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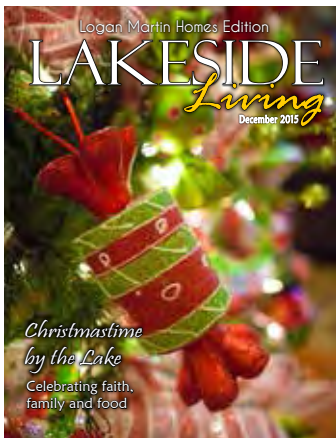
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5. Go out with at least one other person whenever possible.
6. Pack properly. Remember your fishing gear, but also dress for the weather, bring water and bring your phone.

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December 2015

Dec 01, 2015	POOR	Evening
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Dec 06, 2015	POOR	Morning
Dec 07, 2015	GOOD	Morning
Dec 08, 2015	GOOD	Morning
Dec 09, 2015	POOR	Morning
Dec 10, 2015	POOR	Morning
Dec 11, 2015	POOR	Evening
Dec 12, 2015	POOR	Evening
Dec 13, 2015	POOR	Evening
Dec 14, 2015	GOOD	Evening
Dec 15, 2015	GOOD	Evening
Dec 16, 2015	BEST	Evening
Dec 17, 2015	BEST	Evening
Dec 18, 2015	POOR	Morning
Dec 19, 2015	POOR	Morning
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Dec 21, 2015	FAIR	Morning
Dec 22, 2015	FAIR	Morning
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FROM THE EDITOR

Clowning around and illogical logic

Therein lies the difference between pantomime and clowning.

"Clowns aren't actors. If you're watching an actor, you're watching a slice of life. A clown is not trying to be realistic. The humor is physical, wild action and then splat, and often illogical. If a clown wants to hide, he puts his hand over his eyes, and he's invisible. It's illogical logic."

Hank is the only clown you'll find in this issue of Lakeside Living. Instead of illogical logic, we offer some recipes for traditional holiday cooking from our good friend June Winters, a few suggestions for yuletide gift ideas and visits to lakeside vintner Bryant Vineyards and Cayce Johnson's house to learn about her home business. Here's hoping you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed the story Hank told me about Grock the musical clown.

"He was playing the piano, and when he sat down, the piano bench was too far away from the piano. So he got up and moved the piano instead of the bench. It makes a whole lot of sense unless you think about it."

I've always been fascinated by theater and performing arts, especially theatrical history. Recently I was reading about British pantomime, a mélange of song, dance, slapstick comedy and audience participation that developed in England 300 years ago and traditionally performed during the holiday season.

Pantomime storylines usually made no direct reference to Christmas, as they were almost always based on fairy tales from the Grimm Brothers, popular novels of the day and even *The Arabian Nights*. From pantomime developed harlequinade, in which the principal roles were performed by clowns.

And that reminded me of the time I met Hank Blount.

He was sporting a red derby above his round spectacles and neat gray beard and brandishing scissors in his right hand, basking in the chorus of "Cooooo!" he'd earned from an audience of fifth graders who were amazed by his seemingly magical ability to cut a rope into pieces and fuse them back into a complete strand.

"Do you know how that trick was done?" he asked, answered by 25 oscillating heads. "If you'd like to know, I have one question. How many people here can read? If you can read, you have the potential to find out how to do that trick, because books" – he produced one about stage magic – "tell you how. You can learn incredible things from books."

It's an age-old adage that a prestidigitator never reveals his secrets, but it was a matter of principle for Hank.

"I have too much of a conscience," he told me while munching on a granola bar after the children had left. "I feel bad cheating without telling people what I'm doing."

Hank owned The Almost Perfekt Clown Company, having begun his performing career with a mime troupe while he was still in high school. From there, he decided to study theater instead of physics at Simpson College in Iowa, worked an apprenticeship with the Wisconsin Mime Company, joined a three-ring circus and worked with Marcel Marceau, the performer who introduced pantomime to the United States.

"Mime is more than acting without words," he said. "It deals with stylized movements and conventions which present the unseen world. Pantomime can be a means of communication which is universally understood."

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Local vintner produces fine wine on lakeside homestead

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS
Photos by BOB CRISP

An old holiday song extolls the virtues of mistletoe and wine in yuletide celebrations. Local residents may be on their own when it comes to collecting sprigs of the festive parasitic plant, but the wine is easily found on Logan Martin Lake at the oldest continuously operating winery in Alabama.

Bryant Vineyard produces five vintages from muscadine grapes grown on property that has been owned by the same family since the mid-1800s. "These fields have been

used to grow cotton, corn and soybeans, but my father planted the first vine here in 1965," said Dan Bryant, who has operated the vineyard with his wife Tonya since Kelly Bryant, now 77, retired earlier this year. "He kept planting, and five acres later, we have a vineyard."

Initially, the muscadines were only used for family-produced jams and jellies, but Kelly Bryant began experimenting with fermentation, eventually receiving the second winery license granted by the state in 1985.



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Bryant Vineyard's medal-winning vintages: Dixie Gold, Autumn Blush and Dixie Blush.



"We're a small, family-owned business that started off as a hobby that got way out of control," Dan Bryant said.

The vineyard is at 1454 Griffitt Bend Road in Talladega, where the winery is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and by appointment other days for sales and free tastings.

"The beauty of coming to a winery is that you get to try everything for yourself," Tonya Bryant said. "And if you have out-of-town guests and want to bring them by, but they won't be here Thursday through Saturday, we do our best to accommodate them."

Bryant Vineyard products are available at Lakeside Package in Pell City, The Cotton Patch, CC's Package and Dega Brew House in Talladega and at some area Piggly Wiggly stores. The winery's offers five vintages.

- Dixie Gold, 2014 gold medal winner at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition, the world's largest charitable wine contest. A blend of white muscadines, it has a fresh, tangy, fruity flavor. The sweetest of Bryant's vintages, it contains 80 percent carlos, the most

common white muscadine used for winemaking.

- Dixie Blush, winner of the Finger Lakes International 2014 silver medal, is a creek muscadine rosé. Semi-dry, it has an intense aroma and long finish. "Over the years, it's always been a favorite," Tonya said. "One sniff, and you're hooked."

- Autumn Blush, a blended rosé.
- Festive Red, a fruity-semi-dry vintage Bryant prepares in limited quantities. Made with 100 percent Noble muscadines, its lingering grape flavor makes it an excellent dinner wine.

- Peach. Sweet and aromatic with candied peach flavors, it's a popular gift wine.

"It's hard for us to choose a favorite," Tonya Bryant said, "but the Dixie Blush is always a good choice. A lot of people enjoy the Dixie Gold because of its sweetness. People tend to go with sweeter varieties when they start drinking wine and move toward drier labels later on. If you're taking a bottle to a party or giving one as a gift, the Autumn Blush might be your best choice."

The intense fruity taste, balanced

sweetness and distinctive aromas of Bryant Vineyard's vintages are attributable to the thick-skinned muscadines, which Dan Bryant describes as "the native grape of the South. They're very easy to grow here, and they're resistant to diseases. You don't have to spray the vines. They just rock along fine with no problems, and they'll make a very good wine. You can expect a refreshing, crisp and balanced semi-sweet profile from our white wines, and a rich, full-bodied grape flavor from our red wine."

While the Bryants may recommend certain vintages, "we would never presume to tell someone what they should or should not like," Tonya said. "People sometimes seem apologetic when they tell us they're not 'wine connoisseurs,' but that's not important. When you're trying a wine, just let your palate experience the full flavor of it and decide if you like it or not. It's that simple."

In offering their vintages to the public, the current winery operators say they are proud to be carrying on a tradition started by Kelly and Susan Bryant.

"We wouldn't be where we are today without Kelly and Susan," Tonya Bryant said. "As the second generation at the winery, we're carrying on their legacy,



The changing hues of muscadine vine leaves makes Bryant Vineyard a colorful and picturesque setting in late autumn.

and we hope someday our two sons will continue to carry it on.”

Dan Bryant, a retired firefighter, is modest about his own efforts as winemaker.

“All I do is what my father told me to do,” he said. “He did all the work, but after 30 years, I hope we’ve learned how to do things a little better than when we started out.”

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LAKESIDE RETAILERS HAVE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THIS CHRISTMAS

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS

Photos by BOB CRISP,

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For those looking for the perfect gifts this Christmas – whether that means jewelry, gifts for the home, clothing or floral décor – lakeside retailers can help take the stress out of holiday shopping, as a sampling of recommendations from local merchants attests.

Main Street Drugs

2319 Cogswell Avenue, Pell City

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Elf Magic figures for children are expected to be a “hugely popular item this Christmas,” owner Jennifer Eddy said. “Unlike The Elf on the Shelf, Elf Magic elves are made to be interactive. You can play with them, dress them up and take them places. They really celebrate the spirit of the season.”

Main Street Drugs also stocks popular Mercury glass ornaments and other décor items, and shoppers looking for a “one-of-a-kind” gift may find what they’re looking for among the store’s inventory of locally-produced t-shirts.



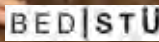
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At right: A few of the hundreds of charms that can be attached to Endless bracelets.

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A trusted purveyor of fine gifts for more than 60 years, Griffins continues to offer a variety of options this holiday season, including the following recommendations from its staff.

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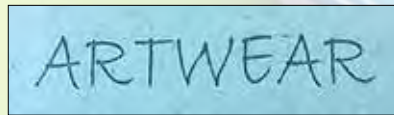


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Endless Jewelry. Starting at \$39, the bracelets are available in single, double and triple bands to which charms may be added. Twelve colors are available, and there are several hundred charms in the collection. Collegiate-themed charms are proving popular locally.

- The new Together two-stone diamond ring. “The story to this ring is that one diamond is for your best friend, and one is for your true love,” said Michael Abernathy, who manages Griffins Pell City store. “Being in love is great, but being in love with your best friend is even better.”
- The Jerusalem Cross, available at the Talladega

store only. “These pieces of jewelry are actually produced in Jerusalem, and they’re especially popular among people who would like to visit the Holy Land but have not had the chance to,” Abernathy said. “It’s a very unique gift, and the quality is exceptional. It’s a unique gift, and it’s really a prize for us to have it.”

- High-quality Santa Claus figurines by Pipka and holiday ornaments by Ne’Qwa Art, which also produces ornaments suitable for year-round display.
- The Beatriz Ball Collection, unique handmade metalware such as picture frames, serving dishes, salad bowls and candlesticks.

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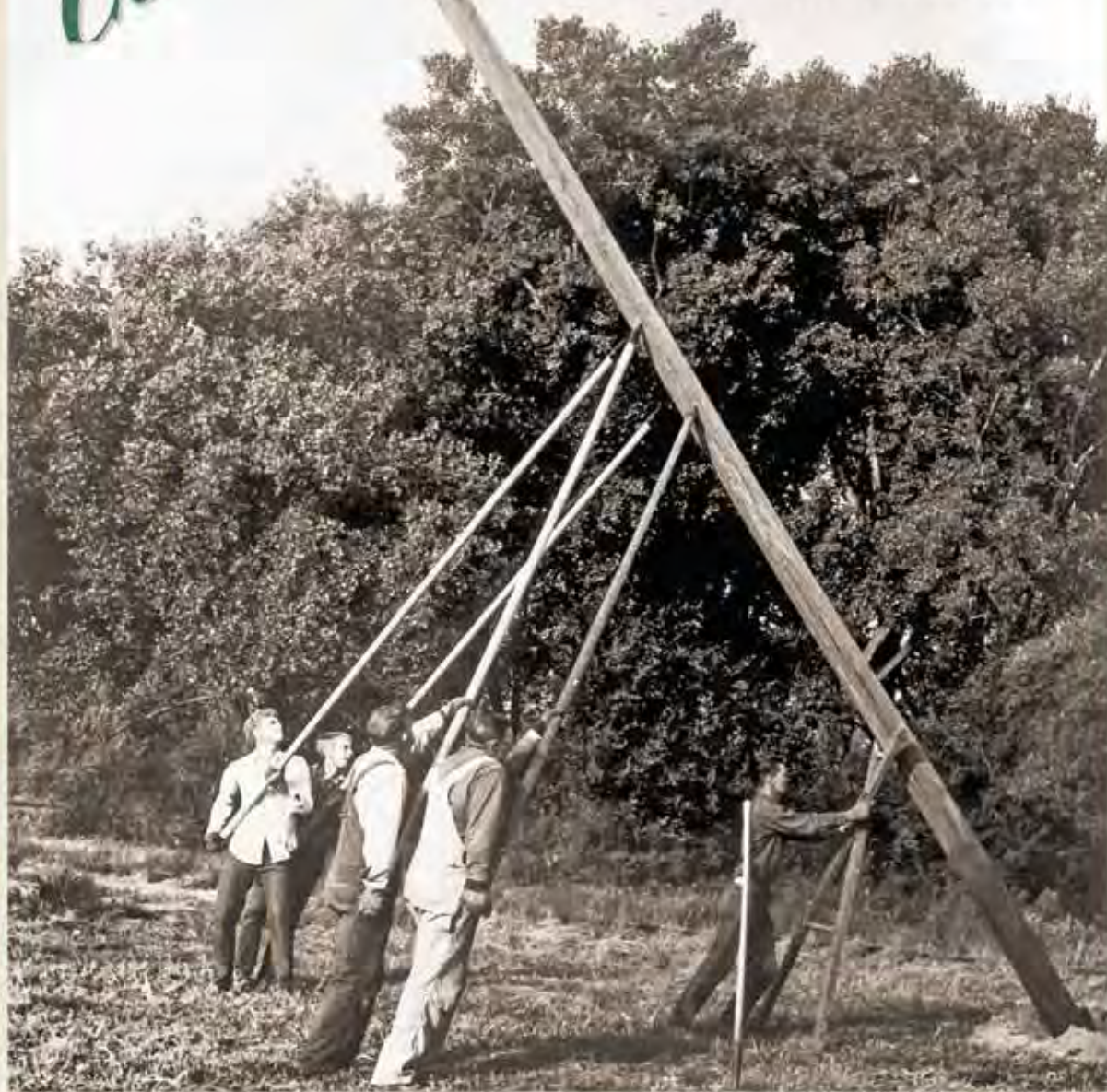


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"The top three things for this Christmas would be anything plaid, fringed and fur," said owner Linda Champion. Her shop offers clothing in all women's sizes, including young divas (pre-teen) and juniors.

Plaid is a surprisingly popular trend this season, especially in shirts, and fringes are popular on blouses and such accessories as boots and necklaces. Fur items -- "Faux fur, really," Champion said -- such as vests and coats are expected to be sought-after gift items this season. 



At left and below: Lou Bell's Boutique has a fine selection of current seasonal trends, such as fur and plaid.



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Toast the season with holiday cocktails



Story by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

Photos by **BOB CRISP**

As hosts contemplate the raising of cocktail glasses at their festive holiday parties, Lakeside Package in Pell City offers the apéritifs and accompaniments sure to keep everyone in good spirits this season.

Blair Goodgame, owner of the firewater emporium “dedicated to bringing the Logan Martin community the finest in spirits, wine, craft beer and party accessories,” offered a few recommendations of popular beverages worthy of having on hand for the holidays.

Beer: “People are starting to stray from the traditional brands in search of local brews right now,” Goodgame said. “Our Birmingham brew selection includes varieties from Avondale, Cahaba, Good People, and Trim Tab, along with Back Forty options out of Gadsden.”

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• Magnificent Wine Company's House Wine Red, a vintage that "offers a little something for everyone, including berry fruit flavors that are easy-drinking, light and likeable. It fulfills the label's promise of a tasty house red."

• Chateau St. Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon, an "inviting cab that has plenty of complexity and structure with silky tannins. It pairs well with bleu cheese, duck, veal, beef or dark chocolate."

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Goodgame also offered four of her favorite holiday cocktail recipes. All of the ingredients called for are available at Lakeside Package.



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2 ounces Bulleit Rye Whiskey

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Luxardo maraschino cherry, for garnish ("Imported from Italy in a thick syrup, it will truly be the best cherry you every try.")

Directions:

Chill a cocktail glass. Half fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add the vermouth first, then the whiskey. Stir well. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Then add the bitters and garnish with a cherry.

Lakeside Sangria

Ingredients:

1 gallon red wine

1/2 cup brandy

1/2 cup triple sec

1 container frozen limeade

2 oranges, sliced

2 lemons, sliced

2 limes, sliced

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in a large dispenser and stir. "Then let your guests help themselves. Believe it or not, you can please everyone with this one."

Mulled Cider

Ingredients:

4 quarts apple cider

1 cup dark rum

6-8 cinnamon sticks

1/4 cup granulated sugar

Peels of 4 oranges

Directions:

In a large sauce pot, heat cider with cinnamon sticks and orange peels to boiling over high heat. Next, add the rum and reduce heat to low, then cover and simmer for about 30 minutes. Serve the hot cider in warm mugs accompanied by cinnamon stick stirrers.

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Buttered Rum

Ingredients

1 stick unsalted butter, softened

2 cups light brown sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg

Pinch ground cloves

Pinch salt

Bottle dark rum

Boiling water

Directions:

In a bowl, cream together the butter, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Refrigerate until almost firm. Spoon about 2 tablespoons of the butter mixture into 12 small mugs. Pour about 3 ounces of rum into each mug (filling about halfway). Top with boiling water (to fill the remaining half), stir well, and serve immediately.

"This recipe is courtesy of Emeril Lagasse, 2002." 

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Lucky's has a new name and great gift ideas

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS

Photos by BOB CRISP

Lucky's Sporting Goods in Cropwell hopes to be "your one-stop hunting and fishing store" this Christmas, according to owner Aaron Roberts.

The retailer has both a new inventory and a new name in time for the holidays.

"It was Lucky's Bait & Tackle," Roberts said, "but since we've gotten into clothing, firearms and ammunition, we decided we needed a new name. It'll take some getting used to, but we're still the same small tackle store that just has some more to offer and hopes to continue to grow."

Demand for rifles, shotguns and hunting supplies

prompted Lucky's to expand its inventory, and it's happened in time for the start of hunting season and Christmas.

"Firearms could be a good gift," Roberts said. "Parents may want to buy a new hunting rifle for the 12-to-14-year-olds, and husbands may want to buy a handgun for their wives. We cater to mostly to deer hunters and fishermen. Tackle is also a good gift idea, and it makes a good stocking stuffer. Fishing line and lures can get expensive, so Christmas might be a good time to buy some tackle to give to someone who might not ordinarily buy more expensive items for

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Above: Lucky's owner Aaron Roberts displays a set of camouflage Toadz jacket and pants that are popular with hunters.

Below: A variety of handguns as well as hunting rifles and shotguns is available at Lucky's.

themselves."

He recommended the following specific items as gifts for the outdoors enthusiasts on your shopping list.

- Toadz by froggtoggs. Constructed of waterproof, breathable polyester fabric, the garments feature sealed and taped waterproof seams, zippered leg openings, a belt, and adjustable elastic shoulder suspenders with quick-release buckles.

"The jackets and bibs pants would definitely be a good gift for fishermen, and they make the same thing in camo, so they're great for hunters as well," Roberts said.

- Duckett rods are "extremely popular," and they pair well with Lew's reels, according to Roberts. "It's the number-one selling reel in the United States. At least it was last year, so it's probably still up there. I know it's our number-one seller here."

- The Daiwa pre-mounted rod and reel combo is a good gift for a young or beginning fisherman. "It's a really good combo," Roberts said. "We sell a lot of them." It is available for \$19.95


- Orca Chaser. Ideal for taking into the woods, down to the dock, or to a tailgate party, the 27-ounce stainless steel double vacuum sealed cup ensures that your ice will stay frozen or your coffee will stay hot. It retails for \$34.99.

"It fits easily into the cupholder in your car. It's very handy," according to Roberts.

- HotShot waterproof sports cam. The high-definition, 1800p camera with 1.5-inch LED screen is recommended for hunters, cyclists and other outdoors sports enthusiasts. Currently priced at \$189 – although Roberts hinted it might be available at a lower holiday sales price – it comes with as many as 20 accessories.

"I have one, and I love it," he said. "It's absolutely awesome."

- Lucky's Sporting Goods gift certificates. "We offer them in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts, however much you want."

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Lakeside subdivision is home to 4 Messie Monkeys



The Johnsons celebrate faith and family in home and business

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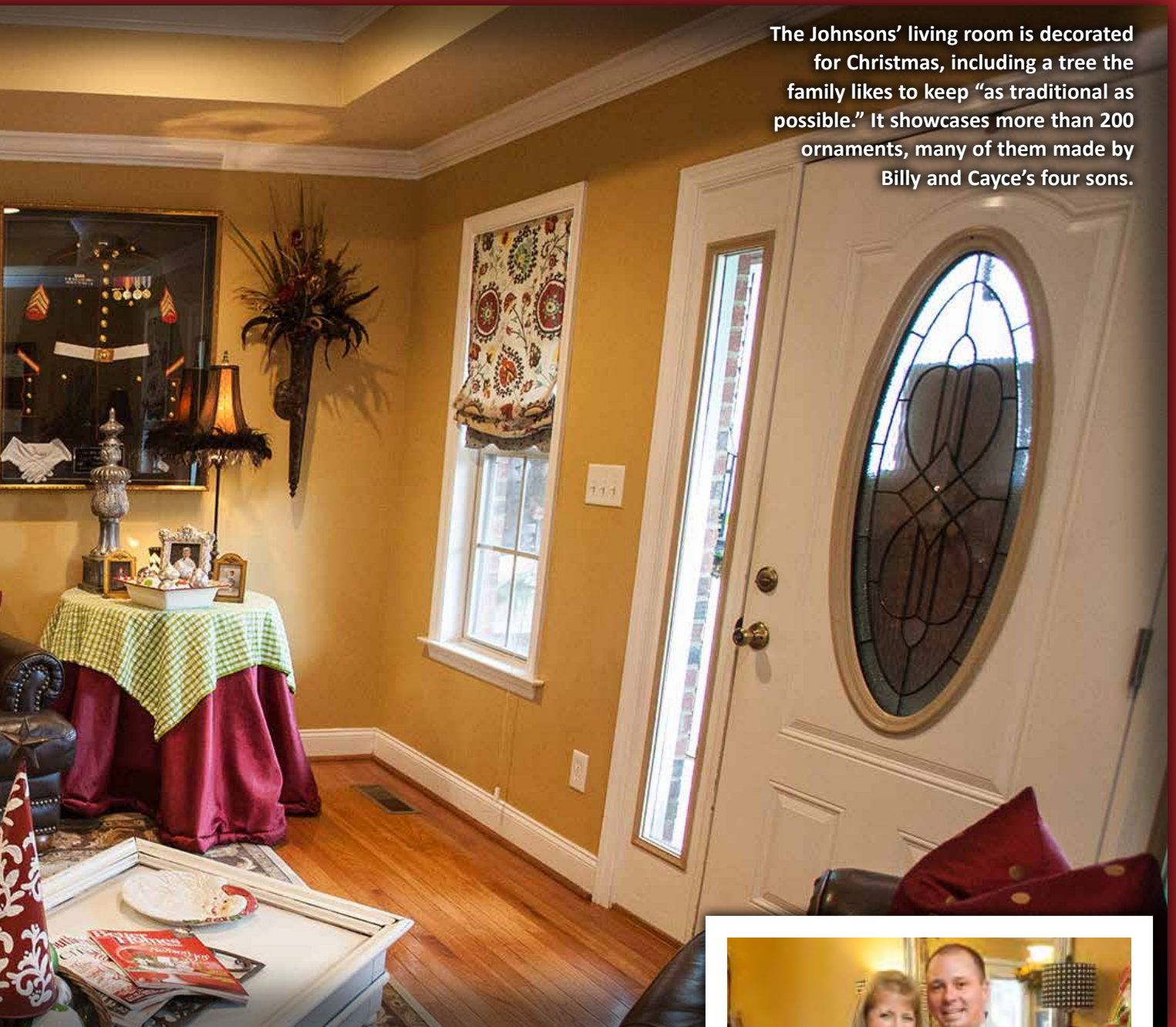
Billy and Cayce Johnson moved into their home in Pell City's Rolling Hills subdivision shortly after they were married with no intentions of staying there long.

"We built it to sell," Cayce said almost a decade later. "They started work on it the week we got married in April,

and we moved in at the end of July and didn't anticipate staying here. But the longer we stay here, the more we love it."

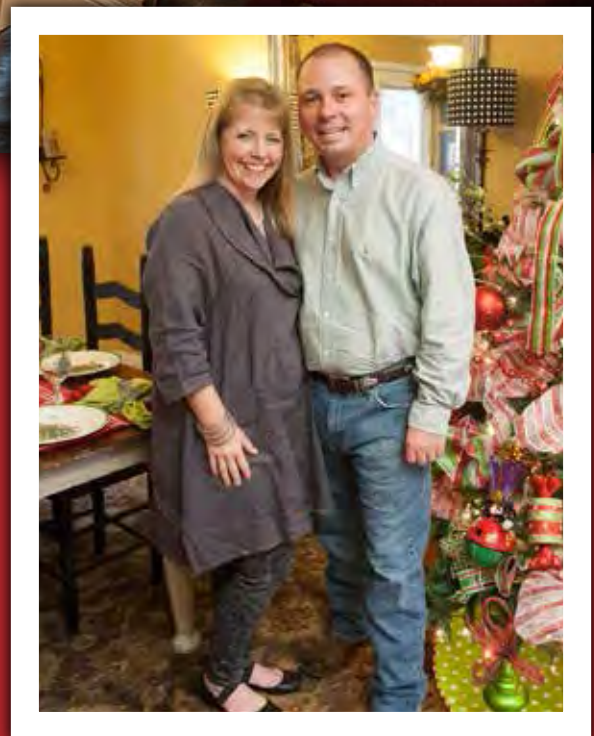
A three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with an unfinished attic and basement, "it may not be anything

The Johnsons' living room is decorated for Christmas, including a tree the family likes to keep "as traditional as possible." It showcases more than 200 ornaments, many of them made by Billy and Cayce's four sons.



to anybody else, but it's our home," Billy said. "It seems like society has gotten into building bigger and bigger houses to the point that the actual house takes on more importance than having a tight-knit family. Everybody is spaced out all over the house with their phones and iPads, there are communications breakdowns and everybody eating dinner at the table has gone away. We're always one room away from our children."

Considering that they have four sons (Daniel and Parker Holmes and Jaiden and Brady Johnson, ranging in ages from 18 to 5), Cayce acknowledges that their home is "close quarters, but it fits us. We're a close family, and we love our home. We have made it ours. This is where we have raised our boys, and we've put into it what makes us comfortable. We feel this is where God wants us to be. It's not too big, it's not too small. It's just perfect."





Above and at left: The front entrance to the Johnsons' home is decked out for the holidays, complete with one of Cayce's decorative door hangers. "I enjoy decorating for the holidays," she said. "It's my favorite time of the year."

Cayce operates the small business 4 Messie Monkeys from their home, an endeavor she started seven years ago that specializes in decorative door and wall décor and vinyl monogramming.

"It started out with me making door hangers as Christmas gifts for teachers and family members," she said. "Eventually I got asked to do Homestead Hollow. It was Mother's Day weekend, and I had no idea what to expect. I sold out of my inventory the first day, Friday. We worked into the wee hours of the morning to have things to sell the next day, and we'd sold out of that by the end of Saturday. So we worked until early Sunday morning, and we sold that out too. That's how it started, and it's progressively grown to the point that now we're shipping items all over the United States and internationally."

Starting out at their dining room table before relocating to the back porch and now the basement, it's still very much a small family business with Billy cutting all of the wooden components

'Twas the night
before Christmas
And all through
the house
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of the décor items by hand and their sons helping out with painting, tying bows and attaching wire for hanging.

Decorative crosses tend to be the most popular items, Cayce said. “They’re fitting for Christmas, babies, a lot of different occasions. We also move a lot of football-themed door hangers.”

Among her customers have been Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey and a few professional athletes. Four Messie Monkeys also provided the decorative cross for the Blessed Beginnings Boutique at St. Vincent’s Health System’s downtown Birmingham location.

“I enjoy working with organizations like that and helping them through fundraisers,” Cayce said. “God has blessed us immeasurably, especially in that he allows me to stay at home with the boys as I do this, and I don’t take it for granted. It’s not a job to me. It’s a ministry. I put Luke 9:23 on the backs of all my door hangers because I want to set myself aside and let God work through me.”

Faith is “very big” in the Johnson household, she said, as is evidenced by her own décor, especially this time of year.

“I love decorating for the holidays. It’s my favorite time of year. It’s a time for family, I like to keep our living room tree as traditional as possible with red, green and white. Those colors represent Christ, and we believe it’s important for the boys to be reminded that’s the true reason for Christmas.”

The tree contains as many as 200 ornaments by Cayce’s estimation – “I’ve



Above: Snowmen ornaments are among Cayce Johnson’s favorite items for holiday decorating.

At left: Decorative cross door hangers are the most popular items produced by 4 Messie Monkeys.



The master bedroom is also decorated for the holiday season.

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Above: Cayce Johnson says her faith is reflected in her preference for the colors green, red and white in Christmas décor.

At left: The master bedroom.




never counted, but that's probably how many are on there" – including some made by her children and given to her by relatives. "It's a hodgepodge of everybody's stuff, but it's mine, and I love it. I like to sit in here at night with the lights in the room off and look at all lit up. Everything on there is special to me. I think that's what Christmas is all about."

Although décor is her business and something she enjoys in her own home, Cayce believes it's of secondary importance to something else.


"Décor is important to a point, but as long as you have love and laughter in your home, material things don't matter. They're pretty to look at, but they can and will be gone. The memories you make in your home are what will last forever."

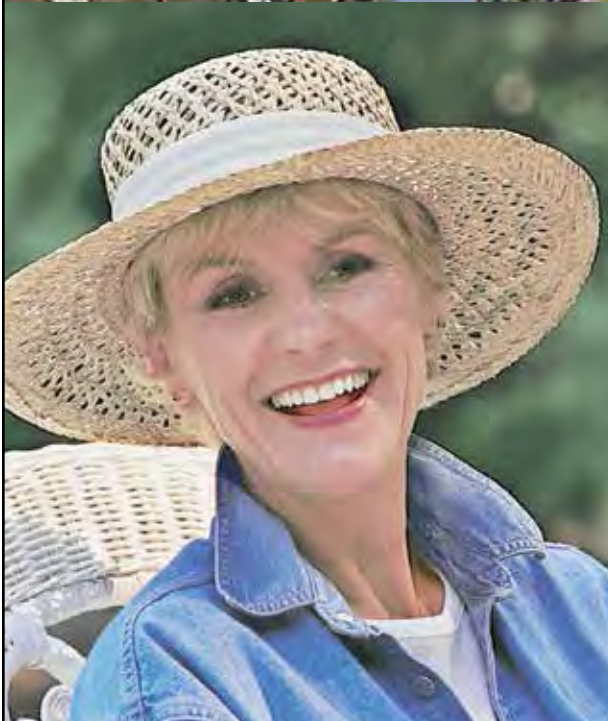
It's a sentiment her husband shares.

"The people in it is what matters," Billy said. "It's the family that makes the house." 



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Christmas: Fellowship, family and food

Traditional recipes ensure happy holidays

Story by JUNE WINTERS

Photos by BOB CRISP

“Deck the halls with boughs of holly – tis the season to be jolly!”

It’s Christmas!

That means good fellowship and good food for families far and near, and it’s the perfect time to talk about some delicious foods you might want to try for folks at your house this year. We’re including a good Southern Christmas luncheon menu and sharing recipes to make them.

After you read the recipes, make your shopping list, and it’s smooth sailing the rest of the way.

Living on the lake makes family want to spend the holiday at your house, where they have the bonus of enjoying the beautiful water and surrounding scenery while partaking of a holiday feast.

So here we go, and I hope you have as much fun preparing these foods for your folks as I had sharing the recipes.

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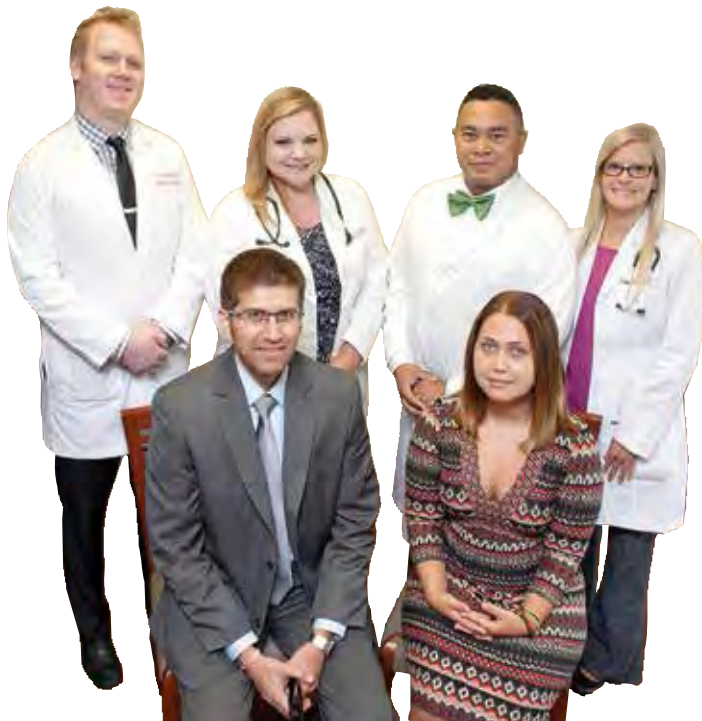


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Let's begin with the turkey. This year I chose a turkey breast instead of the whole turkey. We usually have a small ham also.

The turkey breast is baked in a browning bag, and all of the directions for preparation are included with the package of bags. The ham is rubbed with a little salt and then rubbed with a good apple jelly before it is wrapped in foil. It is then placed in a pan, then the oven, and baked for about an hour and a half at 350 degrees.

Here are recipes for dishes to add to your holiday feast.



SOUTHERN DRESSING

- 6 cups cornbread crumbs
- 2 cup biscuit crumbs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 ½ tablespoons rubbed sage
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 cups reserved chicken broth
- ½ cup vegetable oil

3 eggs slightly beaten

Combine first five ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well and set aside.

Combine celery, onion, butter and water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat

Remove from heat and add to cornbread mixture. Stir in broth, eggs and oil, mixing well. Pour into a greased, shallow 2 ½ quart baking dish and bake uncovered, at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or until set and golden brown. Yield: 12-14 servings.



CORN PUDDING

- 1 can whole kernel yellow corn
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- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 eggs, beaten
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Mix corn in medium mixing bowl and set aside. In a small bowl combine flour, salt and pepper. Mix with corn and add beaten eggs, melted butter and pimento. Place in a greased 2-quart baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle cheese over the top. Return to oven for 5 minutes.



FRANBERRY-FRUIT RELISH

- 1 can whole berry cranberry sauce
- ½ cup apple, chopped fine
- ½ cup celery, chopped fine
- 1 small orange, peeled and chopped
- ½ cup pecans, chopped well

Mix all ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

LEMON CHRISTMAS CAKE

- 1 pound butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 cups plain all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ ounces lemon extract
- 1 quart pecans, chopped
- ½ pound candied cherries, chopped
- ½ pound candied pineapple, chopped

Cream butter and add sugar, a little at a time and mix well. Add egg yolks, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add lemon extract, 3 cups flour, salt and soda and mix well. Combine nuts, cherries and pineapple with remaining cup of flour and dust ingredients well with the flour. Add to other ingredients. Beat egg whites until stiff and add to mixture. Bake in a greased tube pan or 2 greased loaf pans for 30 minutes at 325 degrees. Then reduce oven heat to 300 degrees and bake an hour.

Variation: Mix 1 cup confectioners' sugar, ¼ cup water and 1/3 cup lemon juice. Place in a small pan and bring to a boil. Let cool and pour over the cake.

Happy holidays. 📺

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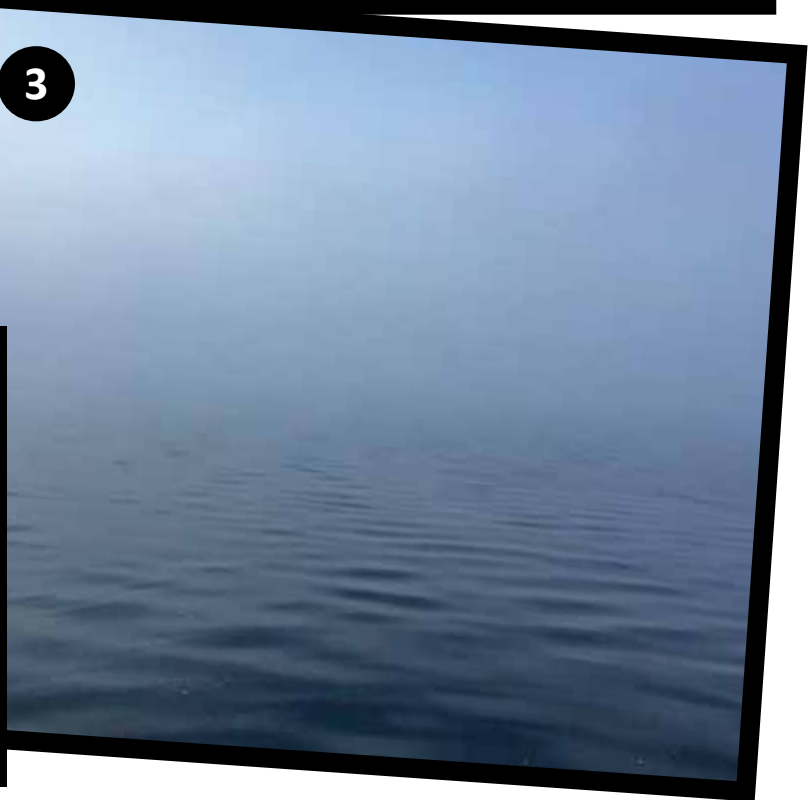
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1. Clark Harmon submitted this photo of sunset over Logan Martin.

2. Taken by Carolyn Lee in Renfroe. Carolyn likes to fish, and sometimes she sees this fellow.

3. Avid fisherman Jerrod Bearden captured this image of what he called "a rough morning" on Logan Martin Lake. The early autumn fog, which at times limited visibility to "less than a few hundred feet" delayed his expedition for more than an hour, although he did return with one catch.

Meet Me by the



Story and Photo
By BUDDY ROBERTS

Jayna Harris

Jayna Harris vividly remembers her favorite childhood Christmas present.

“It was the huge makeup kit I got for Christmas around age 11. It was bigger than I was. I spent hours making up my face with it. I thought it was the best thing ever, and it’s still one of the best presents I’ve ever received.”

It was a gift that fostered creativity and foreshadowed the profession she would take up as an adult. Taking in the sun on a balmy lakeside afternoon, Harris talked about her work, the holiday season and reflected back on warmer days on Logan Martin.

Her work: Harris is a licensed cosmetologist who works as a freelance hair and makeup stylist. “I do a lot of work with Kevin Lanier Photography on senior portraits, pageant headshots and modeling portfolios. Those are my favorites. If I could do modeling portfolios every single day and nothing else, I’d love it.”

What she enjoys most about it: “The creativity, artistic freedom and variety. I can do the same look on 10 different people, and it will always look different.”

What she enjoys most about the holidays: “I enjoy the giving spirit around this season. I also love the family closeness around this time.”

Her family’s holiday traditions: “I would say we have the typical traditions. Reading the Christmas story, looking at lights, traveling to see family. My favorite tradition I’ve started with my family is shopping with an underprivileged child. That means so much to all of us. Even my daughter.”

What Christmas means to her: “Some people say Christmas isn’t about giving, but it is. On Christmas, God gave us the perfect gift of His son Jesus. So actually it’s all about giving. Not just gifts but giving love, giving empathy, giving a smile, giving joy.”

Her favorite Christmas song: “*Little Drummer Boy*. I choke up every time I hear it. I love the message in the song. No matter what gift you have, whatever it is, give it to Jesus. It doesn’t have to be much. He can still use it.”

A traditional holiday food you won’t find on her plate: “Sweet potatoes. I’d be fine if there were no such things as sweet potatoes, although I want to love them so bad. My husband loves them, so I buy them just for him.”


Something an acquaintance might be surprised to know about her: “I can’t swim. Being on a boat is one of my favorite things in the world. The freedom of being on the water, the beauty of the wind blowing and the water rushing past – I love it. But if I ever fell out, I’d be scared to death even with a lifejacket. My daughter and husband will jump out of the boat and swim like fish, but I’m happy to sit in the boat and watch them.”

What she enjoys most about being a mom: “Everything. You can’t tell anybody what it’s like until you’ve done it. Sydney is the best thing that’s ever happened to me. She’s my best friend. I mean, I like my husband too, but she’s my best friend.”

Jayna Harris style: “I don’t go by what’s ‘in.’ If I want to wear something that’s been out for three years, I don’t really care. I like to wear what I feel good in. One day it might be a sundress and high heels, and the next day I might be barefoot in ripped jeans, a t-shirt and a bandana.”

How she describes herself: “A fly-by-the-seat-of-my-pants, opposite of Type A, whatever happens happens kind of person.”

A perfect day on the lake: “I would be surrounded by my family – everything is better when your family is with you – and we’d have nothing to do but just ride around. The lake is where you go to relax – at least I do – so a lake day is a relax day.”

Her favorite lakeside food: “Hot dogs, cold iced tea and watermelon. It doesn’t get better. What else do you need?” 



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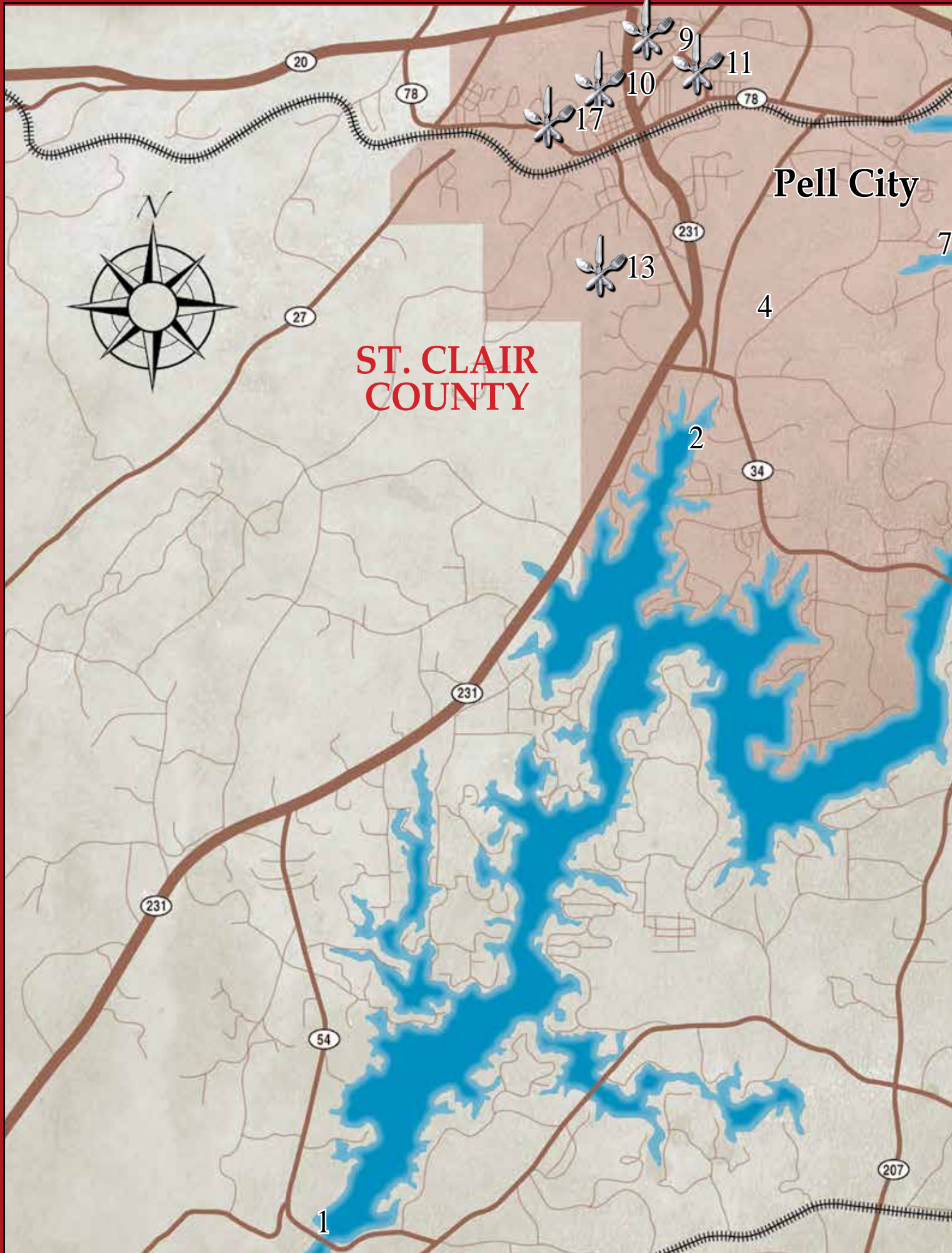
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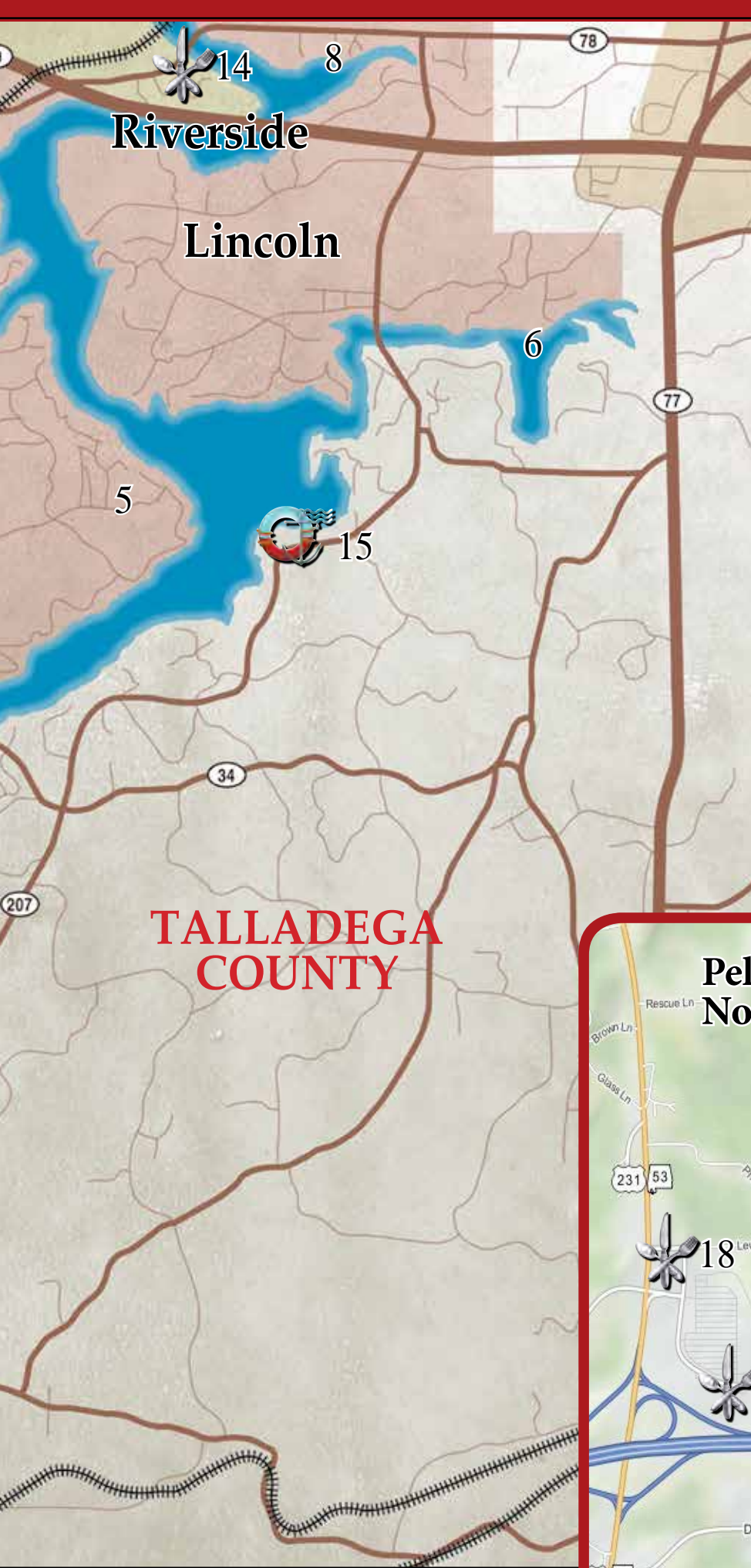
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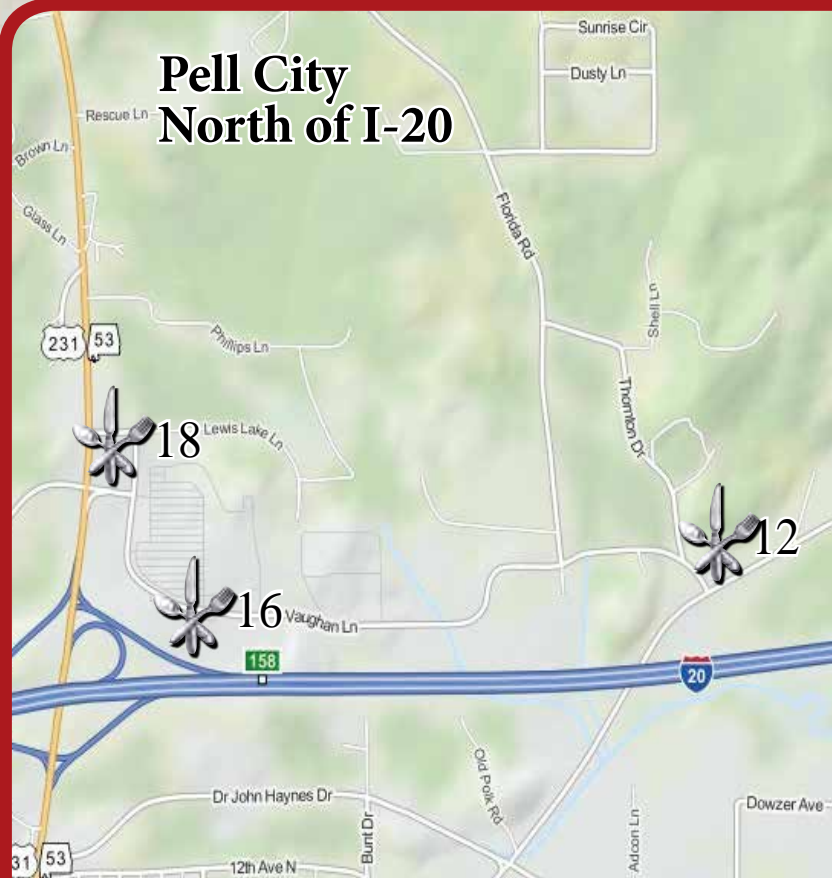
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Lakeside Christmas Parades

Pell City: "Christmas is Forever" begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, on Cogswell Avenue. Fred Hunter of WBRC FOX 6 in Birmingham will serve as grand marshal.

Talladega: Mayor Jerry Cooper will serve as grand marshal of the city's annual parade at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 on Battle Street and the square.

Lincoln: Festivities start at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, on Magnolia Street, with Sidney Thomby serving as grand marshal.

Sylacauga: "Christmas in Sylacauga: A Time of Renewal" begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, on North Broadway.

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Friday, December 11
Ultimate Christmas Experience

First Family Service Center hosts its third annual Ultimate Christmas Experience featuring "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. There will be a craft table, cookies, hot chocolate and live entertainment. A special visit from Santa and a surprise guest will delight the children. Each child will leave with a small memento, and one child will receive a special gift. Guests are encouraged to wear their pajamas or their Whoville finest. Tickets are \$10 each and may be ordered by calling 256-362-7254 or 256-362-9528.

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Love this house?



Pell City property offers spectacular lake view with almost 200 feet of water frontage

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS

Photos by BOB CRISP


Prospective homebuyers who would like a measure of privacy while still having plenty of room for outdoor entertaining may find what they're looking for in this property at 4908 Lakeshore Drive in Pell City.

Built in 1988, the four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home is situated on slightly less than one acre with 199 feet of Logan Martin shoreline. The waterfront has a poured concrete seawall and a pebble beach that has been described as perfect for paddle boarding in any season.

Other outdoor amenities include a private boat house with 7,000-pound boat lift, paved boat launch, covered boat storage, grill, porch and outdoor lighting and underground sprinkler systems. Parking options include driveway parking, space of RV parking and a one-car

basement garage that can also be used for watercraft or equipment storage or as a workshop, complete with 220-volt electrical outlets.

The interior of the home has been described as "warm, cozy, spacious and offering spectacular views from almost all rooms." The main level has hardwood floors and includes an eat-in kitchen with two pantries. Downstairs is a den and kitchen that can be converted into a suite. The house was constructed using higher-grade R-18 insulation for energy efficiency.

The property is listed at \$449,900. For more information, call Nicole Anderson Walters at Lake Homes Realty at 205-985-2991 or email nwalters@lakehomes.com. 

On the farm or at the lake, Williams finds real estate a rewarding career

Story by BUDDY ROBERTS

After more than 30 years in real estate, it's easy for Joan Williams to identify what she enjoys most about her work.

"Working with the people and getting to know them," she said. "For example, this past year, I got to work with two young couples, and seeing their plans come together and how excited they were about being able to buy their first home was very rewarding."

A native of Sylacauga, Williams has worked with Atkinson Real Estate "the entire time, and being here all my life has enabled me to really know the area – Weogufka, Stewartville, Childersburg. You get to know the small towns, and that's helpful when working with people coming into those towns."

The most significant changes she's observed after more than three decades in the profession has to do with interest rates, she said.

"When I started, interest rates were around 16 percent, and you had to buy discount points to get it lower, and that was money that didn't come off the down payment or closing costs. Now, everybody should be trying their best to buy a house because the interest rate is so low, and there are all different kinds of mortgage plans people can qualify for – VA, FHA, conventional. Many people are paying more for rent than they would for a home of their own, so go ahead and get pre-qualified and start looking for a home in your price range."



Joan Williams

Often, Williams said, individuals who want to buy a home put off starting the process because "they don't know the route to take. A lot of them have never bought a home before, so they're not aware of the process. That's where the real estate agent comes in. We're there to help them find a home, so we give them several mortgage companies to call and get qualified and walk them through the steps they need to take."

Williams recalls a time "back in the Eighties and Nineties when things were booming here, but we've lost a lot of industry here, and that hurt the real estate business." While the local market is not back "at full force, it has started picking up. We've been very, very busy the last couple of months. There are a lot more building permits out there this year, which means there's more new construction going up. It will take time, but I think we're on the right track."

She's been in real estate long enough to know that downturns and recessions are part of the business.

"It has its ups and downs, but there's always more good than bad. From one day to the next, I might find myself at a farm or at the lake or somewhere else altogether. You never know. That's why I love my job. It's just a rewarding profession." 📍

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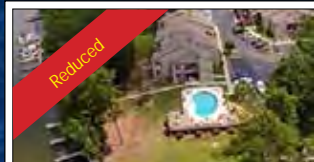
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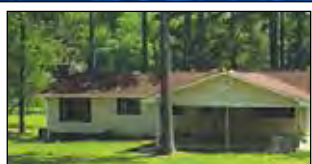
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27 MORNING GLORY DR, PELL CITY. \$199,900. This home has three bedrooms and two baths. A formal dining room with two story ceiling. Great room has a fireplace with gas logs. Eat in space in kitchen. Home has split bedroom design. Hardwood floors, screen porch overlooking the fench back yard. MLS 729624



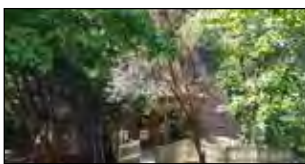
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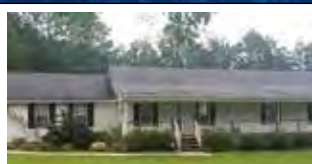
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465 OAKLEAF CIR, PELL CITY - \$212,000 - 3 BR 2.5 BA. Country front porch, fence around back yarded. Hardwood floors, Large kitchen with stainless appliances, master bedroom has two closets, jetted tub, double sinks. In-ground fenced pool. Upstairs den could become 4th bedroom. MLS #727145



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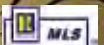
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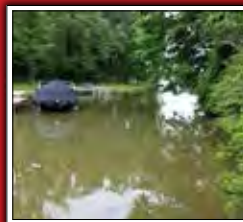
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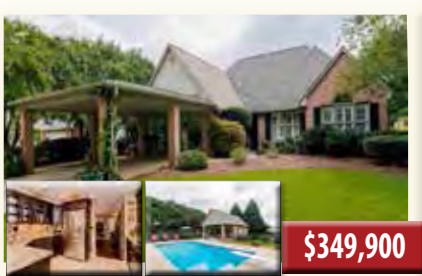


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240 Cove Dr. Pell City, AL 35128 - Bottom pine floors that flow throughout the living space & into the spacious lakeside sunroom! 1 level home offers so much space with Master suite, 2nd bedroom & bath easily accessed from the living areas. The master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

\$449,900



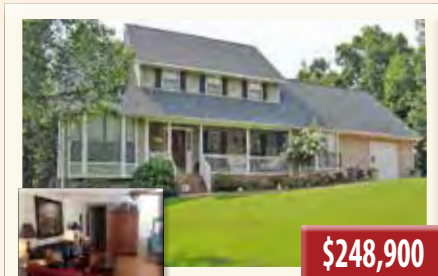
5604 Smith Road - 3 BR , 2 BA home in Pine Harbor subdivision! Pool house/workshop with covered patio is large enough to create a second living space! Kitchen has granite, all stainless appls, living rm with gas FP. Master has a large closet, walk in shower, jacuzzi tub & double vanity. The spacious 2 & 3 BR's share a BA with large stone shower & countertops. Plantation shutters, gleaming hardwood floors, tile in kitchen & baths. mls# 727088

\$349,900



2101 1st AVE. N. - Conveniently located to I-20, retail & hospital. Located in the Historic Downtown area of Pell City, this special & stylish property is currently set up as a fully licensed cafe/restaurant with a comm kitchen, however, it would be very easy to convert to a wonderful office/retail site. The property is 2500 sf of livable space and there is a storage/garage area which could easily be finished for additional shop/office space. mls# 720988

\$199,500



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

\$248,900



362 Hickory Valley Rd. - 5 BR/4.5 bth overlooking 4 acres. The master suite has lush carpet, jacuzzi tub , his & her vanities, huge stone shower . The kitchen has hardwd floors, granite countertops , lrg island with gas stove & wine cooler, black/stnls appls & Laundry rm. The open floor plan allows a view into the family rm with fireplace & dining rm. Finished basement has 2nd kitchen, full bth, den/5th BR , a safe room & 3 car garage! 1 acre underground radio fence. mls# 732244

\$454,900



5112 LAKESHORE DR. - Main channel lakefront property year round water frontage! 5 BR, 3 BA, main level gourmet kitchen has Thomasville cabinetry, induction cook-top with pot filler faucet, granite counter tops & tile floors. Large master suite on main & 2nd master on 1st level, all glass low e & low e with argon gas for heating & cooling, solar powered attic vent, 22x44 in-ground pool, 3 car garage, boathouse, exterior deck, storage building. mls# 629131

\$689,000

LOTS & LAND

- 587058 - 115 CHERRY TREE LN, #18 CROPWELL, AL - \$20,000
- 587110 - 130 CHERRY TREE LN, #20 CROPWELL, AL - \$25,000
- 587104 - 20 OLD ROAD WAY, #32 CROPWELL, AL - \$20,000
- 587052 - 75 DELLWOOD LN, 11 CROPWELL, AL - \$15,000
- 586925 - 60 OLD ROAD WAY, #30 CROPWELL, AL - \$25,000
- 586914 - NIXON RD, #9.7 AC CROPWELL, AL - \$99,000

NEW LISTINGS - 2 Lots in Catatoga Estates
 733035 - Lot 27 Ingram St. - \$26,000
 733040 - Lot 28 Ingram St. - \$26,000

18 COMMERCIAL ACRES

\$219,500

Pleasant Valley Road - 18 acres. Heavily wooded, level acreage off of Hwy 78. It backs up to the industrial park in Pell City. Located only minutes from the interstate. mls#733052

\$219,900

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

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REDUCED!

LINCOLN \$389,000. Beautiful 1 level brick 3BR/2BA lake home in lovely subdiv. Landscaped lot with amazing lake view. Great room has FP, media center with bookcases & hardwoods. Nice sunroom, kitchen has quartz counters, ice machine & pantry. Sec system, irrigation sys from lake to road, all new decking, including stairs to guest apt with separate HVAC, entrance, kitchen, bed & bath. boat launch plus 300+ shoreline, circular drive, concrete to the lake. 2 slip boat port with 2 lifts. MLS#634599



REDUCED!

TALLADEGA \$334,900. 1.5 story home with great lake view, 4BR/3.5BA, with 2 BRs on main level & 2 up, plus a bonus room! Greatroom with vaulted ceiling, stacked stone FP. Spacious updated kitchen with restored cabinets. Nice sunroom. Spacious master with walk-in closet, custom shower, jet tub. Great lake living and still convenient to I-20
MLS#634260



REDUCED!

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



REDUCED!

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



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



LINCOLN \$526,000. 2 BEAU-
TIFUL LOTS, IN EASTLAND
SHORES SD. WATER ACCESS,
1 ACRE EACH, READY TO
BUILD ON. MLS#611817 &
611818

PELL CITY/ LOGAN MAR-
TIN LAKE \$295,000. APPROX
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WTFG, GREAT PLACE TO
BUILD OR SUBDIVIDE NICE
MH WITH FRONT PORCH
OVERLOOKING THE LAKE.
MLS#633317



NEW LISTING!

PELL CITY/ LOGAN MARTIN \$195,000. Great lake lot with 400 ft of waterfrontage on Logan Martin/St. Clair side. Quaint A-frame 3BR/2BA home with flat rock floors, needs a little TLC.



NEW LISTING!

TALLADEGA \$350,000. Great for weekender or year round, nice waterfront, poured concrete seawall, new pier system. 3BR/2BA home with metal roof, vinyl siding, carport, living room with fireplace, sunroom. MLS#733109



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