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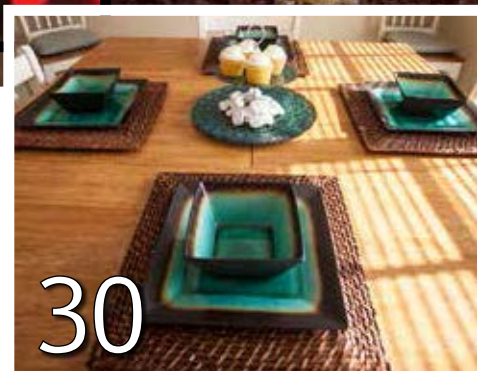
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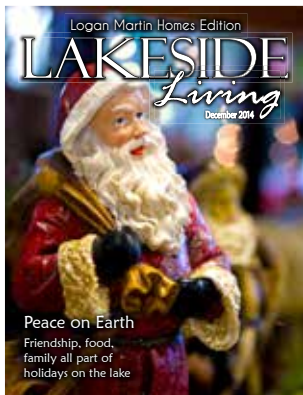
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Best Time: This column lists the best time of the day when, according to our formula, fish will be biting: MORNING; EVENING.

Alabama is blessed with an abundance of water

To fund the management of fishing in public waters, fishing licenses are required for anglers 16 and older. Alabama has two exceptions. For anglers fishing with a pole and line only (the pole does not have a reel) from the bank in the county of residence, a fishing license is not required. For those that like to fish with a pole and line, a Wildlife Heritage License which allows bank fishing statewide is required. Also, Alabama residents 65 and older also do not need a license. However, a Senior License is available to them which allows the Division to collect additional federal funding.

Most of Alabama is blessed with clean water, and the fish in these waters are safe for eating. There are a few water bodies, however, where the Alabama Department of Public Health advises that fish not be consumed. The latest information may be obtained by calling 1-800-201-8208.

Boating Tip

All children under eight years of age must wear a life jacket while on a boat. Why not wear your life jacket as an example to your children. The life you save may be your own!

It's the law! Everyone on board a vessel must have a life jacket available to them. Make sure they fit properly and are in good condition. Also, anyone being towed on skis or a tube, riding a Jet Ski or Sea Doo, or boating within 800 feet below a dam must wear a life jacket.

Information from Outdoor Alabama.
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December 2014

Dec 01, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 02, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 03, 2014	GOOD	Morning
Dec 04, 2014	GOOD	Morning
Dec 05, 2014	FAIR	Morning
Dec 06, 2014	FAIR	Evening
Dec 07, 2014	FAIR	Evening
Dec 08, 2014	BEST	Evening
Dec 09, 2014	BEST	Evening
Dec 10, 2014	POOR	Evening
Dec 11, 2014	POOR	Evening
Dec 12, 2014	POOR	Evening
Dec 13, 2014	FAIR	Evening
Dec 14, 2014	FAIR	Morning
Dec 15, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 16, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 17, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 18, 2014	GOOD	Morning
Dec 19, 2014	FAIR	Morning
Dec 20, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 21, 2014	POOR	Evening
Dec 22, 2014	POOR	Evening
Dec 23, 2014	POOR	Evening
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Dec 25, 2014	GOOD	Evening
Dec 26, 2014	BEST	Evening
Dec 27, 2014	BEST	Evening
Dec 28, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 29, 2014	POOR	Morning
Dec 30, 2014	FAIR	Morning
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Information from the Farmers' Almanac.

Lake Levels

Full Pool: 465 Feet
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Saturday, Dec. 6

Miss Merry Christmas Pageant

The Talladega High School band boosters will sponsor this pageant to be held at Harwell Auditorium starting at 4 p.m. The pageant will consist of 10 categories from Tiny Miss Mistletoe for children birth to 1-year old all the way up to Miss Merry Christmas for young ladies in the 12th grade. Admission to the pageant will be \$5, with children 5 and under admitted free.

Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Christmas parade starting at 4 p.m. to be followed by the annual Christmas tree lighting. For more information, call 205-763-1006.

Thursday, Dec. 7

“Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”

The Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas parade starting at 7 p.m. and the theme for this year will be that famous Christmas classic. For more information, call 205-338-3377.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Childersburg Christmas Parade

Sponsored by the Childersburg Chamber of Commerce, the parade will start at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20

“Reason for the Season” Singing

The Childersburg Parks and Recreation Department will host this singing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Five local church choirs will sing four songs each. Admission will be a canned food item and all proceeds will be divided among the participating churches for their food banks. For more information, call Tova Lee at 256-378-6225.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

New Years Eve Celebration

The Childersburg Parks and Recreation Department will help ring in the New Year with a special event at the R.S. Limbaugh Center. Vintage 6 will perform a variety of music from the 1950s and 1960s. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and Vintage 6 will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. The ticket price will include food for the event. Tickets are limited and will be pre-sold. For more information, call Tova Lee at 256-378-6225.

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Knackatory Neighbors

Love of shopping
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Clear Creek
residents

Story by CHRIS NORWOOD
Photos by BOB CRISP

According to co-owner Linda Megginson, a Knackatory is simply “a collection of nick-knacks.” This is an entirely appropriate name for the business that she and partner Peggy Isbell have been running since September on the court house square in

Talladega.

The original Knackatory was actually opened a couple of years ago by Karen and Andy Prince, who own the building and still have the upstairs ballroom. “We had been coming in with friends for a while,

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Craftsman Jeremy Gentry made this porch swing from parts of an antique bed frame.

and found out they were looking for someone to run it," Megginson said.

"We had talked about different places, and then they offered us this one," Isbell added. "The Lord just kind of placed it in our lap. The good Lord has definitely opened some doors for us."

Isbell and Megginson started out as neighbors in Clear Creek Marina.

Isbell worked for the postal service and lived with her family in Moody before being "drawn to the lake about

10 years ago because of friends and family already there. It's a wonderful place to bring my grandchildren, and we have a ball swimming and boating." Still, Clear Creek was largely a weekend getaway until her husband died, and she decided to move out there full-time. Her brother and brother-in-law live there, too, and even the neighbors that are not technically related feel like family.

Megginson and her family also started out as weekenders on the lake, in around 1987. She and her husband started living there full-time after their son

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At left:
The Knackatory on the square in Talladega sells a variety of Christmas decorations.

At right:
Customers can find all sorts of items for the holidays at the Knackatory.

graduated from high school and started attending Auburn University.

She had worked in different capacities in the pharmaceuticals industry for a dozen years. For the last eight years, she was a clinical trials monitor working from home. She also did contract work, which required a great deal of travel, until she retired seven years ago.

This was about the same time Isbell retired from the post office. The two neighbors quickly determined that they shared a love of collecting and began visiting yard and antique sales fairly regularly.

They also discovered that Isbell has a talent



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Above:
Peggy Isbell (left) and Linda Megginson
are co-owners of the Knackatory on
the square in Talladega.

At right:
Another of the works from local
craftsmen available at the Knackatory.

for craft and design and that Megginson is a gifted business manager. “We’re a good mesh,” she said.

“We have a very eclectic selection of merchandise old and new for collectors of all ages,” Megginson added. “Peggy is a marvel at decorating and the window displays, and there is absolutely nothing she can’t do with



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a hammer and saw. She recently put down new flooring in her home at Clear Creek Marina by herself.” She has recently begun “repurposing” old things into new items for the home, she added.

“We (also) have a wide variety of old and unique things, from old rusted signs to man cave items to beautiful antique, refurbished furniture,” Isbell said. “Plus, it is a lot fun with my friend, neighbor and partner to do what we have always loved to do—shop.”

They also buy items on consignment and work with local artisans and craftsmen such as Jeremy Gentry, who specializes in making kitchen and other household gadgets into working light fixtures and converting bed parts into swings and benches.

Although the two are working to build a customer base off walk-in business, there are already two customers

that stand out.

The first was a 10-year-old boy from Birmingham, who ended up buying an old gray oil can for his grandfather, because the grandfather once owned a Gulf Station. The other is an 8-year-old girl whose parents work across the street and who comes in by herself sometimes to shop. She will say that she is saving her money for a particular item and have it held for her.

When she returns to buy it, she “counts out the money, always the correct amount from her purse,” Megginson said. “Neither of the things she purchased was more than \$5, but the experience was priceless to me, and, I hope, the customers.”

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A yummy Christmas tale for all to enjoy..

Story by JUNE WINTERS
Photos by BOB CRISP

T'was almost Christmas on the lake and all through our house, not a creature was stirring, (well, maybe a mouse). A holiday feast had been lovingly prepared for the family and friends who would be gathering there.

There was ham and turkey and piles of

mashed potatoes, salads of all kinds, and fresh, sliced tomatoes. A bounty of fresh vegetables, all cooked just right. It was all made perfect, with cakes and pies in sight. Let's all bow our heads and thank God for this delicious array that He's blessed us with, especially today!

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S-o-o, grab your apron, measuring cups and spoons, the little pot and the big pot and let's get going!

Here's to a happy holiday season at your house – made happier with this deliciously delightful Christmas dinner!

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- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 stick margarine
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Grease a casserole dish and place sweet potatoes in bottom; add apples. Melt margarine and drizzle over the top of yam-apple mixture. In a small mixing bowl, combine brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt; mix well. Sprinkle over the top of casserole. Cover lightly with foil and bake 45 minutes in a preheated 350 degree oven. Remove foil the last 10 minutes so that casserole can brown lightly.

CORNBREAD DRESSING

6 cups cornbread crumbs
 2 cups biscuit crumbs
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 1 & ½ tablespoons rubbed sage
 2 cups chopped celery
 1 & ½ cups chopped onion
 ½ cup melted butter
 1/3 cup broth
 ½ cup oil
 2 cups reserved broth
 3 eggs, lightly beaten

Combine first five ingredients in a large bowl. Set aside. In a medium saucepan, combine onion, celery, butter, and 1/3 cup broth. Bring to a boil over medium heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Pour mixture over bread crumbs, and stir in oil, eggs and 2 cups broth. Mix well. Bake in a greased 2 & ½-quart baking dish uncovered for 45 minutes at 375 degrees or until set and golden brown. (This dressing does better if it sits overnight in the refrigerator).

GRAVY

½ stick margarine
 ¼ cup flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 2 cans cream of chicken soup
 ½ can water

Melt margarine in a heavy skillet. Add flour, salt and pepper and brown the flour slowly. In a medium, mixing bowl, combine soups and water and stir until well mixed. Add to flour mixture and cook slowly until right consistency. (May add 1 teaspoon dried parsley, if desired).



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- 1 & ½ cups chopped pecans

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Ruethemann succeeds Riley as LMLPA head



Mike Riley, left, stepped down as president of the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association in July. The LMLPA board elected Linda Ruethemann, right, to the position.

Story by ELSIE HODNETT
Photo submitted

The Logan Martin Lake Protection Association is under new leadership.

"I've enjoyed my time serving as president, but decided to step down and make way for fresh leadership," LMLPA past president Mike Riley said.

In July, the LMLPA elected then-vice president Linda Ruethemann to the position.

"I retired from BellSouth/AT&T as director of labor relations, moved to the area in 2002 and became a member of LMLPA," Ruethemann said.

By 2004, she was certified as an LMLPA water quality monitor. This year she became a certified water quality

trainer.

"I have been a member of the LMLPA board since 2011 and served as vice president during the 2013-14 term," she said. "Mike Riley and I worked together during our professional careers, and we find working together for a smooth transition quite easy."

Riley joined the LMLPA in 2009 after retiring from BellSouth/AT&T in 2008.

"I was elected vice president in 2010 and president in 2011," he said. "My number one goal was to make the LMLPA more relevant in the area as a protector and advocate of Logan Martin Lake. I promoted LMLPA every

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chance I had, and it didn't matter where. Most people had either never heard of LMLPA or thought it was a government agency."


Riley said LMLPA became more involved in the community at large, including partnerships with Logan Martin LakeFest, the annual lake cleanup, manning booths and attending different special events, giving presentations to various civic organizations, implementing monofilament recycling, continuing support of the St. Clair Water Festival, alerting the City of Pell City about the direct effects of having Canada geese in the city park and the issue of what to do about controlling the population of those birds, contesting the removal of Logan Martin Lake as an endangered impoundment with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (which LMLPA achieved), involvement in the Alabama Power Company relicensing of the lake, modernizing the website and placing LMLPA on Facebook and Twitter and working with various local and government entities on issues such as the water dispute with Georgia and other things that impact the lake.

"I'm especially proud of our recruitment efforts," Riley said. "We reached out to homeowners with property on the lake and added more than 230 new members during my time as vice president and president."

Ruethemann said much of the membership growth in the past couple of years has been on the St. Clair side of the lake.

"I would like to encourage membership growth on the Talladega side as residents there are a vital part of our lake community," she said. "Another area that I would like to concentrate on is the growth of volunteers from our membership. We have many members and potential members with time and talents that are untapped."

Riley said the LMLPA was formed in 1995 to advocate in Alabama's ongoing water dispute with Georgia, to ensure the quality of the lake water and to keep the lake clean for future generations. LMLPA meetings are open to the public and are held quarterly. For more information visit lmlpa.org.

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After two years of searching, when she walked in the door she just knew this would be her place of tranquility.

"I let out a sigh, and it felt like a weight was lifted," said Dr. Yvette Hickman, author of "Fountain in the Valley."

Yvette and her husband, Alister, both have stressful jobs. Yvette is a family medicine practitioner while Al is a deputy director for the City of Birmingham. The couple has two children, Allison, 15, and Daniel, 8.

"We started looking for a lake house in 2009," she said. "We wanted a place to relax."

In 2011, they found their perfect spot on Logan Martin Lake.

"We bought the house for the lot," she said. "The house was already built, I think from the 1950s. The other places we looked at had really sloping lots, but this one is level enough for the kids to play football, kickball, catch and other games."

Yvette said they have year-round water, and it slopes gradually instead of having a steep drop-off.



"Not having a steep drop-off in the water was especially important to me as a parent," she said. "And the fishing is good—I like to fish."

Yvette said the neighbors are great.

"It's a peaceful neighborhood," she said. "We have dinner together. It's a nice community. Our neighbors



Dr. Yvette Hickman said she did most of the writing for her first book, "Fountain in the Valley," at the lake house. The spectacular view of the water with the mountains in the background provided inspiration.

with gardens will often stop by and give us fresh food from their gardens."

Yvette said the family enjoys kayaking and paddle boating.

"We recently bought a pontoon boat," she said. "We take it out as a family—pack a lunch and play cards and

board games. Without television and other distractions it gives us the chance to talk."

Yvette said there are no clocks at the lake house.

"We are on 'lake time' here," she said. "We sleep in when we want to and get up when we want to. This is our vacation place to go."



Dr. Hickman said the family chose the lot because of the view and the yard, which is level enough for them to enjoy games of football, kickball and catch.

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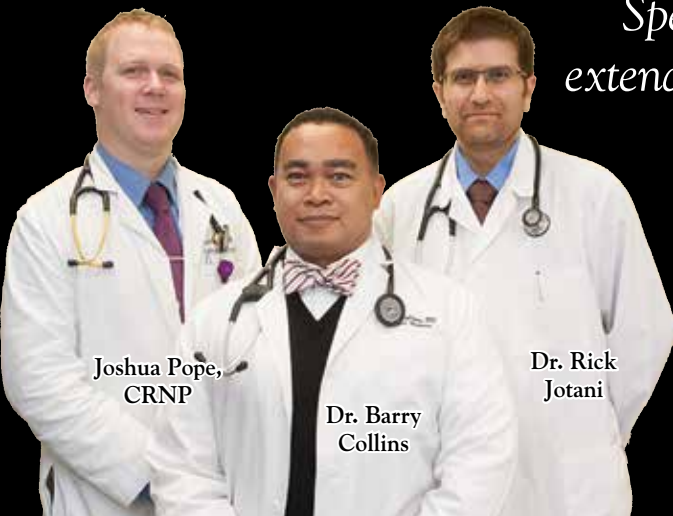
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Dr. Hickman is a bird lover and decorated the lake house with peacock-colored dishes and paintings of birds.



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The lot gently slopes to the water. Dr. Hickman said both her mom and her husband’s mom are in wheelchairs, but are able to reach the pier and enjoy fishing and the lake.

Yvette said the arts—playing the flute, bird watching, sketching and writing—help her deal with the life-and-death situations that come with being a doctor.

“Most of my first book, ‘Fountain in the Valley,’ was written here,” she said. “I can clear my thoughts here and there are no distractions. I can clear my mind and thoughts and hear my Father (God) here.”

Yvette said “Fountain in the Valley” was inspired by a dream. The book is about the breaking and transformation process of humans, God’s earthen vessels, into the beautiful

bride of Christ, including the spiritual journey to the humility and brokenness required to be fit for the Master’s service.

“Fountain in the Valley” also includes original poetry inspired by the lake.

There is a point along the shoreline that provided Yvette with the inspiration for her poem “Shoreline.”

“This point inspired me,” she said. “It changes with the seasons like God changes us.”

Yvette is currently working on her second book. “Fountain in the Valley” is available at www.barnesandnoble.com and www.amazon.com.

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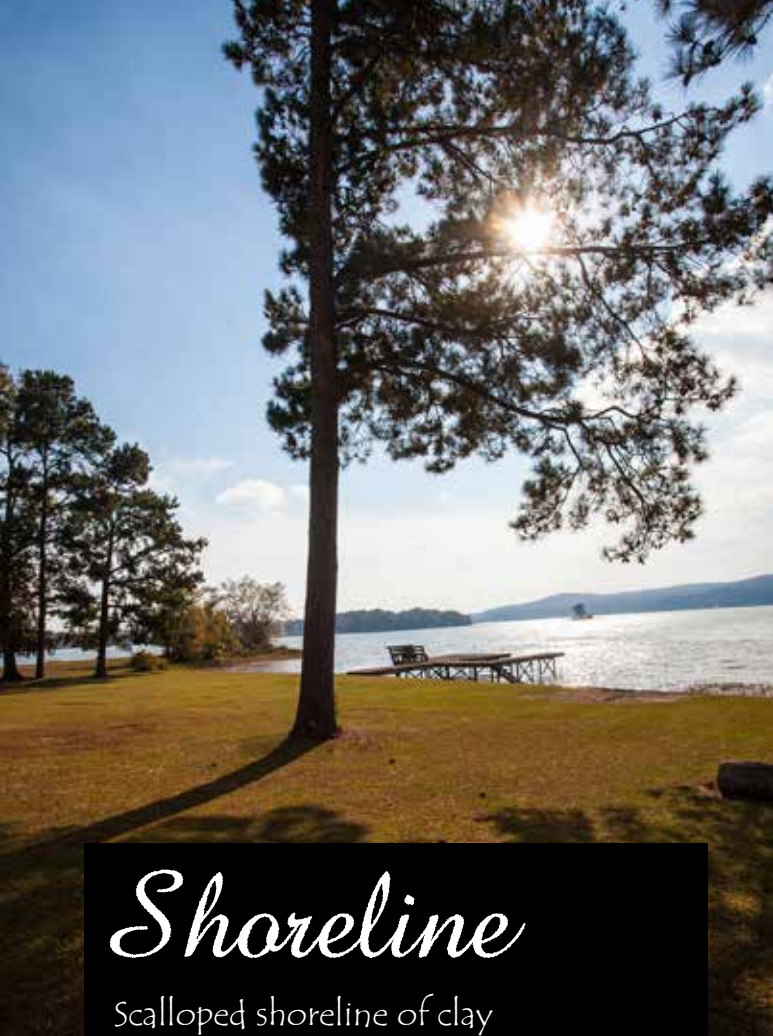
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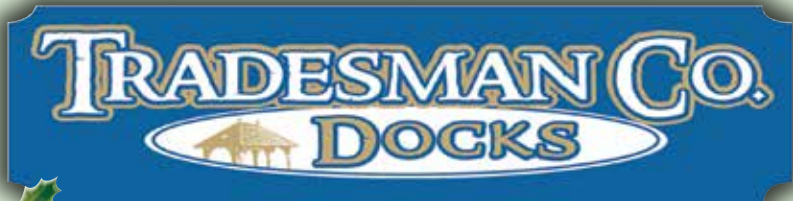
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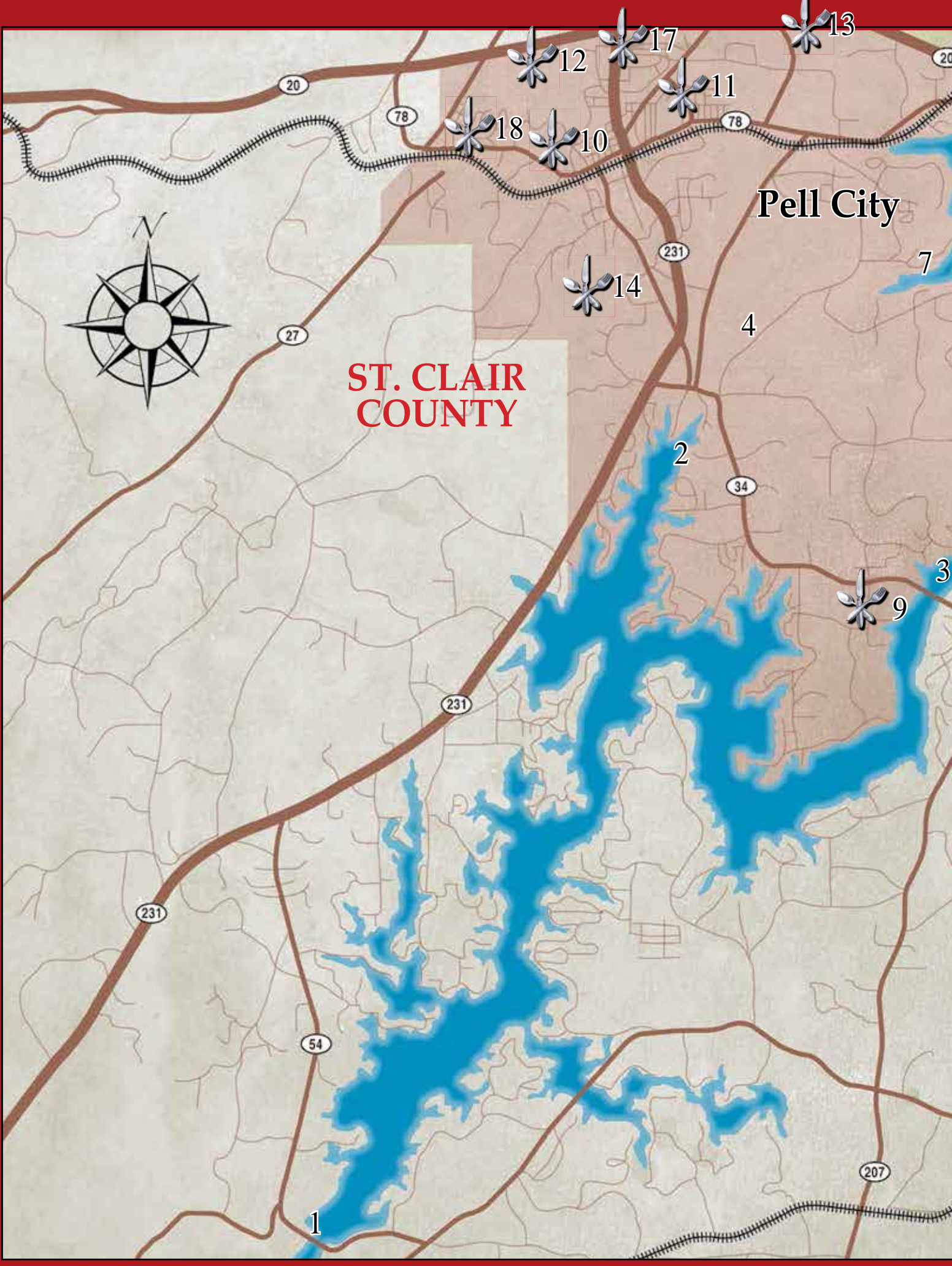
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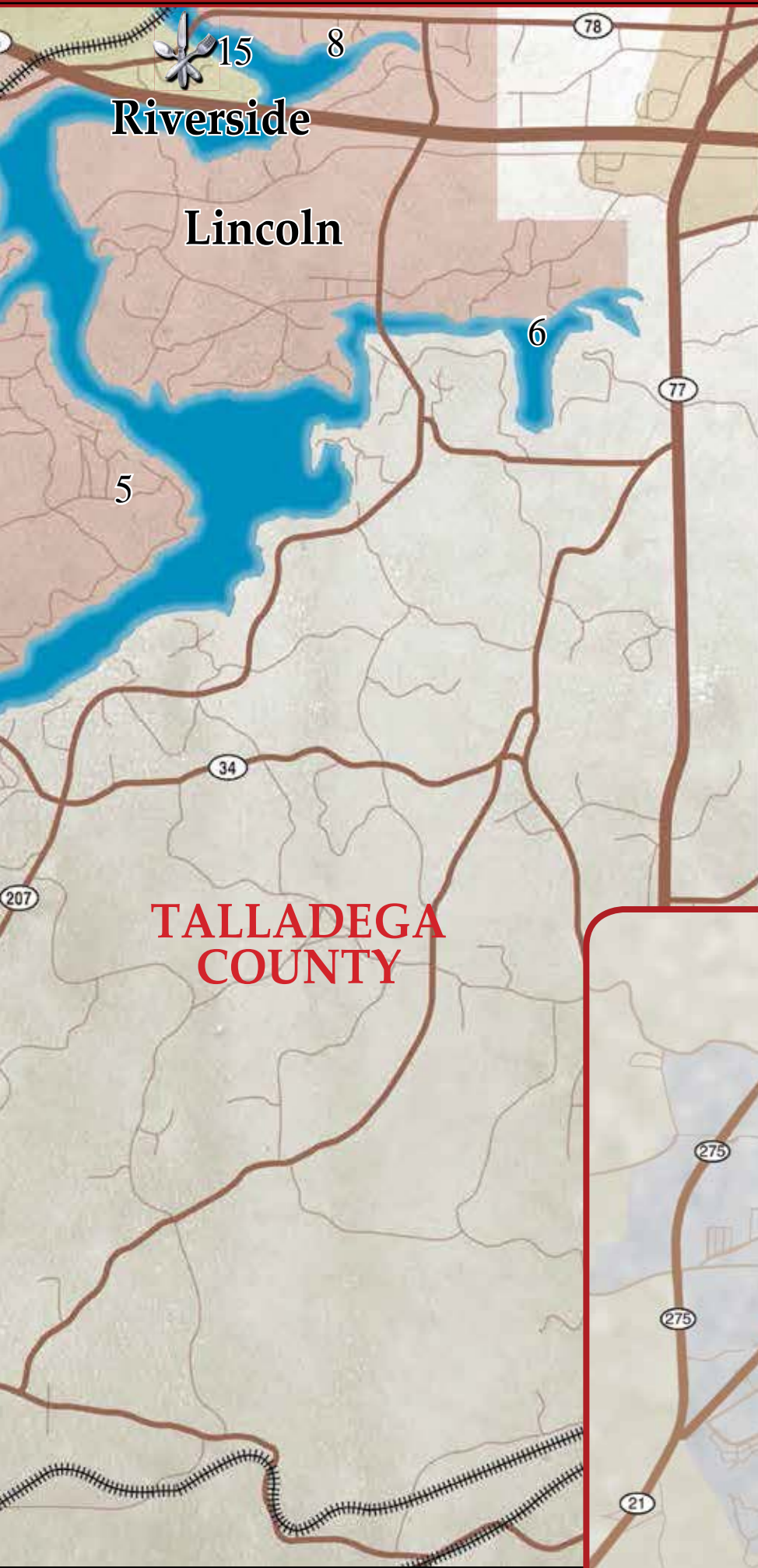
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Story by SHANE DUNAWAY

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This two-story home, priced at \$579,900 and located at 190 Albert Road in Lincoln, didn't originally offer the expansive view its heavily-windowed "Florida room" now provides.

"When I bought this house, you couldn't see the lake for about 30-something trees, and all of the back of the house was vinyl siding," said Sylvia Bentley, a sales executive for ERA King Real Estate Co., Inc. "If you're going to live on the lake, why wouldn't you want to see the water? So now, when you walk in, you've got a view of the water."

Bentley called the room one of her favorites within the home.

"This room is kind of a fun room for me, because this is what I like," Bentley said. "I sit here and watch TV. I sit out here, so I can see the water and have my morning coffee or whatever. I can see the pool from here."

Though the Florida Room may be breathtaking, there are plenty of gorgeous rooms to cause the eye to wander from the domineering lakefront view.

The main entrance opens up into a two-story foyer with a vaulted ceiling and a staircase to the left lined with wooden bannisters and wrought iron railing.

Entrances to each downstairs room are adorned with open archways, a look Bentley favored much better.

"We put a lot of angles and a lot of curves and a lot of archway to give the house some character," Bentley said. "There again, I was trying to get the concept of where you

walk through the front door – what a view!"

Walking straight through the foyer leads into the great room, the second area of the home that showcases a vaulted ceiling.

In the great room, a stone fireplace creeps up the left side of the wall, and on the mantle, a huge flat-screen TV stands out from the rock.

To the right of the great room, the kitchen area boasts a variety of appliances, including a built-in microwave, oven and dishwasher among the cabinets as well as a five-burner GE Profile gas range cooktop and silestone and granite countertops.

The remainder of the first floor includes a dining room, breakfast room, laundry area, bedroom full bathroom and master suite with an adjoining master bathroom.

The upstairs portion of the home has two bedrooms nearly symmetrical in look, size and placement on opposing ends of the hallway with wall-to-wall walk-in closets.


Between the bedrooms near the midway point of the walkway is another full bathroom.

Outside of the full bathroom, the walkway turns into a balcony that completes the home's two-story foyer and overlooks the great room and Florida room.

The home offers a two-car garage in the front yard on the left side of the property.

The exit from the Florida room leads out to a deck that overlooks the backyard, containing a saltwater pool and outdoor kitchen area to the left and a driveway leading down to a boat launch area and double boat dock.

"It's a great place for family outings," Bentley said.

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Carl Howard: *Educator and Agent*

Story by ZAC AL-KHATEEB

PELL CITY – Sometimes, Carl Howard just can't help but notice the similarities between his job as a real estate agent for Fields & Gossett Realty and his previous work as a vocational director in Selma.

While he was in Selma, Howard worked with students to help them better understand their career goals: where they wanted to go, what they wanted to do and the best way to get there.

Now, working in real estate, Howard gets the same pleasure – especially when working with younger clients – in helping them pick the right home.

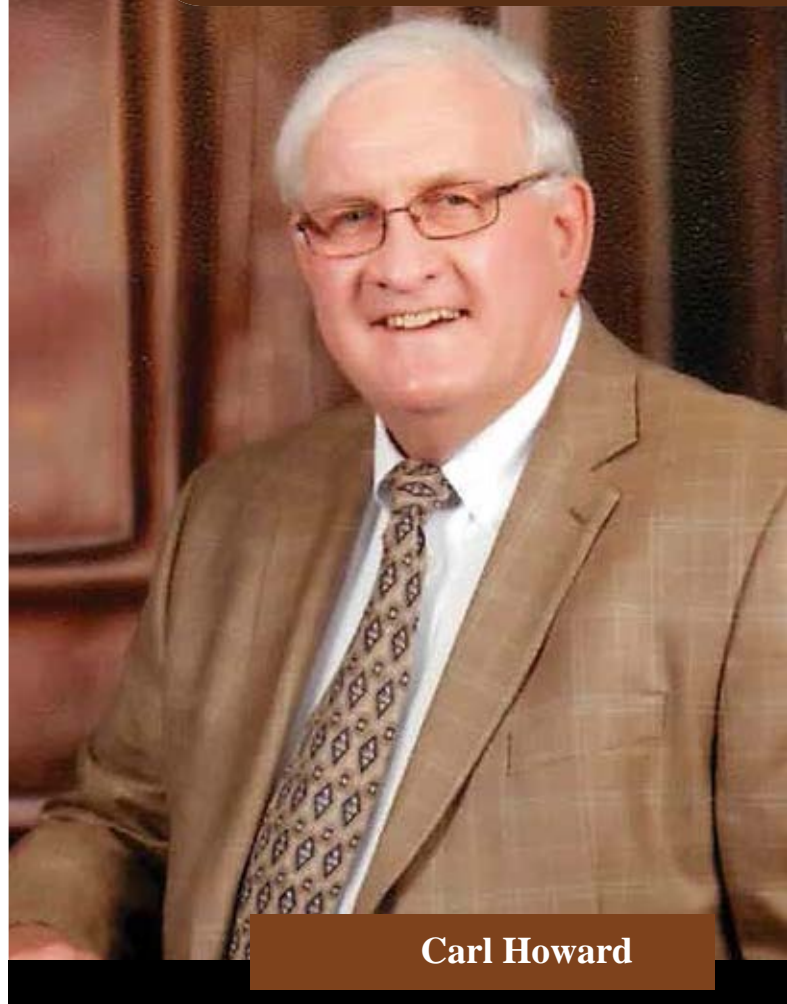
"It's not really a whole lot of difference between helping kids decide what type of career track, as in what type of field they might be interested in," Howard said. "Except here, I might just be helping older – a little older folks – make one of the largest investments they will make in their lifetime."

Howard has switched between roles as a vocational director and real estate agent ever since he began working in realty in the 1980s in Calhoun County. He worked in that position for six years before deciding to head to Selma to help young students decide what they might do with their lives.

From there, Howard went on to earn his Bachelor of Science at Jacksonville State, a master's in vocational education at Alabama and his endorsement for vocational administration at Auburn.

After working in that field for a few years, Howard returned to central Alabama to retire -- for a whopping eight months. During that time, he helped his son at LAH Real Estate in Birmingham, but quickly grew restless for additional work.

"I got kind of bored, and I told my wife, 'I'm getting bored, so I'm getting out,'" Howard said. "So I went back to the work I had been in previously, in Anniston. I really enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun, met a whole lot of people."



Carl Howard


And so, for the last 12 years, Howard has given his time to Fields & Gossett Realty in Pell City. It is the perfect marriage of his career paths: He's able to help others decide where they want to invest their time and money.

This time, however, he helps people decide on homes, not careers.

"The best part, as I said, is you are helping some people make some wise decisions," Howard said. "And you're actually doing that through education. You're teaching them how to calculate it. ... They may take it, they may not. It's not all about making the sale, although, I did teach that."

Howard said he sells properties all over Talladega County, even venturing into Birmingham if he feels he can be helpful to someone there.

Howard said he's enjoyed the work he does, working with people of all ages, trying to help them as only he can. There isn't anything else he'd rather be doing.

"It's been fun," Howard said. "I work with all ages, but I really like working with the young ones. ... It's a joy to actually see them get something that they want." 

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CROPWELL \$259,900. 1 level brick 3 BR/2BA on 3 level acres with huge backyard to cove on the lake with pier/boardwalk. Workshop, shed for tractors, double gar. Huge master w/2 walk-in closets, double vanity, garden tub. Kitchen has oak cabinets, stainless apps, convection oven. French doors open to huge deck. Freshly painted in neutral colors. MLS#612853



PELL CITY \$257,900 Charming stacked stone & wood 3BR/2.5 BA home in Pine Harbor with water access, nested in the trees on large lot. Great room has Cathedral pine tongue & groove ceiling, Beautiful master with large walk in closets, kitchen with eating area, island, gas cook top, Viking stove, huge pantry. Sunroom, patio, workshop. MLS#606349



LINCOLN \$279,000. Large 1 level 4BR/3BA home on good water. Very well-built, needs some carpet and paint, basement has 2 entrances. MLS#595462



PELL CITY \$299,000. Very well-kept 5BR/3BA lake home on 2 lots, boat launch, pier, partial seawall, covered pavilion, fenced in sections. 20x40 play pool, 4-5 ft deep with new cover. MLS#594959



CROPWELL \$249,000. Lovely 3BR/2BA one level home with great open floor plan, in nice subdivision. Hardwood floors, arched doorways, wet bar, see-thru fireplace from kitchen to great room, which opens to beautiful courtyard. MLS#609717



RAGLAND \$179,000. Nice 3BR/2BA on partially wooded 6 acres. beautiful open kitchen/gathering room with nice hardwoods, FP, granite counters, eating area, nice appliances. Spacious Bedrooms, Plenty of garden space, workshop, partial basement with garage, main level carport, new 2014 roof & elec. 3 ton carrier HP. MLS#609146



FANTASTIC LAKEFRONT HOME

TALLADEGA \$599,000. Fantastic home on Logan Martin Lake, sits on approx. 3.38 acres with over 350 ft of waterfrontage. Perfect for large family or entertaining, this home has 4 or 5BR/3.5 BA. Amazing Master bedroom and bath with all the extras. Nice sunroom, 2 laundry rooms, terrific kitchen with solid surface counters, large pantry & formal dining room. Multiple entertaining areas, four decks, hot tub, screened tile porch, pagoda, launch, huge pier, garden shed and garage/workshop. MLS#549580

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PRIVATE ESTATE \$995,000.



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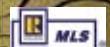


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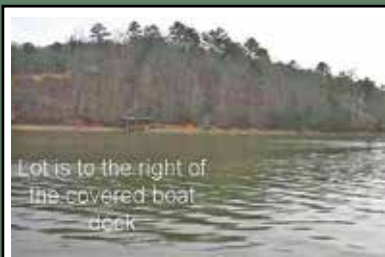
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PELL CITY - \$121,900. 4BR/3BA, Large level lot, Split Bedrm Plan, 1 Story, Corner, Subdivsn, Some trees, Dishwasher BtIn, CookTopElec, Refrigerator, Oven Elec, Laminate Counter, Deck Open. MLS#564165



CROPWELL \$249,200. 3BR/2BA, great room w/fp surround sound, private patio with a hot tub off the master, bonus room. The guest house offers 1BR/1BA, den, huge foyer, bonus room, ample parking. Raised herb garden in the spacious back yard. Swings hanging from the beautiful oak trees. Garage has a track room, green house, work shop and a train room complete with tracks and trains. There is a whole house generator. MLS #607332



REDUCED!

PELL CITY \$149,900. Gorgeous Cape Cod Style home in Down Town Pell City. The back yard is fenced, plus a fenced off area for the dogs with a dog house. Separate garage apartment, The home offers original heart pine floors and arched door ways. For the men there is a work shop just outside your door. MLS#596808



LINCOLN - \$129,900. This adorable new construction home offers three bedrooms and two baths. Minutes from I twenty and Logan Martin Lake. This home is low maintenance with a brick front and vinyl siding. There is a formal dining area and open great room with ventless gas logs in the fireplace. The master bath has a soaking tub with a separate shower. The level lot is great for outdoor activities. MLS# 610545



LINCOLN \$199,900. LOGAN MARTIN LAKE access home on large lot. 3BR/3BA with hardwood floors, split bedrooms, large dining room with wainscoting, attic storage. Fenced backyard is perfect for pool or kids' swing set. Convenient to I-20 & Honda. Community swim area & boat launch just a gold cart ride away. Large deck, basement den and full bath. MLS#568506



LINCOLN \$121,900. 3 BR, 2 BA on large level lot, close to downtown Lincoln and convenient to Honda.



CROPWELL- \$249,000 -The only way to truly experience the benefits of this unique cottage is to enter through the cozy front door. Located on the Logan Martin Lake, this cute home offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, cozy living area, quaint kitchen, and sunroom. Watch the kids play in the water from the open deck or the screened porch. Take it as you see it, owner to leave most furnishings for you to enjoy. MLS#: 610820



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PELL CITY \$229,900 3BR/2BA with 12 ft ceilings, dining room, great room w/fireplace, hardwood floors, Corian counter tops, stainless appliances, oversized laundry room, basement den and rec room on a cul-de-sac. MLS#603358



PELL CITY \$184,900. FOX HOLLOW - THE COVE - 3BR/2BA with bonus room, large level fenced in back yard, screened porch, Corian counter tops and island in the kitchen. Great room with fireplace, jetted garden tub in master BA. Community pool, sidewalks. MLS#603463



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stained cabinets, exposed beams and stone pillars lead into the great room with wonderful rockwork fireplace that goes all the way up to the 21st ceiling where large windows overlook seasonal water. MLS#599819

TALLADEGA \$399,900. Q-U-A-L-I-T-Y
This home SHOUTS it! 5BR, 5.5BA, Almost newly built with all the upgrades. Extensive ironwork, beautiful kitchen with antique



RIVERSIDE-1 UNIT - \$375,000. 3Br, 2 Full Bathrooms, This is a rare find in a condo, completely remodeled, castle front door, hardwood floors and ceilings, crown molding, rock fireplace, wood plantation shutters, floored attic space, stainless appliances, extra sub zero refrigerator, steam shower, granite counter tops thru out, pantry, soaking tub with rain shower. The sunroom over looks the patio where there is a grilling area and room for the whole gang to gather. This condo comes with three wood piers and one aluminum floating pier with fifteen thousand pound lift. Master bedroom has a sitting area overlook the lake. Boat launch, tennis courts and pool.

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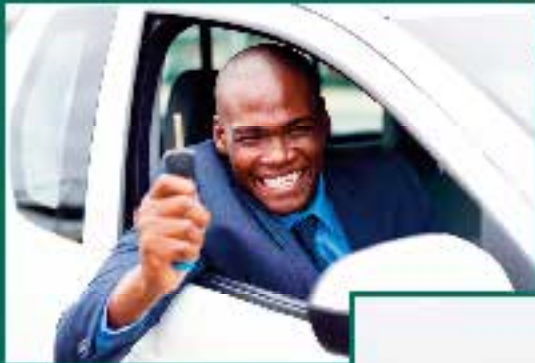


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