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From the Editor

15 years of celebrating the lakeside lifestyle

Working on this issue of Lakeside Living prompted me to think about the late Jerry Woods, who was a great friend to the entire Logan Martin Lake community.

I still remember the first time I visited Jerry in his office at Woods Surfside Marina.

"Ever seen one of these before?" he asked, reaching into his desk drawer and handing me what he'd extracted from it.

I had not, and I told him so. Sure, I'd known such a thing had existed, but, not unlike a bibliophile unexpectedly presented with a copy of Shakespeare's First Folio, I had never expected to see one.

What Jerry had placed in my hand was a copy of Lakeside Living on quarterfold newsprint, cover dated May 2006.

The cover sported a photo of a happy youngster wearing a life jacket, ready to cast his line into the water. Inside were articles about how much Lincoln and Riverside were growing, facts about Logan Martin Dam, how scarce undeveloped waterfront property was becoming, membership in the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association, a social group called the Lakeside Ladies Club, and safety tips from the marine police.

Lakeside Living was identified on the cover as A Daily Home Guide to Celebrating Life on Logan Martin Lake. By 2006, the publication (a five-times-a-year seasonal product) had already been around for 12

years, since its launch in 1994.

It wouldn't last as such another year.

That's because the following April – 15 years ago – Lakeside Living abandoned its newsprint format and became a full-blown, year-round glossy magazine. It is the milestone of that transition that we celebrate in this issue. Thank you for celebrating with us, because without you, we wouldn't have a milestone to celebrate.

It is your loyal and regular readership that has allowed Lakeside Living to exist for almost 30 years. At a time when many print publications are struggling to survive, Lakeside Living is thriving. That's also thanks to our loyal and regular advertisers, whose support makes it possible for us to make each issue available to you.

Please consider this special 15th anniversary issue our gift to you. We've prepared new content for the occasion, but we've also culled through our archives in search of The Best of Lakeside Living to repackage some of our favorite articles and photographs for your entertainment, enjoyment, and (hopefully) edification.

I would be remiss (especially on this occasion) if I did not acknowledge another reason this publication has lasted in two formats for 28 years: the Lakeside Living staff produces a product worth reading. Many individuals have made their mark on and contributed to this

magazine over the years, and the current staff proudly carries the banner and lives up to its mission of covering life on Logan Martin Lake.

Some of our names appear on the masthead in each issue. Most, however, go uncredited, but without their efforts, we would not be celebrating our 15th anniversary and looking forward to the future. These dedicated individuals are Linda Crow, Ginger Staude, Sherry Unger, and Candee McCabe in retail advertising sales; Candace Nesby, Rylee Bishop, and JoAnna Allen in classified ad sales; Elijah King and Charlene Walker in circulation; and business manager Debbie Bussie.

On behalf of all of us, thank you for allowing Lakeside Living – Logan Martin Lake's original and premier lifestyle publication – to be a part of your lives and adorn your coffee tables for the past 15 years. Here's to many more years of seeing you around the lake.



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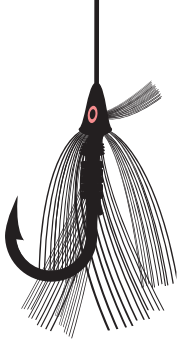


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April + Shallow Water = Big Bass

April is a very exciting month to be on the water chasing elusive largemouth bass.

Known for their hard-fighting nature and huge bucket-mouth appearance, the largemouth bass is arguably the most sought-after game fish in North America. At times, catching quality largemouth can be difficult, to say the least. But April brings awesome opportunities for catching your personal best largemouth. Use these tips and tricks of bed fishing to entice that monster fish.

The most critical part in finding bedding bass is identifying the right areas/locations. **Bedding bass will seek hard bottom and sand or pea gravel. Finding the proper bottom substrate will increase your odds tremendously. These hard bottom places can be found in creeks and coves off of the main river. These places are key.**

A personal trick of mine is to look on the banks of these creek pockets and coves big pine trees. Believe it or not, pine trees thrive in sandy substrate. This means if pines are present on the banks of the pockets and coves, then you can almost bet that the substrate will be adequate for that particular area.

Once you locate these key areas, you'll need to look for the basketball-sized beds. Having a good set of polarized glasses is critical for seeing beds and largemouth on the beds. These beds will usually always be beside or

near a piece of cover. Dock poles, wood, and water grass within the pockets and coves are key places to check. Once you have located the bed, you will need to slow down and entice the fish to bite your lure. White craws with a small bullet weight will work great. Every fish is different, and their personalities are unique. Change up baits on the bed to see what the bass want. Sometimes a slight color change could trigger the bass to bite. Zoom Speed Craws and YUM Dingers are two of my favorite baits to use.

Once you catch the fish, it's critical to return it as soon as possible. Allowing the fish to return to the bed is critical for conservation and reproduction of bass. The catch-and-release of big bass is a great way to ensure opportunities for future generations of fisherman. Bring your camera for that picture of a lifetime.

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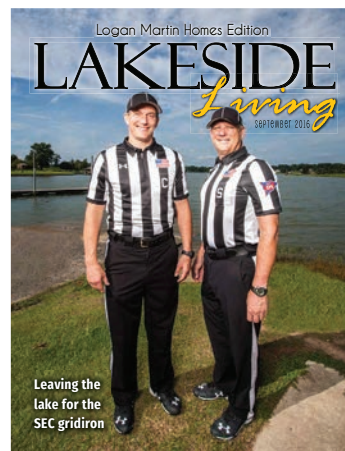
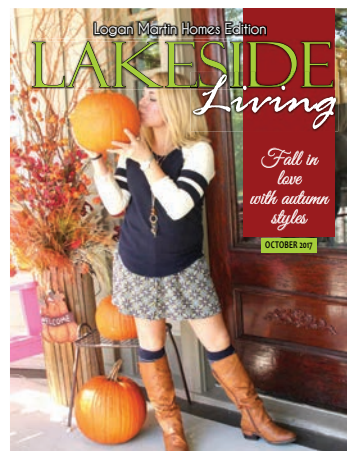
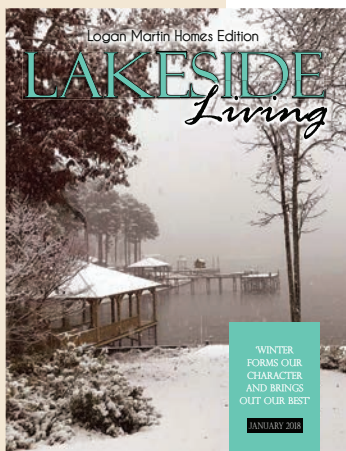
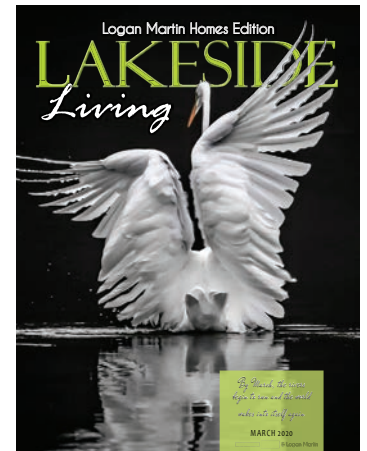
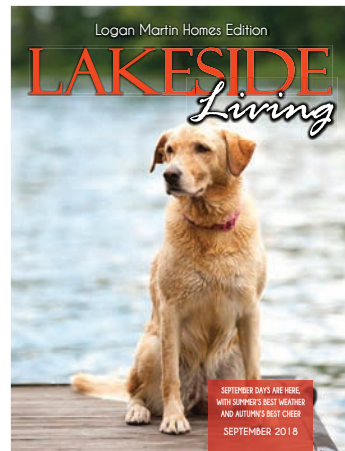
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The Best of Lakeside Living

A magazine's cover is its greeting, handshake, and first impression, and Lakeside Living is proud of the work its photographers have done over the years to provide you with eye-catching cover art each month. We're happy to present this retrospective of some of our best, followed by the re-presentation of some of our favorite features that have appeared between the covers in recent years.





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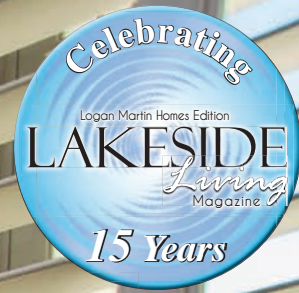
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Lakeside Living in Style





One of this magazine's standing features since its beginning, Lakeside Living in Style has proven to be one of its most popular.

Over the course of 15 years, more than 150 residents of Logan Martin Lake have invited readers into their homes, allowing us to showcase virtually all styles of waterfront living. From mansions to houseboats to cottages to mobile homes to summer and weekend homes to sportsmen's lodges and clubhouses, they've all been spotlighted in these pages, and we hope you'll enjoy taking a look back in the following pages at just a few of the homes Lakeside Living has had the privilege of featuring through the years.

We are thankful to the many property owners who have welcomed our writers, photographers, and readers into their homes. If you'd like your lake home to appear in the magazine or would like to suggest a home for consideration, please drop us a line at lakesidvelivingmagazine@gmail.com.



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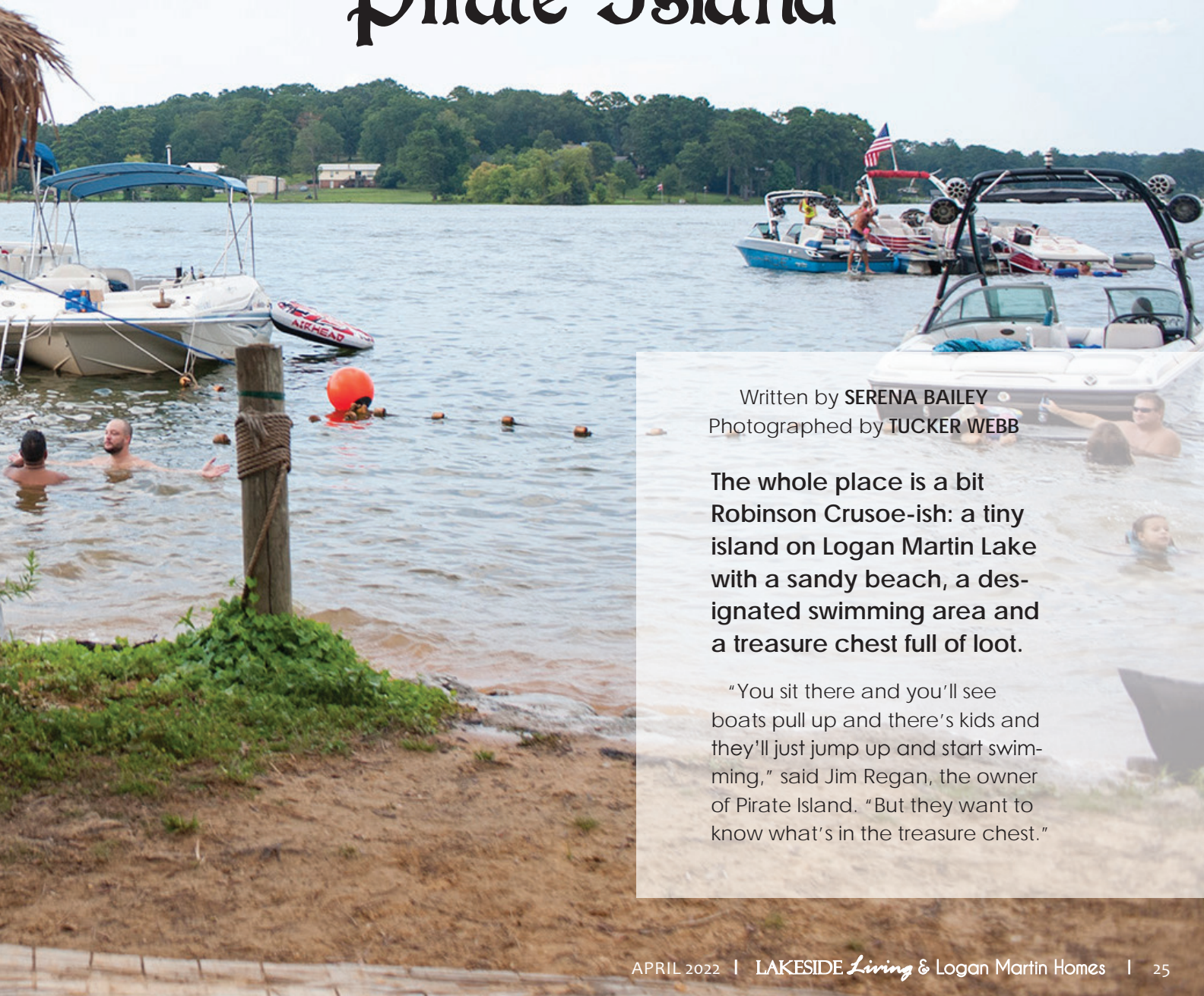


Ahoy, me hearties!

Avast ye, adventure and
treasure await visitors to
Pirate Island



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Written by **SERENA BAILEY**
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The whole place is a bit Robinson Crusoe-ish: a tiny island on Logan Martin Lake with a sandy beach, a designated swimming area and a treasure chest full of loot.

"You sit there and you'll see boats pull up and there's kids and they'll just jump up and start swimming," said Jim Regan, the owner of Pirate Island. "But they want to know what's in the treasure chest."



The 50-by-75-foot island is near Pell City, the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake. If you want to get to the island, you need your own boat (or a friend who owns one) and the GPS coordinates of 33°30'07.9"N 86°15'38.9"W.

The size of the island, Regan said, leaves little room for mystery when it comes to treasure hunting.

"I will tell people who come out there to stay together in your pairs so nobody gets lost and make sure you have your island mate, but the treasure chest is in plain view on one end of the island, and the kids know their way in their sleep."

Decorated to look like an old-fashioned treasure chest, with "Pirate Island" painted on the lid, the container stays filled with beads Regan obtains from Toomey's, a Mardi Gras supply store in Mobile, but visitors





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to the island often leave other fun items for youngsters to discover.

“Every now and then we’ll show up and the thing will be brimming with packaged McDonald’s toys. I’ve seen people throw in old jewelry quite a bit. You just don’t know what you might find in there that someone decides is treasure.”

There is no charge to visit the island. When visitors pull up, they park their boats at the edge of the swimming area, which Regan has marked off with tea-stained rope and cork buoys.

“It’s a good-size swimming area that protects the kids from any motor boats getting on the inside,” he said. “It kind of gave me heart palpitations when I was watching motorized boats around



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the kids. They used to pull up on the island, and this gives us a lot safer perimeter.”

Before his wife, Laurie, bought the island as a birthday gift for him about 10 years ago, Regan used to take a boat out to the island to hunt for seashells. He also spent a fair amount of time trying to convince the owner to sell it to him.

“I was constantly, over the course of about 10 years, telling him, ‘Look if you ever want to sell that island’ And one day he said ‘maybe,’ and my wife pursued them until they agreed.”

When they bought it, the brush and wild grass on the island was so thick they couldn’t walk through it, Regan said. After taking three barge-

loads of weeds, trash and grass off the island, he started planting flowers and fixing it up.

“I said, ‘I’m going to try to make people fall in love with it.’ You still have people trashing it, but you’ve got more people picking up the trash, so it works out,” he said.

The Regans originally named it Grand Island, after Grand Island, Vermont, the town they lived in before they moved back south. But the name didn’t stick.

“People started calling it Pirate Island, and we said hey, we’re full up stream here,” Regan said. “That’s a really cool name and everybody recognizes that. So we kind of like a year later

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officially redubbed it Pirate Island.”

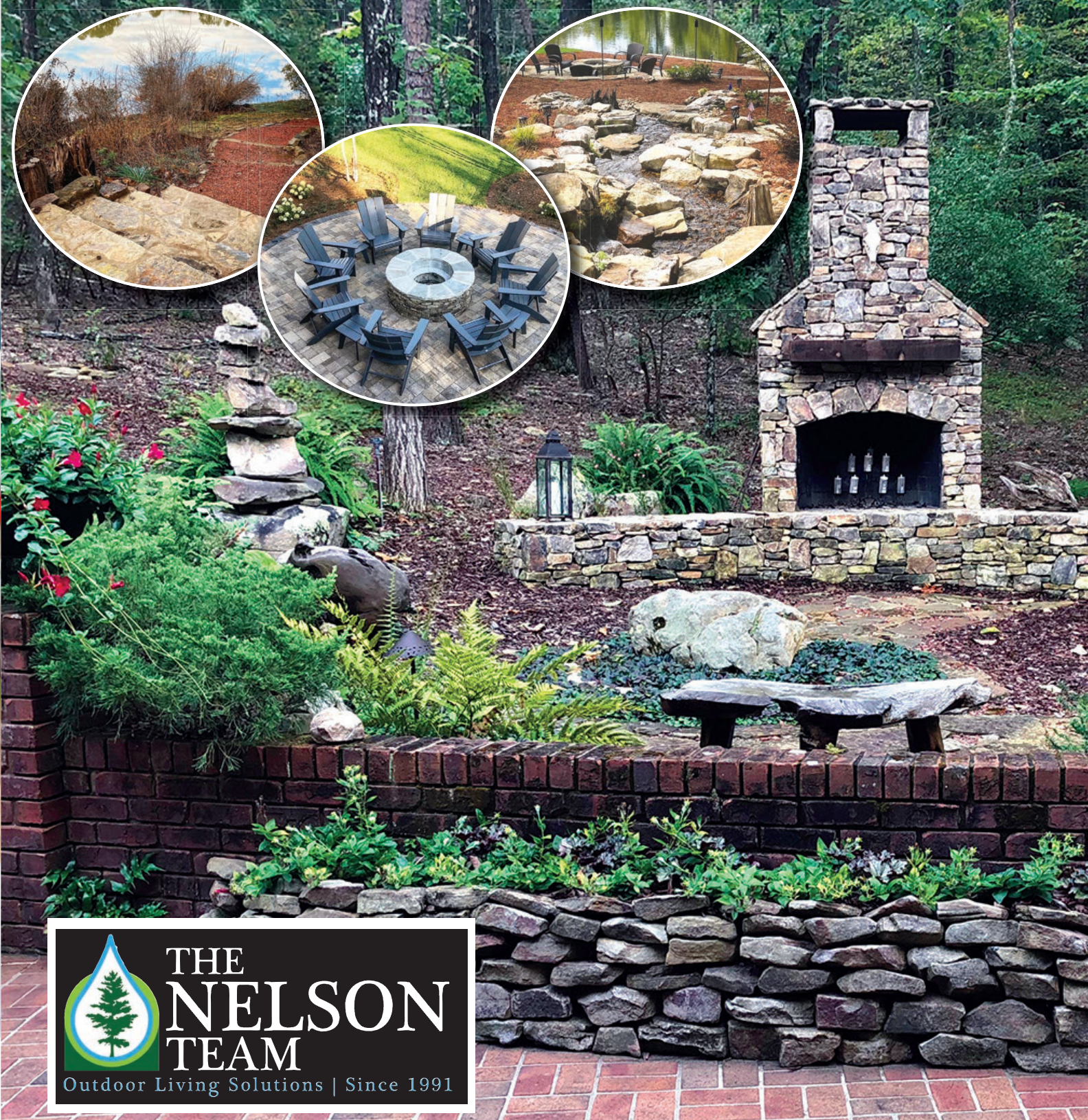
Regan said he once met a traveler in LaGuardia Airport in New York who had heard of the island, and his niece met a firefighter in Washington, D.C., who had been to it.

“We’re just trying to strike a balance between the kids, number one, and their parents, who need a little break too,” Regan said. “It’s a great babysitter. I mean, it’s something about it

being an island. The kids are completely content.”

One of the biggest issues currently facing the island is erosion. Regan said they’ve lost five trees on the island in the past year, and that the size of the island itself is decreasing.

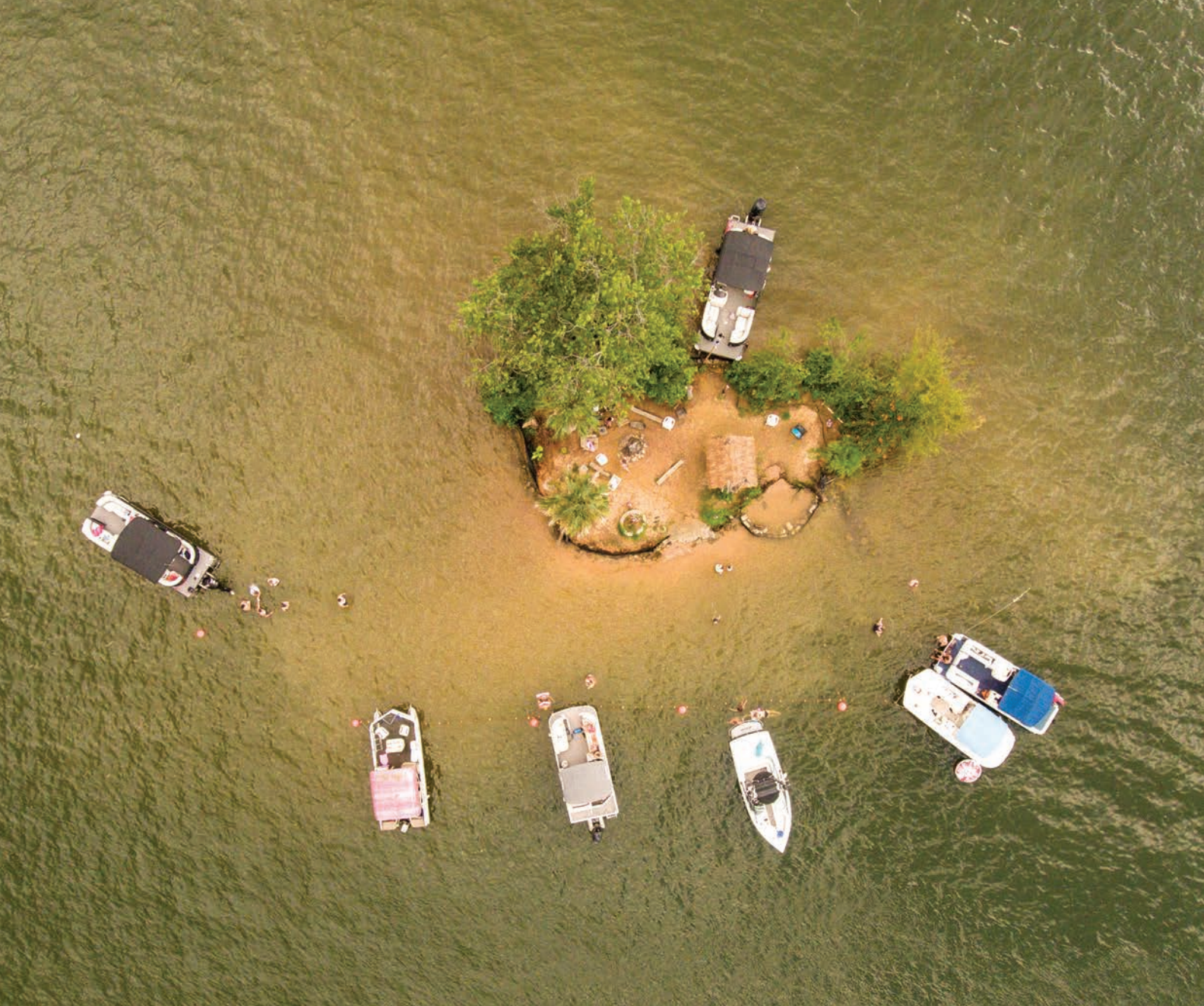
But even as trees fall, he finds a way to keep the theme of the island intact. When he had to cut down three trees over the winter, he



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ordered 60 square feet of thatch for a roof, and used that and the 9-foot-tall stumps to build a little hut on the island.

Inside, he put a tabletop and some markers, along with a notice — because he knew it was going to happen — that it was permissible to write on the beams as long as it was “kid-friendly. It is absolutely covered in safe graffiti right now,” he said.

Regan said there has been discussion about riprapping the island, a process that includes placing football-sized stones around the shoreline to prevent further erosion. He’s considering starting a GoFundMe account to pay for the

equipment and other costs.

“I kind of like the idea of people, you know, taking ownership of something like that,” he said. “They really do take a lot of ownership. People really care about it.”

On the busiest days, Regan said he sees up to 200 people come and go from the island, but more often it’s 25 to 50 visitors a day.

He wants to see Pirate Island live on for many years, primarily for youngsters and their parents, but also for anybody else who doesn’t necessarily have a place to go on the lake.

“Everybody should have a place to go,” he said.



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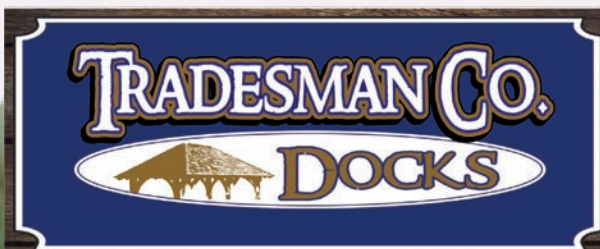
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Unlike many local outdoors enthusiasts, Rob Skelton and Steve Marlowe won't be spending their weekends on or around the lake this fall.

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Skelton began this 10th season this month as a side judge with one of the SEC's nine officiating crews, and Marlowe began his second as center judge on the same crew. They reside in Lincoln and Sylacauga, respectively.

"There are 72 of us who work for the SEC," Marlowe said. "Nine crews of eight officials, and for two of us on the same crew to be from a small place like Talladega County, that's quite unusual."

Off the field, Skelton serves as assistant vice president and branch manager for First Bank of Alabama in Munford, and Marlowe is a business office manager for Alabama Power Company and a member of the Sylacauga Board of Education.

Marlowe's role on the officiating crew is relatively new, as center judges were added for the first time last season. "I stand in the backfield with the referee, and the position involves spotting the ball and enforcement of

penalties," he said.

As side judge, Skelton will be seen downfield, behind the defensive secondary, watching receivers and defenders. "When your team gets called for interference, I'm the one you're mad at," he said. "Basically, I'm running backward and throwing flags forward."

Skelton said he got this start in officiating "just like everybody else does, at the bottom. For me, that was the East Alabama Football Officials Association. The first game I called was on a Saturday morning at the old Ezell Park in Anniston. It was a 10-year-olds' game, and I don't know who was more nervous that day, me or the 10-year-olds. From pee-wee games, I started running the clock for high school games on Friday nights, and then finally I got on the field."

That eventually led to officiating work with the Gulf South Conference and Conference USA before he was accepted into the SEC in



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2007. He also officiated in the now-defunct NFL Europe and was interviewed for a position in the National Football League, but “very few NFL officials get hired each year, and my number never came up.”

Beside regular season games, Skelton has called SEC Championship games and a number of bowl games, including the Sun, Music City, Emerald, Mieneke, Las Vegas, GoDaddy, Belk, Houston, Russell Athletic, and Fiesta bowls.

Marlowe was on the field too at the Fiesta Bowl last year, a nice way to conclude his first season in the SEC and a long way from his days of calling intramural flag football games when he was in college.

“Then I started calling high school games in 1991,” he said. “I broke into college officiating with the Ohio Valley Conference in 2007 and worked Division III games until I was accepted into the SEC.”

The 2015 Fiesta Bowl was also the occasion for

what Marlowe considers to be his most memorable on-field experience.

“I got to have my family down on the sidelines before the game,” he said. “To be able to see them there and have a brief moment with them before the kickoff was special. Our families pay a price for what we do. We leave on Friday, we’re back on Sunday, and we have clinics and meetings that take us away at other times. My family has been with me from the time I was calling high school games, and for them to be there with me at a college bowl game was a special moment.”

Skelton’s years of officiating have likewise provided him with a number of memorable moments.

“One I know I’ll never forget was back in 2001, and we all know what happened on 9/11 of that year,” he said. “We all remember where we were when it happened and how worried we were. We didn’t know what the world was com-

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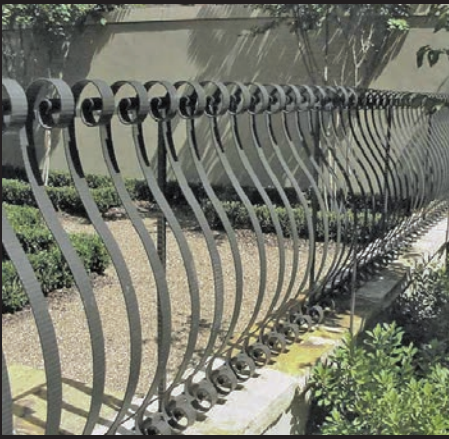
ing to, and many large events got cancelled. The commissioners delayed all college football games, and the next game I called when the schedule resumed after 9/11 was U.S. Military Academy – Army – at UAB.

“If you’ve ever been to Legion Field, you know the flight path for landing at the Birmingham airport is right over the stadium, and every time a plane came over, you would look up. The concern was starting to show, but so was our patriotism, as I was about to find out.”

When Skelton went to the Army locker room to bring out the captains, he found all the players huddled together in a corner.

“I didn’t know what they were doing, and I didn’t find out until I was back out on the field. They had found a piece of PVC pipe, and when I saw them all huddled up, they were attaching a flag to it. When the Army team ran out of the tunnel onto the field before kickoff, up popped Old Glory.

“If there was a dry eye in the house, I don’t know where it was. I know I was crying. Fifteen years later, I can’t tell you anything about that game. I couldn’t tell you who won or who lost. But I can tell you I saw that flag come out of that tunnel. And I’d never have seen that if it hadn’t been for that one Saturday morning back at Ezell Park.”



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The Cardboard Regatta



Editor's note: For many years, one of Logan Martin Lake's favorite events was the Float Yer Boat Regatta. The cardboard vessel race showcased the imagination and ingenuity of local sailors, and it raised thousands of dollars to benefit the lakeside community. After a hiatus of a few years, it was restored to life by the LMLPA in 2017, before going on hiatus again after a couple more regattas. Does this staple of many a Logan Martin summer have the potential to return again?

RETURNS!

LMLPA reintroduces beloved boat race



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Neither Jeff Thompson nor Nicholas Kin was familiar with Logan Martin Lake's Cardboard Boat Regatta until they saw an advertisement promoting it.

"We thought it was a great concept and a spectacular idea," said Kin, who like Thompson, isn't native to Pell City and wasn't around during the years when the regatta was held at Lakeside Park. Their unfamiliarity with the event didn't prevent them from finishing first in their vessel *New Boat, Who Dis?* when the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association brought the race back last month.

"We were both intrigued by the challenge of it," Thompson said. "We like the LMLPA and wanted to support the group, first and foremost, and when you have a few extra hours to





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do something new, why not build a cardboard boat?"

Kin said they built New Boat, Who Dis? With a plan or design, giving "Jeff 100 percent of the credit for putting it together." Thompson modestly said the team obtained instructions about how to make a cardboard boat the day before the regatta. Their boat came together after four hours of work and 7 rolls of duct tape.

Finishing second was The Joker, paddled by Joe White and his grandchildren.

"It started out as a Batman boat for the grandkids," White said. "My brother said that it would be just jokers that were driving it, so we decided decorate it like the Joker. The grandkids would rather see him sink than Batman, anyway."

White added that his creation took about

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30 hours to make, and his top-three finish wasn't surprising. "We won the last cardboard regatta race," he said. "The family really enjoys it."

Third place went to The Lucky New Boat, operated by of Aaron and Wyatt Roberts of Lucky's Bait and Tackle, which also received the regatta's Titanic award for the most dramatic sinking.

LMLPA president Linda Ruethemann described the regatta as "a fun event for the entire family," adding that the organization is already making plans for next year's event. "We are glad to have it back and are excited to see that people are still interested in coming out to watch."

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Lakeside lifestyle

inspires Southern rocker SUSANNAH SEALES

Written and photographed
by BUDDY ROBERTS

When Susannah Seales describes herself as a Southern rocker, it's easy to take her at her word.

Especially when she's perched on the edge of boat dock on the banks of the Coosa River and strumming her guitar as disparate raindrops create concentric ripples in the water below.

"You know, the band that made me want to pick up a guitar was Journey," she said. "Their Escape album. Not that my sound is anything like Journey at all, but the way the guitar and the harmonies all flowed together, it made me want to move around."

The band's 1981 album, which produced four Billboard Hot 100 singles, made more than a few music fans want to move around, and Seales said she felt the same way the first time she heard newer rock group Shinedown.

"I grew up listening only to classic rock and old country. The only new music I listened to was pop, but when I heard (Shinedown's) rock sound coming out of the radio, I fell in love with it."

Seales has for some time been a regular performer in venues on and around Logan Martin. A native of Sterrett who now resides near the Coosa River in Fayetteville, she said she enjoys promoting the lakeside lifestyle.

"I love fishing and watersports and being able to go down and hang out on the pier and forget about everything. Not to mention the quiet and peacefulness. My ideal day on the lake is pretty, sunny weather, hanging out with friends and family and just soaking up some sun."

She began performing after receiving her first guitar as a



gift from her grandfather. "He bought it at a pawn shop in Birmingham. He was big into music. He didn't play anything, but he had a passion for it."

Seales felt an immediate connection to the instrument. "I took lessons at Rick's Guitars in Childersburg, where Jack Rowe taught me how to play. After that, it was I all I did. I drove my family insane. They had to listen to me learn. I was amazed at how you deep you can get into it and never stop learning."

Several months after getting her guitar, "my uncle talked me into singing. And less than a year after I started singing, I was booking five shows a week."

Her schedule typically includes more than 100 shows a year, and she's played such venues as Caribe Adventure Resort and Montana Saloon in Lincoln, Chilly Willy's and Dock's Bar & Grill in Pell City, Moody Blue Bar, Big Daddy's BBQ in Munford and The Red Shamrock Pub in Mt. Laurel. She's played CoosaPalooza festival and the Logan Martin Lake-Fest & Boat Show.

Seales hesitated to identify her favorite cover song or a favorite from her own material. "The cover song I like best depends on what mood I'm

in, and of my own songs, whichever is newest is usually my favorite. That's probably because I'm not tired of playing it yet and haven't spent as much time critiquing it."

Her songwriting is showcased in her five-song EP, *Susannah*. Available via iTunes, it's an "acoustic full band" collection of songs she recorded with Lenny Roth at his studio. Roth played lead guitar, bass and percussion, with Seales on lead vocals, rhythm and slide guitar and piano.

"Guitar is the only instrument I really know how to play," she said. "I play a little bit of drum, and I can fake it enough to get by on piano." She hopes to issue a second release by late summer, "hopefully a full-length album. I've got enough material. I just need to get it recorded."

While her songs are deeply rooted in Southern rock, "I've never tried to write lyrics to party to, and my lyrics are not all about me or necessarily something I can relate to. I try to relate to other people. Like with one of my songs, 'Living for the End.' It tells a story from my perspective of walking down the side of the road and getting a ride from someone who said things that were inspirational to me. As



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the character in the song, I had hit rock bottom, but when I wrote it, my life was on track. I had seen someone who had hit rock bottom, imagined I was in their place and tried to write it from that perspective.”

For Seales, songwriting is rarely as easy as it sounds.

“If I sit down and want to write a song, it won’t happen. The words often come at weird times. There’s a single on my EP, ‘Raining on Me.’ I was driving down the road, and the lyrics for the chorus just popped into my head. The last thing on my mind was writing a song, but that’s how it happens. And sometimes I’ll feel the need to go back to a song I wrote three years ago and add a new line or a new bridge, because what I felt when I wrote it

isn’t necessarily what I feel now.

“Sometimes I’ll write two songs in a day, and sometimes it’s two months before I can write down one line. I’m at that point right now, and I’m about to go crazy. One time like this, I ended up writing a song about how I couldn’t write a song.”

While making plans for her upcoming album, Seales joined guitarist Phillip McCain, drummer Skylar McCain and bassist Billy Higginbotham to form Trailer Park Gypsy, which played its debut show in Leeds in March.

“I wouldn’t trade what I do for anything,” she said. “I’ve been everywhere in the South, and I’ve never met more genuine people than here. I get to play music and meet the coolest people every night. What’s not to love?”



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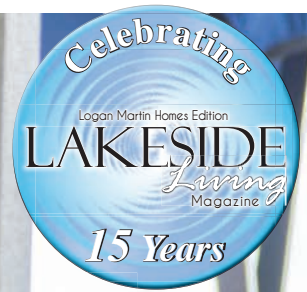
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Out & About at the Riverside Poker Run

Editor's Note: Highlights of summers on Logan Martin are events that have become beloved lakeside traditions. Over the years, Lakeside Living writers have attended these events, often sharing first-person accounts of their experiences. Here, we re-present one of the first and best of these features. And while we're on the subject, be sure not to miss our next issue, when we launch a new ongoing feature in the first-person tradition of Out & About with Kelli and Suddenly Susan.



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Lady Luck and I have a complicated relationship. She is fickle with me, and I wasn't sure if she would show up for my first poker run. I went anyway.

When I arrived at Lakeside Landing in Riverside, registration for the 9th annual Riverside Poker Run was well underway. The poker run is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Riverside Beautification Organization, which uses the proceeds for community improvements. The members of RBO were decked out in their peach T-shirts, and they were extremely helpful during the registration process.

I signed my name on a list and was handed a large envelop with the number 91 on it. This was my number for the tournament.



The envelope contained rules and instructions, a map of 8 participating docks in Riverside, a list of prizes that could be won at each dock, 5 poker chips with my number on them and one playing card marked with my number on the back.

The object of the game was simple. Players visit each dock by boat, draw a card and assemble a 5-card poker hand. Hands had to be submitted to the judges back at Lakeside Landing, where the player with the best hand would receive \$300. Second place was \$200, and third place was \$100.

There was also a chance to win prizes at each dock by placing a poker chip in a bucket. I could use my chips how I wanted – one at a time, all at once, or split them between two docks. The prizes were donated by sponsors of the poker run, including Coca-Cola, Buffalo Wild Wings, The Ark and more than 20 other lake area businesses.

Because Riverside Landing was the first dock,

the card in my envelope was my first card. It was a 5 of spades, and I hoped it would be lucky for me. I didn't have my own boat, but the ladies of RBO arranged for me to ride on a pontoon boat owned by Riverside's mayor, Rusty Jessup.

The poker run began at 10 a.m., and I was glad to see my ride when it pulled up shortly after. The mayor shouted, "Ahoy, mate," as he approached the dock. He was smiling from ear to ear and dressed in a Hawaiian print shirt and shorts. Country music played on the stereo as he came in cautiously, so as not to scratch the sides of the beautiful blue Bennington.

He welcomed me aboard and introduced me to his nephew, also named Rusty Jessup. He would be playing too. We shook hands and waited for another player to board. His name was Jim, and he chose to sit under the canopy, out of the sun. I sat in the front of the boat. The comfortable bench seat allowed me to prop my legs up and work on my tan.

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We made our way out to the main channel of the river and headed to Dock 5. It belonged to the mayor and his wife, Sandra. He said he wanted to be there to hand out cards, and his nephew would be driving us to the other docks.

When we arrived, the mayor disembarked, and Sandra offered us a cold drink. She asked to see our envelopes and let us choose a card from the container she was holding. I drew a 6, and she wrote a 91 on the back of it with a permanent marker. I decided to put one poker chip in their bucket for a chance to win a Brentwood Coffee Maker, a \$50 Publix gift card and some other prizes.

With our new captain at the helm, we were off to the other docks. The sun was out, the water was smooth and the scenery along the banks of the Coosa River was gorgeous. I enjoyed every minute it took us to reach Dock 3, hosted by John and Christan Brannon. I placed a chip in their bucket for a chance to win an All Access pass to Total Body Fitness, a \$50 gift card to Home Depot and other prizes. Then, after showing my envelope, I selected a card from the basket. I drew another 6.

We went from dock to dock listening to music and

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making small talk. As Rusty would approach a new dock, Jim would read off the list of prizes we could win there. Some docks were decorated more festively than others, but they were all welcoming. Dock 2 had sparkly purple streamers blowing in the wind, a pair of red inflatable dice hanging from the upper deck and other kitschy décor. It was festive and fun. At Dock 4, we were hit with water balloons as we approached. The cool water felt fantastic.

Our last stop was the Mystery Dock. It was hosted by Stanley and Teresa Hammond. It offered players a chance to purchase extra cards to improve their poker hand. Each card was \$5. There was a line of boats at this dock, so we idled and waited. I opened my envelope and looked at my cards. In addition to the 5 of spades, I had collected three sixes, two kings, and a queen. I had a full house, and I was satisfied.

We made it back to Lakeside Landing with 30 minutes to spare. I turned in my poker hand and mingled with the crowd. The air was filled with excitement, non-stop chatter and the smell Copper-tone. Some people were having lunch at the picnic tables in front of Bucks BBQ. Others were sitting in



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front of industrial fans under the awning of the community center. We all were waiting for the winners to be announced.

The ceremony was short and sweet. Mayor Rusty Jessup, RBO member Lisa Boyd, and emcee Christian Brannon took the stage. The chatter stopped and everyone gathered close. The mayor welcomed everyone, and Boyd announced that there were 206 participants in this year's event.

Door prizes were awarded first. Somebody won a free one-year membership to Caribe restaurant. Another won a \$50 Exxon gift card. A cooler and some other prizes were also awarded. Dock prize winners were announced next. I listened carefully for my number to be called. All winning numbers were higher than 100. Someone yelled, "Dig deeper!" as the numbers were being drawn, and everyone laughed.

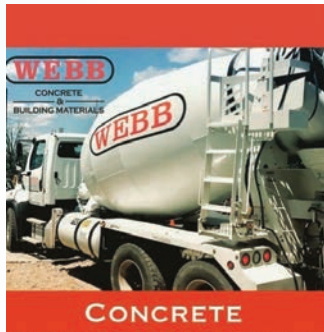
Poker Run winners were announced last. Second and third place winners tied with a straight flush. They each received \$150 in cash. The winning poker hand was a king high straight flush. When the winner came forth to collect \$300 in cash, I recognized her. She had been in the boat next to me at the Mystery Dock.

I recognized her friend too. Her name was Lady Luck.

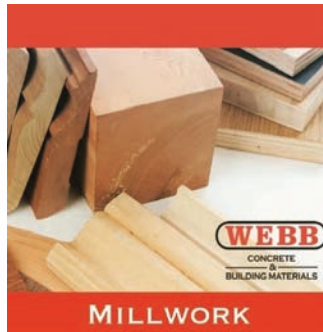


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RECALLING LONG-AGO DAYS IN A TOWN THAT NO LONGER EXISTS

Site of once-thriving community now
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Boaters on Logan Martin frequently pass over the site of Easonville, a town that became part of the lake in the early 1960s.

There are numerous ghost towns and lost cities all over Alabama. Some lost their economic reasons for being, some were bypassed by the major transportation modes of their time, and some ... well, some got bought by Alabama Power and flooded.

Easonville falls into this latter category. Located on what is now the bottom of Logan Martin Lake, Easonville was a thriving community for the first half of the 20th century, consisting of farms, homes, churches, a store with a cotton mill and a school with a noted basketball program. By the early 1960s, however, Alabama Power had decided to dam the Coosa River. In 1963, Easonville ceased to exist, although the cotton gin,

at least one of the churches and some of the houses were relocated.

Edward Harrison of Lincoln grew up in Easonville and attended school there.

At the age of 6, he recalled, he and his older brother and sister started walking about three miles to Pisgah school, which also no longer exists. Buses in those days were privately owned, and there was a bus that took his older siblings to Easonville High, but there wasn't one to Pisgah at that time. Alma Ingram (later Clinkscales) taught him first, second and third grade, in the same room. There was one bathroom, designated for the girls, with the boys expected to go out into the woods, he explained.

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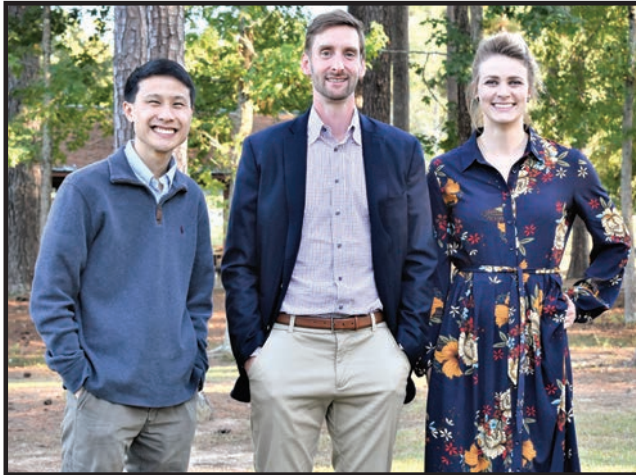
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after 3 p.m. and walk home, I tried the woods, but the bell rang," he said. "No, I did not get a whipping, but I was not pleasant to be near that afternoon."

Eventually, his father agreed to pay 5 cents per child per day to send all of his children to Easonville. There were two grades per classroom there, with a stove in the middle. While the teacher taught one class, the other was expected to study. There were two bathrooms.

At the high school, there was also a basketball court. Former Talladega County Probate Judge and state Sen. Kaiser Leonard played on the team with Harrison's older brother Lonnie. "How he (Leonard) managed to attend Easonville and was a resident of Talladega County, I am not sure, but I was told he paddled a boat across the river. I know he spent a few nights at our house after basketball games."

"Very seldom did Easonville lose a basketball game," he said, although the practice of returning to center court for a toss up following each goal often lead to low-scoring games, such as "20 to 16, or 24 to 20," he said. They also played a short season, since not all of the schools they competed with had indoor gyms at the time. During the Depression, students sold candy bars as part of a contest to win a new basketball. "One morning before school, it was discovered that basketball had been cut open with a knife. They found out who did it, and his father bought the school a new basketball. He took it out of the boy's hide and allowance. He was from a family that had enough to give an allowance. We didn't know what that was in our family."

There was also a girls' basketball team, with six players to a side and uniforms up to their knees, prompting some "concern about what the world was coming to."

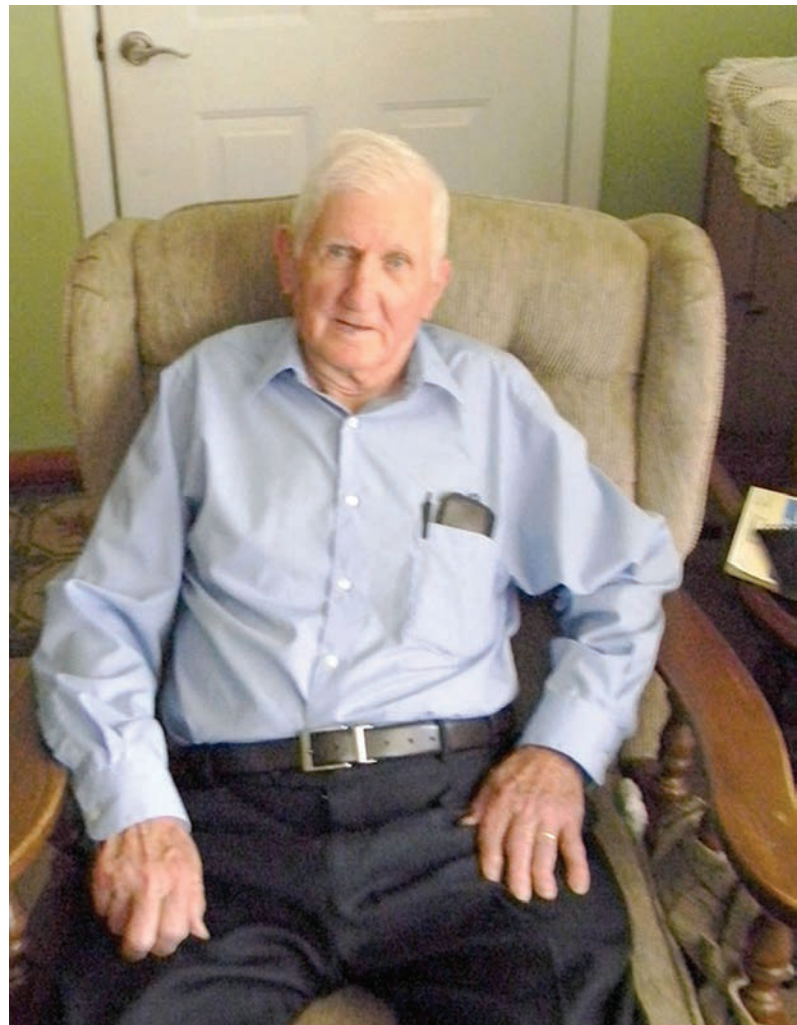
The Harrison family didn't get their first car until 1929, relying on horse and mule cart for transport up to that time. After that, the family started attending church on "preaching day," or the second Sunday of the month. The closest they got to a vacation was visiting family in Anniston. His seventh-grade year, considered the beginning of high school, the county ran out of money, and the school year lasted from October to March. At the beginning of the next year, he and most of his classmates failed the exam to move up to eighth grade, and had to start over. In spite of this, the school managed to grow, and added two new classrooms sometime in the 1930s.

Harrison transferred to Pell City High for his junior and senior years, graduating in 1939. He worked for the A&P earning \$2 per week for much of this time. After graduating, he signed up for job training through the National Youth Administration, earning a remarkable \$14 per month. He also served a stint in the Civilian Conservation Corps, going as far west as Oregon, then returning to Alabama to work in a hardware store. His father survived getting hit by a train, and Harrison moved back home to help out with the farm duties and to care for him. He eventually got work at the powder plant in Childersburg before being drafted.

He was on Saipan preparing for the invasion of Japan when the war ended.

After the war, Harrison came home, settled down, got married and raised three children in Lincoln, became a deacon in his church and built a home of his own.

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Edward Harrison grew up in the now-underwater town of Easonville, which was near Cropwell.

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It's April in **TALLADEGA!**

Beloved community celebration is back in full swing

Written by **BUDDY ROBERTS**
Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

After a two-year hiatus, April in Talladega returns to the lakeside area with a full slate of events for the weekend of April 8-9.

A historical tour and series of community activities organized to promote the city of Talladega's heritage and the preservation of historical properties, April in Talladega has a history dating back more than 40 years, but it was canceled completely in 2020 and considerably downsized in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, "we're restarting it as a big annual event," said Chad Thomas, a spokesman for the Talladega Pilgrimage Council, with stages the event in partnership with the Greater Talladega and Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Hall Museum, the Historic Ritz Theatre, and Hall of Heroes.

This year, coinciding with Talladega's monthly Second Saturday community festival, April in Talladega will include the April on the Square Block Party, beginning at 5 p.m. April 9, featuring live music, local food, arts and crafts, and children's activities.

A highlight of each April in Talladega is the Pilgrimage Tour of the city's historic homes and buildings. The tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, starting at the Jemison-Carnegie Heritage Hall on South Street. Stops on the tour will include:



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The McCullough Home. The original part of this spacious property was built in 1950 by Joe Wallis, publisher of The Daily Home.

The McIntire Home. Built in 1950, the house's original owner was Mary E. Dumas, and it is often still referred to as the Dumas Home.

Vandiver-Avery Apartments. The main portion of this historic residence dates back to the mid-19th century, with additions made in 1917.

Dr. William R. Harvey Museum of Art. On the Talladega College campus, the museum is home to the world-famous Amistad Mutiny murals by Hale Woodruff.

Hall of Heroes Museum. Developed in 2005 when a group of residents began collecting photos and biographical sketches of Talladega County's veterans. It is now open in the former Wood-Weaver Shoe Building on the Court Square.

Heritage Hall. The hall's mission is to promote education and enjoyment of the arts. The



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Museum and Arts Center has been open to the public since 1979 in the historic Silk Stocking District, housed in the former Jemison-Carnegie Public Library building originally built in 1908,

Oak Hill Cemetery. One of Alabama's oldest cemeteries, Oak Hill was established in 1831, three years before Talladega was incorporated, and more than a year before Talladega County was created. Veterans from every American conflict are interred within its 33 acres.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The cornerstone for the historic stone church was first laid in 1898, and the building was completed in 1927. St. Peter's Episcopal has since helped form more than 10 other parishes and churches in central Alabama.

The Ritz Theatre. Opened in the mid-1930s, The Ritz is considered one of the



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best surviving examples of the Art Deco mainstreet theaters of the era. 2022 is the theater's 85th anniversary, and it now boasts new seats, a new sound system, and a renovated facade.

Talladega Court Square. Built in 1836 and featuring styles of Classical architecture, Talladega's Courthouse is the oldest in continuous use in Alabama.

Tickets for the tour are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and children. Adult tickets include admission to a wine and cheese party at Heritage Hall from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Heritage Hall and the chamber of commerce office or online at www.aprilintalladega.org.



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Small but majestic, hummingbirds inspire vibrancy in the lakeside lifestyle

Written by

SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN

Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

Many times while enjoying the shade of the porch while watching others have fun out on the water or when washing dishes at the kitchen sink under the window, my eyes are drawn to these tiny, delicate creatures hovering and darting around red and clear feeders with the trumpet-shaped flowers at the base, where their needle-like beaks slip in and out with accuracy and swiftness.

At the speed of 30 miles per hour and 80 times per second, their wings shimmer in the sunlight as rainbow-colored mirages. I could easily imagine feeling the weight and fluttery softness of their three- to five-inch wings, even though my eyes cannot catch the exact shape due to "the wing beat of a hummingbird, an intangible ephemeral blur" as aptly described by Mira Bartok.

As the smallest species of the Avian class weighing between 2.2 grams to 20 grams, the hummingbird reverberates powerful strength so greatly admired throughout the world,



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especially in Mexico where 60 species are identified. With more than 350 species native in the Americas, 15 types are commonly found in the United States.

The Mayan culture reveres the hummingbirds as brave, courageous fighters. Due to the migratory pattern of the hummingbirds, the Mayans perceive them as a symbol of strength during and after struggles of life. Furthermore, the Mayans say that God has bestowed upon the hummingbird the gift of being great communicators by taking good thoughts and wishes from one person to next, from one place to next. Residents of Central America even wear amulets in a hummingbird shape as good luck in their search for love.

With such vibrancy of color in their wings, adaptability, and swiftness, hummingbirds inspire songs, literature, and wise sayings about joy, happiness, courage, independence, and hope. Their ability to fly backward serves as a reminder that we need to step back to have

more clarity about life. Gaining more clarity revives us as we slow down to drink deeply from the nectar of life to live life lighter and joyfully.

The hummingbird epitomizes the delicate balance of depth and lightness, which is resilience. The sound of humming in their wings reverberates through our consciousness, compelling us to hum. The vibrations from humming uplift us. At least whenever I hum, I cannot help but feel lighter and more joyful. I even hum when savoring a slice of the mouthwatering hummingbird cake. When we hum, feeling the vibration within ourselves revives us with optimism and good energy.

We also delight in the humming of the engine when we ride in the boat or operate the waverunner. We revel in joyrides on the lake, capturing the essence of what the hummingbird symbolizes. Hummingbirds may be tiny, but they are a majestic part of lakeside living. They teach us how we should live our lives with vibrancy.

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Meet Me by the

Written and photographed
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April Clark

April Clark loves color, as was evident by the bright, vivid dress she chose to wear while spending a late morning by the lake at Palm Tree Villa Cove. The multi-color garment included two of her favorites.

"Pink and purple," she said. "They both describe me best. Pink is the color of universal love of oneself and others, and purple is the color of wisdom, nobility, bravery, and spirituality. Colors have meaning. You can express yourself without saying a word. It's universal. I really love teaching color theory to my students."

Clark is the owner of Miss April Fashion Girl, an apparel brand for young girls, and she conducts Sew Fashionable! By Miss April sewing and design classes at her Talladega studio.

Walking through the green lawn on the Logan Martin shoreline, she discussed what motivates her to work with young people, the inspiring atmosphere of the lake, and identified what someone who doesn't know her well might be surprised to know about her.

About Sew Fashionable!: Clark's studio (which opened on Coffee Street last September before moving to its current space on Talladega's Historic Downtown Court Square) hosts after-school sewing and craft classes for students ages 6-17 and weekend sewing classes for adults. Last month, it hosted a spring break Fashion 101 camp. "The students learned how



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to create their own textiles, put together a mini-fashion collection, start their own brand and get their products in the mall – all the things a fashion designer does in the beginning stages.”

The Miss April Fashion Girl Line:

“The clothing line I developed is affordable for parents and stylish for kids. It’s simple, but we play with a lot of colors, patterns, and prints. A significant part of the brand is also to instill confidence in girls.”

Why she enjoys working with youth:

“It’s my purpose. I believe that children need a community of different mentors and friends. If we look at adulthood right, it’s about acting on what you would have wanted done for you or said to you as a child and then providing that to the next generation with your time, gifts and purpose. If we do it right, we could change the world.”

The studio’s Pillow Party on April 9:

“I am so excited about it! April in Talladega is promising to be the biggest block party in Alabama! Parents can enjoy the block party and bring the kids to my studio to have a pillow-making party. They’ll have a choice to build a unicorn or panda pillow. I will also have a nail painting, jewelry making, and coloring and craft station. Whatever they make, they can take home. It’s going to be a fun community event on the Square in downtown Talladega from 5 pm to 9 pm. Space is limited, so register on my website www.missaprilfashiongirl.com.”

The best advice she ever received:

“Four words: Attitude, Intention, Action, Outcome. It was

explained to me that your attitude is your responsibility and having a positive attitude, even in the face of adversity, will set your intention. Start by saying, ‘I am going to have a good day.’ Those words lead to your intentions. What will you plan to accomplish today? And those intentions you set lead to your actions during the day. Throughout the ebbs and flows of the day, what you’ve said and what you’ve set your intentions on will guide your actions and create the outcome you desire.

Miss April’s personal style:

“I just turned 43, and I feel like my personal style is still evolving. I’ve always had a quirky, creative flair balanced with smart basics. I dress for comfort these days, especially working with children. I love good quality basics styled with quality staples. On a casual day I love jeans and a graphic tee with a great motorcycle jacket. On the rare occasion that I dress up I like to keep it simple and exaggerate on the accessories and shoes.”

Three things she can’t live without:

“Jesus, my sanity, and coffee.”

If stranded on the hypothetical desert island with one meal, one book, and one type of music:

“My meal would be catfish, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, cornbread, peach cobbler and sweet tea. The book would be a blank sketchbook, and the music would be inspirational music.”

Something an acquaintance might be surprised to know about her:

“I played basketball. Because of what I do in fashion, I think it’s hard to picture me as an athlete.”

Being by the water:

“It’s my favorite place to create and relax. The lake is one of my favorite places to be. I love to nap by the water in the summer. I feel serene here.”





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April 1

SPRING MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

The fellowship hall of St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church hosts this event organized by the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association. Starting at 6 p.m., the event will be a sock hop, with music by David Carboni and his 50s Band. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1950s attire. Prospective LMLPA members can join at the social, and members can sign up for the annual Logan Martin Lake cleanup event. For more details, call 256-239-0242 or visit www.lmlpa.org.

April 2-9

RENEW OUR RIVERS

The annual initiative to keep Logan Martin Lake and the Coosa River clean is organized by the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association. Cleanup sites will be open between 8 a.m. and noon on April 2 and 9 to provide supplies (gloves, t-shirts, bags) to participants. Full bags of trash collected along the shoreline are to be returned to designated collection sites. For more information, call or text Bud Kitchin at 256-239-0242. For a list of collection sites, visit www.lmlpa.org.

April 8

TARGET ALS ALABAMA CLAY SHOOT

The fundraising event is scheduled for 7 a.m.-5 p.m. at Orvis Shooting Grounds at Pursell Farms, 560 Farm Links Blvd., Sylacauga. It supports Alabama's ALS community by generating funds to further the mission of discovering treatments and a cure for the neurodegenerative disease. For more details, visit www.als.org/alabama/events.

April 9

EGGAPALOOZA 2022

The Childersburg Park and Recreation Center (300 First Street SW) hosts this event for children ages 10 and younger from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will begin with a telling of the Easter story, followed by an egg hunt with prizes for the most eggs found in each of three age groups. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos with children, and free hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be available, as will 2,000 prize-filled eggs. For more information, call 256-378-6225.

April 9

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April 16

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April 23-24

GEICO 500 WEEKEND

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April 23-24

NATIVE AMERICAN DANCE & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

This annual spring festival honors Native American culture, features some of the best crafts exhibitors in the Southeast, and offers a large variety of food booths. The lakeside community of Childersburg hosts the festival. For full details, call 256-378-5482 or email pbstorey@childersburg.com.

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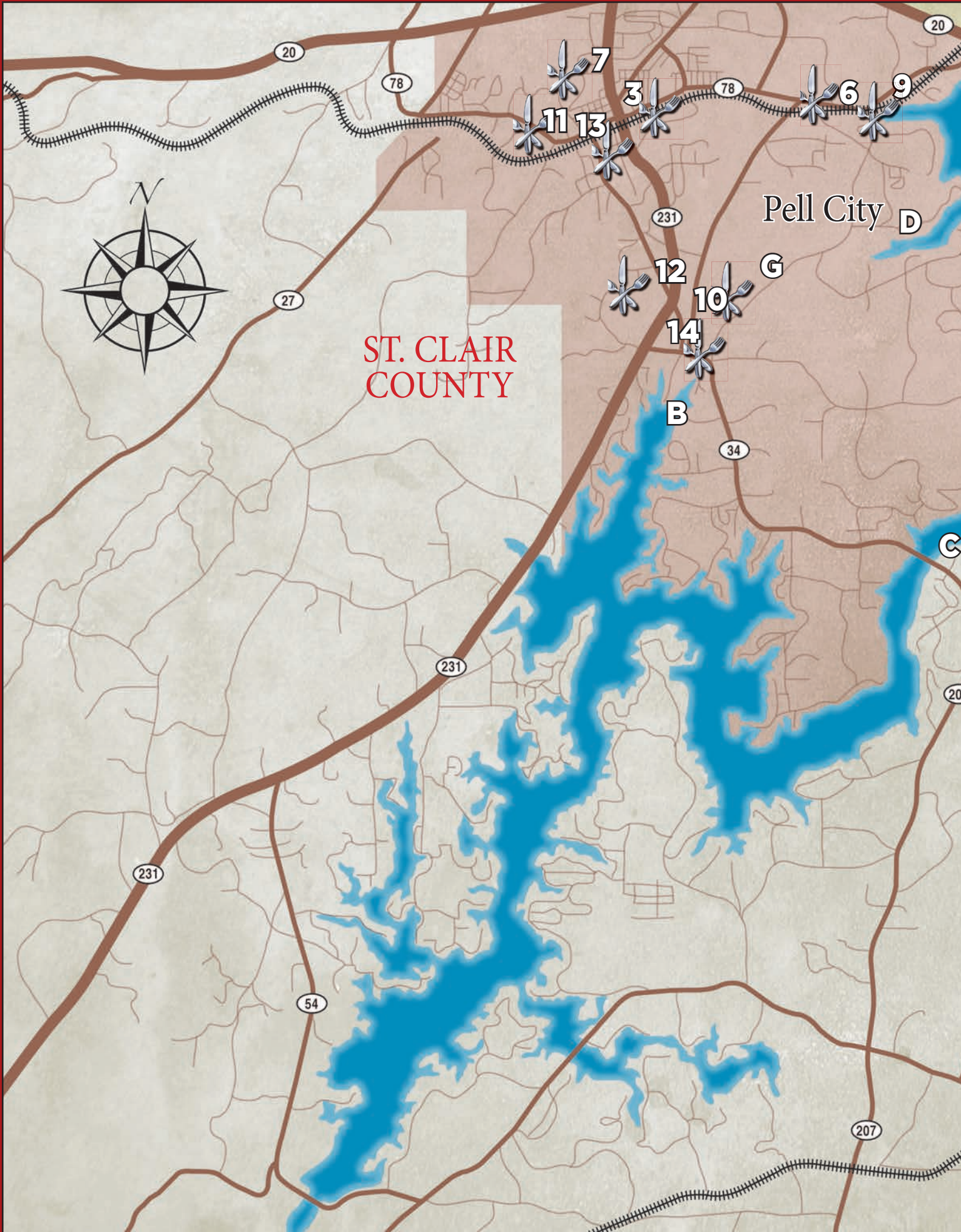
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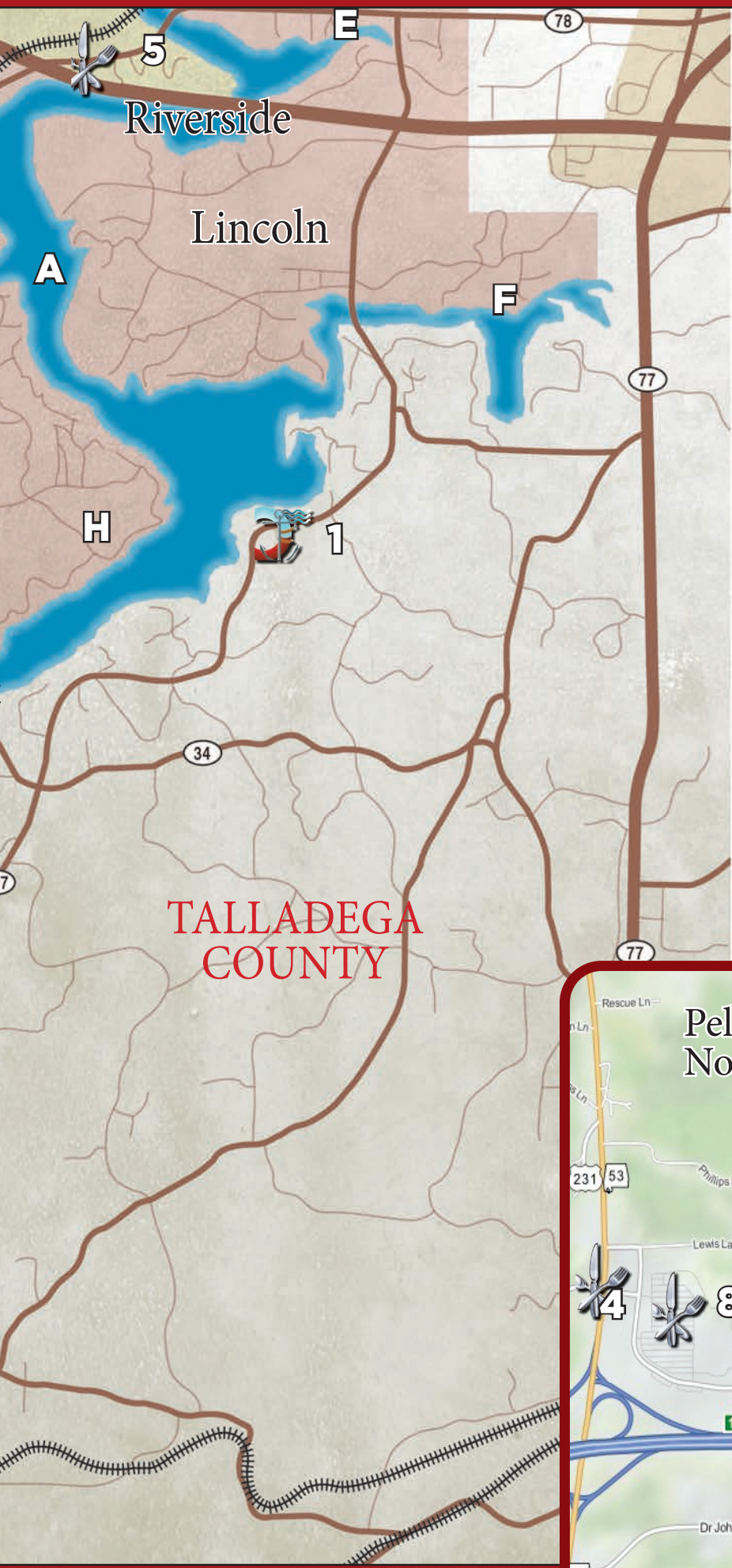
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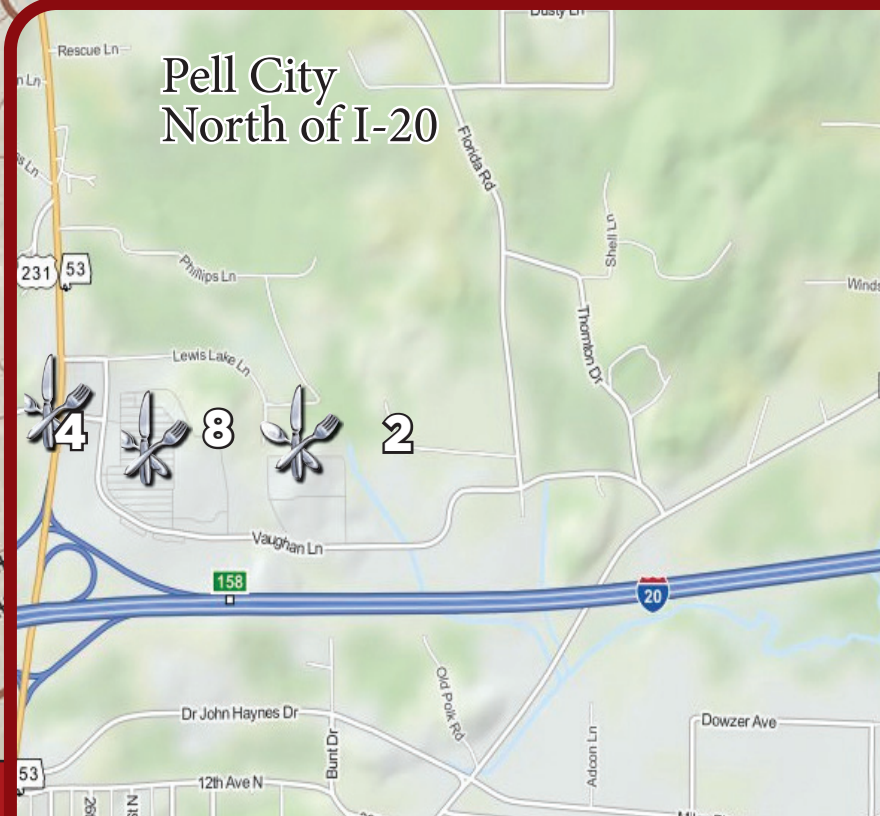
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Character-filled cabin on the St. Clair shoreline offers plenty of amenities for enjoying the lakeside lifestyle



Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**
Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

Prospective home buyers looking for a waterfront cabin on Logan Martin Lake will want to see the property at 160 Mohican Drive in Pell City.

The one-story, single-family home was constructed in 1972. Full of character and situated on less than an acre, it has three bedrooms and four full bathrooms within its 2,424-square-foot interior.

The living room has a vaulted wood ceiling with exposed beams, large colonial windows that allow for plenty of natural light, a set of double doors that lead to a wooden deck for enjoying breathtaking views of the lake, a ceiling fan, a vintage light fixture, a brick accent wall, and a gas fireplace.

The kitchen has a quaint appeal. With the natural light shining through from the living area, recessed

lighting further illuminates the kitchen. It has brown floor tile, ample cabinets for storage, white countertops, a built-in dishwasher, microwave, a double-door refrigerator, and an electric stove. Adjacent to the kitchen is the dining room with a wood vaulted ceiling and large double doors that lead to an enclosed sunroom.

Other features include a bonus room upstairs that could be used as a study or office and a completely finished basement that could be used as a den or additional bedroom. The basement has a full bath, storage area and large workspace.

Exterior amenities include a private dock, a large fenced-in sloped backyard, patio, and a circular driveway.

The property lists at \$569,900. For more information, call Blair Fields with Fields/Gossett Realty at 205-884-2300.



Lakeside area agent enjoys making a difference in the lives of others

Written by VALLEAN JACKSON
Submitted photo

Dawn Williams is enthusiastic when she talks about what she does.

"I can see myself doing real estate for the long haul," she says. "I mean absolutely! I love what I do. It is truly a blessing to be able to do what you love everyday. The only thing I regret is not starting in this career field long ago."

She worked in banking for more than three decades but feels as though she has always had a hand in real estate even before becoming a full time agent.

Now with Remax Hometown Properties, Williams believes that her determination, patience, and 36 years of experience with mortgages and accounting help her to stand out as an agent. As she is approaching her third year in real estate, she loves being able to guide her clients through the home buying process.

"I have quite a few favorite selling experiences, but one that comes to mind is when I helped a first-time home buyer. As we sat at the table, she began to cry. Her tears showed her happiness, how grateful she was, and her appreciation within that moment. That day just warmed my heart so much. Then I remember the family I helped where they were expecting and trying to be in their home before the baby came. The baby came a little earlier

than expected, but to know that they were going to be able to have a home to come to made a big difference in their lives. Every story is unique and dear to me. I truly care about my clients and want the best for them."

Williams says the reason she loves real estate is because she comes from a family of builders. She loves houses, enjoys helping people, and real estate is a great blend of all the things she loves.

"Before stepping into real estate, I was fearful at first, but it became time for me to take a leap of faith and do what I have always wanted to do. I started out doing it part-time, but since last year, I decided to pursue being an agent full-time and could not be happier."

When it comes to prospective home buyers, Williams advises being ready. Purchase sooner than later, as houses are not staying on the market long. "It is important to have an agent that is willing to watch the market for you. Be prequalified, of course, but being ready to move on a deal is essential. Rates are starting to go up, and higher rates can affect the amount a buyer can qualify for," she added.

A native of Oxford who currently resides in Pell City, Williams' favorite activity is spending time with her family.



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1-5 1ST AVENUE S #1-5, PELL CITY, \$25,000. Great Building Lot - Duplex, Two Family Dwellings, or single family Dwelling. MLS 1312182



385 EUREKA ROAD, LINCOLN, \$605,000.

WOW! What a view!!! This newly renovated beauty is a diamond in the rough. Nestled on a 1.4 acre level lot on Logan Martin Lake. This beautiful Log cabin has very spacious living space for entertainment. Plenty of room for the whole family 5 bedrooms 4.5 baths. Several living areas. You will love the cute breakfast room plus dining room, The kitchen is newly remodeled with stainless appliances, granite countertops and a eat up bar. The home has a new roof and gutters (2020), Unfinished basement (2020), as well as an addition to the back side of the house (2020). Also, if you want to do some boating the boat house comes with an electric lift and sun deck! Concrete circular drive and boat launch. Detached storage building with garage door for easy access w/ window unit. All this plus plenty of Charm a must to see. MLS 1289873



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13 Hickory Lane, Pell City, 39,900. 4 acre wooded lot in Odenville. Located Hickory Ln subdivision. Restricted to 1400+ SF site-built homes. Sorry, no mobile homes allowed. MLS 1301614



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6232 RAINBOW ROW, PELL CITY, \$839,900.

Best view on the water! The moment you pull up to this home you will fall in love with the beautifully landscaped yard. This home offers Sprinkler System. When you walk in the front door you will love the shiplap, barn doors & openness of the formal dining area & living room with large windows that provide natural light & amazing views of the lake. The kitchen is open with amazing custom pecky cypress

cabinets. From the Kitchen you can walk right out onto the trex built deck & screened porch perfect for enjoying the view. The main level offers 3 bedrooms including a large master bedroom that opens right up to the deck. The second level has 2 master bedrooms with tile showers. This home has so many amenities including a safe room, bonus room, 2nd living space, cameras with DVR system, large open patio & a Spider be gone system. Fenced yard. The property offers a boardwalk along the lakefront. Piers for your use, boat launch, club house with inground pool. Common grounds for your family. MLS 1291507



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MLS #1313391
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**39 Haven Circle, Land/Lots
Riverside, AL 35135**
MLS #1305821
\$97,777

Beautiful waterfront lot in Riverside Estates. Ideal for building a home. No mobile homes per covenants. Riverside estates covenants and restriction apply. Also, City of Riverside regulations and zoning. Gated community boat launch just for residents of Riverside Estates. Absolutely awesome sunsets to enjoy each day. Old survey on record. Great opportunity to live on Logan Martin Lake.



5705 May's Bend Road | Pell City, AL 35128
MLS #1292660 **\$495,000**

Beautiful farm with approximately 15 +/- acres being resurveyed. Awesome home with great floor plan with high ceilings in family room. Huge brick fireplace in family room. Cool kitchen with beautiful tile which opens to eating area. Master bedroom and bath on main floor along with extra bedroom on main floor. Big sunroom with pella windows in that room overlooking yard and pasture. Spacious bedrooms in home with hardwood floors in several. Upstairs railing overlooking family room along with great view of inground pool. The pool needs some TLC so it is not open. Fantastic view of pastures and storage building for all your farm needs. Big parking for Rv or boat. Absolutely stunning views all over the property with beautiful crepe myrtles. Beautiful Magnolia in yard to enjoy. Great farm for horses and cows which are presently on the property. This is a fabulous farm that is ideal for a big family. Close to airport, Public, restaurants and shopping. Must have appointment to show!



**1202 Blueberry St.
Pell City, AL 35128**
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265 Madison Lane
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333 Montclair Circle
Oxford, AL 36203
MLS# 1311624
\$189,900

This delightful 3 bed 2 bath home is move in ready. Located in the Oxford school system, this home is in a great proximity to restaurants and shopping. This home has BEAUTIFUL features, such as, vaulted ceilings, stone fireplace, spacious spare bedrooms, and much more! The master bedroom is LARGE and has a door leading out to the open deck. Off of the living room is a size-able room that could be used for a game room, play room, man cave, etc. This home is a MUST SEE and WILL NOT last long!



394 Center Star Rd,
Pell City, AL 35125
MLS# 1313884
\$189,900

Located minutes from shopping, restaurants, and entertainment, this cozy 3 bed 1 bath home is a MUST SEE! This charming layout features a den and a living room. The kitchen boasts solid surface countertops and stainless steel appliances. Beautiful characteristics of this home include plantation shutters and a white wash gas fireplace. New updates include fresh paint and retiling of the patio. The almost 3 acres houses a shop with one bay, electricity, and a gas heater. Also on the property are two storage units. The charm, acreage, and location make this home desirable and it WILL NOT last long!



218 Brian St.
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 1299772
\$189,900

Come see this 3 bed 2.5 bath home. This home has a large family room on the main level that leads out to the beautiful deck and large flat backyard. On the second level you will find the kitchen with an island and an eat-in breakfast area. The second level is also home to the master bedroom and bathroom, two spare bedrooms, and a full bathroom. In the very large fenced backyard you will find a large storage building with power and a garage door, perfect for storing your lawn mower. This home will not last! Schedule your showing today!



510 W Parkway Ave.
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 1310172
\$159,900

In the market for a spacious 4 bed 2.5 bath home? This house is for you! This home has features such as, GORGEOUS hardwood floors, built in storage, large bedrooms, and much more! The kitchen has new stainless steel appliances and tons of storage. The large master bedroom has a side room that can be converted into a LARGE closet. The storage in the master bathroom is not in short supply and also offers an area for seating. The house has been recently insulated and uses one gas and one electric heating system. Outside of the home you will find a work shop with electricity with an above ground pool. Don't forget about location, this home is in walking distance to R.L. Young. This house is a MUST SEE and will not last long!



475 River Forest Lane #2240
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329 Greystone Lane
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS #131288
\$159,900

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135 Hamilton Ln.
Riverside, AL, 35135
MLS# 1300570
\$369,900 LAKE FRONT

This 3 bed 2 bath home in Riverside is a MUST SEE! The home has been recently painted and new flooring added. This home features a wood burning marble fire place. The large deck gives you a wonderful lake view. The home also has two drive ways, a workshop, and a storage building. The workshop has power and cabinets. Schedule your showing today to see the many features this BEAUTIFUL home has!



78094 HIGHWAY 77
LINCOLN, AL 35096
MLS# 1310989
\$169,900

Location, location, location! This 3 bed 2 bath home is minutes from Lincoln schools, Honda, and restaurants. Standout features of this home include a built in china cabinet, a LARGE sunroom, a wood burning stone fireplace, and much more! Recent updates to this home are a new hot water heater, roof, painting, ac unit, and laminate hardwood flooring. This home offers spacious rooms, such as, the kitchen, living room, and dining room. The master bathroom features a GORGEOUS walk in, tile shower! This home has so much to offer and will not last long



86 Anjill Street
Talladega, AL 35160
MLS# 1312932
\$109,900

Come see this quaint 2 bed 1 bath home in Talladega. The front door opens to a bright and inviting spacious living room. The large kitchen features new appliances and a beautiful view of the back yard. The full bath has been renovated with GORGEOUS tile floors, paint, and a large vanity. This home has spacious living spaces throughout the home; perfect for entertaining. The LARGE back yard has a privacy fence, a storage building, and a covered deck. The HVAC was recently replaced as well.. Located close to town but with the peacefulness of country living. It WILL NOT LAST LONG!



100 Water's Edge Cir.
Alpine, AL 35014
MLS #129882
\$559,000
LAKE ACCESS

The CUSTOMIZED 3 bed 2.5 bath home minutes from the Alpine Bay Golf Course is a MUST SEE!! This home has technology enhancements such as an Alexa system, Nest thermostat, water filtration system in the kitchen, and a built-in generator that will run the entire house. New light fixtures have been installed throughout the house. There is a beautiful office on the main level with beautiful french doors. This HUGE customized kitchen has lots of cabinet storage, lazy suzan, huge walk-in pantry, central vacuum system, and an Alexa light. Other CUSTOM features include, shelving in the foyer, laundry room storage, and outdoor lighting. The home also has its own designated boat slip, walking trails, and a golf cart ride away from Alpine Bay Golf Course. Come see all of the amazing features this home has to offer!



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UNDER CONTRACT

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\$350,000

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1303 Blueberry Street
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1012 Coosa Island Road, Cropwell
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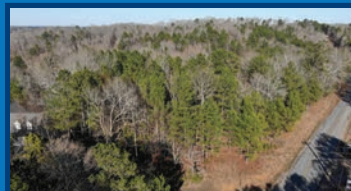
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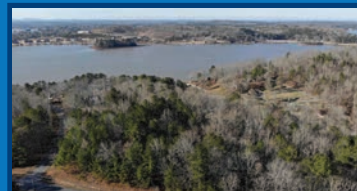
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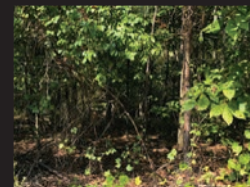
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\$1,250,000 - 6308 Harmon Dr. - EXQUISITE HOME on Logan Martin with this 2-story 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths home that features open floor plan of the kitchen and living room with amazing views of the lake. Finished basement with 2-car garage and beautifully landscaped yard. MLS #1311722 Call Jenny Richey 256/504-1631



\$400,000 - 1806 19th St., S. - PRICED UNDER APPRAISED VALUE! This unique designed 2 bedroom home with lots of amenities; large beams in the living room with wood floors and fireplace, open floor plan into the kitchen with wood beams, granite counter top and slate floors. Plus (2) pantry areas, bonus room could serve as another bedroom, sunroom, den with slate floors and Upstairs has bedroom and private bath. Master bedroom with large master bath, enormous shower, walk in tub and double commode areas. Detached (2) car garage with workshop and located on approx. 5 ACRES close to town. MLS #1307237 Call Lawrence 205/812-6135 or Brenda 205/812-4141



\$639,000 - 67 Treasure Island Lane - NATURE LOVER'S DREAM HOME on Logan Martin Lake has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Great room with fireplace, large kitchen with wrap around bar and dining area and boasts lots of cabinet space and beautiful tile countertops. The (2) upstairs bedrooms are roomy and share a double sink bathroom. Two workshops located in the basement and the yard includes mature trees and garden space. MLS #1301444 Call Tina 205/337-8509



\$349,000 - 172 River Terrace Dr. - YEAR ROUND WATER with this 2 bedroom, 3 bath modular home with large open family room with gas fireplace and large sunroom overlooking the lake. Located downstairs in the daylight basement two rooms used as bedrooms, spacious bathroom, family room and kitchen with some recent updates. MLS #1311979 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$499,900 - 111 Lakeside Valley Dr. - UNDER CONSTRUCTION in one of the newest subdivision with Lake Access! View the lake with this 4 bedroom, 3 bath 1.5 story home with vaulted ceiling in the family room with fireplace, dining and kitchen all in open floor plan design. Off the kitchen is a butlers pantry and adjoins with large walk in pantry. Upstairs has one bedroom or study with private bath. 2-car garage and located on cul de sac lot. MLS 1306780. Call Bill 205-884-2300.



\$202,000 - 6850 Briarwood Dr. - CHARMING 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1.5 story home, updated family room with fireplace and beautiful bamboo flooring, also in hallway and all bedrooms. The unfinished basement has more potential space and one car garage and a spacious fenced in backyard. Convenient with only minutes to shopping, schools and churches. MLS #1309231 Call Laurie 205.365-3639



\$259,900 - 360 Rabbit Branch Rd. - BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING with this 4 bedroom 2 bath one level full brick home with family room with fireplace, teak hardwood floors, master bath remodeled and new carpet in master bedroom, new heat pump in 2020 and other updated amenities. Large storage building or workshop. Home is conveniently located on approx. one acre and minutes from Logan Martin Lake and town. MLS #1309963 Call Jenny Frey 205/405-0280



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