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LETTER



From the Editor

Pumpkin spice lattes and fall fashions

“**F**all is the season when I wish I could dress like what a pumpkin spice latte tastes like.”

An original statement, to be sure, but during the four years I’ve known Abby Hathorn, I’ve come to expect such statements.

I visited Hathorn Hall on a recent Saturday afternoon for the purpose of inviting Abby to write the copy for Lakeside Living’s third annual fall fashion feature, which begins on page 20 of this issue. She was happy to take a break from her latest DIY project of priming and painting the kitchen in her apartment, which she inhabits when not on campus at Emory & Henry University. We sat on the porch at the main house and discussed terms while her progenitors Stan and Chasidy occupied nearby rocking chairs, debating about what to insert into the Big Green Egg for dinner.

Abby was having a late lunch of macaroni and cheese with a side of chocolate pudding.

“Not the most nutritional choice, I know, but it does bring back some great childhood memories,” she said. “You know, I miss the days when eating an entire bag of gummy bears was justifiable because you were little and cute and adorable.”

Abby sighed in the world-weary man-

ner unique to twentysomethings.

“Playing dress-up in my mom’s closet, running around barefooted in my grandparents’ pasture, going bream fishing with my grandfather, graduating from kindergarten...I miss the days when life lacked major responsibilities like car insurance, rent and college fees. Whatever happened to paying for everything in hugs?”

Abby stared into the chocolate pudding as if the answer might be there. I remained silent in case there was more to the soliloquy.

“But I digress,” she said after a moment. “So...where was I?”

“Fall is your favorite season.”

“Right. Maybe that is a little cliché for a fashion stylist to say, but it’s true. All the best fashions come out during the fall, I get to wear as much dark lipstick as I want and most importantly, I get to challenge myself in stretching out my summer wardrobe.”

“Challenge yourself?”

“Sure. We live in the South, right? Hotter temperatures carry over into fall here, so it’s important to know how to combine and rock summer favorites like cute shorts combos that carry fall wardrobe characteristics.”

Chagrined for having so long underestimated the importance of such knowledge,



I assured Abby I would look forward to reading her recommendations. You’ll enjoy it, too, as much as you’ll enjoy seeing how the feature has been expertly photographed by Bob Crisp and Tucker Webb and designed by Jennifer Mashburn, our art director.

Also in this issue, we’ll take a leisurely trip down the Alabama Scenic River Trail, have a conversation with lakeside resident and former White House intern Emory Cox and get all the details about the Alabama Bass Trail’s 2017 Championship tournament, which Logan Martin is hosting for the first time.

As always, thank you for joining us, and here’s to a fashionable fall around the lake.

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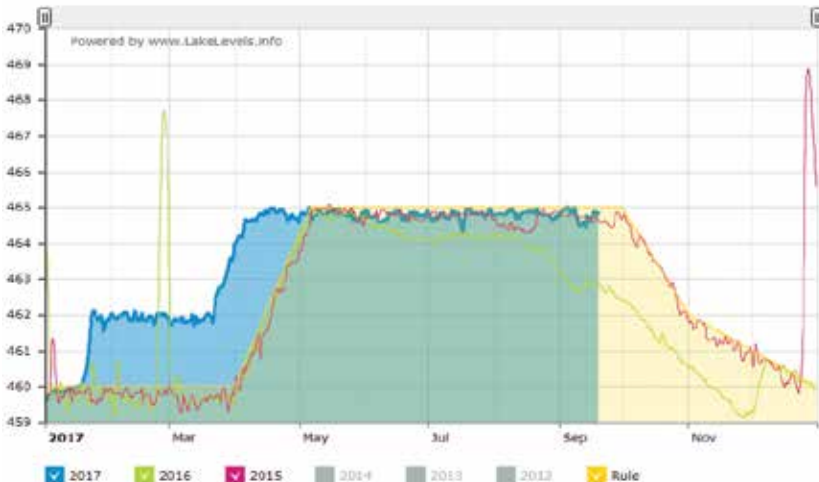
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Back at the lake after a summer at the White House

It was late summer, and Emory Cox was back home on Logan Martin Lake for a few days before starting his senior year at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

Ahead of him was a semester of classes about biology, French history, pre-Civil War African-American history and Impressionism. Behind him was an 11-week experience that he's still amazed he was able to have.

Between May and August, Cox spent 11 weeks as an intern at the White House.

"When you're talking political internships, the White House is the pinnacle," he said, sipping un-



Emory Cox

sweetened tea on a balmy afternoon. "I didn't think I'd really have the opportunity, and I'm still surprised I did, to be honest. It happened because of persistence and a lot of support from a lot of people."

The son of Annette Cox and Metro Bank founder the late Ray Cox, Emory, as he sat by the lake, explained how he made it to the White House, what he did there and what he learned from working in Washington.

How did he obtain the internship? "It built upon itself. Between my junior and senior years at the Altamont School, I interned with Congressman Mike Rogers. Each subsequent year, I participated in a political internship in some form or fashion."

Cox' internships with the Alabama Republican Party, the Alabama governor's, secretary of state's and attorney general's offices, the U.S. Senate Banking Committee (then chaired by Sen. Richard Shelby) and former U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions' office "gave me a strong resume for a White House internship."

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Sen. Richard Shelby with Cox during his internship with the Senate Banking Committee.



Cox with Ben Carson, secretary of Housing and Urban Development and former Republican presidential candidate.



Cox' internship with former Sen. and current Attorney General Jeff Sessions served as a stepping stone to his 11 weeks at the White House.

"While I was in Sen. Sessions' office, I expressed my interest in serving in the Trump White House, and he told me to reach out to him come November. The day after the election, I began reaching out, and he wrote me a letter of recommendation. Having his support was absolutely key. He was very generous to do that. I also got letters from every office I'd worked for in the past."

Good timing: "I learned I'd been selected about a month before my internship began. You know, so much in politics depends on timing. Had a Democrat been elected, I would not have been interested, so I feel very fortunate to have been in a position to apply for the internship when I did. There were 139 interns total in the class, a nice group of people that ranged from students at junior colleges to students at Ivy League universities."

Where he worked: The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. "It oversees the federal government's dealings with state, local and tribal relations. For instance, if Gov. Kay Ivey has an issue with a federal

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agency, she would reach out to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House. The office would move Alabama's issue along and get a speedy resolution to the problem. I met probably 25 governors while I was there. Maybe 25."

The office is also responsible for providing and arranging hospitality for visiting officials and during certain events. One event Cox worked was the Made in America Product Showcase, at which Alabama was represented by Birmingham-based Altec Industries, producer of equipment used in utilities, telecommunications, tree care and construction. "It was neat seeing one of their trucks on the south lawn of the White House.

"I also worked the Congressional Picnic, which is hosted by the president and first lady on the south lawn. All the members of Congress and their families are invited, and it's an opportunity for members of both parties to mix and mingle in a calm, relaxed setting. I helped clear tables and got to talk with four members of the Alabama congressional delegation and several other people I'd only before seen on FOX News."

What a typical day was like: "Long hours. It was 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., but sometimes it was 9 or even later. Late nights are frequent. It was hectic but very exciting. There was something new every day, which I loved. Some political internships are slower-paced, but that's certainly not the case at the White House."

A particularly memorable day: "My first week there, our supervisor came in and told us to walk over to the Rose Garden. We took seats in the third row, and a few minutes later, the president of the United States exits from the cabinet room and makes the announcement that America would be pulling out of the Paris Accords. Being there for that historic event is a memory I'll hold onto for as long as my memory allows."

Did he get to meet the president? "Briefly. He came to the East Room to greet the interns. In true Trump fashion, he did some back-and-forth banter



Cox at the Eisenhower Executive Offices (above) and the Harry S. Truman Bowling Alley at the White House.



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with the press, but he was incredibly gracious to spend some time with us."

What was the president like? "Larger than life, very charismatic, very outgoing and witty. He embraces who he is, he has his own unique style and he is able to connect with people. That's impressive. I love to see that in people. There is nothing insincere about the president."

Graciousness in government: "Ivanka Trump also greeted us. She was very generous with her time. She would always go out of her way to say hello. She and all of the senior White House staff who have so much on their plates and so many critical things to do were always so gracious to us interns, people they didn't have to be gracious to. It says a lot about their character."

Why has the president's administration received criticism in the media? "The elite press in Washington and New York was so dead-set against President Trump, his agenda and his core voters. Their egos were hurt when they were all wrong about his chances of being elected. The elite media is made up of smart folks who are not used to being proved wrong in such a sensational way. His election undermined their agenda."

What he learned at the White House: "My takeaway is that the president and the White House are working full-throttle to advance the policies he was elected on – health care reform, taxes, immigration reform and border security. From studying American history, I can't think of a president who worked harder right out of the gate to accomplish what he was elected on and what voters put him in office to do. The White House staff is committed to advancing the agenda that put the president in office to a degree I've never read about in history."

Is political office in Cox' future? "A life in politics is a very difficult life. You really have to be dedicated to public service. If you're in politics to make money, you don't serve the people, and sometimes you get into big trouble. I enjoy public policy, and I do feel called in the direction of public office, yes, but I'm not sure at what point in time or at what level I'll pursue it. Washington is a big place, and one person can't have much impact



Cox with Scott Pruitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and in the White House's East Room, "where many important state functions take place."



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on what happens. It's easy to fall into the Washington mentality. Even when the rest of the country is hurting, there's always money in Washington. Alabama, though, is a place where there are so many great people and great opportunities to do things that could have a major impact."

His view of the American landscape early in the Trump administration: "There is a lot of positive energy in the

White House, and it is an incredibly historic time. I think this is our greatest opportunity to change the trajectory of the country in the long run, and I left the White House feeling very optimistic. I don't know exactly where it's going to go, but I think we're on the cusp of something big, and great things really can happen. I'm still amazed that someone from a little town in Alabama got to experience that for a few weeks."

While working at the annual Congressional Picnic, Cox met Reps. Joe Wilson of South Carolina, Neal Dunn of Florida and Robert Aderholt of Alabama and his wife, Caroline. Wilson and Dunn are alumni of Washington and Lee University, where Cox is majoring in history and economics.





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Fall Fashion

Colors, textures and prints
for a fashionable fall by the lake

Written by Abby Hathorn
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and Tucker Webb

Fall fashion weeks show off the hottest trends for the season, but the trend report does not always fit our weather here in the South.

While the vintage-inspired furs may look dreamy, we cannot get as much wear out of the pieces because of warmer temperatures. The same

Jennifer Sims accessorizes an Ivy Jane denim top with embroidered raglan sleeves and black leggings with a wide-cuff bangle by Brighton and footwear by Yellow Box Shoes. The autumn styles are available at Designer Corner in Talladega.



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Taylor Collins is ready for fall in this crushed velvet teal dress with shirt-tail hem by Wish List, a plaid wrap by Mystree, cuffed peep-toe booties by Diba True and a fringe-and-bead necklace, all available at Buttons & Bows Boutique in Sylacauga.

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on-trend and on-point. Though fall fashions can often be intimidating and difficult to localize, this centralized guide will help you not only find your fall favorites but will also help you get through the season with ease.

From colors and textures to sleepy vibes and super-bold trends, the following information will motivate you to embrace your inner fashion guru and inspire you to experiment with some of

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this season's newest looks.

Colors: We all know that this is the time of year to flaunt warmer hues and rich bolds. Some of the hot colors for fall are red, chocolate brown and – my personal favorite – jewel tones. Though these colors are fairly simple and repeats of falls past, this is good news, especially for those looking to stretch their fashion dollar.

A fun way to mix-up the color trends is to combine yellow topaz with chocolate brown and add pops of Pantone-

Savannah Mock sports a crushed velvet and lace dress with vintage-style army jacket – both by White Crow – and peep-toe Diba True heels, all available at Hattie Lee's Boutique in Pell City.



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inspired Tawny Port with such accessories as belts, shoes and necklaces.

If you are looking for the perfect fall color that is the best of warm and bold, look for pieces that give off a rusty, red-orange vibe.

Textures: Cozy-up to crushed velvet and a hot cup of coffee this fall. Crushed velvet is a sweet throwback to the Nineties that pairs elegantly with casual separates and vintage-inspired accessories.



To really up the trend, look for crushed velvet dresses and blouses in popping jewel tones. For a night out on the lake, rock black crushed velvet with classic pearls and black pumps for a lovely twist on the typical little black dress ensemble.

Other key textures for fall include fringe and faux fur. When we think of fringe, we often associate it with just leather or vegan leather tassels. But that doesn't always

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Danielle Layfield steps into fall in this stylish floral print tunic, jegging and cream booties with cut-out detail, all of which are available at Monkey Bizniss in Pell City.

have to be the case. This fall's fringe is all about the bold and beautiful. Don't be afraid to step out of the box when exploring the fringe trend. From dresses and handbags to statement sleeves and necklaces, fringe is an easy-find this season.

When the temps drop a little more, don't forget to whip out a little faux-fur extra. You can effortlessly rock this look by pairing a faux fur vest with a pair of dark skinny jeans and a flowy blouse for girls' night out.

Prints: A lot of the focus this fall is color; however, one way to spice-up your wardrobe is with big florals and Seventies-inspired plaids. The great thing about



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fall florals is they often come in the color trends, so you are actually tackling two trends at once.

Big florals look great in maxi dresses and even statement denim. Also, don't be afraid to mix spring florals with rich fall colors to maximize your fall-fashion budget. Seventies-inspired plaids are an



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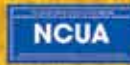
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easy go-to patterned separate that looks good not only dressed down but also dressed up. Look for oversized button-ups to pair with graphic tees and knee high boots.

For the bold trend follower, look for vintage-inspired plaid trousers to rock with cute wedges and gold accessories.

Fall is for the Boys: Fall fashion trends

Madison Smith demonstrates how layering is always a popular fall look, pairing a wine-colored feathered print maxi kimono cardigan over a knotted black mineral-washed pocket tee and a denim skirt. The look is topped off with camel booties and a fedora, all available at Shabby Sheek Boutique in Talladega.



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Perfect for crisp fall evenings, this Boho Jane Peace and Love suede top layered with Boho Jane kimono pairs well with Dear John jeans and Prance booties. Modeled by Grace Swearingen, the ensemble is available at That's Hot! Boutique in Childersburg.



aren't just for the ladies. The hot

trends for men this season

are quilted jackets and

outerwear, wider suit

pants, adventurous suit

separates, nostalgic knits

and American-inspired

color combos.

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throwback to eras past and will

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Now, get yourself a pumpkin spice latte, sit out by the lake, and get ready for a season of fabulous fashions, friends and football. It's time to get inspired and excited about dressing up in the latest trends, but

Kala Seales Gilreath looks stylish in this mineral-wash jacket in ash with cinched detail layered over a cinnamon tunic and distressed stretch pants and lace-up booties. The ensemble is available in many colors at UG Clothing Boutique in Pell City.

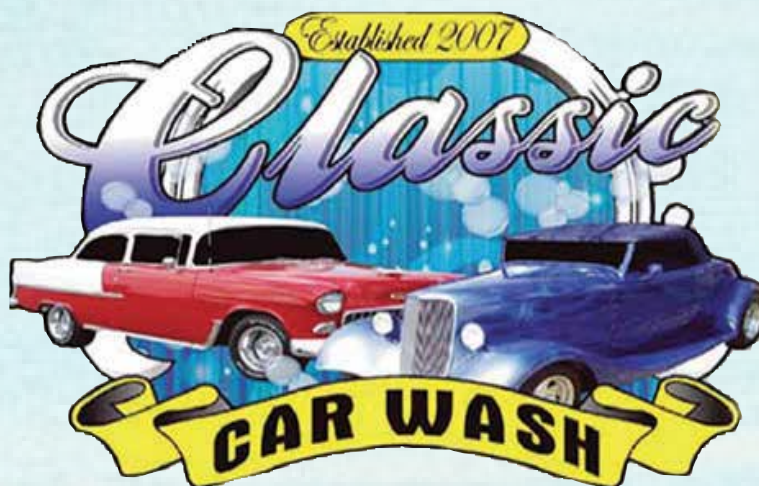




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don't forget to always add your own personal style to anything hot off the runway.

Abby Hathorn is an award-winning fashion blogger and stylist.



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Accessing Alabama's aquatic byways

Written by Laura Gaddy

It was midday on a narrow stream near I-20.

From beneath the brim of my baseball hat, I could see the sun top the trees and shoot down in big, broad beams. It bounced up from the surface, glittering like sequins under stage lights.

Beneath me was a kayak. In my hand, a paddle. Up ahead, three more boats very much like mine and one slightly different, a canoe.

I was part of a crew assembled by Alabama Scenic River Trail founder Fred Couch. We were scouting Choccolocco Creek for log jams, spare tires and trash. Our findings were used to inform a volunteer cleanup crew that was scheduled for two weeks later.

The trip was like many others organized by the river trail, which has been working for 10 years to open Alabama rivers and streams for recreation. This phase of ASRT's work is little known, even to those who are familiar with the Alabama Scenic River Trail, but it is paving the way to progress for communities in Alabama.

When an Alabama Scenic River Trail team of volunteers showed up to meet with officials in Red Bay five years ago, its waterway, Bear Creek, was an obstacle course of log jams. Today it is promoted as Bear Creek Trail.

Back on our Choccolocco trip, we park our vehicle near the powdery Choccolocco Creek bank just south of Snow Creek inlet. This is where we will end our trip, our "take-out." Then we pick up our boats and take them to a broad shoulder on Melon Bridge Road.

There, we hoist our boats from their racks, slip on our life vests and amble down to a small beach under a one-lane bridge to launch.

Our mission is clear -- we are here to find debris that needs to be moved -- but I am drawn into the scenery. Even here, on this creek so near the interstate, fast food restaurants and a Walmart, the scenery is otherworldly.

Blue herons swoop ahead of us. Trees bow over the water's edge, and water grass carpets the recesses along the banks. But for my seat at water-level, I would not know it.

The ASRT includes 5,300 miles of waterways, including 650 on which paddlers can travel from the northeast corner of the state to the Gulf of Mexico. Our trip on Choccolocco includes just about 10 miles of it.

Sometimes trips like ours on Choccolocco are undertaken by ASRT to determine whether, or how, a waterway can or should be used for recreation. Other times they are used to determine what has to happen, like a log-jam removal, before a river or creek can be easily used by boaters.

Often these trips occur on waterways that are all but unused by boaters. The river trail crews often find fallen trees that cover, or nearly cover the water, forcing them to hoist boats over large tree trunks, or to use the creek banks to move past the blockages.

Before and after these runs, ASRT officials work with business



leaders and local officials to determine which steps they need to take before they start marketing their local water to boaters for recreation. Key considerations include identifying public put-in and take-out locations and securing campsites for long-distance runs.

On Choccolocco, the water took us through slight rapids and narrow passages to the powdery bank where we planned in about three hours. We paddled our boats to the creek's edge and pulled them out of the water and up the bank as our feet sunk into the dirt.

To our right was pastureland. A few yards to the left and up an embankment were fast-moving cars driving over the creek on Friendship Road.

Our trip was done, and we retrieved our rack and loaded the boats onto it, but the next phase of our project was still weeks away. Even though the cleanup day is already scheduled and volunteers ready to work, more coordination was needed to ensure the project is successful.

After the Choccolocco trip, ASRT secured help from professional tree removal crews, and private landowners agreed to let teams access their land for the work and more than 30 volunteers signed up for the event.

Most people in Alabama will never know about my trip on Choccolocco, but because of trips like it by the Alabama Scenic River Trail, more of them are getting the chance to see the state's aquatic byways while floating over the water.

Laura Gaddy is media manager for the Alabama Scenic River Trail.

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Written by Kelli Tipton
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Logan Martin fishing cabin provides safe haven for hurricane evacuees

When Hurricane Irma pummeled the state of Florida last month, Janice Calhoun, 72, and her son, Craig Workman, 50, were forced to evacuate their hometown of Clearwater.

On the morning of Friday, September 8, they packed their car with food, clothing, necessary medications and enough supplies for their two dogs, Genevieve and Bailey, before heading north in search of a hotel with vacancies.

After a long, unsuccessful search, they spent the night in a Walmart parking lot somewhere in Perry, Florida. On Saturday, they decided to drive to Talladega, with hopes of camping with other evacuees at the Talladega Superspeedway.

While parked at the Exxon on East Street in

Logan Martin cabin owner Terri Ferguson with Florida visitors Janice Calhoun and Craig Workman.



The cabin's pier offers easy access to fishing in the lake.

Talladega, hovering over a map, they were approached by Terri Ferguson, who had stopped to fill a gasoline jug. She asked them if they were lost. "It's hard to be lost, if you don't know where you're going," Janice said in despair.

Ferguson knew her small fishing cabin on Logan Martin Lake would be the perfect place for them to stay, and she invited them to occupy it as long as they needed. "I told them it wasn't the Taj Mahal, but it had a queen bed and two twin beds," Terri said.

Janice decided to trust her instincts and accept the invitation. "Terri said she had been praying for the evacuees, and she wanted to help us. I trusted her sincerity, and it was such a relief. Finding a place to stay had been impossible. Every place was filled, and we were tired," Janice said.

Terri led them to the two-room cabin that has been in her family since the early 1970s. Four generations have enjoyed the serenity of the slough it sits on, and she was thank-



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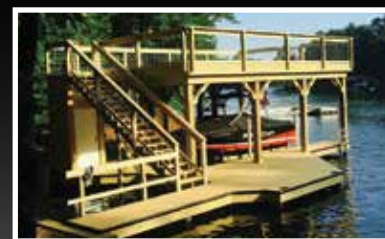
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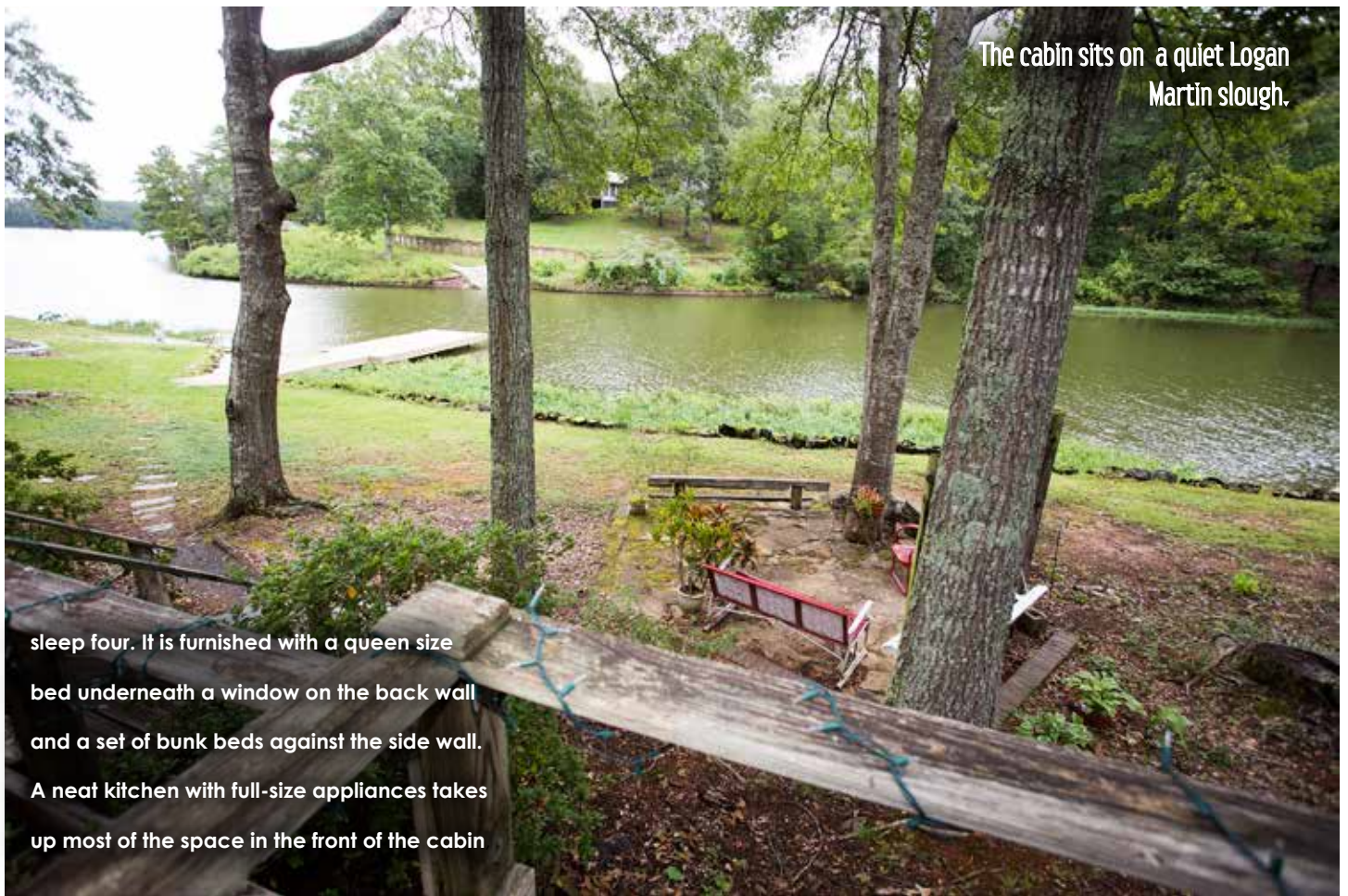
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The cabin sits on a quiet Logan Martin slough.

sleep four. It is furnished with a queen size bed underneath a window on the back wall and a set of bunk beds against the side wall. A neat kitchen with full-size appliances takes up most of the space in the front of the cabin



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The cabin is small but functional and was a welcome haven for thankful hurricane evacuees.

and a couch and table fit nicely against the other wall. A private, full-size bathroom is the only other room.

The cabin is decorated with an eclectic mix of colorful hand-painted pictures and

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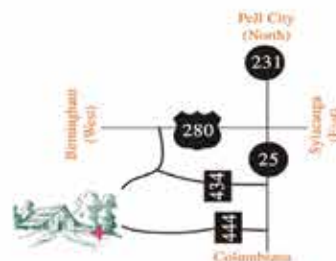
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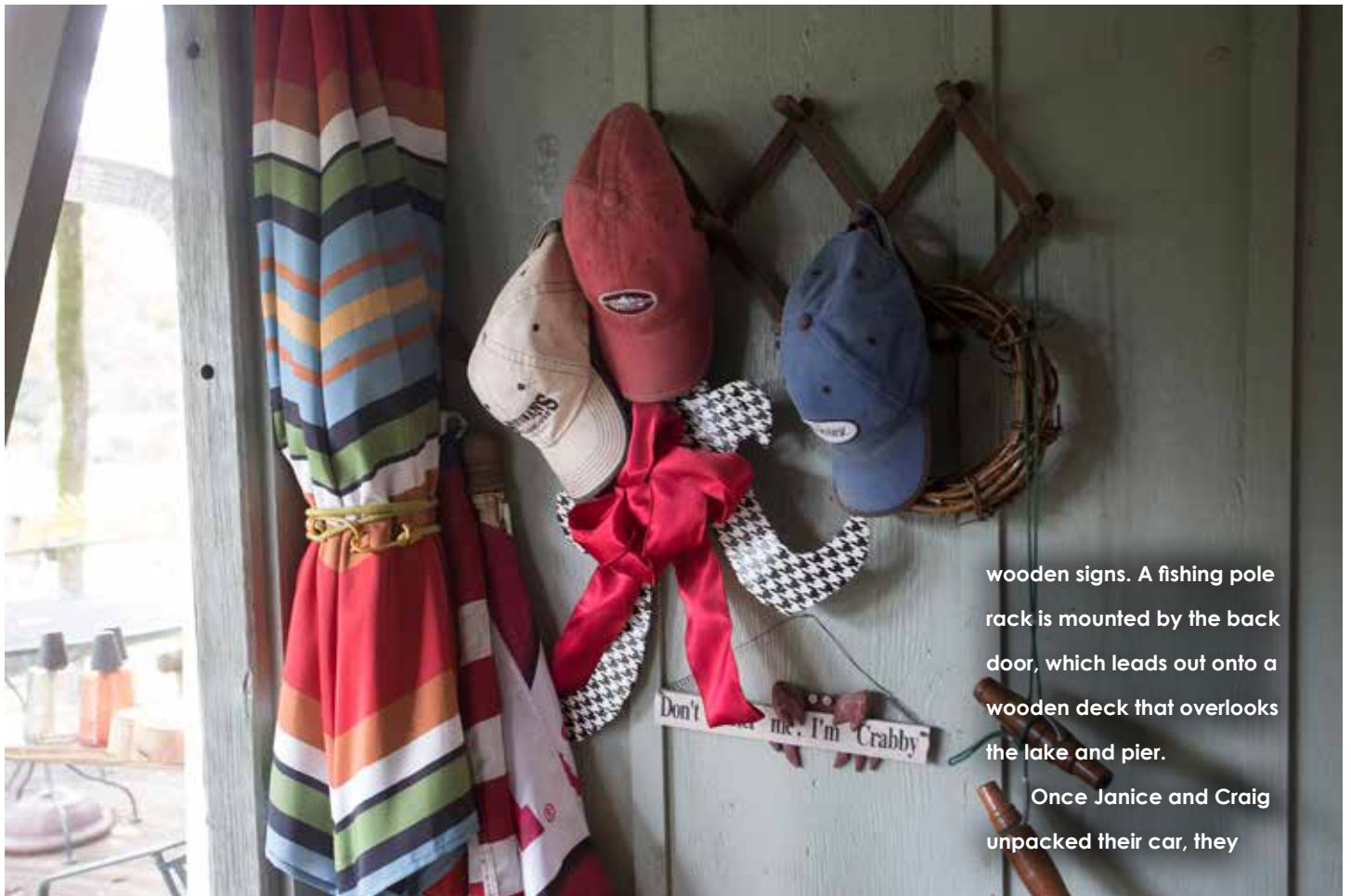


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The two-room cabin has been in Ferguson's family for more than 40 years.

tuned into the news and started making phone calls to family and friends. She was able to contact a neighbor who told her that there was one gas station open in all of Clearwater.

"As far as I know, my house is ok," she said. "There is no power there, trees are down everywhere, and I don't know about the highways. We are waiting to see if the highways are clear and the gas stations are open before we head back."

She was also concerned about several rental

properties in the hurricane's path. "Those rental houses are my only source of income. One of them is in a flood zone, and it's the only one I have flood insurance on, so I just don't know what to expect when I get back," she said.

And the stress took its toll. "I didn't realize what I looked like. I was so frazzled. My face was red as a beet. My chest was red. The stress really got to me."

That Sunday, Janice and Craig accompanied Terri to Talladega Creek Baptist Church, where they were

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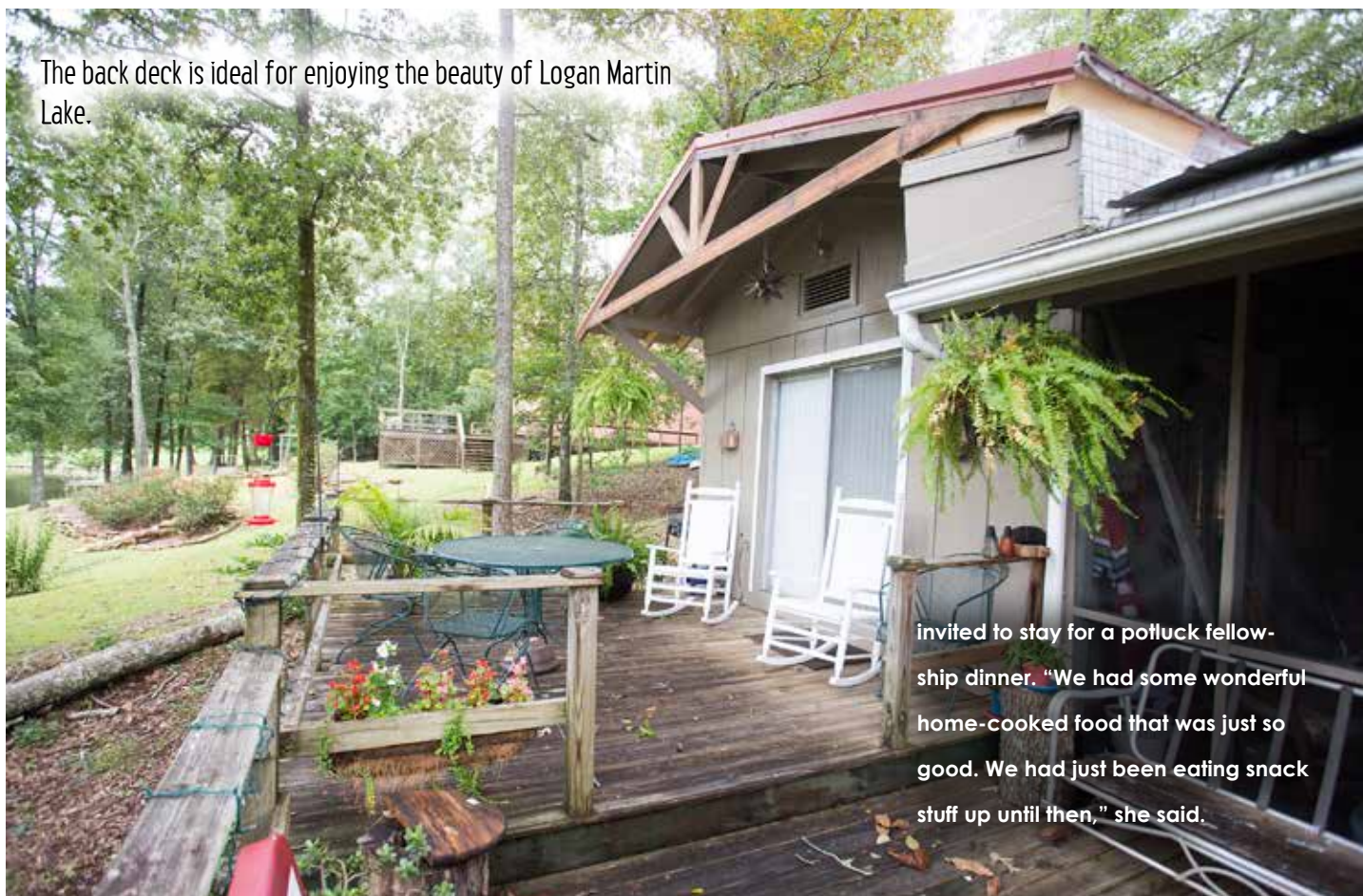
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invited to stay for a potluck fellowship dinner. "We had some wonderful home-cooked food that was just so good. We had just been eating snack stuff up until then," she said.

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Ferguson has furnished the cabin with nautical and fishing décor.

During their stay at the fishing cabin, they have come to appreciate the beauty of Logan Martin Lake. "I love this place. It's so peaceful, and I enjoy having the lake view from my bed in the morning. Last night, Craig caught catfish for dinner, and we fried it up, and it was so good," Janice said.

They have also come to appreciate the kindness of strangers. "I don't know what we would've done if we hadn't been invited to stay here. When Terri came up to us and told

us we could stay at her cabin, a weight was lifted. A prayer was answered. Everything has been so nice here, and it just all fell into place."

Both Terri and Janice are convinced their meeting was a "God thing."

"It was meant to be, when you consider the timing," Janice said. "We were there at that gas station at just the right time."



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Alabama Bass Trail comes to Logan Martin

Written by Buddy Roberts



\$600,000 economic impact expected

Hundreds of anglers will visit Logan Martin Lake this month, seeking thousands of dollars in prize money and the Alabama Bass Trail Tournament Series championship.

Hosted by the Pell City Chamber of Commerce, the title event is scheduled for October 6 and 7 at Lakeside Park. Launch is set for 6 a.m. both

days, and weigh-ins will start at 2:30 p.m. A total of 181 two-week teams has qualified for the tournament, expected to boost the local economy by more than half a million dollars.

"It's great to have the Alabama Bass Trail at Logan Martin Lake to host their two-day championship," said chamber president Larry Daugherty.

"We are excited for our hotels, restaurants and other chamber members that will benefit from this event."

The Alabama Bass Trail is a program of the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association. Its goal is to promote the state as a year-round fishing destination, preserve natural resources and encourage conservation among

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According to program director Kay Donaldson, this is the first time an Alabama Bass Trail Championship has been hosted locally.

"We have enjoyed working with the chamber of commerce, and the city's parks and recreation staff to bring this event to the area," she said. "We have already seen on social media where anglers are already practicing, and we expect this event to generate more than \$600,000 in local spending on dining, shopping and

overnighting over the course of seven days."

Donaldson added that fishing enthusiasts are invited to cheer on their favorite teams at the launches and weigh-ins. A complete list of competing anglers is available at www.alabamabasstrail.org, which

will provide live streaming of the tournament. Fox Sports Southeast will broadcast its tournament coverage at 7 a.m. November 5 and 26.

The 181 boats are comprised of

ly-rigged 2018 Phoenix 819 Pro boat with a Mercury 200 trolling motor, valued at \$45,000, with an additional \$40,000 in cash and prizes for the top 25 teams. The first 25 children

ages 12 and younger at both days' weigh-ins will receive a free rod and reel combo.

"Logan Martin is no stranger to hosting major fishing, and I am sure the warm hospitality these anglers and their families will receive from our community will make them want to visit often," Daugherty said. "The number of anglers visiting and accompanying family members combined with the outstanding marketing



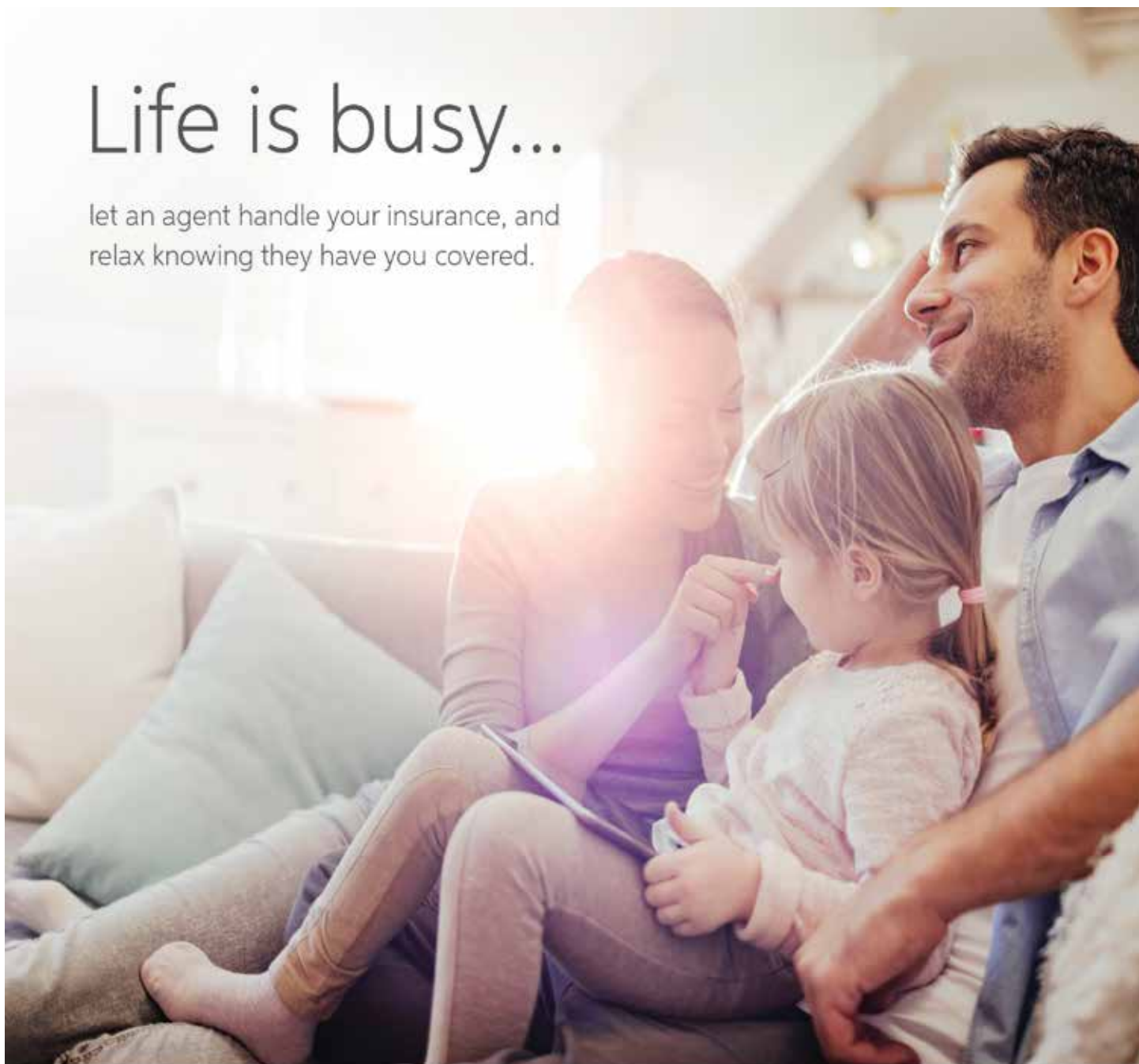
the 10 winning teams of the trail's regular season events, the top 75 teams in points from the North and South divisions that fished all five events in their responsive divisions and the top student, collegiate and couples teams from both divisions.

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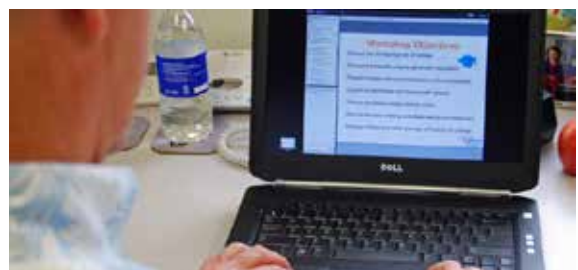


The popular Killen-based quartet brings its acoustic show to the Center for Education and Performing Arts in Pell City. Audience members will be treated to a high-energy performance of bluegrass-infused covers of familiar rock songs on guitar, mandolin and violin. Part of the CEPA's fall season schedule, the show is sponsored by Metro Bank. For ticket information, visit www.pellcitycenter.com.



FRIDAY 6th

EXTENSION WEBINAR SERIES



Dr. Timonthy Davis, agriculture and natural resources agent, will conduct this month's entry in the All Bugs Good and Bad webinar series sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. "New Invasive Ants to Know About" will begin at 2 p.m. For information about how to connect to the free program, visit articles.extension.org.

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FRIDAY

6th

TOMB OF THE RISEN DEAD



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FRIDAY

13th

THE ALABAMA 500 WEEKEND



NASCAR returns to the Talladega Superspeedway with three days of racing action. Following a Friday practice day, the Fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola begins Saturday, October 14. At 7 p.m., the Colt Ford Concert powered by American Ethanol will open in the infield, with Ford expected to take the stage at 9 p.m. The Alabama 500 is scheduled for Sunday, October 15. For ticket information, call 888-727-9978.



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FRIDAY

7th

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SATURDAY

8th

SYLACAUGA CITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION 5K

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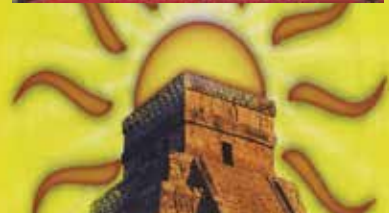
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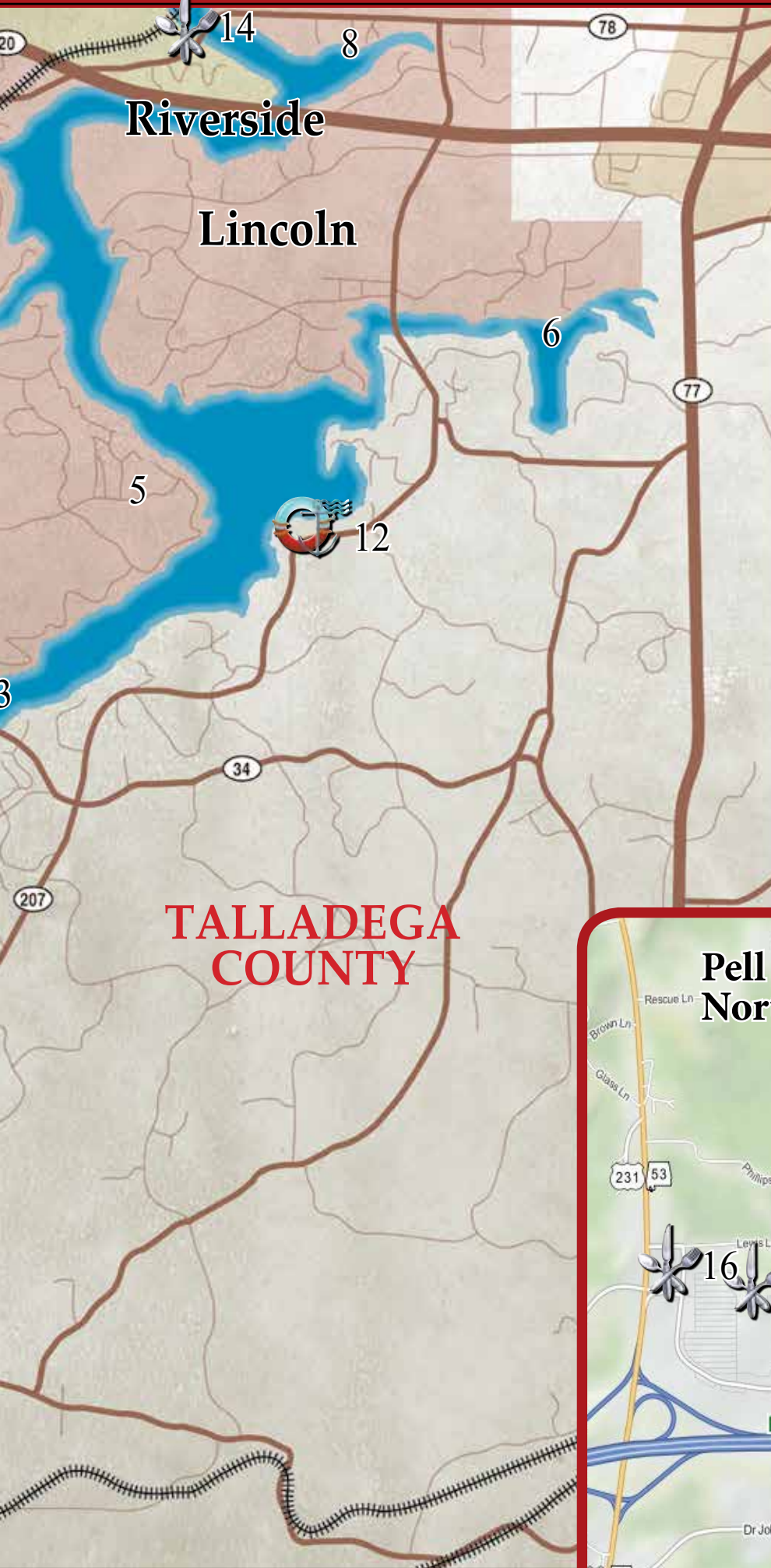
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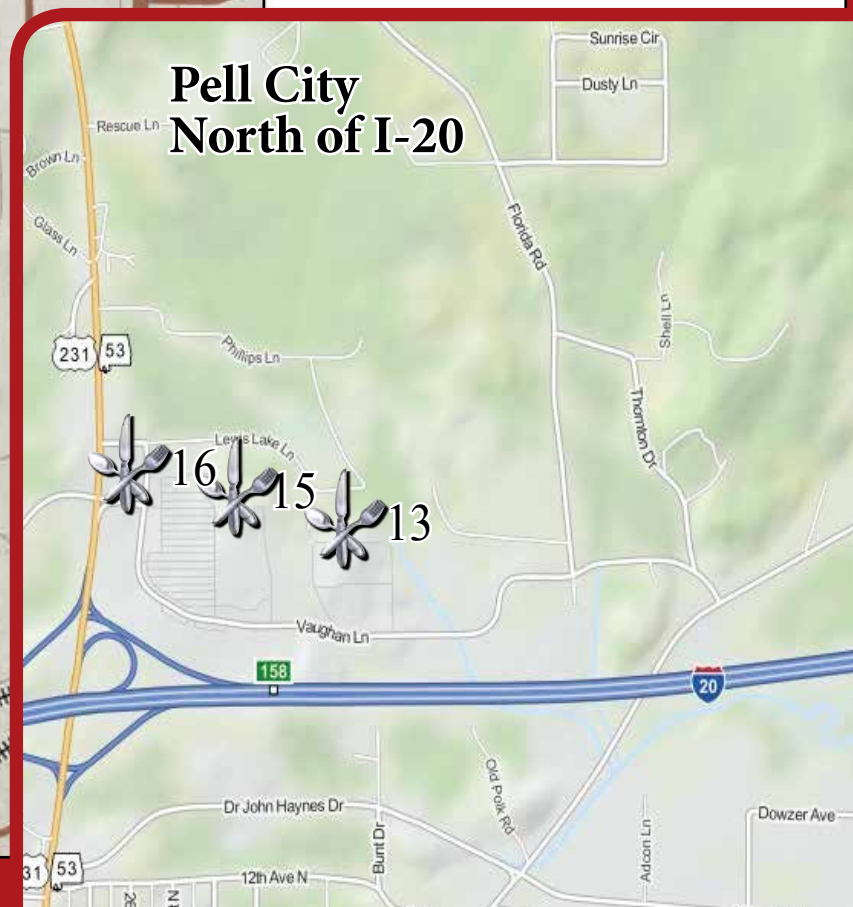
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Lakeside elegance on the Talladega shore

Written by Buddy Roberts
Photographed by Bob Crisp

Prospective homebuyers seeking a spacious house that's ideal for indoor and outdoor entertaining may find what they're looking for in this property on Logan Martin Lake's Talladega shore.

Boasting 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, the home features 9-foot ceilings, Pella windows and crown molding throughout. The master bedroom and bath suite (which includes separate shower and garden tub) are on the



main level, with two bedrooms and a full bath on the second level, in addition to a bonus room with a skylight. The fourth bedroom with a full bath is in the basement, along with a media room, exercise room and den with wet bar.

The main level also includes a great room with a 22-foot ceiling and stacked stone fireplace. The kitchen offers custom-made cabinets, an induction range, granite countertops, bar, tile flooring and a large bay window in a casual eating area. Also on the main level are a formal dining room, back foyer with a large pantry and bar area and a guest bathroom with black marble.

Outdoors are two screened porches offering views of the lake and a wraparound porch facing the street, and two large insulated garages, one of which is heated and cooled, with space above for a ladies retreat or man cave.

The double boat port has two remote-controlled lifts, and the shoreline features a geostone seawall. The landscaping includes an irrigation system.

The property lists at \$599,000. For more information, call Caran Wilbanks of ERA King Real Estate at 205-338-7320.

Shields: 'It helps to have as many options as you can'

Written by Laci Braswell
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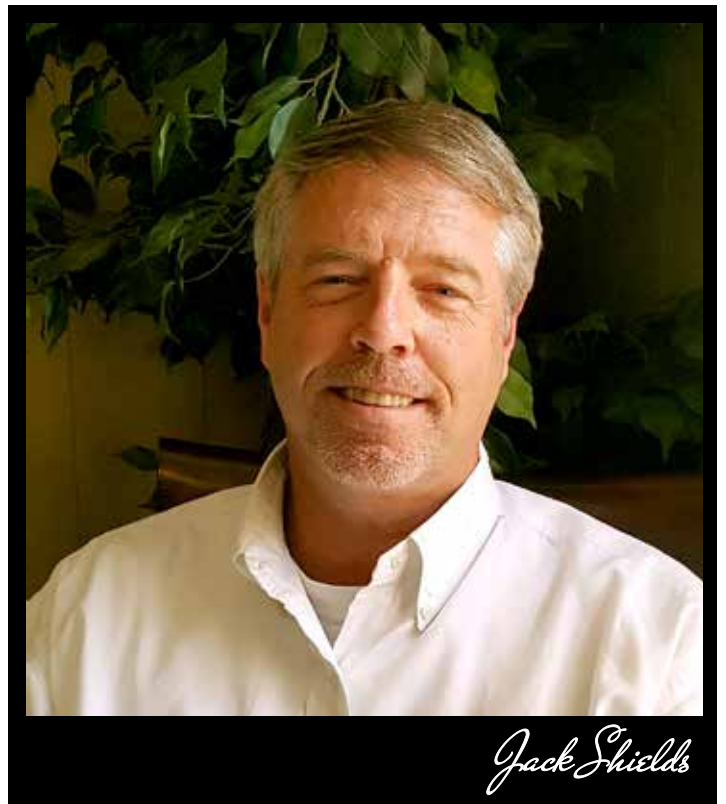
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"In every purchase transaction where you need financing, you will most likely need a loan originator, a closing attorney or title company and certainly a realtor who is showing you the homes," said Jack Shields.

"Know which loan products are available to you and how much you are approved for. Many times we see credit issues needing to be addressed or the buyer is not aware of certain loan products, like no-money down or one percent down loans. It helps to have as many options as you can."

He also advises making sure you're approved for financing before going shopping for property. "That's my number one advice. Approval is good for 90 days typically and gives you a window where you can confidently look and know you are good to go."

From a lending perspective, now is a great time to buy "because rates are still great, and we have more and more loan products available with little or no down payment," he said. "Most market experts predict rates will



continue to rise due to the growing economy, so it won't get any better than this."

Shields added that he enjoys his working relationship with AREA Realty in Sylacauga. "I was always intrigued with real estate, and knew that was the field I wanted to be in," he said.

He has worked with many clients buying and selling lakefront properties and enjoys the lake lifestyle himself.

"Watching our kids grow up on the water and having an active lifestyle is very important. Those are the memories that they'll have forever. We spend our summers swimming and getting out on the water as much as we can at our shared summer home on Lake Martin."

When asked what he enjoys most about his work, Shields said, "The satisfaction when I see that new home buyer receiving those keys to their home at closing and the smile on their faces. I know I had a small part in that, and it is really a special feeling. I've seen many a tear shed at closings from buyers who could not believe they just bought a home. It is very rewarding."



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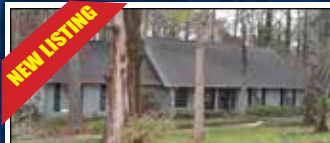
2001 19TH ST, PELL CITY \$240,000.00. 2 ac farm in the city with such charm. Fenced with a barn and pasture. This adorable home is perfect for the southern charm home lover! It is full of character! Unique LR w/high ceilings! Pretty DR w/hardwoods! Spacious master BR w/large closet! Front foyer is great 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



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.



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



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



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



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.



552 RIVER BEND LANE, LINCOLN \$105,000.00 Beautiful Logan Martin Lake. Looking for a great Lake get away???? This is it a spacious double wide with screen porch and front covered porch. Furniture, washer and dryer included. Three bedrooms and two baths. Eat in are in the kitchen, huge living room. Vaulted ceiling. Bedrooms with large closets. Big laundry room. Two out buildings. Your own private pier. Lincoln school system. Double car carport.



917 N LAKESHORE DR TALLADEGA, 299,000.00 Lake living at its best..... Walk in your front door to a Fantastic view of the Lake. This home offers a open floor plan great for entertaining. Three sets of glass doors gives you access to your large deck. . The kitchen has granite counter tops, easy close drawers and cabinets with lazy susan. Farm house sink, stainless appliances, center island. Hardwood floors, high ceilings. Split bedrooms offer privacy for you and your guest. The master on the main floor. downstairs you will find 2 BR and a full bath. Large laundry with room for storage. Outside is like paradise.. Open deck for grilling, downstairs patio or follow the walkway to your boat house with boat lift. MLS #794558



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•LOGAN MARTIN LAKE POINT LOT, BEACH AREA, APPROX 440 FT. OF SHORE LINE MLS #783524 \$159,000
 •LEVEL LOT - EASONVILLE SUBDIVISION MLS#793688 \$25,000
 •HWY 280 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. 14.27 AC +/- CHSELSEA TAX DISTRICT APPROX 497 FEET OF HWY 280 ROAD FRONTAGE MLS 793683 \$1,700,000.00



Hwy 280 14.27 Acres, Sterrett, \$1,900,000. Commercial Property, Chelsea Tax District. Across from Chelsea Park Subdivision. Road frontage approx. 497 feet 1285 ft deep, utilities at the street. MLS# 773072

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\$399,900 - 248 Henderson Ln. - CUSTOM BUILT 3 BR, 3.5 BA one level home with basement. SPECTACULAR views and gentle sloping lot. Home has great room w/FP, DR and the kitchen features a breakfast nook overlooking yard and lake. Finished basement consists of den with another fireplace kitchenette, bar area and more. Amenities with this home are open floor plan with custom cabinets, hardwood floors and detailed crown molding, surround sound and more, 2 bay carport/boat storage, 30x20 dock with large boat slip and launch. MLS #786672 Call Karen (205) 473-4613



\$209,000 - 286 Treadwell Island Rd. - ENJOY this nice 3 BR 2.5 BA bungalow on the lake. Main level consists of the family room with fireplace, updated kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and bonus room with lot of hardwood floors. Downstairs has large den with fireplace and built-in bookcases, bedroom and bathroom. Sloping lot with pier and seawall. MLS #776965 Call Lawrence (205) 812-5195



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\$1,300,000 - 229 Willow Dr. - Home with this 5 BR, 4 full and 2 half BA home located on (2) waterfront lots. Home w/family room, kitchen and master BR with master BA located on the main level. Upstairs has 3 BR one in the basement as well as BA and den area. Inground saltwater pool and covered boathouse. Beauty to See! MLS #729239 Call Lawrence (205) 812-5195



\$369,900 - 161 Hamilton Ln. - GORGEOUS HOME This 3-level 4 BR, 3 BA home has great room, master BR and dining room on the main level, open floor plan and flooring of hardwood, carpet and tile. Basement has den, BR, playroom and BA. Property is just off main channel w/covered boat dock, floating pier and carpeted open dock area. MLS #776814 Call Mary (205) 586-0825



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\$204,900 - 54 Southbend Dr. - LARGE LEVEL LOT with this 3 BR, 2 BA home with huge master suite, living room with fireplace, formal dining room and eat-in kitchen. Full unfinished basement with 2-car garage and open deck in the back with nice level backyard. MLS #792181 Call Michelle (205) 427-3222



\$219,000 - 115 Major Circle - 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home with beautiful hardwood floors and tray ceilings, formal dining room plus eat-in kitchen. Level lot and located in great neighborhood, convenient to I-20 and Honda. MLS #789003 Call Carl (205) 965-4755



\$150,000 - 275 Brooks Rd. - NICE 2 BR, 2 BA home with stone fireplace, full unfinished basement and large sunroom that is heated and cooled, located on approx. one ACRE and near public boat launch. MLS #791185 Call Bill 205/369-7977 or Jeff (205) 405-1649



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\$48,500 - 211 Sunset Dr. - PRICED TO SELL! Nice 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick home located on corner lot with living room and den w/FP, vinyl and carpet flooring and recently refinished hardwoods. Large bedrooms, screened porch off the back with small storage/workshop located behind covered carport. MLS #756806 Call Scott (205) 368-8138 or Joel 205/753-3831



\$239,900 - 83 Lockridge Ln. - CRAFTSMAN built home 2-story 5 BR, 4.5 BA home with living room, dining room, office/study and with second kitchen, bath located in the basement. Home has lot of space, great natural light and yard with storage and privacy fencing. MLS #775451 Call Tina (205) 337-8509



\$158,000 - 3521 Mount Moriah Rd. - BEAUTIFUL 3 BR, 2 BA brick home in a rural setting. Home has family room with fireplace and nice kitchen, located on approx. 2.7 ACRES with carport and garage with plenty of parking. MLS #789717 Call Sebastian (205) 926-8043



\$89,000 - 52599 Hwy. 77- ONE LEVEL 3 BR, 2 BA brick home with carport. Great room, den, hallway and one bedroom with hardwood floors. Home needs some work. MLS #789191 Call Nan 256/452-4761



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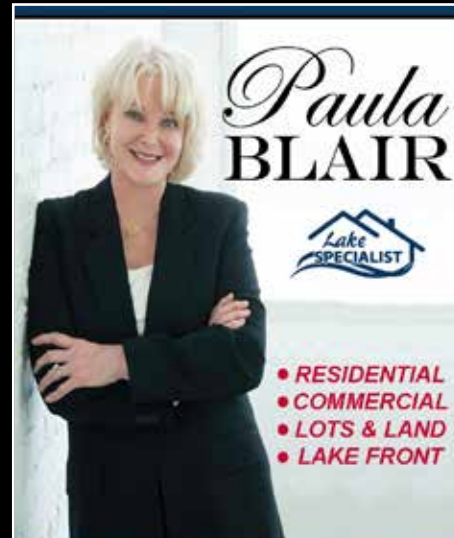


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