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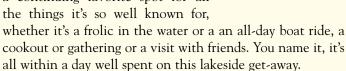
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For those who know, entering into August is no sign that the lakeside fun is even close to getting over for the 2014 season.

And for those who don't know, we bring a look at all kinds of things to do and places to see while you're out and about enjoying the sights and scenes along Logan Martin Lake.

There's reason "aplenty" to make this long-time lake lovers' paradise a continuing favorite spot for all the things it's so well known for,



We'll meet the proprietors of the place aptly named River's Edge, where Paul and Anna Emerick await your arrival for a little something for your appetite inside their lakeside venture.

The Emericks have been operating their restaurant and marina formerly known as Rabbit Branch Marina since 2006, and not only have your favorite burgers and sides, but a list of ice cream treats that will make your visit one to remember.

Breakfast is a meal the River's Edge gang also takes seriously, and you're welcome to stop in for a great start on the day until 11 a.m. and the "works" to satisfy a day's outing on the lake.

If it's a water-bound fishing trip you favor, we visit Coosa Island Marina where there's an ample supply of fishing needs along with things like ice and snacks to fuel your day.

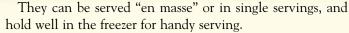
And speaking of fuel, they have that, too, and owners Joe and Carol Wilkerson are long-time lake folks with 30 years at their stop along the Alabama Scenic Fishing Trail.

For me, the heat of the season brings to mind all kinds of fun things to offer for a cool down, served on a plate or in a dish or as a pie or cake.

We rediscover the many ways to make sherbet a huge hit, with layer after layer of fruit-flavored delectable topped with things like rich whipped cream and cookie crumbles and, well, you get the idea.

These desserts are also easy and well-favored for treats any time of day, and can be altered for the tastes of anyone in your crowd of folks to please.

Even the cakes themselves can be changed, using anything from angel food to pound cakes to Italian Cream Cheese and I'm seeing some red velvet in there, too.



We visit the home of Ron and Lee Grimmett, where they and three distinctive pets love the lake and its offerings.

And lastly, we take a walk inside one of Pell City's newest shopping stops, filled with all kinds of things fun and ready for all those special people on your gift lists.

Magnolia's has long enjoyed a steady stream of customers in its hometown of Sylacauga, and owner Linda Hardy and her daughter, Jordan, who often tends the shop, can't wait for your visit and to hear what you think about their latest venture.

It's always a good time to be on Logan Martin Lake, and as the summer months begin to wind down, we'll keep finding those places and people you'll want to know about and keep on your list of lakeside "haunts."

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Magnolia's offers lake lovers a distinctive touch in gifts...and more

Story by SHANE DUNAWAY Photos by BOB CRISP

A popular fixture in the Sylacauga business community now for 22 years has expanded across the county line to offer a second distinctive shopping destination along the way to Logan Martin Lake.

Magnolia's Gift Shop, owned by Linda Hardy, officially

opened its doors during a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 17 at the new store's location in Cropwell Commons, just around the corner from Lakeside Park.

Hardy's daughter, Jordan Hardy, manages the Pell City store.

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A variety of special home decor touches are at your fingertips inside Magnolia's, whether they're for your own spot on the water or a gift for a lake-loving friend.

"We've been looking to expand for a couple of years now," the younger Hardy said. "This year, everything just worked out. We were looking at a couple of different locations. We were interested in Pell City, and everything just kind of fell into place for us to come here. We're very excited to finally be here and be open."

The 2,000-square-foot shop carries a wide variety of merchandise, including jewelry, bags, home décor items, T-shirts, grilling accessories and kitchen necessities.

It's a haven for those who love to shop, and one that aims to please when there's someone special on your gift list.

"We try to have the perfect gift for any occasion," Hardy said.

She noted while the store's current inventory consists of popular products from the Sylacauga store because they don't know what Pell City customers would prefer, she looks forward to meeting and hearing the interests of community members.

"So far, they've been very welcoming and just fantastic people to be around," Hardy said. "We just kind of brought what we knew did well for us in Sylacauga. We've been getting great feedback from everybody here on things they'd like to see or things they don't have a place to buy from right now. We're definitely open to adding and expanding to whatever our customers want to see."

One area in which the store's inventory caters to the local population is through its specialty line of Lake Logan Martin-themed items.

"We have everything from T-shirts to home accessories to signs," Hardy said. "We've got coolers and beach towels. One thing we knew coming was regardless of where we were in Pell City, we knew we were going to be close to the lake."

Customer Teresa Carden, who attended the store's ribbon-cutting, appreciates Hardy's consideration for those who enjoy life on the water.

"They have a great variety and a lot of things that reflect our lake lifestyle here," Carden said. "A lot of people are going to natural with all their décor, so they have a lot of burlap items and things like that that just give the ocean feel — a lot of aquas and beautiful colors."

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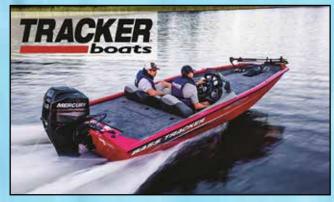


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Magnolia's owner Linda Hardyn, right, and daughter Jordan Hardy are quick to offer you a big welcome to their friendly shop in Cropwell Commons.

Hardy added that the store's inventory offerings will change as the seasons and holidays progress.

"Around Christmas, we're going to bring in a lot of Christmas items," Hardy said. "We do really beautiful displays in Sylacauga that we kind of want to do up here. We love Christmas. That's such a fun time to decorate for, to give gifts and buy gifts for people. We definitely change with the seasons. Pretty soon, we'll be going into football season, so we'll be getting ready for that."

In the Sylacauga store, Hardy said the staff had developed a strong reputation for their gift-wrapping skills and she wants to continue the tradition in Pell City.

"One thing we pride ourselves on is really beautiful gift-wrapping," Hardy said. "For anything you buy in the store, we'll be glad to wrap it for any occasion, whether it's birthdays, Christmas or bridal gifts for weddings."

The store also offers a bridal registry, a service Hardy hopes catches on as well as it has in the Sylacauga store.

"We had two brides register with us our first week open,

so we're excited about the prospect of adding to that," Hardy said. "We do our bridal registries online, as well as in the store."

She stressed the focus for the new location wasn't to target a particular demographic of shopper, but to ensure the inventory benefited those who chose to shop in the store.

"We didn't really know much about the area as far as which road has more traffic and those sorts of things," Hardy said. "So we really thought long and hard about wanting to be not only a great gift store, but a convenient one where you could pop in and out with a good deal of ease."

Carden said she believes the store will be a welcome addition to the local community.

"They have just about anything you would need in your home and lots of great gift items," Carden said. "It just gives us a great option instead of having to go out of town. We can shop local."

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Story and photos by DAVID ATCHISON

The two men pulled up and had their boat loaded on a trailer within minutes.

They're both big Logan Martin Lake enthusiasts, and got in a little fishing time on this perfect summer

"I come here because it is not so crowded," said David Kee, 52, of Odenville.

David was with Chris Loggins, 31, of Hayden. The two anglers tried their luck on Logan Martin Lake, part of the Alabama Scenic River Trail, during a morning of fishing along the waterway.

And it looked like things went quite well for the pair as they revealed their catch at Coosa Island Marina, where my paddling ventures recently took me.

"Those are just the ones we kept," David said.

Chris proudly held up a beautiful largemouth bass, estimated to weigh about 5 pounds, he had hooked that morning.

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The Coosa Island Marina boat launch is not as congested with boat traffic as those at some marinas on Logan Martin Lake.

The two anglers were crankbait fishing just off the shoreline.

"Five feet from the boat, he nailed it," Chris said.

Although he grew up around the lake in the Riverside area, it was just the two friends and co-workers' second trip to the lake this summer.

Chris said his parents had a place at a campground in Riverside, where the family would come up every weekend to swim and fish.

"It was 59 (degrees) this morning," David said. "It was sort of cool this morning."

The wind was coming off the lake as I stood along the Coosa Island Marina boat ramp, where I met Rickie Lambert, who manages the marina and store on the 16-acrea island along the St. Clair County side of Logan Martin Lake.

"Most of the time there is a breeze here," Rickie told me. "A couple of weeks ago, you couldn't buy a breeze out here – it was hot."

Rickie and his wife, Lisa, moved to the lake last year.

"I moved up here June 1, a year ago, in a camper and I got acquainted with the owner, Joe Wilkerson," Rickie said.

The two struck up a friendship, and later a business agreement. He would run the operations at Coosa Island Marina.

"He (Joe) wanted some time off," Rickie said.

In April, Rickie opened up the store at the marina.

"It's going pretty good," he said. "It could be better, it could be worse, just like any business."

The small marina store has snacks, soft drinks and beer for visitors to purchase.

"We also have live baits," Rickie said.

He said they sell worms and minnows, \$1.60 a dozen, and the wigglers and red worms fetch \$2.75 per container.

The marina also has bagged ice for the convenience of lake visitors.

Joe said he and his wife, Carol, bought Coosa Island Marina 30 years ago, in 1984.

"I was into boating," he said.



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After pulling in at Coosa Island Marina, Chris Loggins shows off the 5-pound largemouth bass he caught fishing on Logan Martin Lake.

The couple lived in Atlanta, but eventually made Coosa Island their permanent home.

Joe said they had a restaurant open last year, but can't really get the restaurant going unless the St. Clair County Commission approves an on-premise liquor license. The Commission denied his request.

"You can't make money without serving alcohol," he said.

The restaurant has a beautiful covered deck that overlooks the lake. It's a shame that it's not being used to its potential, but maybe one summer.

Coosa Island Marina does have a few recreational vehicle spots for campers, equipped with electricity, water and sewer.

It also has boat slips and dry storage. The marina charges \$3 to launch your boat from the marina.

There is no public fishing from the marina's docks.

As for me, I am planning to explore Coosa Island further, and there looks like there is much to see, so until then have a wonderful and safe time on the lake.





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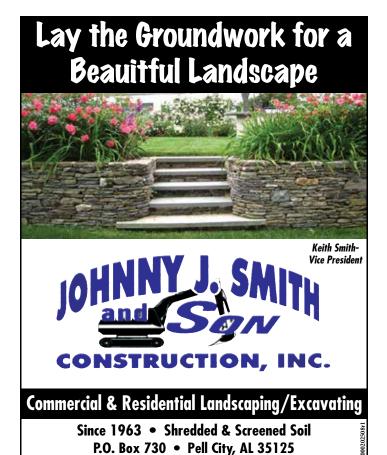
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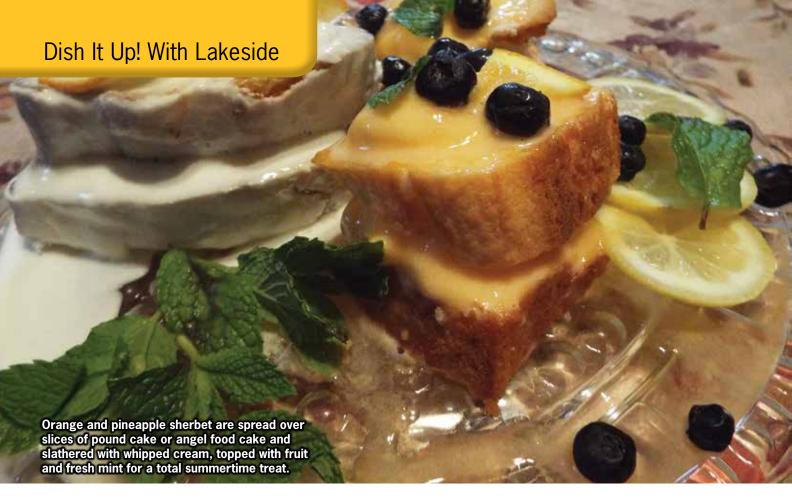
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# Sherbet Anyone? You bet!

Story and photos by LAURA NATION-ATCHISON

With everything being a little on the hot side right now, and everyone looking for some cool new ways to offer a treat when there's company-or not, my mind has turned to an old standby that has some really good new twists.

Sherbet?

Sure!

I didn't care for it much as a kid, really. I liked that hard-core stuff mama would bring home, like real ice cream, usually some kind of vanilla and chocolate and nuts creation.

No one had "heard of" cholesterol, then, or most seemed not to have, and getting it all in an ice cream cone was just the norm.

Recently I have rediscovered a taste for fruit, it has to be fresh, not canned, and nothing tastes better to me these days than a great big bowl of some of every kind I can find.

It needs no additives, unless of course, you want the ideal summertime treat of fruit...plus...a little "something" from the freezer.

Doing just a little research soon showed me that someone has been updating the sherbet avenues we can take, and these ideas go from the over-the-top creations for the more ambitious among us, to nice quite simple presentations that your guests will love, as well.

We'll take a look at several, starting with the most over-the-top I could find, and then roll on into those in the mid-range of trouble to the hardly any trouble at all.

That said, here we go with the Amazing Tropical Sherbet Cake, which totally allows for individual touches and changes, and if you're like me, you would be likely to do that anyway.

This cake is pretty enough to be a centerpiece as well as a taste treat, and using fresh flowers to dress it up is fun... just make sure they're of the palatable, or at least, non-poisonous type.

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The Amazing Tropical Sherbet Cake includes your favorite sherbet flavors, slices of cake and whipped cream. The cake can be made on a platter or arranged in a trifle dish as shown to serve.

# What you need:

One 10-inch, angel food cake, either from the deli or from your oven. (for a more decadent treat...use pound cake, any variety!)

Two cups sweetened flaked coconut

One pint peach sherbet

One pint raspberry sherbet

One pint pineapple sherbet

Two cups heavy cream

Three tablespoons confectioners' sugar

One tablespoon lime juice

One tablespoon lime zest, optional

# What you do:

Wrap cake in plastic wrap and freeze for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350. Spread coconut in a single layer on a baking sheet and toast until lightly browned, from 13 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a bowl to cool.

Let sherbet stand at room temperature for about 15 minutes to soften, long enough to be spread with a spatula or butter knife. Using a serrated knife, slice cake horizontally into four equal layers. Place bottom cake layer onto a serving plate or platter.

Using a small offset spatula, spread peach sherbet in an even layer over the cake slice. Top with a second layer of cake, press down lightly, and spread evenly with raspberry sherbet. Top with third cake layer, pressing down lightly, and spread with pineapple sherbet. Top with the remaining cake layer. Wrap with plastic wrap and freeze for at least four hours.

Using an electric mixer at high speed, beat cream until foamy, then gradually add confectioners' sugar, lime juice and zest, beating until stiff peaks form. Spread whipped cream mixture on top and sides of cake. Gently press coconut onto the sides of the cake, and sprinkle evenly on top. Freeze again for one hour.

Serve and garnish with fresh fruits of your choice. For personalized serving, slice or chop fruit and serve on the side. Makes 12 good servings.

# Raspberry Brownie Frozen Ice Cream Cake

Note: You will need an 8-inch square by 2-inch high pan to bake the brownies in and a 9-inch diameter spring form pan, 2 3/4-inches high, for the final assembly.

For the entire "homemade" experience, this dessert is made in components, for example, making the brownies, the chocolate crumb crust, and then the chocolate truffle





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(Or, I'm convinced, that using "made" brownies along with one of the many chocolate sauces now available, can save steps and not take away from the taste.)

# What you need:

# For the brownies: These should be made at least a day ahead.

One-half cup unsalted butter (one stick), sliced into tablespoon pieces.

Two tablespoons strong coffee
Eight ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
Two large eggs, room temperature
Three-fourths cup white granulated sugar

One teaspoon vanilla extract One-fourth cup all-purpose flour.

# What you do:

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 375.

Line the 8-inch baking pan with foil, letting foil extend slightly over the sides. Butter foil.

Place butter and coffee into a medium sauce pan, and over medium heat, cook until butter melts. Reduce heat to low, add chocolate and stir until melted and smooth. Remove from burner and let cool for five minutes.

Place eggs, sugar and vanilla in the work bowl of a stand mixer or large bowl and mix on medium speed until thick, about two minutes. Stir in the chocolate mixture,



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mix in flour, and pour batter in to the prepared pan. Bake until the cake is cracked around the edges, for about 25 minutes. Let cool in pan. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

When ready to assemble, cut the brownie cake into 1/3-inch squares and slightly crumble.

Prepare chocolate crumb crust

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 325. Butter the spring form pan. Place crumbs and melted butter in a medium sized bowl and mix until crumbs are evenly moistened. Place crumb mixture over bottom and up the sides of the prepared pan. Place in oven and bake crust for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and place pan on a rack to cool completely.

# Chocolate truffle sauce

# What you need:

One-half stick unsalted butter, cut into one tablespoon pieces

5/8 cup whipping cream

Twelve ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped

One teaspoon vanilla extract

Prepare chocolate truffle sauce

(Makes two cups)

Place the one large container of whipping cream and butter in a medium sized sauce pan over medium heat and bring to a simmer and then remove from heat. Add chocolate and vanilla extract. Whisk until sauce is smooth. (This may be prepared up to two weeks ahead, covered and refrigerated.) Before using, re-warm over medium low heat, stirring frequently.

# Assembly ingredients:

One quart raspberry sherbet, slightly softened One quart vanilla ice cream, slightly softened One chocolate crumb crust One recipe chocolate truffle sauce One recipe baked brownie cake

# To assemble:

Measure and stir one cup of the chocolate sauce into a heavy bottomed sauce pan, over low heat, until just warm. Spread the softened raspberry sherbet over the bottom of the crumb crust. Sprinkle half of the brownie pieces over the top, then drizzle half of the warm sauce over the top. Spread softened vanilla ice cream over the top of the brownie sauce layer. Sprinkle the remaining crumbled brownie pieces over the vanilla ice cream. Drizzle one-half cup of the warm sauce over the top.

Place uncovered, assembled cake into the freezer until just firm, for about an hour. Then wrap and freeze the cake overnight. (This may be prepared a couple of days ahead and kept frozen.) The remaining sauce should be covered tightly and refrigerated.

When ready to serve, reheat the remaining chocolate sauce in a medium sauce pan over low heat until just warm. Remove cake from the freezer and let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes.

To serve, slice into wedges and offer the warmed sauce in separate serving cups.

(Note: Me being me, I chose to assemble mine differently. Instead of working the elements into a cake format, I made individual "goblets" of the three elements...nice! Just layer them evenly and use the "crust" to crumble in-between the layers.)

# Orange or Pineapple Sherbet Layered Cakes

I promised easy, and a great presentation as well. Here 'tis!

# What you need:

Well, you could do it the hard way by making your very own favorite pound cakes, angel food or other cake as a base, but not me. And, it's not necessary.

One average-sized cake of your choice, any variety of pound cake or angel food, even individual shortcakes will work. (I chose a lemon pound cake along with a good old angel food.)

One pint sherbet(s) of your choice. (If using just one flavor, you'll need a quart.) Let it soften to a spreadable form, about 20 minutes.

Whipped cream topping, one large container

Chopped nuts, if desired

Fresh mint sprigs

Fresh sliced fruit for garnish, oranges, limes, lemons, pineapple, your preference

# What you do:

Slice your cakes into the desired thickness, about a quarter inch works well and set aside.

On a platter, take cake slices and spread each evenly with the sherbet. Stack the prepared cake slices two or three layers high, top or spread evenly with whipped cream. Garnish as desired, according to the sherbet flavors used. Can be served immediately, or put in the freezer for a bit to let the cake absorb flavor from the sherbet.



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# Finally, Their Own Lakeside 'Place'

Ron and Lee Grimmett have marked their spot...with a big 'A'

Story by ELSIE HODNETT Photos by BOB CRISP

When you walk in the house, it's hard to notice anything but the large expanse of deep blue ripples with golden tips shimmering in the sunlight. The words "Bella Vista" stand just above floor-to-ceiling windows, stating to all just what a beautiful view it is.

With that to come home to, it is easy to see why Ron and Lee Ann Grimmett know it's the perfect house for them.



Originally built for another owner in 2007, the Grimmetts literally looked at their house for quite a while before finally buying it.

"We were living in McCalla next door to my dad,

Vernon Smith," Lee Ann said.

At the same time their son had a trailer right across the water from where their house is now, but when their son moved, the couple took it over, Ron said.



An adjoining kitchen and dining area are easy to work in and also visit with guests while preparing meals and snacks.

"We thought we could be content living in a lakeside trailer on the weekends, but found that when we came to the lake we spent all our time looking for a house," Lee Ann said.

Ron said when the economy took a down turn, the house was sold to a man in Georgia, and they bought it from him in 2012.

"We saw the large sign stating the house was for sale, but weren't sure it was doable," Lee Ann said. "We looked at other properties before making an offer on the home two years ago."

The couple was pleasantly surprised when the owner agreed to sell.

"The timing was like it was supposed to be ours," Lee Ann said. "It's really like two houses. We have the upstairs and Daddy has the downstairs. Both levels have two bedrooms and two bathrooms, a main room and a veranda overlooking the lake. There is a mini kitchenette downstairs, with the full kitchen upstairs."

"It's fine because I eat most of my meals upstairs," Vernon said.

"We do everything as a family," Lee Ann added.

When the Grimmetts bought the house, it came with a dock made with a steel frame embedded into the lake bed.

"It's not a floating dock," she said. "It's about 27 feet deep off the end of the pier."

Ron said while there is always water—sometimes they have to climb down 6 feet to get into their boat.

"We added a large boathouse with lift and a 12-by-12-foot gazebo," she said. "We also added what we call 'Redneck Island,' a pontoon base with a glider bench—perfect for swimming and fishing. Usually, Daddy is on a pier fishing, whether it's our pier or a neighbor's."

Vernon said he knows good fishing spots, and has pictures of a 30-pound catfish to prove his skills. Plus, you never know who you will run into at the lake.

Vernon met his friend, Tommy Pender, who had dated Vernon's sister in 1951. He met another neighbor, Sam Marston, who helped him restore an old 1951 Wizard motor, which he had purchased brand new and kept through the decades.

"Daddy likes antiques, and has his floor decorated with things like Depression glass," Lee Ann said. "I like new things."



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In the main living area, a large sofa sectional provides ample seating to enjoy the lake view or watch an Alabama football game on the 70-inch flat screen TV.

"We usually have friends over for the games," Ron said. "It's obvious that we are Alabama fans. When people ask which house is ours, we tell them to look for the 5-foot script crimson A facing the water, with a spotlight on it so you can see it at night."

The house contains a variety of Alabama memorabilia—they love their elephants. And outside, a golf cart painted in the Alabama theme runs on a track down to the lake.

"We built the golf cart ramp and I put the cart on a 12,000-pound winch," Ron said. "We have it on a remote so it's easy to get down to the lake—and it's great for carrying stuff too."

Lee Ann said the couple is working on landscaping by the lake.

"We put in palm trees for a beachy lake feel," she said.
"We also repainted the entire outside columns and trim white for a good contrast."

Ron said the couple added a storage building out front, along with a carport and privacy fence. And in the middle





Cozy, comfortable and soothing are the feelings generated in the Grimmett's living room area.





The outstanding waterfront view is easy to enjoy from the Grimmetts' broad deck and ample seating.

of the circular driveway sits a beached boat, left on the property when the Grimmetts bought it.

"I came home one day and told Lee Ann that I wanted to buy a partially sunken boat," Ron said. "She said that was a no-go, so we have the one that was left here."

Roaming the fenced-in property are the family's three Great Danes—Zoe, 8 years, Saban, 3 1/2 years, and Rambo, 8 months.

"They are our family," Lee Ann said. "Saban likes to get up in your lap but he doesn't realize his size."

The dogs each have their own beds in the master bedroom.

"When I work nights, I will often come home and see Lee Ann asleep with one or two of the Great Danes in bed with her," Ron said. "It is such a joy to come home—it's like being on vacation."





Paul and Anna Emerick have a grand supply of boating and leisure needs at River's Edge, including a full offering of tasty eats.

# Stop In at River's Edge

For cool treats, great eats and 'beachfront' fun

Story by CHRIS NORWOOD Photos by BRIAN SCHOENHALS

Paul and Anna Emerick didn't set out to get into the full service marina business, let alone the restaurant business.

But sometimes, that's just the way things come together. The couple purchased River's Edge Marina, formerly Rabbit Branch Marina, in late 2006.

"It was an accident," Paul explained. "We were actually looking for an RV park to buy. We found this, and decided to give it a try. There was no restaurant here back then,

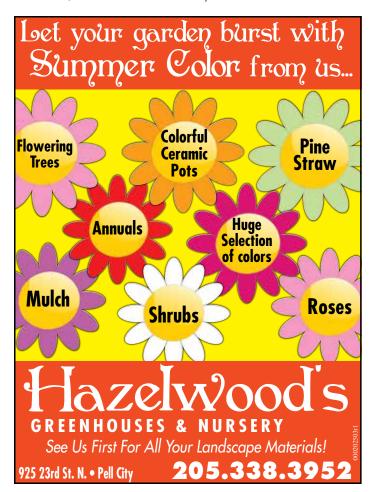


The menu board at River's Edge covers the gamut for hungry boaters and fishing visitors to the establishment.

that was my wife's idea. Back then it was just an empty building."

The couple relocated from San Diego to Logan Martin with their two sons. Their third son was in born in Alabama, and the entire family are now Crimson Tide fans.

River's Edge Burgers and Breakfast opened in April, and is now open Saturdays and Sundays, except for being closed Mother's Day, Father's Day and the weekend of July 19 and 20. They are open for other holidays,







River's Edge Marina is easy to find whether from the water or from the road. The Emericks bought their marina in 2006.

including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, however.

Breakfast is served at the eatery until 11 a.m.

Call in orders are available, but there is no catering as yet, according to Emerick.

Take out is available both by land and by lake, and alfresco dining is available on site.

For breakfast, there are specialty sandwiches on biscuits, buns or (white or wheat) toast, with eggs, cheese and your choice of sausage, bacon or ham. The breakfast platter



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The lunch menu consists of classic all-American fare, including hamburgers, cheeseburgers and bacon cheeseburgers; hot dogs, sausage dogs and corn dogs and BLTs, club sandwiches and chicken tender sandwiches, served with hand-cut French fries. Combos including fries and a 20-ounce drink are also available for just a little extra. There is absolutely nothing on the menu that costs more than \$10.

There is also a kids' menu for those age 10 and under.

Fountain Pepsi products and iced tea are also on the menu, along with sweet summertime staples including chocolate, vanilla and strawberry shakes and lemonade, pina colada, blue raspberry and cherry slushes. Single- and double-scoop ice cream cones are also available, served in regular or waffle cones.

In addition to the restaurant, Emerick said the fully refurbished marina is also home to a sandy playground and beach, gasoline pumps, RV hookups, houseboat slips, wet slips, dry storage, a valet launching service and mechanic services. The gas is non-ethanol and available on or off the water.

The RV park is brand new, as is most of the asphalt,

and the piers and docks have all been renovated and refurbished.

Emerick emphasizes that all amenities are family friendly, and the primary focus is family enjoyment out on the water.

Currently, the marina hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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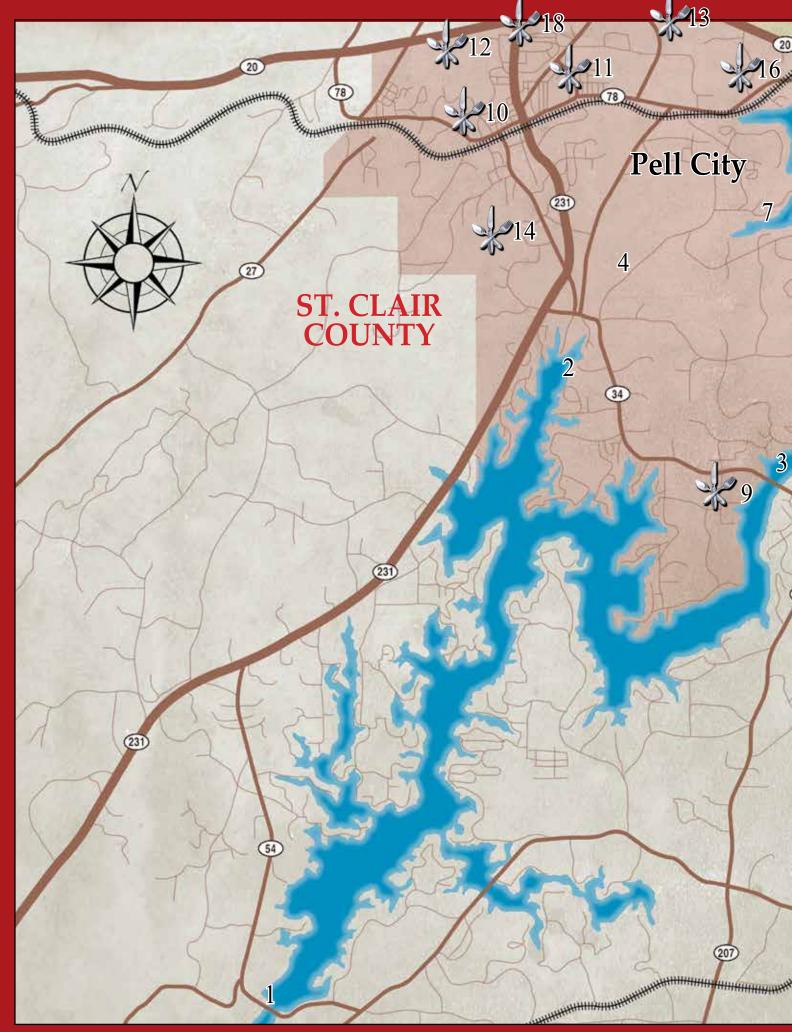
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# Another 'Great Boat Tie Up'

# Twenty-five years later, they were at it again

Story by LAURA NATION-ATCHISON Photos by BOB CRISP

The date was July 4, and for anyone passing by Logan Martin Dam on that Friday afternoon, there was a little something unusual and extra fun going on.

Sure, holiday weekends are all that and more when it comes to folks having fun on the waterways of Logan Martin Lake, but this one was a blast from the past with a revisit to one of the biggest gatherings on the water yet.

The first Great Boat Tie Up was held Aug. 26, 1989, and bearing that tradition left undone for close to 25 years, "boating enthusiasts from all points planned a second gathering to commemorate the first history making event.

At its largest, someone in the group counted 81 boats in the line-up this year, said Tie Up enthusiast Kelly Collar. Be they ski boats or pontoons, fishing boats or power houses, "man-powered" floats or other water bound vessels, the tie up was one to remember and also one to start planning for as an annual gathering, Collar said.

Tie up participants ranged from young to old and within the group were Great Boat Tie Up "alumni" Rocky and Sue Robertson.

This year, organizers gathered up the Tie Up fans by word of mouth, a FaceBook entry and just about any other way imaginable.

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Story by ELSIE HODNETT Photos by BRIAN SCHOENHALS

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The eat-in kitchen features a gas cooktop, double builtin ovens, dishwasher, refrigerator and a pantry. Just off the kitchen is a formal dining room.

The master bedroom has enough room for a sitting area, with French doors leading onto the back deck. The master bath features a jetted tub, separate shower and double vanities.

The living room is also large, with French doors leading to the back deck. Also included on the main level are two additional bedrooms and a full bath. All bedrooms have large walk-in closets.

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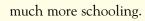
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Berry said the job required her to obtain a real estate broker license.

"I retired from Avondale Mills in 2001 and came to work at Atkinson Real Estate," she said. "I could have stayed on with Avondale, working in another capacity, but I loved real estate so much I decided to retire and continue on working."

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Berry both lists and sells real estate.

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Great Room has hardwood flooring, cathedral ceilings, ceiling fans & a wood burning fireplace. The kitchen features tile flooring, oversized double ovens, abundance of countertop space, gas cook top, dishwasher, built-in microwave, a bar area & a spacious eat-in area. The Master BR has a great view of the water and an exit to a screened porch! The Master BA has 2 walk-in closets, 2 sinks, a tub & separate shower. Downstairs has 2 BR and a den,kitchen/game room & an office! The large decks on both levels are great for entertaining. MI S #595605



PELL CITY \$124,900. Cute all brick 3BR/2BA on a big corner lot with nice fenced backyard and out building. Great rrom w/fireplace, formal living and dining room, oversized laundry room, mud room. MLS#600118



PELL CITY \$159,900. 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. MI S#596808



CROPWELL \$424,900. Great 4BR/4BA waterfront home sold with adjoining lot that has 3 covered RV parking spaces & storage building. Very spacious open floor plan, large open kitchen with pantry. out of this world Master suite with huge closet & 2 sitting areas. 4th BR/Office separate from main house. 2

car garage with 4 car carport, low maintenance inside and out, 2 large decks, patio, boat launch, beautiful tile floors, MUST SEE! MLS#575269



PELL CITY \$144,900. Cute all brick 4BR/2BA with bonus room and nice fenced backyard, attic, 2 car garage. MLS#589452



LINCOLN \$199,900. LOGAN MARTIN LAKE access home on large lot. 3BR/3BA with hardwood floors, split bedrooms, large dining room with wainscoating, 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



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. ML\$#603463



PELL CITY \$264,900. Nice 3BR/2BA home on Logan Martin lake in nice Skyline SD. Kitchen has granite counters, hardwood floors throughout, generator in basement, new pairs. MI \$458,7005



PELL CITY \$189,900. Large 3BR/2BA home on large lot in Pine Harbor SD. Remodeled, state of the art kitchen with granite counters. Great screened porch, double garage, fruit trees, unfinished basement has lots of potential. Near Golf Course & Marina. MT.S#592022



RIVERSIDE \$179,900. Highlands, 4BR/3BA, full brick fenced backyard, man cave/office, MLS#599331



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





LOGAN MARTIN LAKE - 3BR/2BA, screened porch, pier, seawall, boat launch, open floor plan, great room w/ fireplace, basement den fireplace w/insert, garden spot, storage buildings. Half of the lot next door belongs to this house.



TALLADEGA \$409,900. 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

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



PELL CITY

\$ 2 3 4, 9 0 0 3 B R / 2 B A with 12 ft c e i l i n g s, dining room,



PELL CITY \$549,000. This is the deal of the century, 2 homes for the price of one. 4 acres with a beautiful pond. Both homes are approximately 2000 square feet each. The main house has 3 BR and 2 BA, large great room with a fireplace plus a double car garage. The master shower is to die for, 6x6 with 4 shower heads. The second home has a huge pavilion with a hot tub and grilling area. This home has 3 BR and 2 BA. The master bath has a big soaking tub. MLS#596899





176 River Pine Lane, Talladega MLS#509253 \$2,900,000



794 Killough Ln. Talladega MLS#567748 \$1,500,000



170 Albert Rd. Lincoln MLS#602477 \$949,900



740 River Oaks Dr. Cropwell MLS#578320 \$799,900



386 Lakeview Cir. Alpine MLS#520662 \$549,900



2405 Annesley Dr. Pell City MLS#601072 \$535,000



630 Cove Point Dr. Riverside MLS#601172 \$525,000



187 Lakeland Hills Dr. Talladega MLS#603733 \$449,900



1154 Funderburg Bend Rd, Pell City MLS#562184 \$449,900



200 Hunter Ridge Ln. Pell City MLS#577765 \$429,900



130 Eagle Pointe Way, Pell City MLS#594465 \$425,000



890 Black Acres Rd. Cropwell MLS#596987 \$399,900



248 Henderson Ln. Talladega MLS#603664 \$369.900



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4970 Autumn Ln. Pell City MLS#597439 \$219.900



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660 Ridgeway Cir. Talladega MLS#581445 \$169,900



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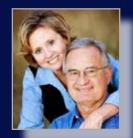


538 Wood River Ln. Talladega MLS#594642 \$99,900

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#### GORGEOUS LAKE ESTATE

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PRIVATE ESTATE \$1,199,000. Approx 6 acres on 1000' waterfront with seawall. Beautiful Vanishing Edge Salt Water Pool with fountain & surrounding patio overlooking lake. One level, views of the lake from all rooms. 4BR/4.5 BA, Beautiful Dining room, Huge Gathering Kitchen with Australian Verde Fire Granite, Wet Bar, amazing cabinetry. Luxurious Master, Jet tub, Steam Shower, coffer ceilings, dressing closets, adjoining study w/FP. Gazebo w/swing. Covered boathouse, 2 electric wenches, seaplane hangar, covered boat slip w/lift. Landscaped & wooded for privacy. A fishing HOT SPOT. Guest House with Kitchen/Living combo, bath, laundry, private deck. Playground, beach volleyball area plus 2nd boat dock, fenced yard & 2nd stone patio. MUST SEE! MLS#498718



V I N C E N T \$149,900. Beautiful lake lot in nice Cumberland Coves Subdivision, partially wooded. MLS#571729



PELL CITY \$589,000. Unique custom-built home on Pine Harbor Golf Course, with Lake access, 3BR/3.5BA, open floor plan, kitchen with granite, great room with lots of windows, sunken dining with glass walls, perfect for entertaining. Amazing Foyer with 18 ft ceiling. Lots of extras, travertine & marble floors,

handmade mahogany doors, solid limestone fireplace, 2-2 car garages, lifetime terracotta roof, and beautifully landscaped with 16 station irrigation system. MLS#551527





LINCOLN \$299,000. 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 \$325,000. 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



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 coumters, 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



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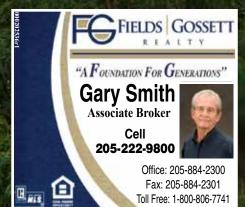
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