Logan Martin Lake and large shade trees. **MLS #21385967 Call Karen 205/473-4613 or Adam 205/369-2704**



\$289,900 - 165 Morning Glory Drive - MORNINGSIDE SUBDIVISION is location for this Well Maintained, Stunning and spacious all brick 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with living room with fireplace, dining room, sunroom and 2-car garage. Lot of charm and appeal and ready to move in with convenient location! **MLS #21385139 Call Nan 256/452-4761**



\$282,000 - 380 Oak Leaf Circle - BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home located in convenient area close to I-20 and town. Home also features updated custom kitchen with stainless steel appliances, smart home ready. Master bedroom located on main level with two additional bedroom located upstairs with bonus room that could become a fourth bedroom. Screened in back patio, fully fenced backyard, new roof in 2020 and community pool. **MLS #21386552 Call Tina 205/337-8509**



\$424,700 - 9266 Jardin Circle - MOVE-IN READY with this Beautiful 2-Story 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that features Southern Charm with open floor plan from the front door, through the family room and kitchen. There are 2-3 more bedrooms upstairs with mountain views and the second family room could be used as a fourth bedroom. Also plenty of room to expand in the poured concrete daylight basement. Completely fenced backyard and 2-car garage. **MLS #21369503 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**



\$390,000 - 107 Viewpoint Circle - EXCLUSIVE RIVIERA ESTATES, community with Lake Access for this 2-story 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that features formal living room with fireplace, dining room, den with beamed vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Kitchen features a solid surface countertops, nice cabinets, large pantry and a nice screened back patio has hot tub and deck. The 2-car garage has built in cabinets and additional 2 car metal garage. Some updating have been done. **MLS #21366542 Call Karen 205/473-4613**



\$1,250,000 - 4721 Red Hawk Trail - RARE FIND in this 37.83 ACRES, mt with private setting with magnificent landscaping that features 4 bedroom, 3 bath one level home, great room with rock fireplace, foyer with marble floors, dining room with hardwood floors, updated kitchen and appliances. Located downstairs is a play/rec room, keeping room, bedroom and full bath with loft area located upstairs. Relax on screened porch watching the wild ducks and other wild life and view the PRIVATE LAKE for fishing after driving through the orchard of different fruit trees to this awesome cedar (vinyl) siding and rock construction. **MLS #21378572 Call Lee 205/812-4530**



\$659,000 - 5018 Collins Dr. - NEW CONSTRUCTION of this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath 2-story home that features open floor plan of family room with a floor to ceiling stacked stone fireplace, high ceilings and inviting chef's kitchen with large granite bar, abundance of cabinets, stainless steel appliances and custom built hood. The master suite has his and her vanities, free standing tub and tiled shower and located on main level. Also has a double lot with covered patio and custom built stacked stone fireplace and located in The Reserve Subdivision with lake access, convenient to town and I-20. **MLS #21383735 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**



\$424,900 - 543 Avondale Lane - MOVE IN READY with this 2 Story 5 bedroom, 4 bath home located in new subdivision of Sumter Landing. The home features living room with fireplace and spacious home with many upgrades. **MLS #21385798 Call Adam 205/369-2704**



\$359,900 - 130 Braxton Place - BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS CUSTOM BUILT 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that features updated with no carpet throughout and has living room with country French Masonry fireplace, dining room and spacious kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances (new microwave 2023 and dishwasher 2024). Home has much to offer! **MLS #21386287 Call Misty 205/368-9490**



\$214,500 - 3108 6th Avenue - CHARMING like new one level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with open floor plan of family room and eat-in kitchen. Spacious master bedroom includes ensuite bathroom with large tile shower and spacious walk-in closet. The expansive lot offers ample space for outdoor activities and entertaining. **MLS #21386939 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**



\$449,900 - 580 Avondale Lane - MOVE-IN READY with this Valley A Floor Plan in New Castle Subdivision that consists of 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (2 bedrooms and 2 baths on main level). The kitchen has tons of counter space and cabinets, large island and walk in pantry. This Smart Home System has large back yard with privacy fence and irrigation system and 2-car garage. **MLS #21388381 Call Adam 205/369-2704**



\$233,900 - 1102 28th St., N. - EASY AND CONVENIENT LIVING with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath one level home that features family room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen and dining room with 2-car garage, large lot with patio in the back and nice porch in the front. This location is close to I-20 and town. **MLS #21389198 Call Brenda 205/812-4141**



\$699,900 - 1150 Camp Creek Road - GREAT OPTIONS with this one level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home located on approximate 47 ACRES! Private Setting with this quaint home that also has 3 bay SHOP, 30x40 POLE BARN with a 12' lean to. ACREAGE is partially fenced with back of the property still in pines. Ready for the hunter, rancher, or just somewhere quiet and convenient to town and I-20. **MLS #21381532 Call Adam 205/369-2704 or Karen 205/473-4613**

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