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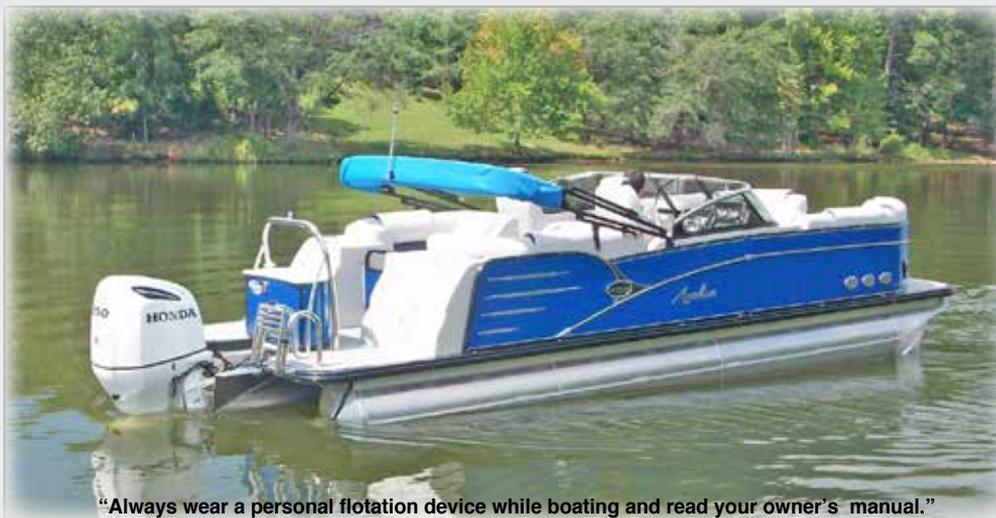
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LETTER



From the Editor

Are you a fan or a *FAN*?

September is a month of transition.

It is during this month that summer morphs into fall, although it will likely be some time after the 22nd before the temperatures reflect the season around Logan Martin Lake. Before chilly weather arrives, there are still plenty of balmy days in store on which to enjoy lake activities.

“Being at the lake is a great way to spend hot days,” said Abby Hodgens, who grew up in Pell City, the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake. “Lake time is quality time that I get to spend with the people around me. Every time I go to the lake, I’m either catching up with family or making memories with friends.”

This fall, however, will be Abby’s first away from the lake. The 2017 graduate of Pell City High School – and former participant in the Nashville Bound academy for aspiring young musicians – started classes at Auburn late last month. “I think I’m going to love Auburn, but after a little time away, I’ll miss Pell City. I will definitely be coming back to visit on the weekends and during breaks.”

An occasional weekend, she admits,

might be spent at Jordan-Hare Stadium. “I’m not a huge football fan, but I love anything Auburn, and I’ll definitely be going to some games.”

Abby’s description of herself highlights the difference between college football fans and college football *fans*. Individuals in the italicized group – and Logan Martin Lake is home to many such avid Auburn and Alabama supporters – take the sport as seriously as it can be taken. They feel deeply connected to the Tigers and the Crimson Tide, often referring to star players by their first names and to the team as “we.” When they’re not in the stands with painted faces at Bryant-Denny or Jordan-Hare or traveling to away games in their recreational vehicles, they’re glued to their TV sets on game days.

Some local *fans* were kind enough to give Lakeside Living a glimpse this month into how they frequently spend Saturdays on the lake during football season. You’ll enjoy seeing the photographs that accompany our feature about hosting college football game day parties.

In addition, this issue features a visit to the Riverside home of JSU football fans Rusty and Sandra Jessup, a dockside con-



versation with a local theater instructor who provides an interesting comparison between a college football game and a stage play, and all the details about the new fall season at the Center for Education and Performing Arts, and the establishment of the Little Free Library at Lakeside Park.

Happy September, everyone ... whoever you’re cheering for.

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Fall fishing tips

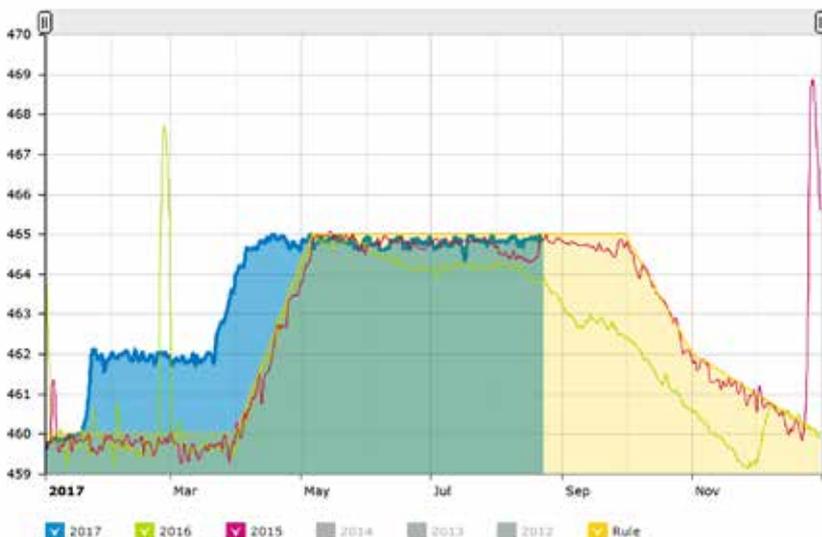
Fall returns to Logan Martin Lake this month, and the season offers ample opportunities to catch a variety of fish, as cooling water temperatures spark hot bites for catfish, crappie and bass.

To reap the autumn harvest, some tips for catching more fish and having more fun may be helpful.

Bass of all stripes strap on the fall feedbag. Many anglers believe bass gorge themselves in preparation for winter, but biologists tell us the fish are simply reacting to invigorating declines in water temperature while taking advantage of seasonal concentrations of baitfish.

For example, as fall marches on, shad and other forage fish in many systems school in predictable places. When hungry bass move in for a meal, savvy anglers can enjoy epic action.

Classic reservoir hotspots where shad are the main course include coves, creek mouths, ledges, points and weed beds or flats offering some type of woody cover. Rivers are often overlooked fall bass hotspots. Low water often forces fish into main-channel areas offering some type of modest current, but the presence of baitfish is key. Also look for current breaks ranging from boulders and logjams to manmade structures such as riprap or pilings.



September 2017

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SEP 05	BEST	Morning
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Information from the Farmers' Almanac.

Lake Levels

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HOW TO HOST A WINNING GAME DAY PARTY BY THE LAKE

Written by BUDDY ROBERTS
 Photographed by BOB CRISP and TUCKER WEBB

With the return of college football season, Saturday afternoons on Logan Martin Lake will more likely be spent in front of the television set rather than on the water as Alabama and Auburn fans follow the weekly exploits of their favorite team.

Ranked first in the AP preseason poll, the Crimson Tide kicks off against third-ranked Florida State at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 in an ABC broadcast, followed by its home opener against Fresno State at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 9 on ESPN2. The 12th-ranked Tigers, meanwhile, open at home against

Georgia Southern at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2 on the SEC Network before visiting fifth-ranked Clemson on ESPN at 6 p.m. Sept. 9. Both teams' seasons culminate in the Iron Bowl at Auburn on Nov. 25.

Watching the games from your home is usually best experienced in the company of fellow fans, so if you'll be hosting one or more game day parties this season, following are some tips you may find helpful, whether you're an experienced host or planning your first game day gathering.

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KNOW YOUR PLAYING FIELD.

Your home only has a finite amount of space, which means you will have to limit the number of people you can invite. Crowding too many people into the house can be uncomfortable – not to mention potentially dangerous – and it makes talking and hearing difficult above the cacophony of too many people.

Take inventory of how many people you can seat comfortably. And since temperatures around Logan Martin Lake remain balmy and comfortable well into October, you may be able to hook up the television set outside and move the party to your yard or patio, making it possible for more people to attend.

ESTABLISH YOUR PLAYBOOK.

Will your party be a chips-and-dips event, or will you offer more substantial fare? Will it be adults only, or will guests be encouraged to bring the children? Make a list of questions that need to be answered



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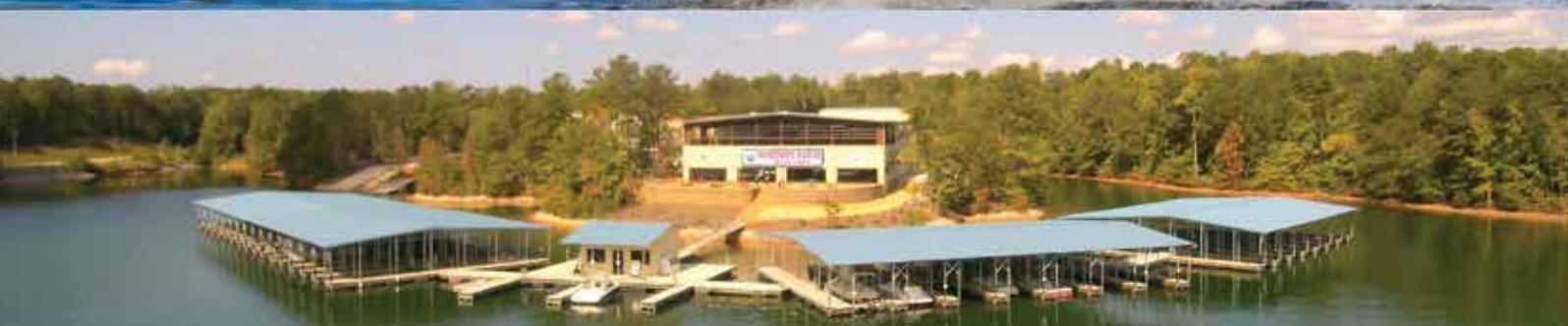


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and set up the party parameters.

Doing so will allow you to know what to stock up on in advance. Consider designating a specific room in the house as a children's area or for adults who are attending for the social aspect of the party and will not necessarily be glued to the televised game.

WATCH THE CLOCK.

Hardcore football fans will not want to miss any of the action, so refreshments and other components of the party will need to coordinate with the timing of the game. It can be helpful to have the majority of food prepared before kickoff, allowing guests to mingle and fuel up before the game starts. Finger foods and other snacks that are easily accessible can be saved for when the game starts.

Guests can take a break at halftime and partake of food and beverages that can be set up buffet-style in another room. Hosts and hostesses may wish to consider serving guests by constantly bringing out new food options on trays and offering them around the room to ensure no one misses a minute of the game.



Calvin Dabbs gears up for the game day party.

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Josh and Elizabeth Money, Brenda Burrow and Jeff and Kaci, Karli Williams chat at the bar while waiting for kickoff. Brenda and her husband Dave hosted the group of friends and Auburn fans at their lakeside home.

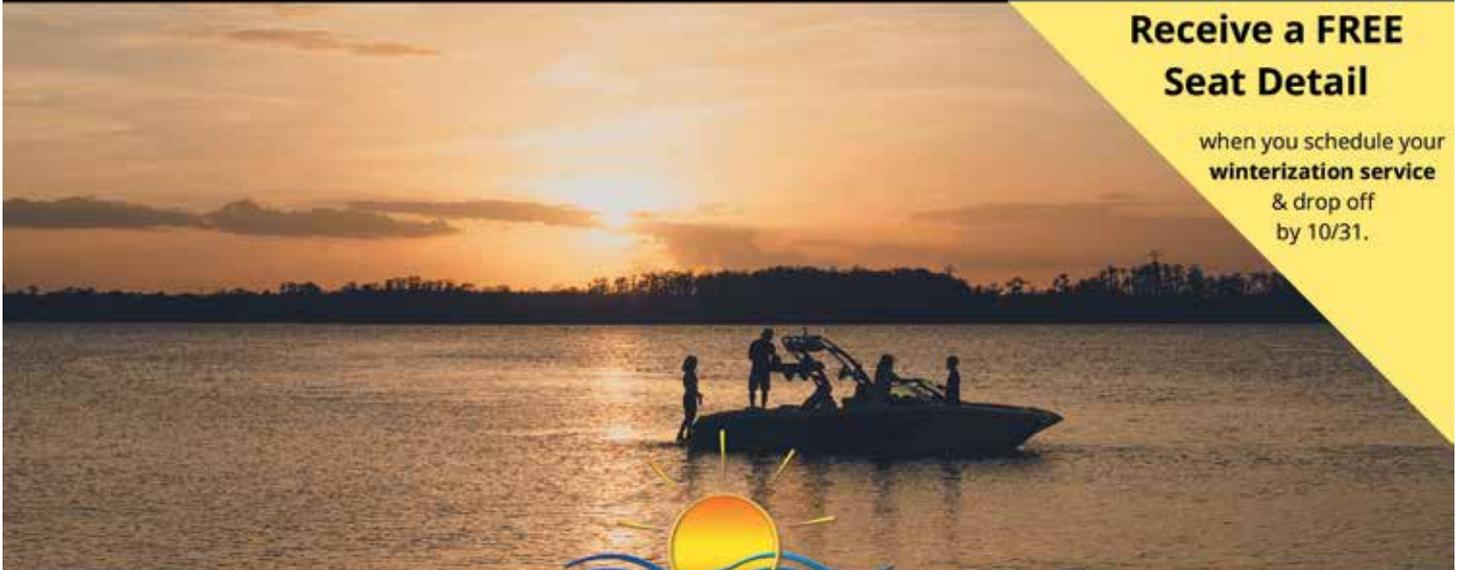
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DON'T RUN INTERFERENCE.

There's not much other entertainment that needs to be scheduled on game day. Make sure the television set is situated so that no one's view is obstructed and that people moving in and out of the room need not cross in front of it.

While you may customarily decorate your home with a few (or quite a few) accessories in honor of your favorite team, make sure they don't obstruct views of the game. To make things comfortable for the largest number of people, consider having two television sets in separate rooms tuned into the game. This option will allow guests to mingle and not be tied to one area.



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A new season and a new initiative for CEPA

Written by Kelli Tipton
Photos provided by CEPA

The board of directors of the Pell City Center for Education and Performing Arts (CEPA) has introduced the new capital campaign "Every Seat, Every Word" and announced the center's fall season.

Harpist Hayden Tumlin and magician Brian Reaves entertained 120 guests during an elegant evening of music and merriment, catered by Polly Warren, in the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake. The event included a short presentation in the CEPA theater to outline the objectives of the new fundraising initiative.

According to Executive Director Jeff Thompson, CEPA hopes to raise \$50,000 before the year's end to upgrade the theater's sound system. "We have raised \$8,500 since the start of the capital campaign," he said. "Our goal is to raise \$50,000. This amount is needed

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All donations to the "Every Seat, Every Word" campaign and any grant money received will be used to buy a sound system for the 401-seat theater. The current sound equipment is 10 years old.

"I think this is an incredible opportunity for this community to show its investment in the arts," Thompson said. "We recognize that 10 years will put a strain on anything, and our sound system is no exception. We either need to look at doing some heavy maintenance on it or getting a new one. What we are looking at is a great opportunity to go ahead get a new one."

Thompson consulted with an audio expert who visited the theater and identified the issues, one of which is that natural reverberation in the room prevents the use of hanging microphones. "We need a working wireless microphone system. The one we have is very chaotic and inefficient. We need to

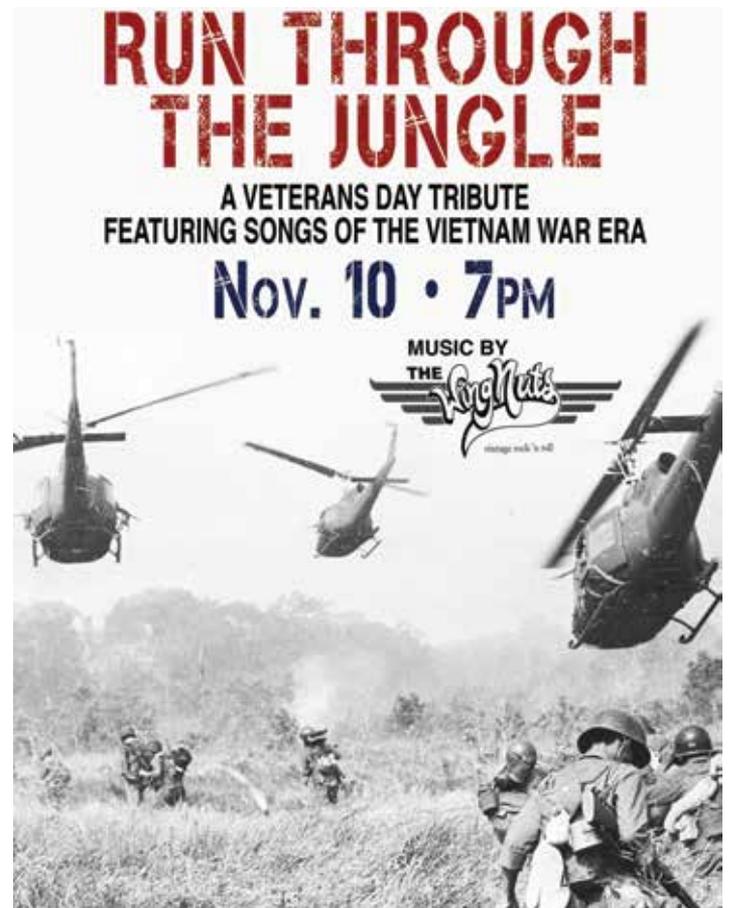
streamline the process."

The sound from the current speakers does not cover the entire theater, leaving dead spots around some of the best seats.

The sound board also needs to be upgraded. "Our sound board can't handle the capacity of the larger performances," Thompson said. "Right now, we have to rent a new sound board, and new monitors and new speakers as well. We need to replace ours so we aren't spending an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 per show just to get the sound right. That money could stay in-house."

And the audio cables need to be upgraded from the current XLR cables to Ethernet cables to better accommodate touring acts. The necessary changes will also be compatible with future technology.

"Once the sound system is in place, we will save time and money, and we won't have to worry about it for the next 10 or more years," he said. "We hope that anyone who loves our programs and our plays, our summer camps and art camps and classes, will support us in making this theater better."





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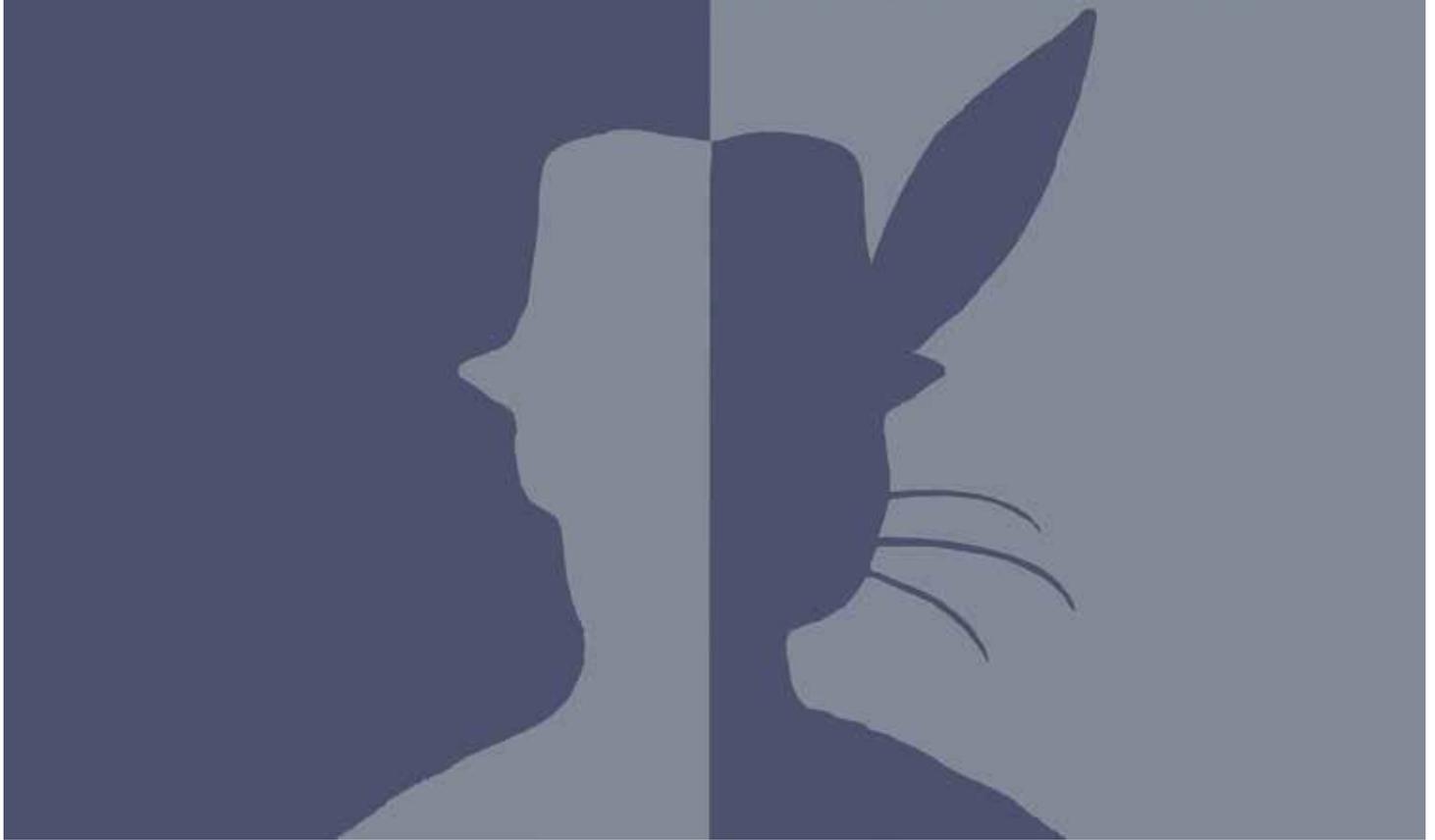
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"Members of the CEPA Society get ticket packages and free food and drinks at the shows. There are multiple levels in the CEPA Society, and with each level, you get additional perks that are all focused around coming to the center and enjoying the presentations that we put on," Thompson said.

Memberships begin at \$100 and top out at \$2,000. "For a \$250 contribution, you get two seats for an entire year. You also receive free food, drinks and popcorn snacks for those events. A \$500 contribution includes the VIP experience. Before the show, we throw a small party and invite the artist to come out and meet some of our bigger donors. We feed everybody dinner, and you can go see the show on a full stomach after having met the artist."

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The fall season concludes with a performance by Southern gospel trio Brian Free and Assurance.

Thompson is also looking to increase the number of sponsors for each show. "We are reaching out and inviting corporate entities to become sponsors. The money from these sponsorships goes toward the upfront costs of bringing in the artists, and all the promotions we do for the show include promotions of the sponsors as well."

From September through December, CEPA's fall season will feature five events, from magic to bluegrass to Broadway, and a singer/songwriter concert series.

For more information about CEPA, to order tickets for upcoming performances or to make a donation, visit www.pellcitycepa.com.

Sept. 23: A Magical Evening. One of CEPA's most popular events returns, featuring the Magic City Magic Club.

Oct. 5: Iron Horse Bluegrass. Rock song covers performed on acoustic guitar, fiddle and mandolin (style of Hayseed Dixie).

Oct. 27-29: Spotlight presents "Harvey." A three-day run of the Broadway classic performed by CEPA's Spotlight Group.

Nov. 10: Veteran's Day Tribute with The Wignuts. Benefit show supporting veterans outreach programs in the local area.

Dec. 1: Brian Free and Assurance. Southern Gospel show featuring award-winning tenor Brian Free.

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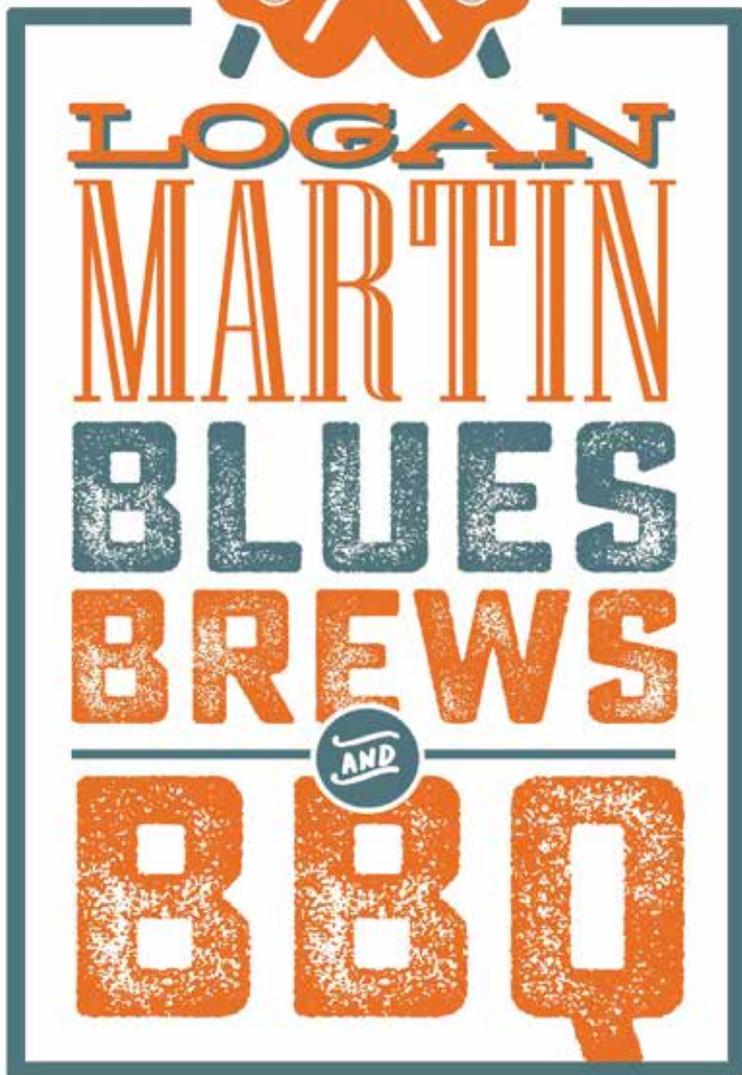
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Editor's Note: Lakeside Living staff writer Kelli Tipton has spent the summer taking part in and attending some lakeside activities and events for the first time. In this concluding entry of a three-part series, join her as she attends Logan Martin Blues, Brews & BBQ.

Written by KELLI TIPTON

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Nothing brings people together like good music, good food and cold beer. Make it a barbecue cook-off featuring some of the region's best blues performers, and you have Logan Martin Blues, Brews and BBQ.

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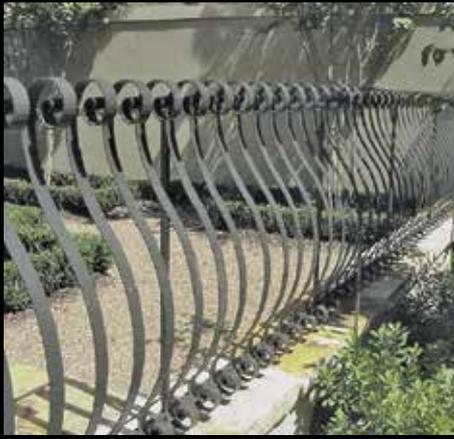
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and elevated it into something absolutely spectacular.

I don't know much about the blues, but I know barbecue, and the first thing I did when I walked through the entrance was sample some. I followed the aroma of slow-smoked meat to the competition area and watched as pitmasters basted, flipped and plated their best barbecued ribs. The judges were waiting to taste them.

I approached Alan Raughton, pitmaster for Smoke-n-Hawgs, and he was gracious enough to talk with me while precious time ticked away.

"This is our rookie year," he said with a smile. "This is our eighth event, and we've had a pretty good year so far. We've had a fourth overall, a 10th place and a seventh place so far. It's been an interesting year. Our first event was in March, in Auburn, and we took first place in ribs."

His barbecued ribs can be described as sweet with a little heat, and they earned him a chance to compete in the upcoming Jack Daniel's World Championship

Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg, Tennessee.

He enjoys the competition and the camaraderie between teams. "This is like a family out here. I've cooked with these guys week in and week out. We help each other and look out for one another."

As I made my way through the cluster of competition trailers, I heard a young girl's voice. "Would you like to try a rib?"

Her name was Kirsten. Her long brown hair was pulled back in a braid, and she was helping her father, Daniel. She was polite, articulate and absolutely adorable. The rib was warm and tender. The sauce was sweet and tangy. She handed me a ballot to cast for the People's Choice Award. It was marked Lake Life BBQ. She flashed a smile, thanked me, and told me where I could turn my ballot in. And just like that, the father-daughter team had my vote for best barbecue.

By this time, the sun was a little lower in the sky, and



Gerry Richey with Town & Country BBQ Gettin' Piggy With It was voted winner of the People's Choice Award.

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Daniel O’Konski with Lake Life BBQ drizzles honey over a rack of his sweet and tangy ribs.

surrounding trees cast a nice shade around the sound stage. While most people chose to set up chairs and spread their blankets in front of the stage, I joined some friends from Talladega along the side of it.

My friend Nick introduced me to his friend Sam Lewis, who was the opening blues act. The 29-year-old musician from Gadsden sat cross-legged on the ground beneath a

tall pine tree. I sat down next to him and engaged him in a conversation about the blues.

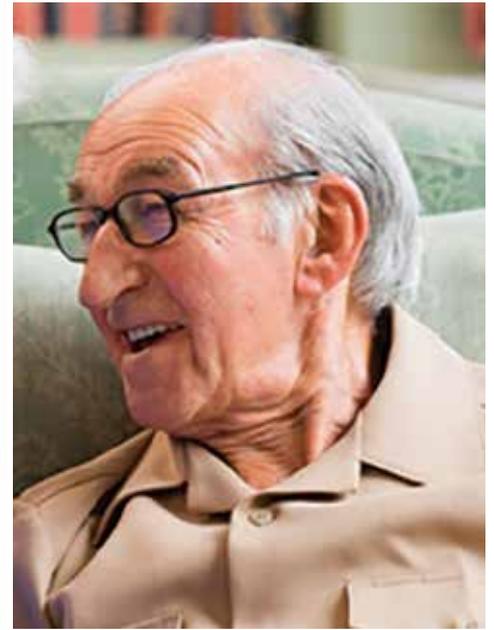
“The blues sound definitely captures the sadness of the soul in one form or another,” he said. “It was the first music I ever fell in love with. I play other types of music, but I am passionate about the blues.”

When I confessed I knew little about the genre, he



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offered names of artists that I should add to my playlist. "A newcomer to the blues should check out Buddy Guy and B.B. King. I listen to everything from Robert Johnson to Albert King and Freddie King to Mississippi John Hurt and Son House," he said.

He was introduced to the blues as a pre-teen, when he listened to Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn. "It was classic rock, but it was heavily influenced by the blues, and it opened the door for me to discover every sub-genre of the blues," he said. "And you don't have to feel sad when you listen to the blues. Despite the fact that it is rooted in sadness, the music can lift your spirits."

When I turned my attention to the sound stage, the John Bull Band was in full swing. I recognized the song "Chain of Fools." Vocalist Peggy Walker belted out the lyrics and worked the stage. John Bull wailed on the

harmonica, his white shirt drenched with sweat and clinging to his body. With Marcus Donerlson on drums and James Strankman on the bass, they put on a fantastic show as the audience tapped their feet, bobbed their heads and sang along.

At 6:30 p.m., the winners of the barbecue competition were announced. The categories were chicken, ribs and pork, with \$100 in prize money going to the winner of each category. First place in the chicken competition went to Dang Good BBQ. First place in the ribs competition was awarded to Puck Daddy's Killer Q, and first place in the pork competition went to Dang Good BBQ, which also captured the Grand Overall title. When it came time to announce the People's Choice winner, I crossed my fingers for Kirsten and her dad, but Gettin' Piggy With It claimed the prize.

Before leaving the park, I visited several vendors,



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Gadsden musician Sam Lewis opened the event with a set of acoustic blues.

including AGS Embroidery, Born to Shop Designer Boutique and Promo ID. I bought a t-shirt from Michael McCombs, owner of Promo ID, and we talked about the event.

"I usually listen to either Christian music or country music, but I have really enjoyed hearing the different blues bands today," he said as he placed my purchase in a bag.

I agreed with him and added, "Now when someone mentions Logan Martin Blues, Brews and BBQ, I can say I've been there, done that and bought the t-shirt."

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A retreat that belongs on the river



Riverside couple enjoys waterfront living

When Rusty and Sandra Jessup built their two-story, three-bedroom, three-bath home in Riverside, they envisioned a waterfront retreat. Rusty imagined a staggered floor plan and drew up a rough draft of it. The sketch was turned into a formal blueprint, and the home was constructed on Scisson Lane in 2001.

Sandra visualized a colorful interior and chose paint colors to represent life on the water. Visitors are greeted by aqua walls when they walk in the front door. "When we built the house, eggshell was a popular color for interior walls, but we wanted a lot of color. We wanted the house to look like it belonged on the river," Sandra said.

Riverside Mayor Rusty Jessup and his wife, Sandra, are devoted JSU Gamecock fans and season ticket holders



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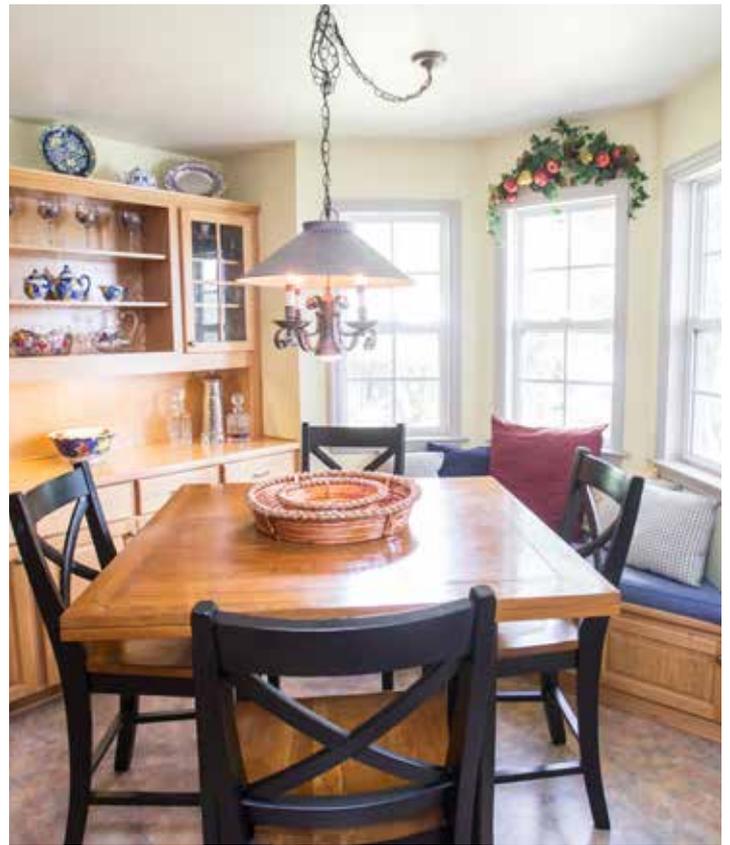


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The kitchen is to the left of the entrance, and a built-in lunch counter allows a glimpse of its sunny yellow walls, light oak cabinetry and blue laminate counter tops. White appliances and sunflower décor make it a bright, cheerful place to prepare meals. Large sliding drawers hold cookware and other kitchen accessories. A deep double sink makes easy work of preparing vegetables for salads.

The breakfast nook and the main dining area are in close proximity to each other. In the nook, a high-top table and chairs provide seating for four in front of a bay window. A window seat offers storage space, and a large étagère holds hand-painted wine glasses and Sandra's teapot collection. "My mother collected teapots, and when she passed away, I got her collection," Sandra said.





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The large, rustic table in the dining area seats 8 people. "We belong to a book club, and we have supper too, and it comes in handy to have two big tables this close together, so people can sit close together," Sandra said.

In the living room, a large cedar mantel has sentimental value. "It's special because this piece of wood came from my mother and step-daddy's farm. He cut down a cedar tree, and he had his own planer, and he made this mantel. It has all the knot holes on the top and bottom. It used to smell like cedar, but the scent has faded," Sandra said.

Two large windows in the living room, and seven in the dining area, provide a stunning view of the Coosa River. "We love the windows. We wanted lots of windows all around the house. You can see the river from every room in the house except the front guest

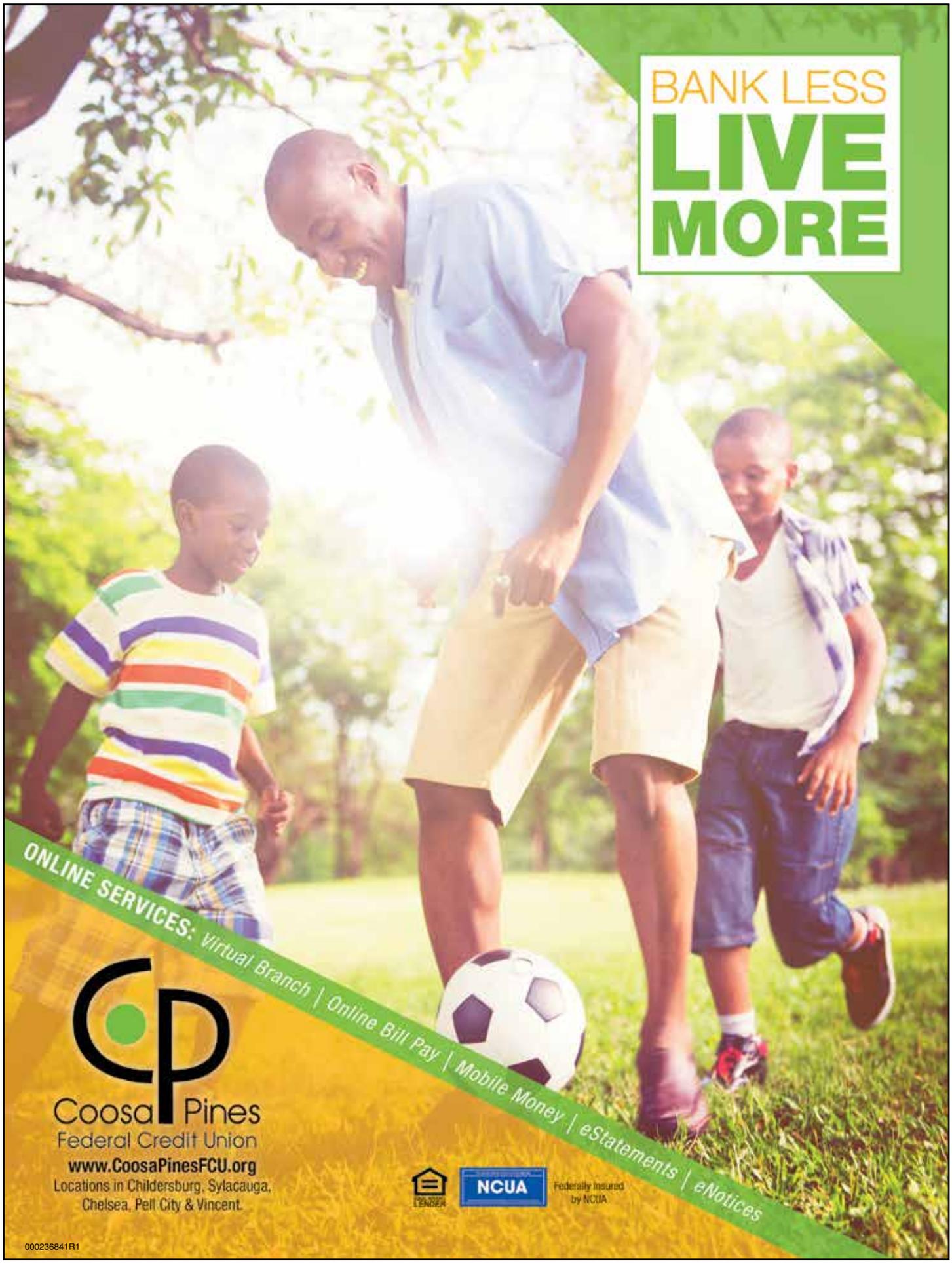
bedroom," Sandra said.

Three years ago, they converted the basement into a guest area with a full bedroom on one side, bunk beds on the other, and a full bathroom with an oversized shower in the center. When she and Rusty are not hosting family and friends, Sandra uses this area for quilting.

Family photos are displayed throughout the home. Smiling faces of nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters can be found in nearly every room. "We don't have any children, but we have a lot of nieces and nephews, and they love coming to the river," Sandra said with a smile.

The Jessups are an active couple. Rusty is serving his fourth term as mayor of Riverside, and Sandra is a member of the Riverside Beautification Organization. They enjoy cruising on the river in their Bennington

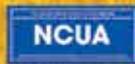
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The Jessups added this two-story sundeck that overlooks the Coosa River.

pontoon boat during the summer months and attending football games at Jacksonville State University during the fall.

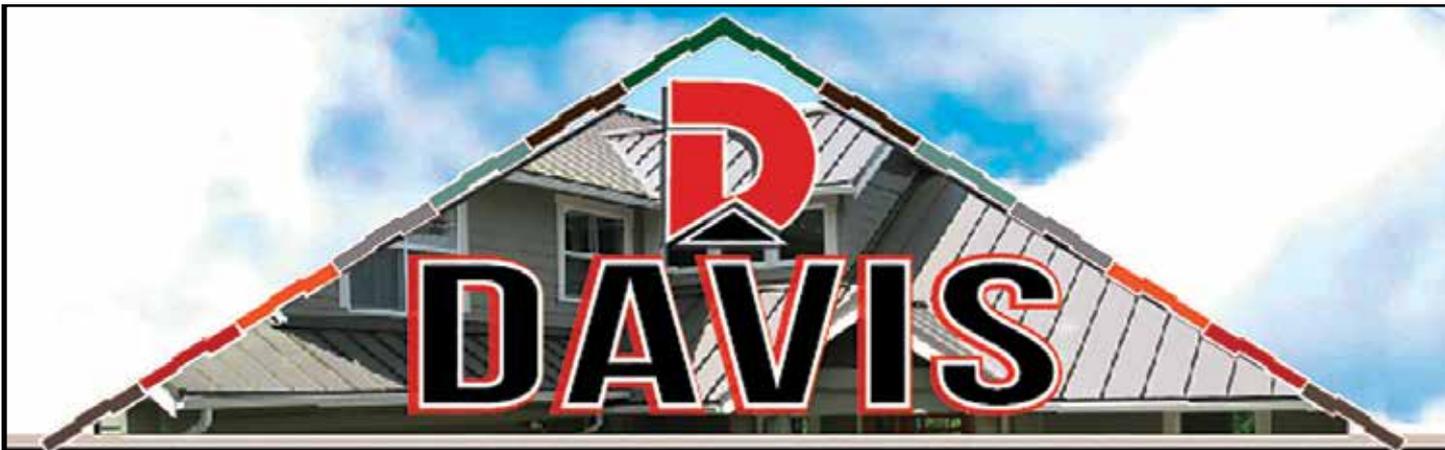
They are both JSU alumni and huge Gamecock fans. They met at JSU on a blind date. "My sorority sister couldn't go, and I went at the last minute, and I'm glad I did," Sandra said with a smile.

Rusty was a criminal justice major and president of Delta Chi fraternity. He was active in the Student Government Association and played intramural sports. Sandra majored in elementary education and was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and Phi Mu sorority. Their dates included extra-

curricular functions and football games. "Everything we did together revolved around our activities in these organizations. We never missed a football game. I had to be at every game anyway," she said. They both graduated in 1974.

Today, they are season ticket holders and attend every game they can. In January 2016, they traveled to Frisco, Texas to support the Gamecocks in their first ever FCS National Championship game against North Dakota State. "They didn't win, but they went all the way," Sandra said.

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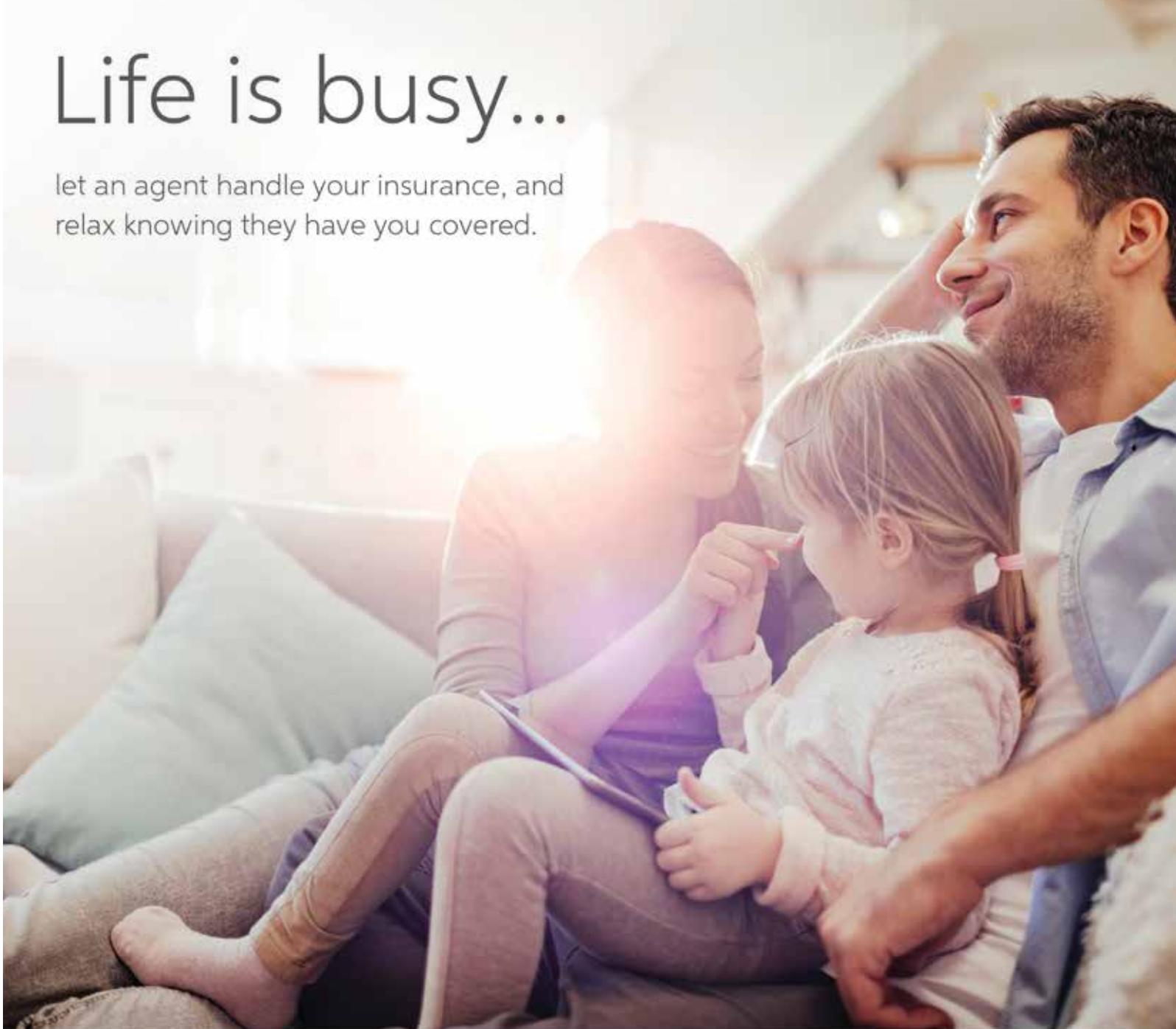
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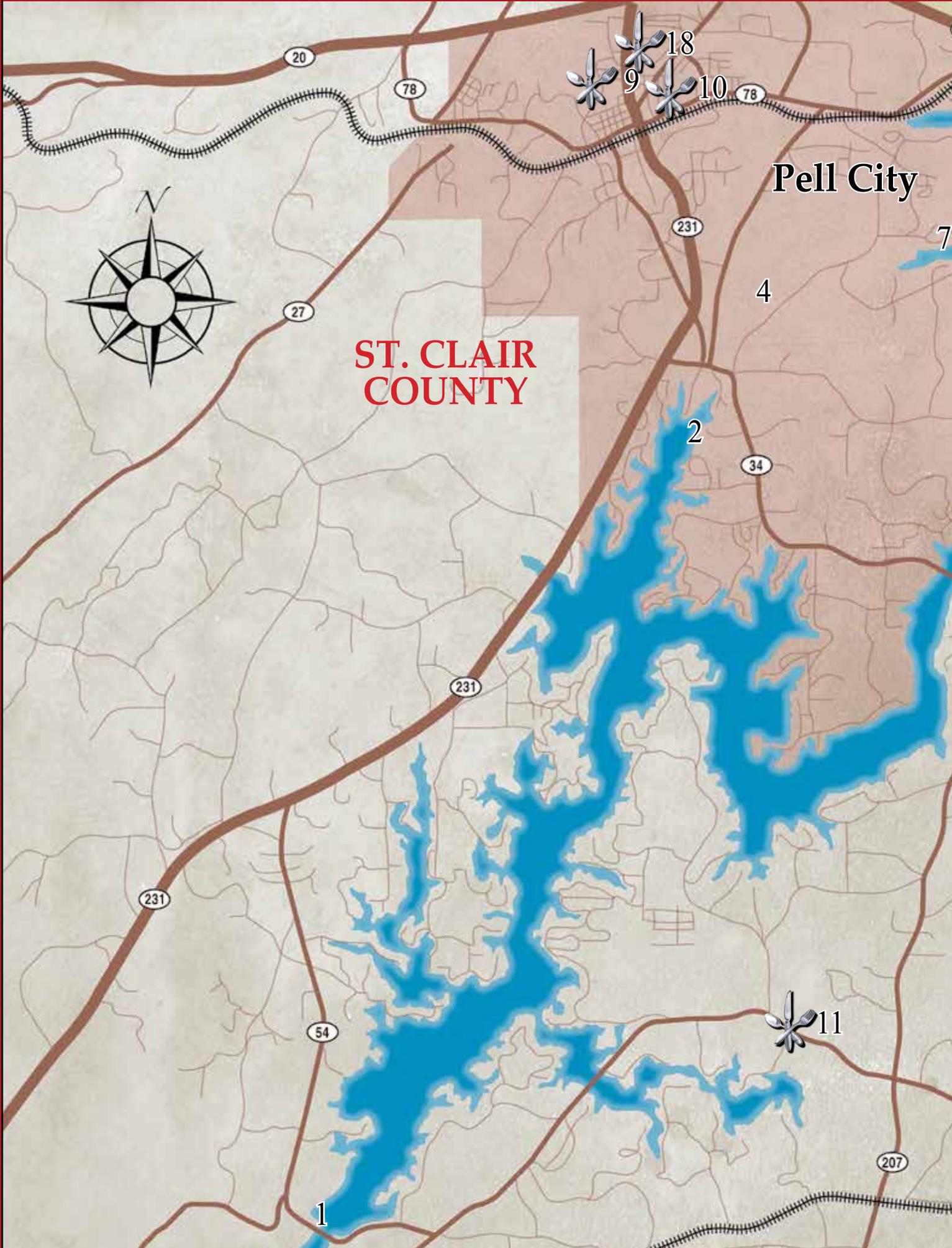


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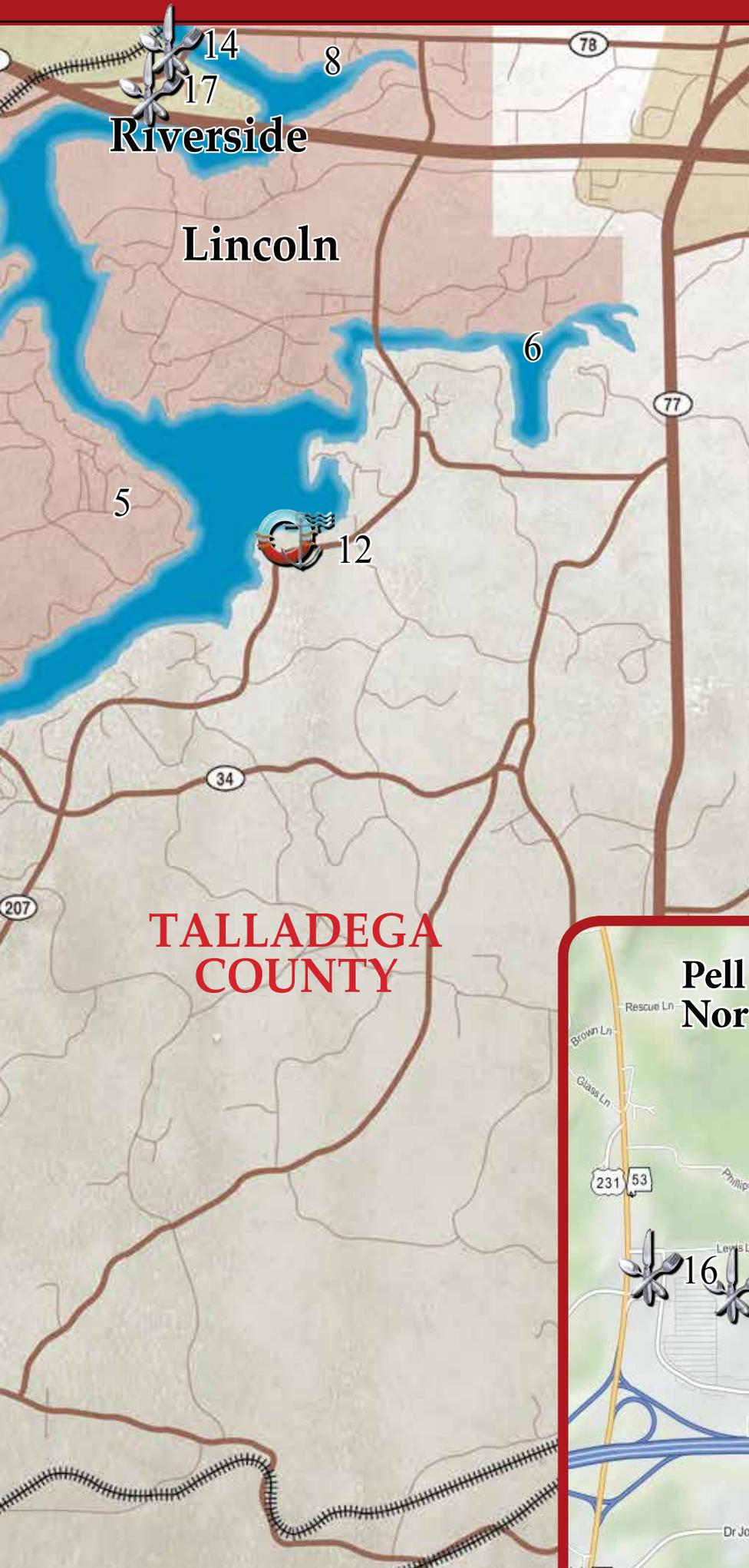
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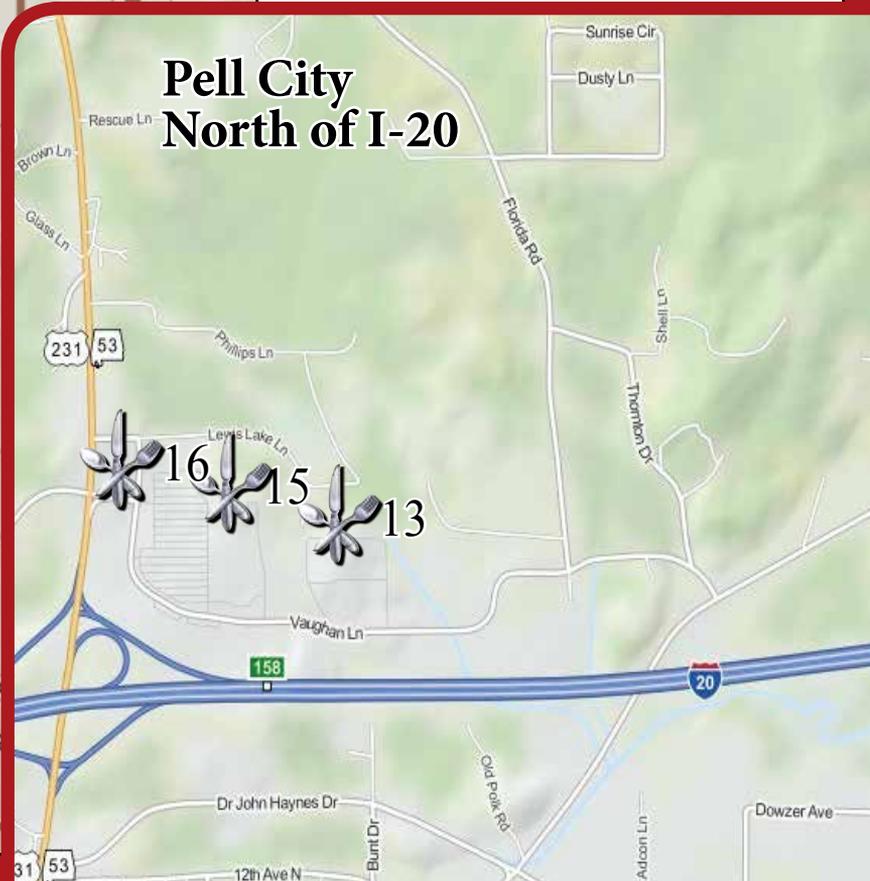
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Meet Me by the



Written and photographed
by Buddy Roberts

On a recent sunny afternoon, Lesley Warren was at Riverside Landing doing some reading.

"I like being near the water," she said. "I appreciate the beauty, and I like to feel the wind and watch the water move and glint in the light."

The Spotlight program coordinator for the Center of Education and Performing Arts in Pell City and a theater instructor at Jefferson State Community College, Warren holds undergraduate degrees in English and drama and a graduate degree in theater. She has taught high school English, acted in independent films and national commercials for BioGuard Pool Chemicals and Moe's Southwest Grill, worked with improv and educational theater groups and served as an adjunct theater professor at Jacksonville State University.

Sitting by the Coosa River, she explained what the Spotlight program is, described similarities between a stage show and a college sporting event, and identified what she was reading.

About theater: "It is magic. Unpredictable magic. You can plan and rehearse, but come performance, you never know what may happen, good or bad. The door in the set may not work properly, someone may forget their lines, and you might drop an important prop. Sometimes those are the best moments, though, because you stop acting and have to focus on dealing with the problem by doing something real."

About Spotlight: Funded by Pell City and the Alabama State Council on the Arts, its goal is to foster middle school and high school drama programs in St. Clair County. Since its inception in January, two new programs have been started, with more to be added this semester, according to Warren.



Lesley Warren

The value of theater: "It teaches history, other cultures, different social backgrounds, morality and the human condition in general."

Riverside reading: Warren was reviewing the script for *Harvey*, Mary Chase's 1946 Pulitzer Prize-winning play. She will direct a production of *Harvey* at CEPA scheduled for Oct. 27-29. For ticket information and showtimes, visit www.pellcitycenter.com. "It's about Elwood, a 47-year-old man who deliberately lets go of reality and one day on the street bumps into a 6-and-a-half-foot-tall invisible bunny rabbit who becomes his friend. Jimmy Stewart starred in the film version."

Advice for students interested in a career in theater: "First off, make sure theater is honestly the only thing you see yourself doing. If you see yourself doing anything else for a living, that's what you should pursue. Life as a performer requires a lot of sacrifices, and it's full of periods of rejection and unemployment. But if you have to do theater, go for it 100 percent. Be dedicated to it, be persistent, and don't settle."

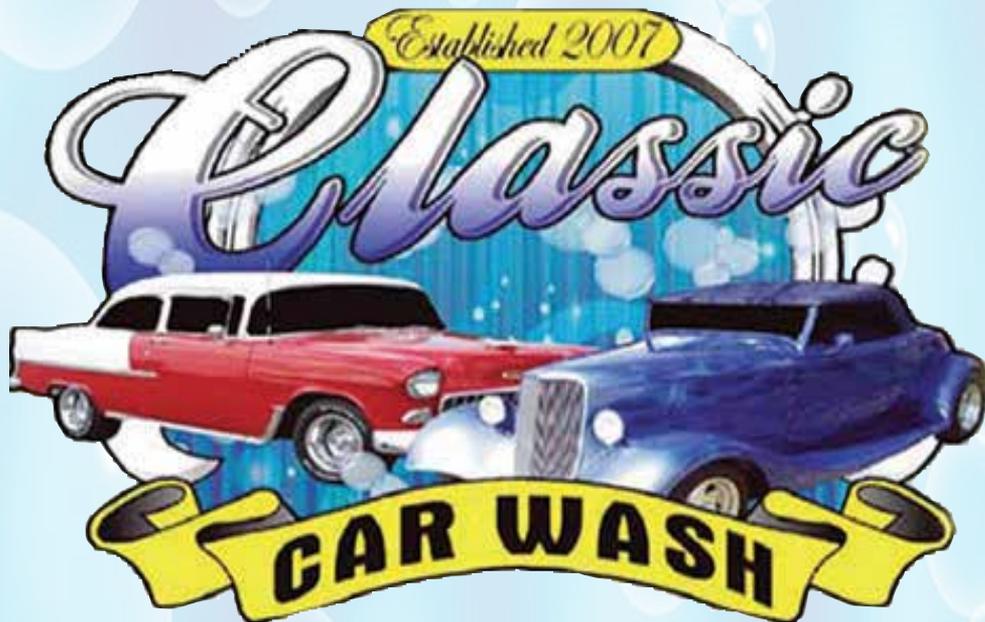
How a stage show is like a college football game: "In both events, the people watching are integral to what happens. If the crowd in the stadium is enthused and into the game, the players feed off that energy. In the theater, if the audience is responsive, the actors feed off the audience's energy. If the audience is non-reactionary in either scenario, it affects the players and performers. Theater is much like football in that respect."

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FRIDAY 1st

DEBIT OR CREDIT AT RIVERSIDE

Beginning Labor Day Weekend, boat launch fees at Riverside Landing and Marina will be payable only by debit or credit cards. The fee remains \$5, and thanks to a new city ordinance, Riverside residents who are 65 and older can obtain a free annual boat launch pass. For more information, call Riverside City Hall at 205-338-7692.



THURSDAY 14th

MEGAN KANE AND CHRIS REAVES

The singer-songwriters will perform at 7 p.m. at the Center for Education and Performing Arts as part of the Local Sounds series of acoustic concerts. Kane is a country singer/songwriter from central Alabama, and Reaves is a Birmingham-based musician. For more information or to order tickets, visit www.pellcitycepa.com.



SATURDAY 16th

MAJESTIC OUTDOORS BASS TOURNAMENT

The annual benefit bass tournament launches from Lakeside Park with an air-horn blast-off at 6 a.m. Weigh-ins will be at 2 p.m. For more information, email info@majoutdoors.com.

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Bulls return to Logan Martin for annual rodeo

Photographed by BOB CRISP

The third annual Bulls on the Lake Rodeo recently brought a standing-room-only crowd to Logan Martin and the Pell City Sports Complex. While bull riding took top billing, there was also barrel racing and events for the young rodeo enthusiasts, including mutton busting, in which the youngsters try to ride a sheep for as long as they can, and riding bucking Shetland ponies. The lakeside event was organized by Triple H Bucking Bulls and Rodeo Company and hosted by the Pell City Future Farmers of America Alumni as a fundraiser for the high school's agriculture education program.





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Visit the new Little Free Library by the lake

Written by DAVID ATCHISON
Photographed by BOB CRISP

The octopus' tentacles reach out in all directions in front of a ship's anchor. The deep underwater animal hovers over a pirate's treasure of shiny coins surrounded in seaweed, near a buccaneer's sword protruding from the sea floor.

To one side is a starfish peering out from behind the seaweed, and opposite a fish with what appear to be razor-sharp teeth. A fishing hook hangs from the side of its mouth.

It's a scene one might expect to see on a page of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," but it is instead at Lakeside Park in Pell City, depicted in an intricate piece of artwork at the new Little Free Library, directly across from the Kid's Kastle playground.

"I remember when that was a pile of (metal) junk," said David Coshatt, president-elect for the E.C. Gaston Chapter of the Alabama Power Service Organization, as he looked at the base of the Little Free Library.

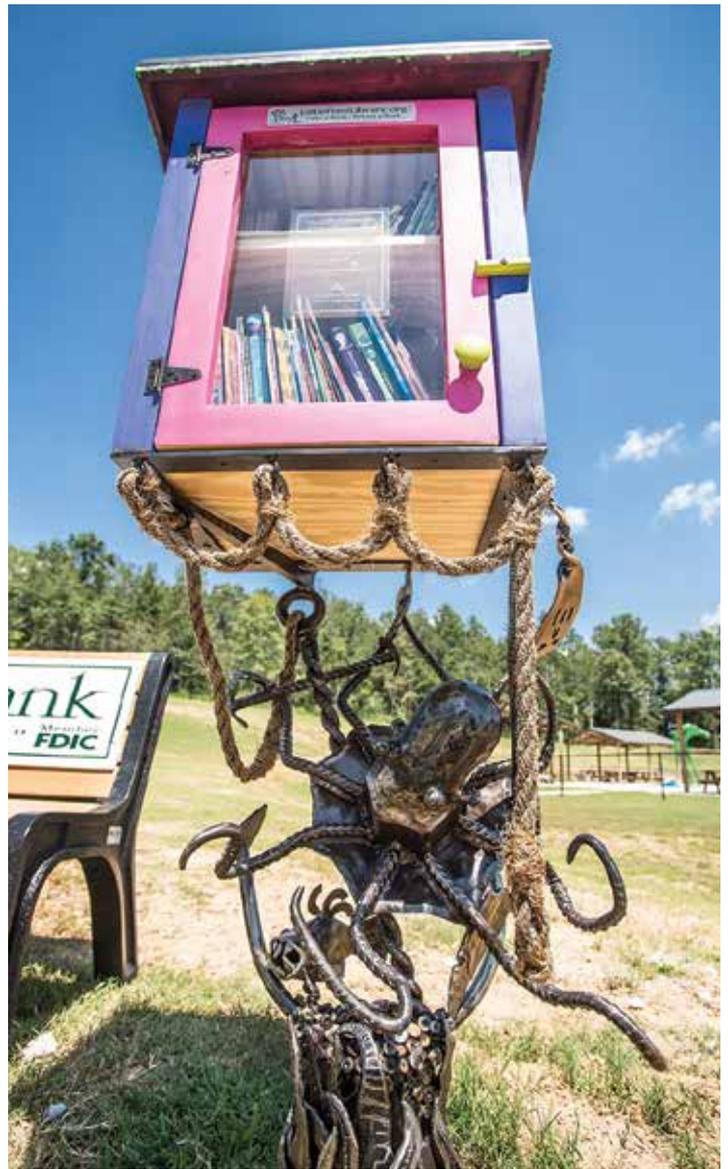
According to Coshatt, welder and artist Mike "Homie" Gaskin worked during his lunch hour and during periodic breaks from his job at Alabama Power Company's E.C. Gaston Power Plant in Wilsonville to build the structure that supports the library. "He probably worked 80 hours making that."

It was Donna Coshatt and Megan Sasser, Coshatt's wife and daughter, respectively, who drew and painted the artwork on the actual wooden box that holds the children's books that are available to the public at no cost. They continued the underwater theme with a painting of a mermaid, octopus and fish on each side of the wooden box, each character holding and reading a book. A glass door front provides access to the books inside the wooden box.

Donna Coshatt works for Alabama Power Company, and Sasser works for Metro Bank. The family connection helped the two companies join together for the service project, benefitting youngsters in the Pell City area.

"The Partnership worked out wonderfully," said Melissa Williamson, president of the E.C. Gaston Chapter of the Alabama Power Service Organization, which is made up of Alabama Power Company employees. "This is going to work out great for us."

Dana Jacks, a loan officer and vice president at Metro Bank, said bank employees donated books for the Little Free Library, which opened with nearly 100 books. Metro Bank



officials said the banks have plenty of books to replenish the inventory.

Children can borrow a book from the library, take a book and replace it with another book or just take and keep the book. Only children's books should be placed inside the Little Free Library.

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Get away from it all on the banks of the Coosa River

Written by Buddy Roberts
Photographed by Bob Crisp

Prospective homebuyers looking for some peace and quiet in a waterfront setting may find what they're seeking in the property at 644 Crawfish Lane in Ragland.

The 2,488-square-foot 1.5-story log cabin is situated on 18 acres along the Coosa River. Built in 1978, it features three bedrooms and 3.5 baths.

The master bedroom on the main level includes a 10x12 walk-in closet. The master bath features a jetted tub and a stand-alone steam shower. Upstairs is a second bedroom with a bath that includes a claw-foot tub. The third bedroom and full bath are downstairs in the finished

basement, along with the den.

The living room offers hardwood flooring with a wood-burning fireplace with marble surround and LED lighting. The eat-in kitchen features stainless appliances, subway tile and a large walk-in pantry. A laundry room is also on the main level.

The property is fenced with an electronic gate, and the screened-in porch offers a spectacular view of the Coosa River.

The property lists at \$369,900. For more information, call Sharon Thomas of RE/MAX Hometown Properties at 205-365-8875.

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Written by LACI BRASWELL

For Spencer Stone of Riverside, the real estate business is just in his blood.

"My parents, Dwight and Kaye Stone, both have experience in selling property and real estate," he said. "My mother taught me everything there is to know about working as a real estate agent."

Stone began working in real estate in 2005 and has been employed with Fields/Gossett Realty for the past two years. "Brenda Fields, our broker, has been amazing to work with. Everyone at the company has been very personable."

Stone also works in education and was recently hired as a career tech teacher at McAdory High School in Jefferson County.

Stone received his undergraduate degrees in history and computer science from the University of Alabama in 2005, earning graduate degrees in education and administration from the University of Montevallo in 2012. He is also pursuing his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Alabama. He was previously employed by the Pell City School System.

He and his wife, Kimberly, along with their son, Shephard, live on waterfront property in Riverside.

"The water is just so peaceful," he said. "My wife and I love to kayak. I'm also a swimmer."

Stone added that he "loves the area and the school system." According to the educator, having a strong school system directly affects the city's property values.

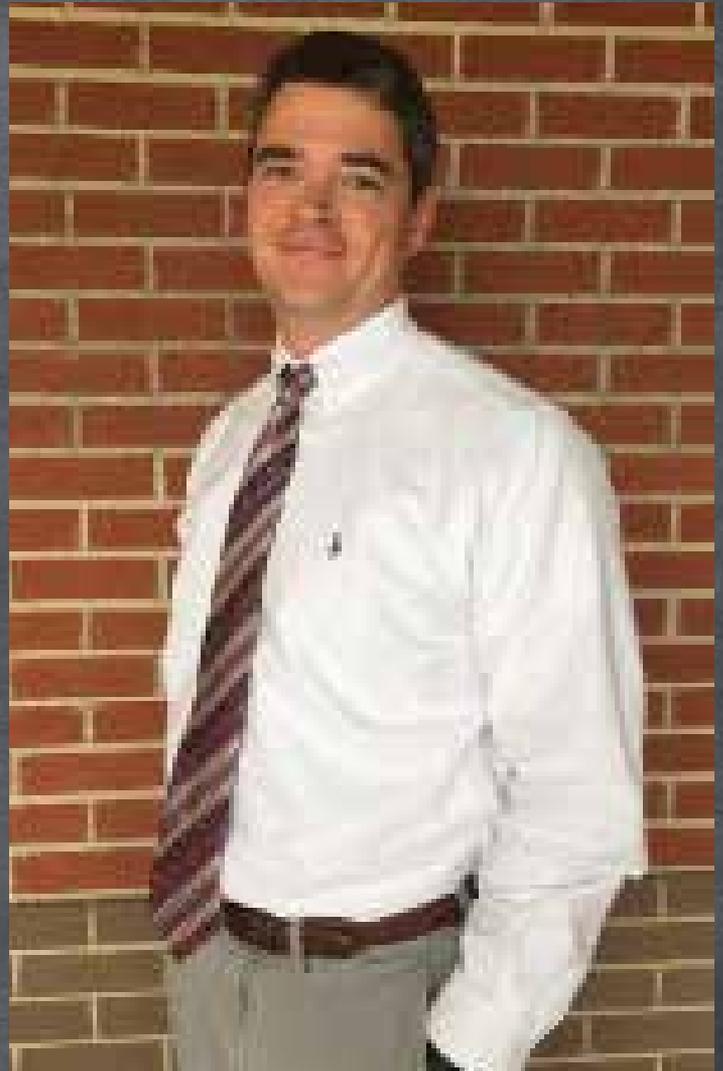
"The property taxes in our area go towards benefiting the schools," he said.

When asked about his favorite part of working in real estate, Stone replied, "The people. I love being able to help them find what they are looking for. Most of my clients are my personal friends, or become them."

Stone advised buyers and sellers to do so during the summer months, especially if they have children.

"Most people don't want to uproot their kids in the middle of the school year. It's always smart to plan to move in the summer."

He also stressed that now is still a good time to sell a home or property.



"Right now there is a shortage of homes on the market. It's a really good time to buy if you don't have children or don't plan to go very far."

Stone encouraged buyers and sellers to be aware of their limitations.

"Real estate TV shows have become a pet peeve of mine," he said. "They give unrealistic expectations for future homeowners and sellers. It's important that clients are aware of their price range."

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558 EAGLE POINTE LANE, PELL CITY - \$569,900 Stunning home on Logan Martin with updates throughout! This home offers a master on the main level complete with black bamboo floors, his and her vanities and water closets. The living room is complete with fireplace, vaulted ceiling and thick crown molding. The chef's kitchen would not be complete without the gorgeous custom cabinets, granite countertops, breakfast bar and eating area. Additional amenities include custom built bookcases, dry sauna, plantation shutters, recessed lighting, heated floors in master bath, 2 gas grills, sprinkler system, gazebo, lush landscaping, boat pier and lift. MLS #792936



REDUCED WATER FRONT

170 White Way Drive,
Logan Martin Lake,
\$530,000. Beautiful sunset, approx 3992 sq ft. 488 ft of shore line +/-Point lot. Deep year around water, boat house with wench, boat launch, 4 BR/3 BA, in ground pool, two kitchens, two dens, 90 ft long screen porch, formal dining room, granite counter tops, 3 garages, sprinkler system spider be gone system. MLS# 777990.



334 CANE CREEK DR PELL CITY - \$98,000 3 BR, 3 BA country home close to I20. Approx 2200 sq ft. The kitchen has bar and dining area, abundance of cabinets plus a pantry. Walk-in closets. Library/guest quarters could be an in-law suite. Expansive back decks, fireplace. Fully fenced, storm shelter. Metal roof and new energy efficient heat pump.Vapor barrier added and septic tank pumped. This home has passed FHA inspection. MLS #763289



NEW LISTING

2001 19TH ST, PELL CITY \$240,000.00. 2 ac farm in the city with such charm. Fenced with a barn and pasture. This adorable home is perfect for the southern charm home lover! It is full of character! Unique LR w/high ceilings! Pretty DR w/hardwoods! Spacious master BR w/large closet! Front foyer is great place for art work! This home is a treasure you see to appreciate! Tile counter top, gas heat, gas water heater, wood siding. MLS #790241



REDUCED WATER FRONT

475 RIVER FOREST LN., TALLADEGA, \$160,000 2 BR, 2 BA, Condo. No maintenance just move in and enjoy the lake. You will love the community pool, beach, boat launch, dock, playground and grilling stations. Beautiful kitchen with custom cabinets and granite counter tops. The master features a garden tub and separate shower, double vanity. Covered deck. MLS #761110



NEW LISTING

2219 4TH AVE. NO. - \$215,000 Downtown Living at its Best! Charm, Charm, Charm! 5 BR, 3 full BA, 2 half bath, formal living and dining room, greatroom w/ fireplace, bay window, eat in space in kitchen, big deck, beautiful landscape, new roof, life time gutters, red wood siding, approx. 3565 sq. ft. MLS #777124



REDUCED

4208 BLUE CUTT RD. - \$299,000 8.5 acres, dirt track w/jumps, very private, architectural design home, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, stone fireplace, jetted tub, downstairs den. 20x60 workshop, 2 HVAC units, energy efficient. MLS #784566



165 DOVE COVE RD, TALLADEGA - \$189,500 Talladega Co. School District. 6 BR 3 BA N/Asq Logan Martin Lake, Huge Great room, eat in Kitchen. Approx 2200 sq feet. Extra large double garage with workshop. Level lot, approx 115 feet of shore line. MLS #605715



NEW LISTING

8560 RENFROE RD. - \$159,000 Logan Martin Lake. Over 400 ft. of shore line. Approximately 1.9 ac. lot. Point lot. MLS #763524



REDUCED

231 LAKELAND HILLS, TALLADEGA \$275,000. Tucked back in nature with amazing views from all rooms. Lakeside: master, office, living and kitchen. Teenager, in law suite or multiple family space downstairs. Includes master BR, 2 BR, bath, walk in closets, living area, full kitchens and laundry area. Natural landscape, boat pier, screened porch, storage building and more! Siding is Hardie fiber cement. MLS# 770846.



REDUCED WATER FRONT

668 LAKE FRONT DR, PELL CITY - \$599,000. Great room has 22 ft. ceiling, stacked stone fireplace. Pella windows & crown molding throughout. Kitchen has custom made cabinets, induction range, granite counter tops, bar, tile flooring and large bay window in casual eating area. Main level has formal dining room back foyer w/large pantry and bar area, guest bath w/black marble, master room and bath suite has separate tile shower & garden tub. Upstairs has 2BR both w bonus room w/skylight, full size BA and open balcony. Basement has 4th BR w/full bath & media room, exercise room and den w/wet bar. MLS #770918



NEW LISTING

310 LAKE VIEW CIR. - \$398,000 Logan Martin Lake. Big water view, open floor plan, screened porch, open covered deck, 3BR, 2BA, beautiful landscape, 2 car garage, 1 carport. Extra Large Boat garage, boat house w/wench, sea wall. MLS #784680



374 DRAGLINE ROAD, LEEDS \$192,900.00 Let's go fishing!!!! On this 1.5+/- acres with a stocked pond full of fish. Leeds address but Moody schools. Brick home with three bed and three full and 1 half bath, great room w/fireplace, kitchen, den, laundry/mud room, and play/rec room (use to be double garage) with a fully functional kitchen and bath. Fantastic for entertaining that large group of friends. The home has a front porch and a back patio perfect for relaxing and enjoying the beautiful pond. Just minutes from I-20. MLS #789193



Hwy 280 UNIT 14.27 Acres, Sterrett, \$2,200,000. Commercial Property, Chelsea Tax District. Across from Chelsea Park Subdivision. Road frontage approx. 497 feet 1285 ft deep, utilities at the street. MLS# 773072

- COTTON TOP FARMS, 4 LOTS. \$15,000
- TWO EAGLE POINTE LOTS, \$14,900 MLS #76033 AND MLS #760336
- LAKE LOT - RIVERSIDE \$75,000
- SEMINOLE TRAL - MAYS BEND LAKE ACCESS \$45,000
- LOGAN MARTIN LAKE POINT LOT, BEACH AREA, APPROX 440 FT. OF SHORE LINE MLS #783524 \$159,000

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3525 Lake Rd. - 2br, 1ba
Waterfront
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140 County Rd. 196 - 3br, 1ba
Waterfront/Acreage
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400 Lokey Ln. - 5br, 3.5ba
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145 Starboard Dr. - 2br, 1ba
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MLS 753625	33 Willow Rd	Lincoln	\$129,900- REDUCED	Logan Martin	Waterfront
MLS 770168	Hunter Ridge Ln, Lot 101	Pell City	\$9,000 - REDUCED	Logan Martin	Lake Access
MLS 746923	30 Sunset Strip	Pell City	\$109,000- REDUCED	Logan Martin	Waterfront
MLS 783417	Lakeland Hills Dr., Lot 19	Talladega	\$50,000	Logan Martin	Waterfront
MLS 611711	Pine Harbor Rd, Lot 2	Pell City	\$19,900	Logan Martin	Acreage
MLS 779353	Water Oak Ln	Talladega	\$29,900	Logan Martin	Water Access
MLS 793436	87 Lake Pointe Dr	Lincoln	\$24,900	Logan Martin	Lake Access
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MLS 793438	Mountain Crest Dr, Lot 77	Lincoln	\$24,900	Logan Martin	Lake Access
MLS 793439	214 Lake Pointe Dr	Lincoln	\$33,900	Logan Martin	Lake Access
MLS 761316	190 Mohawk Trl	Ohatchee	\$69,900- REDUCED	Neely Henry	Waterfront/Unrestricted
MLS 769382	Shoreside Ln, Lot 201	Sylacauga	\$16,500	Lay Lake	Lake Access/Acreage
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MLS 769385	Stillwaters Trl, Lot 163	Sylacauga	\$49,900	Lay Lake	Waterfront
MLS 775740	Preserve Trail, Lot 231	Sylacauga	\$65,900	Lay Lake	Lake Access/Acreage
MLS 775738	Broken Arrow Dr, Lot 116	Sylacauga	\$74,900	Lay Lake	Waterfront/Acreage
MLS 754800	400 Polo Ln	Sylacauga	\$149,900	Lay Lake	Waterfront
MLS 784889	Castaway Rd. Lot 190	Sylacauga	\$49,900- REDUCED	Lay Lake	Waterfront
MLS 784891	Broken Arrow Dr, Lot 122	Sylacauga	\$49,900- REDUCED	Lay Lake	Waterfront
MLS 784893	Stillwaters Trl. Lot 179	Sylacauga	\$49,900- REDUCED	Lay Lake	Waterfront
MLS 789095	Sehoya Dr.	Clanton	\$99,900- REDUCED	Lay Lake	Waterfront
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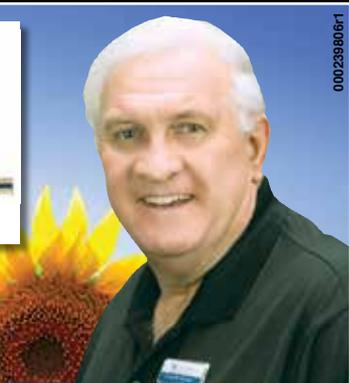
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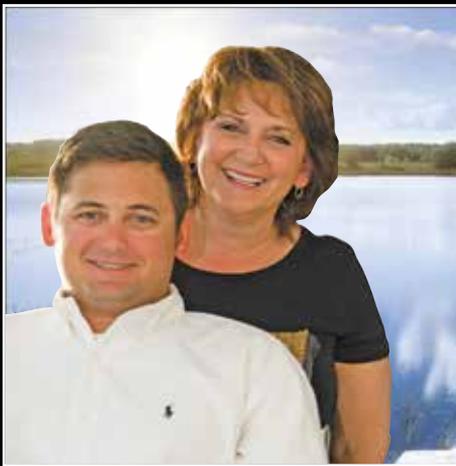


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