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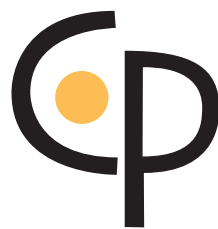
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From the Editor

'Superhero rock' comes to Logan Martin Lake this month

"There's no real story to it," Cameron Flemer answered when I asked how The Velcro Pygmies got their name, a question he's probably heard about as often as Don McLean has been asked to decipher American Pie.

"When we were getting started in Louisville, every Thursday the Courier-Journal would print the names of the bands that would be playing in town that weekend so that consumers of live music could decide who to see. We wanted a name that would make people ask, 'What in the world is this?' So we made up the name."

He added a fun fact: "We got sued by 3M for our use of the word 'velcro.' They sent us a cease-and-desist order, but our attorneys negotiated a settlement. We are now the only entity other than 3A that can legally use 'velcro' in its trade name. That's probably a more interesting story than how we got our name."

I thought both stories were more interesting than Cameron seemed to (but I'm a sucker for behind-the-scenes show business stories), so we moved on to the upcoming concert. Billed as "the greatest rock 'n' roll force for freedom ever assembled in the history of the world," The Velcro Pygmies bring their 1980s-infused style to lake this month when they headline the 12th annual Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show, performing from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

"Everybody at LakeFest will know who we are," Cameron

said. "They probably saw us when they were in college, and their kids who are in college are seeing us now. And you know how it is – kids don't want to go see a band their mom and dad saw, and a lot of times that's justified, but the kids see us, and they say, 'I can't believe Mom and Dad liked this!' So it's neat in that regard, that we're able to make Mom and Dad look cool."

The reason, according to Cameron, that the band appeals to audiences ranging in age from late teens to late 50s, is consistency.

"Our delivery and image has not changed at all. Bands like us don't really exist any more, and that's why we're able to do 200 shows a year. I refer to what we do as superhero rock – a band with big guitar shredding, a vivid image, and '80s soul. When you see us, you know we're a rock band, and you know what kind of rock band we are."

With set lists that include such arena rock standards as "Rock and Roll All Night," "Walk This Way," "We Will Rock You," "We're Not Gonna Take It," "Purple Rain," "Don't Stop Believing," "Play That Funky Music," and "Sweet Home Alabama," The Velcro Pygmies' LakeFest show will be family-friendly while still delivering "undiluted rock 'n' roll energy that unites" and takes the audience on "a trip back to a time when music was in its prime."

Here's another fun fact about the band: It supports a terrific organization called Reach and Teach, a nonprofit that offers "authentic educational experiences to students across the globe," especially identifying with students "who struggle to engage and succeed in a traditional classroom setting." Through Reach and Teach, students plan, promote, and produce real rock concerts and entertainment broadcasts. It's an impressive initiative – check out www.reachandteach.rocks to read all about it.

You can also read all about LakeFest in this issue of Lakeside Living, along with a recap of April in Talladega and Pell City's Historic Downtown Walking Tours, a nostalgic essay about feeding backyard wildlife in spring, and a visit to a local lake home.

Then be sure to turn out on the 13th to welcome The Velcro Pygmies to Logan Martin Lake.



The Velcro Pygmies are, from left, bass player Max, front man Cameron Flemer, drummer Chris Eddins, and Chase West on lead guitar.

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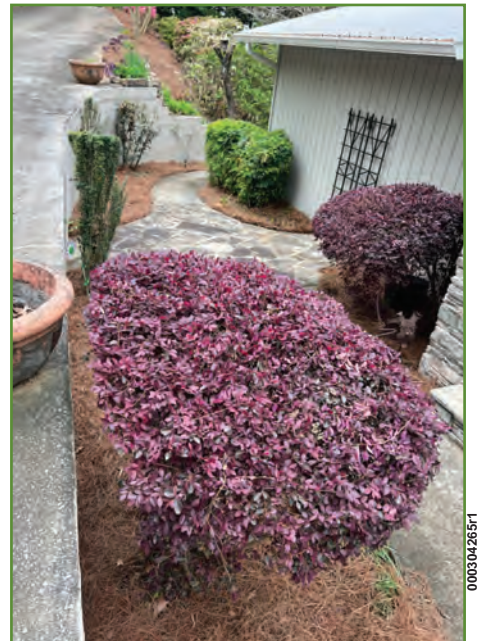
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FOLLOW THE MAYFLIES TO THE BIG CATCH

A substantial part of the food chain for various species of game fish, mayflies are one of the most abundant and crucial insects on the Coosa River. The month of May marks the annual calling for these abundant creatures to start their reproduction cycle.

This cycle will trigger the feeding alarm for various species of fish on the Coosa, Logan Martin Lake, and all of the surrounding streams, tributaries, and reservoirs. Thousands upon thousands of mayflies will congregate on the banks of our beautiful waterways to start their annual cycle of life reproduction. When this happens, you'd best have your fishing poles handy, 'cause the action will be intense!

The most common targeted gamefish associated with mayflies will be your common bream. Panfish in general will capitalize on the mass quantities of these insects. Bluegill, redears, sunfish, rock bass, perch, and crappie can all be caught around mayfly hatches.

Targeting mayfly hatches is simple. Scan the riverbanks for overhanging trees filled with the flying insects. Once you find a mayfly hatching tree, you can bet that the fun-fighting, tasty-

eating bream will be nearby. Common lures like small jigs will work as bait. I enjoy keeping it old school, so my favorite bait is live crickets on a cane pole. If you really want a fun fight, I encourage you to try fly fishing with mayfly-imitating lures. Fly fishing is a challenge, but super-rewarding!

Another fun pattern concerning the mayfly hatch is largemouth bass. They will feed on the bluegill and other panfish species. Top-water bream-colored baits will work well. Jigs in bream colors are also excellent choices.

Look for the mayflies this month. They will lead you to the bream, and the bream will lead to the bass!



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'CJ Knight'.

CJ Knight is a competitive angler and fishing guide who considers the Coosa River and Logan Martin Lake his home waters. He may be contacted at csk0010@auburn.edu.

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LAKESIDE LIVING'S GUIDE to the 12th annual Logan Martin LakeFest & Boat Show



Children's entertainer Blippi will appear at LakeFest from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

Written by **BUDDY ROBERTS**
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The lakeside community's premier event returns this month when Lakeside Park in Pell City hosts the 12th annual LakeFest & Boat Show presented by AmFirst.

For more than a decade, thousands of families and outdoors enthusiasts have come to the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake to attend the three-day benefit festival, which has proven so popular that it has given back hundreds



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WHEN IS LAKEFEST?

The South's largest in-water boat show is set for May 12-14. Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE IS LAKEFEST?




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Whether you come to Lakeside Park by land or by water, admission and parking are free. Any cost involved would be whatever attendees choose to spend with retail and food vendors. Many crowd-favorite vendors from past events are expected to return, and several new food vendors will make their LakeFest debut this year, according to organizers, who ask that drivers be conscious about following direction they may receive from parking attendants and Pell City Police officers as they arrive at the park. New composite docks – construction of which has been funded by a donation from the Logan Martin Charity Foundation – will be available for boat parking.

WHAT KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE AT LAKEFEST?

LakeFest routinely attracts crowd-pleasing performers from throughout the South. Here's this year's weekend lineup, which includes some local favorites:

Friday

4-6 p.m. Matt Bennett (Birmingham-based country musician)

6-9 p.m. Deputy 5 (Birmingham-based county band)

After dark: Fireworks show honoring veteran residents of the Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home (estimated start time is 8 p.m.)

Saturday

Noon-2 p.m. Tyler Nichols (classic rock-influenced singer-songwriter)

2-4 p.m. Ian Cuthbertson (Birmingham-based musician)

4-7 p.m. Sami Lavette (St. Clair County native and Nashville-based country artist)

7-9 a.m. The Velcro Pygmies (Louisville, Kentucky-based '80s-themed power band)

Audiences for the live music are asked to bring their own camp chairs or lawn chairs, as no seating will be available in front of the stage. Personal coolers are prohibited.

WILL THERE BE GIVEAWAYS AGAIN THIS YEAR?

Indeed there will. Door prizes (such as paddleboards, kayaks, and lake lifestyle items) will be presented hourly throughout the weekend, but the big



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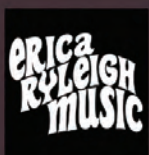
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WILL THERE BE A COMMEMORATIVE 12TH ANNIVERSARY LAKEFEST T-SHIRT?

Certainly. Official LakeFest 2023 shirts will be available for purchase at the event, and they'll be available for pre-sale from 8-10 a.m. May 6 at the Jerry Woods Pavilion at Lakeside Park. Organizers offer a reminder that the shirts typically sell out quickly. This year, each item purchased at the pre-sale comes with two tickets for the Sunday afternoon big-prize drawing.



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Stepping into the past

Historical Society's downtown walking tours tell the stories of Pell City's early days



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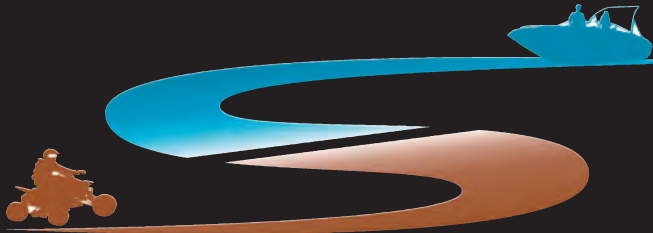
History was always my favorite core subject in school.

Something about the past has always fascinated me. Some of my favorite memories I have with my family include us visiting historical landmarks and going on tours the first time we vacationed in a major city.

My enthusiasm for history has continued into

my adulthood, and I was immediately eager to learn more about the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake and its beginnings when I heard about the historical walking tours organized by the Pell City Historical Society. The tours are conducted weekly every April, so I was excited to join this year's first tour group.

The morning began with a spring thunderstorm, which thankfully turned to an overcast cloudy sky by the time I arrived at Pell City Hall, where a group of about 15 people of all ages had gathered to



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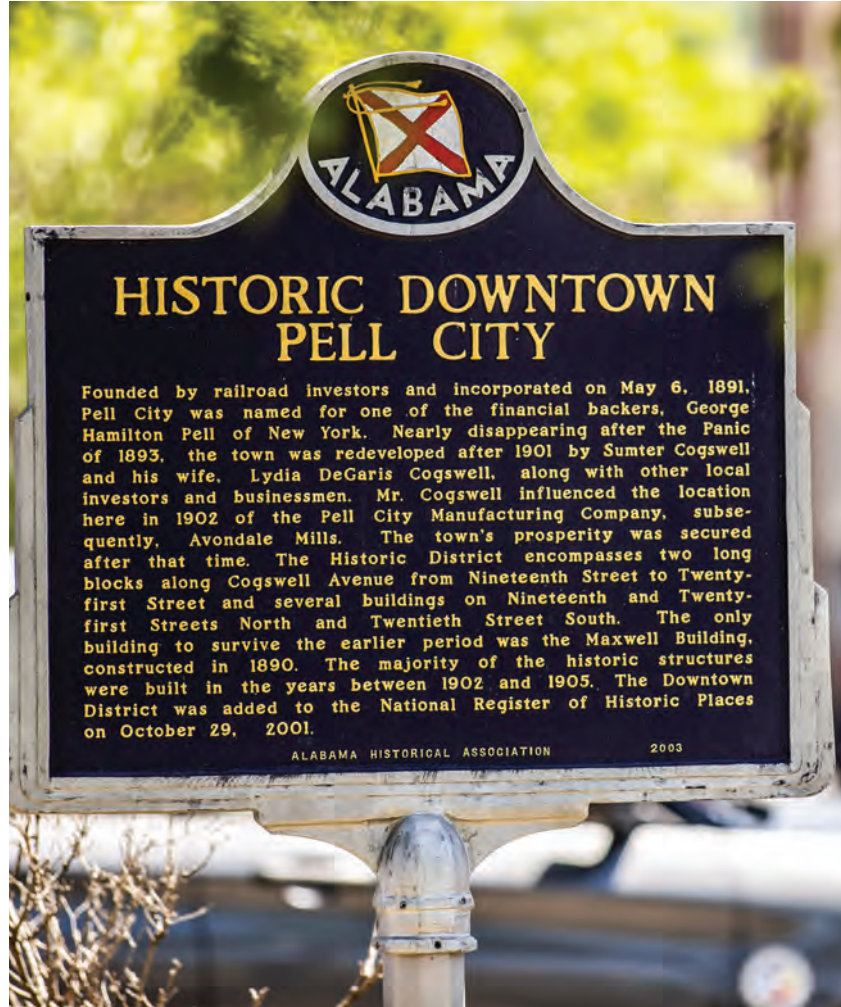
discover more about the city's past.

The tour was led by Vicki Harmon, the historical society's president. "Pell City was founded in 1890 and incorporated in 1891," she told us, recounting the city's humble origins. I was instantly drawn in by the former educator's enthusiasm and love of her community's foundation.

According to Harmon, Pell City came to be because of several "masterminds" who had faith in the land and its potential for industry. The first of these men were Sumter Cogswell.

"He was born on the first day of the Civil War in 1861, when Charleston's Fort Sumter was fired on," Harmon said. "According to records, he first worked as an insurance agent, based out of Kentucky. He was traveling to Talladega to discuss business plans when he stumbled upon Pell City." The town was up for sale, so Cogswell, seeing its potential, decided to buy about 400 acres.

"Shortly after, he traveled to Chattanooga and met and married Lydia DeGaris, who



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was also instrumental in founding Pell City," Harmon continued. The Cogswells settled down in Atlanta for a short time after purchasing the Pell City property. "They returned to find the town deserted, due to a depression that hit the town in 1893," Harmon said. "It is believed that one of the downtown buildings was even overtaken by goats."

Mrs. Cogswell was able to purchase the remains of the abandoned town for \$3,000.

"She and her husband helped get the town back on its feet when they decided to officially settle down here. The Cogswell home is still standing, at the corner of 18th Street and 2nd Avenue."

Before we left city hall, Harmon showed our group the wall of portraits of Pell City mayors.

"Sumter Cogswell became mayor in 1903, serving for about 14 years," she said.

As we left city hall to stroll down Cogswell Ave, she told us more about Lydia.





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"She gave land for a town square to host a new courthouse after Pell City had been selected as a second county seat. The downtown now had the Pell City Manufacturing Company, which later became Avondale Mills, and other space for a city park, churches, schools, and more."

As we walked along Cogswell Avenue, Harmon told us about another "mastermind," George Pell.

"He came from a wealthy New York family," she said. "He wasn't very savvy when it came to making investments, however. He ended up borrowing too much money while helping construct the city and went to prison for embezzlement."

I was hanging on every word, especially when Harmon began to describe a tragic event that hit the town in 1902.

"A warehouse full of dynamite exploded early on a November morning at around 1 a.m. It killed two people and destroyed the train depot. The explosion also damaged several other properties downtown." The explosives had been stored in the warehouse for excavating the Cook Springs railroad tunnel.

Still on Cogswell Avenue, Harmon pointed out

to us Wisdom Corner, which was home to several businesses through the decades, including the post office, a drug store, and record shop.

The last stop on the tour is now home to Ami's Tuxedo and Formal Wear, but it originally served as Pell City Bank. We even got to see the old bank vault inside.

I was curious to step inside it, which I must admit made me feel a bit claustrophobic. Inside the vault were some of the building's original bricks and a small safe. Thankfully, all of us were able to exit the vault safely without being locked inside.

As the tour concluded, I thanked and formally introduce myself to Harmon. "I really enjoyed today and learned so much," I said. She warmly invited me to attend any and all future events led by the nonprofit historical society, which hosts multiple educational and free-to-the public events throughout the year.

"Our Facebook page is frequently updated with historical facts and information on future community events," Harmon said. As a Talladega native, I look forward to learning more about my neighboring lakeside community and encourage others to do the same.

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This year I approached the tour with the mindset of visiting a history museum. It was important to me to listen to each docent and take in what they were saying and showing. I put on my walking shoes and began on the Historic Courthouse Square and moved up North street, then back down to East Street. Allow me to share my April in Talladega experience with you.



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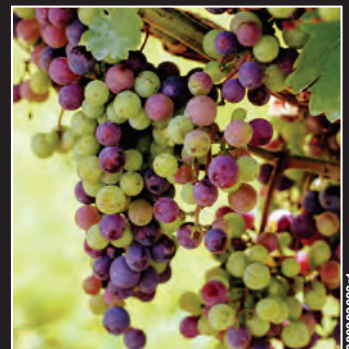
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SATURDAY MORNING

The tours take place over two days, Friday and Saturday. Breaking up the home tours from the other fun events over both days may be beneficial if you plan to take your time and miss the masses. For me, I made a day of it by starting early on Saturday with the historic buildings: the Historic Ritz Theatre, Hall of Heroes, Silver Run Chapel, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Each stop had a great guide passionate about the history of the site. No matter how many times you've been to each location, you get a different perspective from the tour through the eyes of guides who love Talladega and can share tidbits about what families and residents did around the community and how they helped to shape its existence.

DID YOU KNOW?

- St. Peter's Episcopal Church is the first Episcopal Church in east central Alabama. Two of the original five churches in the state of Alabama

came to Talladega in 1844.

- The Silver Run Chapel was originally located in Silver Run, north of Munford. The church was deeded to the Presbyterian Home for Children and later to the First Presbyterian Church of Talladega. It was moved to Talladega in the early '80s and fell apart during the transit. The church was rebuilt and is now located on North Street.
- Hall of Heroes is TripAdvisor.com's list of 10 things to do in Talladega. From its early inception at the Armstrong/Osborne Public Library, it outgrew its space there and moved to the old Wood Weaver Shoe building in 2015.
- The Historic Ritz Theatre's flamboyant geometric façade is credited to prominent architect R.N. McEachern. His design features classic Art Deco not found in many structures now, and to preserve it, a \$1.55 million dollar historic renovation took place in 1998. It's one of the most unique buildings in this area.



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SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The great thing about this year's pilgrimage was that it was so easy to walk. Just a few blocks off the square, I began my tour of the homes. What I love about this part of the pilgrimage is the invitation into homes that people actually live in. My first stop was at the Talladega Garden Home Apartments. Here's what makes these encounters special: the people— residents like Nancy Carpenter, the current tenant. She warmly invited me on her porch and we sat and talked about her ties to Talladega, the history of the home and her interests. All that was missing was a glass of lemonade, as it was like two old friends sharing stories.

Each home has a story of its past residents and the families living in them now. You see a mix of the old and the new. Historic touches kept by the owners as well as new ones added to cement their own history. Works by Talladega artisans were extremely common in each home – such as Dr. Arthur Bacon, artist, activist, scholar, and Talladega College alumnus, whose work can be



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found in the Johnson-Stone home. I saw works by Maryanne Yo in a couple of the homes, as well as Tommy Morehead, who was an artist in residence at Jemison Carnegie Heritage Hall. It was amazing how even the walls of these historic homes tell a story, much like a museum.

After I visited a few homes, I took a break under the tents at Heritage Hall's Art on the Lawn event that featured music, food, and artists selling their work. I was fortunate enough to purchase a piece that hopefully will tell a story of my Talladega history later.

A new event on this year's tour was a brunch and concert at St. Peter's Church. The Talladega College Choir gave an amazing medley of spirituals and gospel selections. I enjoyed the break from the sun to sit inside and experience concert.



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SATURDAY NIGHT

As the sun was setting the lights came on and residents poured to the square for music, food and fun. The Ritz showed a free movie: *Steel Magnolias*, a classic and perfect for the day's festivities. The family block party featured live music, food trucks and vendors. I danced, shopped, and ate well.

I asked a few residents what they thought about the block party, and one attendee said, "I love when we do stuff like this." I couldn't agree with her more! Talladega has a lot to offer, a lot of history, a lot of



friendliness, and a lot of pride.

This annual pilgrimage is something everyone should experience, not just Talladega residents. If you live in other communities around Logan Martin Lake and the Coosa River, don't overlook April in Talladega as a fun weekend event. Whether you do a few events, the tours, or make a full day of it, come to Talladega and linger longer. There's something at every turn.



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Meet Me by the

Teresa Carden

Written by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

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"I am filled by a peace sitting here by the water," Teresa Carden said as she took in the view of Logan Martin Lake from Chapel in the Pines at Lakeside Park. "It's so hard to find peace and calm nowadays. Whether it's work, caring for a family member, or other matters that need sorting out, we all have a demanding conglomeration of things that can take our peace away from us."

It was a balmy morning in mid-April, and she found the waterfront setting – which had a few days before hosted the first St. Clair Community Homecoming – the ideal spot to discuss the event, the organization that staged it, and reflect on the meaning of community.

Chapel in the Pines: "It is such a blessing to our community. I was a regular at the one in Pine Harbor, and I was thrilled that they were able to bring it to Lakeside Park and keep it." When she began planning the St. Clair Community Homecoming, Chapel in the Pines was her first and only choice for the setting.

Homecoming: "It turned out great. We wanted an event that would foster kindness and hope and faith. I consider it a little spark. It's not a great light yet, but sparks start fires. We had over 200 people attend, but I don't gauge success by numbers. I gauge it by the effect the event had on the lives of those who were there. We got so many nice, positive messages from people who came, and we've already had churches contact us to be part of it next year. I see St. Clair Community Homecoming as a spark that starts people thinking about what can be done to help others in our community."

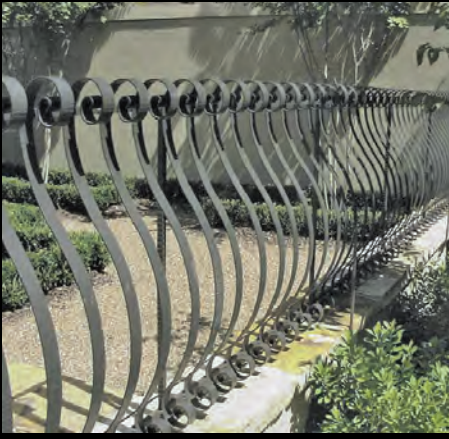
The program: "Our sincere 'thank you' to each church, business, and individual that helped make it possible," Carden said. That group includes Carson Bruce, Rodney Burrows Equipment, Mt. Moriah Baptist



Teresa Carden enjoys the serenity at Chapel in the Pines, site of the recent St. Clair Community Homecoming.



Donald Gover of the Life Family Worship Center with Vicki Harmon of the Pell City Historical Society



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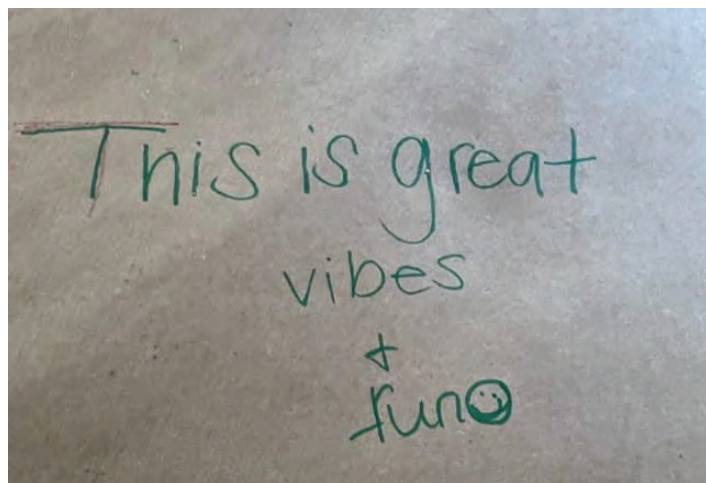
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Positive Lights Positive Lives: A nonprofit created by Carden, the organization's mission is "to provide respite/relief/rest in our community of St. Clair County for caregivers and their loved ones as they struggle daily to battle chronic illness, financial hardship, and fatigue." Carden says that Positive Lights Positive Lives "is here to serve God and serve others. We just don't realize how hard some people's lives are. The stress, emotions, and fatigue are there 24/7 for caregivers and the loved ones they care for. Whether it's helping with housekeeping or lawn care or providing a day of respite, our purpose is to be a source of relief to those

going through the struggles of caregiving." Visit the organization's Facebook page or call 205-405-0603 to learn more about its cancer support group and other resources.

How she feels about her community: Carden is a native of Pell City. "I was slapped on the bottom at Martin Hospital," she says with a laugh. "To me, our St. Clair County community means home, friendships, and relationships. That's what I loved about the homecoming event – it was not about Baptist or Methodist or any specific religion. We had all different walks coming together as one – young, old, people on different journeys – to support each other and help each other. That's what community is."



A note left by an attendee who enjoyed the homecoming



Youngsters share in a coloring activity during the homecoming event.



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SARAH E. MOREMAN

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Encased in glossy white octagonal cardboard, the wreath was elaborate and tightly packed with black oil sunflower seeds, dried berries, crushed corn kernels, and nuts. I picked it up to feel its weight, which was a bit heavy. While I debated about buying it, another woman picked up two of the same wreaths. Seeing her grab two solidified my decision to purchase

one as a Christmas present for my Grammy, who dearly loved red cardinals.

"Hey!" I greeted my friend operating the cash register. She smiled and gestured at the wreath. "Those run out quickly every year. They are very popular." I leaned in and asked if there were other kinds of such wreaths. She nodded that there were other kinds but said this was the best one.

"Well, I am glad to hear that." I said with a smile as I handed over my plastic. We chatted a few more

minutes before I left the gift shop, still not understanding a particular word that she kept pronouncing as "soo-uh."

Walking to the car with the "soo-uh" wreath in a nice boutique bag, I pulled out my phone to Google "birdseed wreath." The memory of the first time I bought birdseed came to mind.

It was a long time ago when I was married and living on the river. I was at a home improvement store to get some gardening supplies. Pushing the cart down the aisle to

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grab some potting soil, I spotted big bags of birdseed. I dropped one into the cart as I walked by. It was spring, and we were overhauling the garden beds by pulling out the tiger lilies and irises to replace them with such succulent plants as hibiscus and palmettos. My then-husband wanted to have a more exotic garden to frame the swimming pool overlooking the river. We found some old wooden bird feeders and a couple of rusty wrought iron shepherd hook-style plant hangers that can be anchored in the ground. After months of forgetting, I was glad for having remembered to buy some birdseed.

Excited, I hurried home. After unloading the car, I carried the birdseed to the backyard. Propping up a plant holder to push its foot prongs into the garden bed covered with mulch, I hung the feeder on the eye-level hook. I stepped back to evaluate its sturdiness. Satisfied, I tore off a corner of the bag full of birdseed.

A cloud of dust billowed up, tickling my nose. Coughing, I stared at the mess. The birdseed barely filled up the old wooden birdfeeder, as most had spilled out on the mulch and my feet. In my eagerness to fill up the feeder, I did not think to get a funnel or something to help neatly pour in the seed. With

a dismayed sigh, I scooped mess back into the depleted bag and spread out the remaining seeds more evenly. When I stood, I saw my neighbor standing out on her back deck taking pictures of something. I walked over to the fence, calling out a greeting. She beckoned me to join her.

"What are you doing?" I asked as she turned her focus back on a particular bird feeder. After a moment, she responded, "I am trying to catch that squirrel in action."

"Wait, what?"

She pointed to the branches hanging high over our heads. "See that squirrel? I was mad that I just bought this expensive bird feeder that is supposed to be squirrel-proof. I am taking pictures to send to the company. I mean, I have an open feeder full of sunflower seeds over there for the squirrels and chipmunks." She pointed at the feeder between the large trunks of two silver maples, and I could see a chipmunk sitting on the feeder and twitching its nose as it ate a sunflower seed.

I told her about my incident. She responded by dragging a large weatherproof container out from under the deck bench. It was full of sunflower seeds, crushed peanuts, cracked kernels, and whatnot. She

withdrew a cut-out plastic gallon milk jug half buried in the birdseed.

"This is way much easier than a funnel." She demonstrated by filling up the handmade oversized scoop and carrying it over to the bird feeder, now empty thanks to the thieving squirrel, pouring the bird seed into its container.

"Wow! What a great idea!"

She handed it to me, waiting until I finished admiring her handiwork before saying, "Another way you could pour the birdseed is from a watering can with its rose taken off. Would you like something to drink?" Since we were perspiring even in the cool shade, I nodded yes. She went inside. Upon her return, I accepted a cold glass of water with no ice – she knew that I did not like having ice in my water. She invited me to sit at the picnic table as she walked over to the tool chest that she used as her gardening station. I watched her pouring some thick red liquid into another bird feeder, this one a red tubular kind with plastic flowers.

"Is that some kind of syrup?"

"This nectar is for the hummingbirds."

"Oh, are hummingbirds around here? I would love to see them."

"You will see them soon. There are lots of them, and they love drinking this."

"Where did you get the



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nectar? How do you know about feeding hummingbirds?" As I asked these questions, I became aware of a tiny bird with barely visible wings darting around another red tubular feeder positioned beyond the deck.

My neighbor shared her knowledge while telling me that not only must we feed the wild birds with the right kind of foods, but we must also take care of the feeders by keeping them dry and out of rain. We also need to keep them sanitary to prevent the spreading of bacteria and disease stemming from fecal contamination. She suggested that to sanitize the feeders is to create a solution of nine parts water and one part bleach and soak them for a few minutes before letting them dry completely to fill up with fresh, dry, uncontaminated birdseed. Otherwise, the food will become rancid, fermented, clumpy.

She discussed the importance of providing a four-season habitat with the bird feeders out in the open for sun exposure yet within a natural wind-buffering shelter setting of trees and shrubs, with bird baths or the river nearby. The summer season is when we do not have to help feed the birds. Therefore, the feeders can be stowed away at the end of spring to encourage the young birds to locate natural food sources, such as insects and caterpillars. The exception is the tubular feeders for the hummingbirds. The cooler seasons are when the birds appreciate the human provision of high energy food sources to cope with the weather extremes.

Thinking about that day made me smile as I looked through the Googled results on my phone. "Soo-uht" is suet, which is high-calorie rendered beef fat. Red cardinals, black-capped chickadees, and other birds flock to this substance of crude protein. The rendered beef fat with dried mealworms, crickets, chopped peanuts, peanut butter, raisins, and berries is the ultimate super food for backyard birds.

The best part about having a suet wreath or any form of suet is that we can store the unused portions in the freezer for up to six months. When placed in the feeder or being hung as a wreath, it stays where it is put. All we must do is to replace the suet from inside the feeder every two weeks for freshness and to avoid contamination or rancidity.

What is even better was when Grammy hung her present outside while I helped fill up the feeders with sunflower seeds, thistle, and smaller portions of suet, then we sat back and enjoyed the setting sun with the view of her backyard oasis where her beloved red cardinals happily pecked away at the suet wreath.

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May 12-14

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Homestead Hollow hosts this annual event from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. A host of vendors will be available. Homestead Hollow is at 1161 Murphrees Valley Road in Springville. For more information, email info@homesteadhollow.com.

May 13

MOMMY & ME TEA PARTY

Brunch, arts and crafts, a Mother's Day tribute, and a mini-photoshoot are part of this dress-up event for all ages hosted by The Gathering Space in Sylacauga. Brunch begins promptly at 12:15 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 205-240-6229.

May 14

THE HISTORIC SOUND OF MOTOWN, USA

Presented by Humana and hosted by the Center for Education and Performing Arts (CEPA) in Pell City, the show features Greg White and Co. leading the audience on a tour through the classic songs of Motown. Tickets and full information are available at www.pellcitycepa.com/tickets.

May 18

FIRST RESPONDERS LUNCHEON

Sponsored by Woodmen Life of Pell City, this event honoring local first responders is scheduled for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Woodmen Life office at 3340 Martin Street South Ste. 12, Cropwell. For more information, call 205-448-5060.

May 18

THE FIREBIRDS

Presented by Frank Shikle and Ed Jones and sponsored by Humana, the popular band returns to CEPA for a 7 p.m. show. Recognized as one of Europe's top rock bands, The Firebirds perform 1950s and 1960s music, rockabilly, harmonized doo wop, instrumentals, ballads, and original songs. Ticket information is available at www.pellcitycepa.com/tickets.

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May 20

CRUISING THE CREEK BANK CAR SHOW

The 7th annual event benefiting Backpack Buddies and Leeds Outreach returns to Leeds Memorial Park at 1159 Montevallo Road, in conjunction with the Leeds Creek Bank Festival. More than 300 vehicles participated in last year's show. All vehicles, motorcycles, and 4-wheel drive vehicles are eligible to enter. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page.

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Written by **FAITH DORN**
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Garrett Burgess, his wife Kristi, and their 12-year-old son Garrett have recently moved into their new home on Logan Martin Lake. It's the third home Burgess has built.

"I graduated from Jacksonville State University in 2009 and started a landscaping company," Garrett said. "Now, I do landscaping and lighting design. I am also a Realtor."



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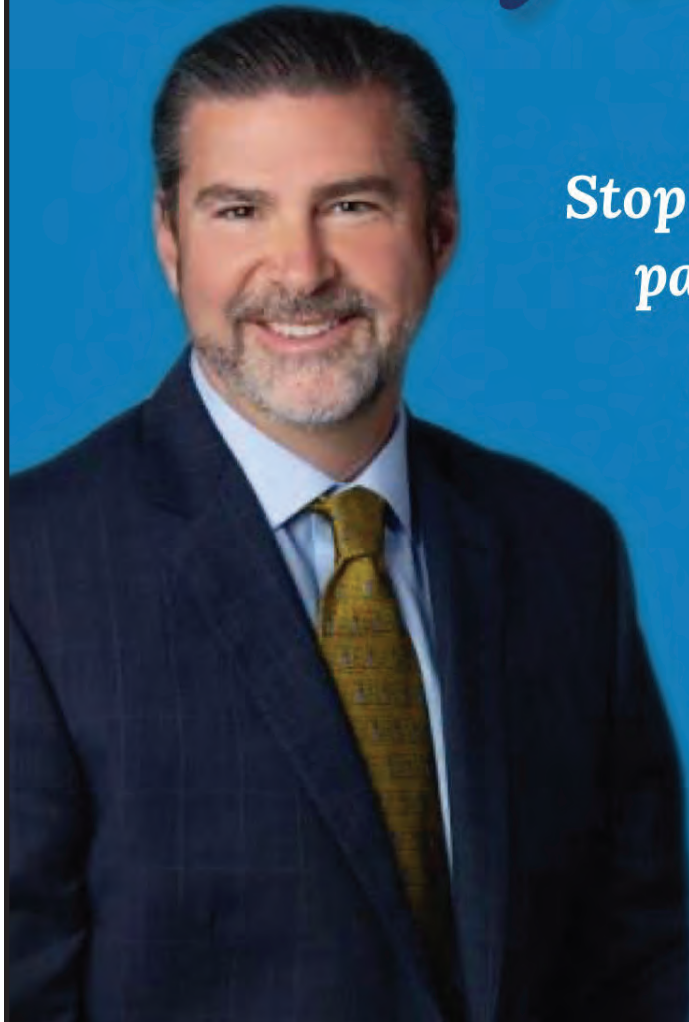
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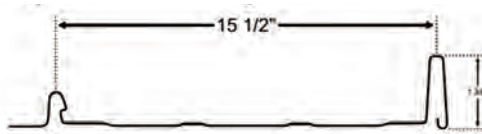
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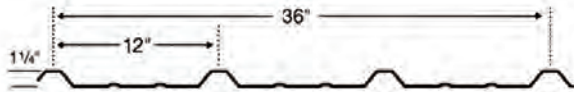


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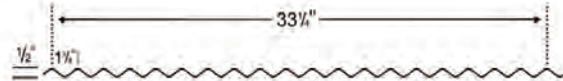


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The Burgess family's former lake home was on the Lincoln side of Logan Martin. Although they enjoyed that home, they decided they wanted to relocate to the Pell City shoreline. "We purchased this property and started building from the ground up," Garrett said. "We moved in around November."

He believes the best way to describe the home is "modern contemporary." Characteristics of the home include white walls,

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champagne gold fixtures, and black interior doors, all of which give the home a modern feel. The home is a one-level with a second-floor bonus space that has a full bedroom, full bathroom, and living room. In total, the home has four bedrooms and four-and-a-half bathrooms.

The Burgess family can view the water from all over the house, but they also have three acres of land. "We have a backyard and a pool. It is almost like we have our own oasis in the back," said Garrett.

The family decorated the home in a minimalistic style. "When you come in you think, 'That looks like Garrett and Kristi,'" he said. "Everything we did feels like it was set up for our taste."

The home has several noteworthy features, including motorized screens that turn the living room area into a fully-enclosed screened-

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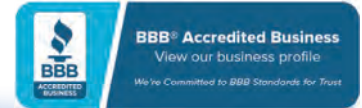
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in porch and an onyx backsplash behind the bar and in the kitchen. All of the kitchen countertops are onyx, and there two islands in the kitchen which also feature onyx. The kitchen has two dishwashers. Each bedroom features a large custom walk-in closet. The Burgess family built the home with 2x6 exterior walls to accommodate cold and warm weather. The house also has two tankless water heaters, one on each side of the home.

"The home is about 5,000 square feet all together, and the power bill runs about \$300 a month, even with the pool," Garrett said.

The Burgess family did all of the exterior landscaping, lighting, uplighting on the house, columns, and irrigation to the outside of the home. Other than some issues with weather and time, they did not experience any problems during the build.

For Garrett, the key to having your own oasis is finding an amazing lot. "Maybe at some point, you will find that 'hidden gem,'" he said.

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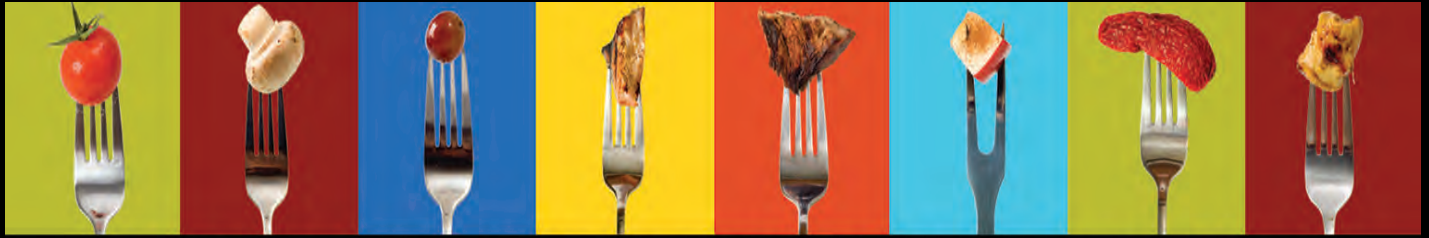


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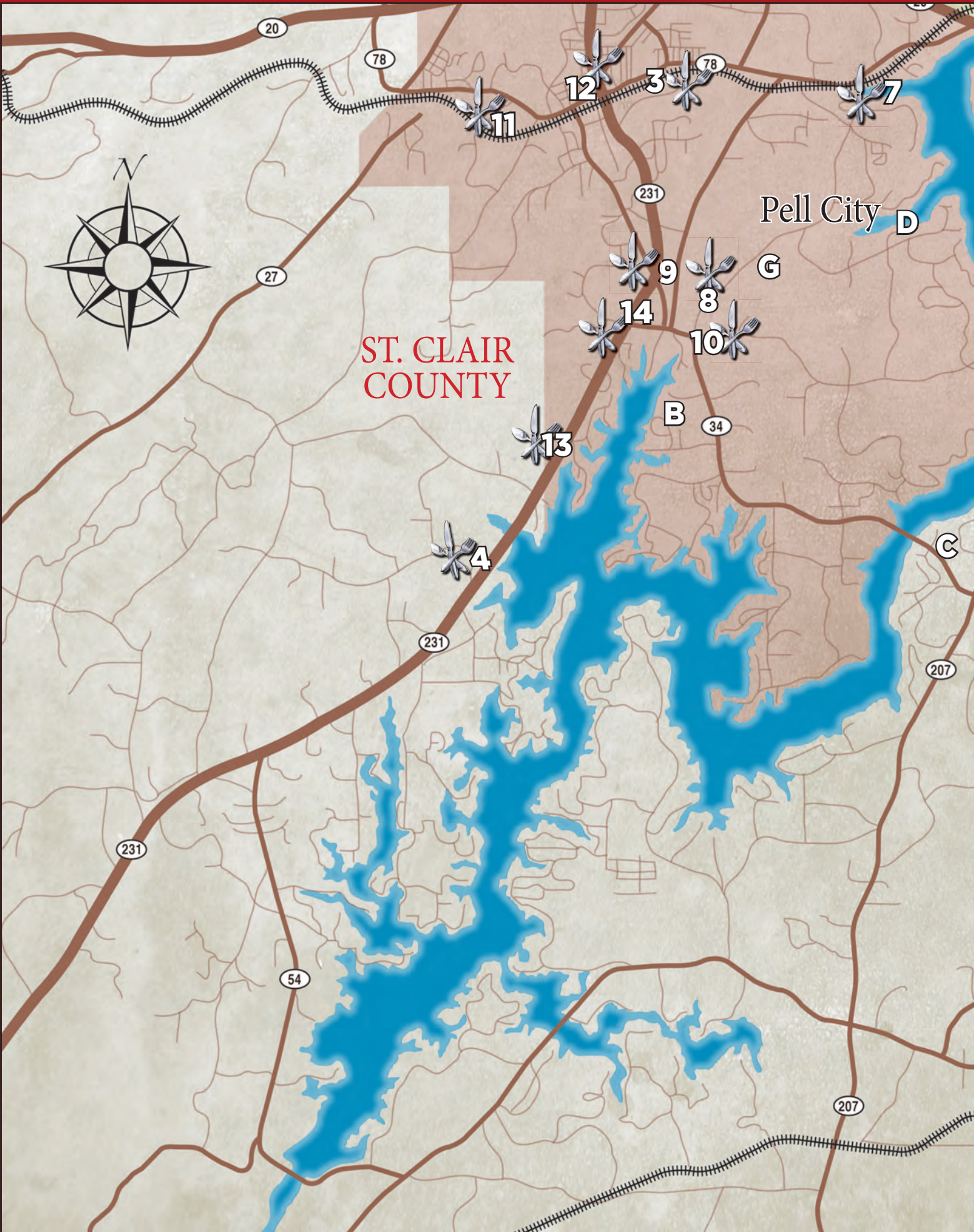

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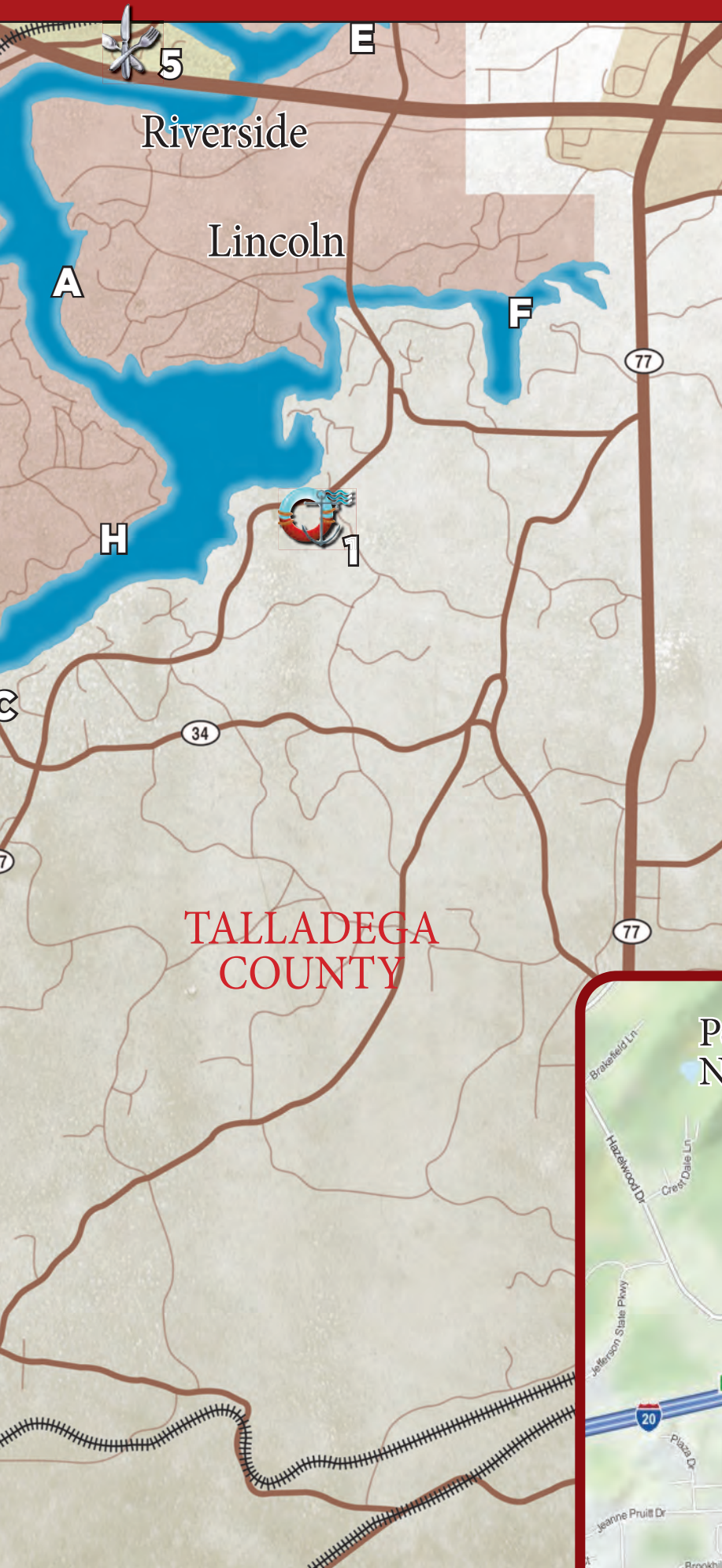
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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**

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The interior features a high wood ceiling, exposed beams, recessed lighting, roof windows, brick fireplace, wood flooring, large windows, and French double doors that lead to an open deck. The living room area also offers a unique chandelier and dining area ideal for family meals.

The kitchen is small but full of personality, with

its recessed lighting, wood ceiling, unique light fixtures, marble countertops, breakfast bar, gray and white cabinets, tiled back splash, and stainless steel appliances.

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The property lists at \$575,000. For more information, call Caran Wilbanks with ERA King Real Estate at 205-638-9772.



Logan Martin Lake is 'near and dear' to ERA King agent's heart

Written by VALLEAN JACKSON
Submitted Photo

Stefanie Knight is a new face in real estate, but she's no stranger to the industry. She's eager to make a difference and share the experience she's gained over the years.

"I always knew at some point that I wanted my real estate license, but I was just waiting for the right time," she said. "My kids are older now, so I am able to finally take that leap I have long ago been desiring. My husband and I built our first home together, we have flipped houses for over 20 years, and we manage multiple properties. So real estate has always been a part of my life. My time as an agent might be minimal, but the experience I have to offer clients – from buyers to sellers – is plenty."

The ERA King agent defines homeownership as "finding

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To work with an agent that is familiar with area can be beneficial to both buyers and sellers, Knight says, adding that due to building multiple homes on Logan Martin Lake and being a resident, she is very familiar with the area, and it's very near and dear to her heart. "What I love most about lake life is that it's the one place that quiets the busyness

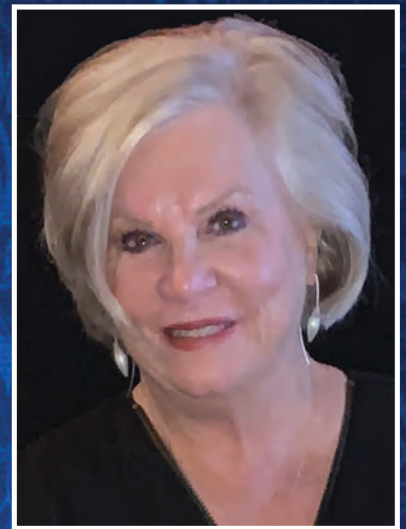
of life. It's peaceful and allows the chance to spend time with family and enjoy the beauty the lake offers."

Asked what advice she would give to prospective home buyers, she advises to establish the must-haves of a home, find the right area and ideal location, and identify a budget. "Determining those things can possibly prevent pursuing a property that's out of budget, as well as help buyers keep an open mind."

Knight is a native of Sylacauga and a graduate of Auburn University. She and her husband two children. When she's not working with properties, she's taking photographs and settling into their newly built barndominium that sits on 50 acres.

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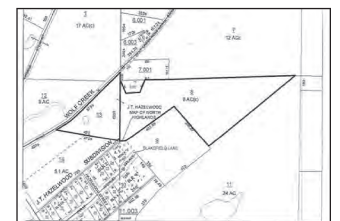
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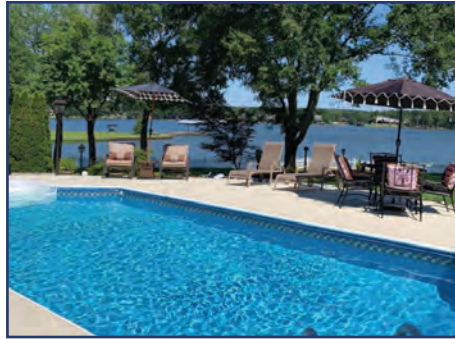
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MLS #1329406

\$949,000

Fabulous waterfront home with awesome view on Logan Martin Lake. Huge living rooms open to kitchen and dining area. Big windows to enjoy the lake especially the master bedroom and bathroom. Cute kitchen with ideal place to entertain family. Basement partially finished with extra bathroom and separate shower with new tile. Bedroom in basement along with office area and workshop. Extra unfinished area for storage. Great back deck with plenty of space to entertain. Two separate garages for storage. Circle driveway with beautiful trees for privacy. Breathtaking view to enjoy lake living everyday. Call for appointment.



1710 Cogswell Ave., Pell City, AL 35125

MLS #1348721 **\$450,000**

Great opportunity for investors to buy these 3 connected properties, approximately 2400 sq ft each. This is fantastic property especially for office and retail commercial businesses. Located downtown Pell City with a great traffic count easy access to the Courthouse, Interstate, and many growing local businesses. 1710 & 1714 each include a half basement, 1712 & 1714 have a humidity control system. One property has 2 HVAC and one window unit, remaining properties each have 1 HVAC. There is a finance office in one unit while a Martial Arts facility has the remaining two units. The businesses are not for sale. Each tenant has occupied these spaces for several years. Appointments must be Scheduled in advance to see this great property. Any regulations and zoning to be verified for business with local city and state. Please call for showing.



311 Beaver Ridge Dr., Ashville, AL 35953

MLS #1351065 **\$225,000**

Beautiful home with such beautiful land. Absolutely great country living with plenty of space for your family. Three bedrooms 2 baths and the master bathroom has been remodeled with double sink. The master bedroom tile is absolutely beautiful. The extra bathroom has the beach look with shower/tub combo. Big bedrooms and great living area. The cute kitchen has great space for entertaining with open counter to breakfast area. Cute front porch overlooking beautiful yard. Also, huge bonus room that could be finished easily to be a extra den. Call for appointment to see this beautiful home.



5400 Ranch Marina Road
Pell City, AL 35128

MLS #1347949

\$747,777

Great fixer upper with beautiful lot! This is a fantastic getaway with the most awesome view. The home needs TLC but has great bones. The lot may could be split possibly subject to verification. Hardwood floors in living room and bedrooms. Custom tile in kitchen and bathroom. The kitchen has been setup to have washer and dryer for convenience. The back porch is a great spot to overlooking lake. Fenced backyard. Basement is ideal for storage. Garage has been enclosed. Front porch is so cute. The heat and air was replaced in approximately 2016. The roof replaced in approximately 2017. The water heater was replaced in 2016. Woods on the front of the yard. The back yard has a big concrete pad perfect for family fun. The pier has been partially replaced. The jet ski port and attached floating pier do not stay with the home. Selling as is! Shared driveway. Must have appointment to see this beautiful home. Dog is present so do not pull in driveway.



475 Riverbend Lane
Lincoln, AL 35096

MLS #1348052

\$349,000

Great investment opportunity with water frontage on Logan Martin Lake. Close to interstate. ideal for campground or all

kinds of investments subject to verification on zoning. Beautiful land with so much potential. Fabulous area to build your dream of property with great waterfront. Just needs some TLC to make a this investment grow.



1800 Martin St S,
Pell City, AL 35128

MLS # 1333698

\$237,777

3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms with great yard close to publix. Beautiful home with such spacious rooms. Huge living room and kitchen with eating area. New flooring in kitchen and one bathroom. The kitchen is huge and ideal for a chef. Big master bedroom with separate dressing area in the bathroom. Extra bathroom with separate shower just remodeled. Big extra bedrooms with plenty of closet space. Garage with washer dryer area. Covered back porch overlooking fenced back yard. Such a charming home so close to restaurants and shopping. Must have appointment to see this home. Selling home as is!

Lots and Land

Waterfront - 36 Haven Circle, Land/Lots - 35 & 36, Riverside, AL 35135 - MLS #1305815 - \$47,777

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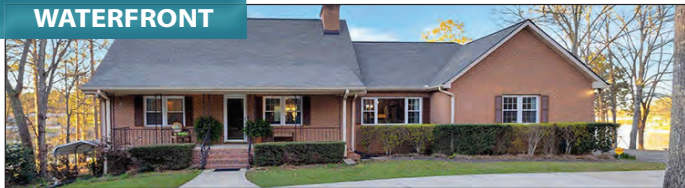
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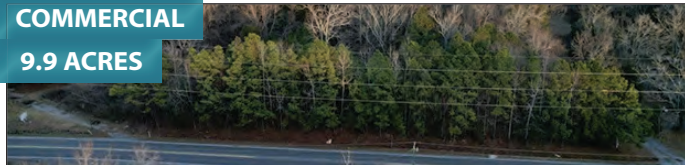
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The Fields Gossett Realty family lost a treasured family member and dear friend with the recent passing of Lawrence Fields on March 19, 2023. Lawrence, or Bigun as he was known around the Pell City community, joined the family owned Fields Gossett Realty after serving two terms as Mayor of Pell City from 1988-1996. He enjoyed this career with his wife Brenda and his friend Bill Gossett. Lawrence never met a stranger and this personality trait helped him succeed in the business. He had a passion for seeing the community he loved grow and flourish, all while welcoming new neighbors, whether in the residential side of real estate or commercial. Lawrence was recently inducted into the St. Clair County Association of Realtors' Hall of Fame, an accolade he was very proud of. He will be truly missed but his legacy will live on at Fields Gossett Realty.



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\$525,000 - 80 Lakeview Circle - BEAUTIFUL waterfront lot for short walk and slight slope to the waters edge with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath one level home featuring family room with fireplace, kitchen and screened in deck overlooking the lake. The lot features boat launch and newly renovated boat dock with motor lift and plenty of places to park cars and water toys. MLS # 1350782. Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$949,900 - 2715 Hamilton Rd. - GREAT HOME FOR THE LARGE FAMILY or (2) families to share with this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath 1.5 story home that features (2) extra large family rooms, living room with fireplace and sunroom, both on the main level, open to the kitchen and large dining room area. Each bedroom has own private bath and the kitchen includes chef grade gas stove, granite countertops and large island. Gentle slope waterfront lot with private boat launch and large boat dock with lifts and plenty of storage with approx. 2.5 acres of land. GREAT POTENTIAL! MLS #1341278 Call Adam 205/369-2704



\$650,000 - 155 Eason Lane - RARE FIND with 23 ACRES AND OVER 600 FT WATERFRONT! This 3 bedroom 2 bath lake house is perfect for family fun, recreational opportunities and more. Lot has paver brick seawall, sidewalks, boat launch, 2 covered docks, gentle sloping. Across the street from the lake is wooded hillside 17 acres and also has a 2 bedroom with bath cabin on the property. The home sits in a large cove with gorgeous sunsets! Unique property with great opportunities! MLS# 1343568 Call Karen 205/473-4613



\$639,000 - 136 Hickory Ln. - FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET with this one level brick 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that features open floor plan with living room/family room that is great for entertaining with stone fireplace and exposed beams. Kitchen with some updates has ample cabinets and counter space with JennAir cook top and double oven. Downstairs features den, rec room, bonus room bath and unfinished area with workshop. 2-car carport and nice waterfront lot with dock and boathouse on the shore. Convenient to town and I-20. MLS #1343189 Call Brenda 205/612-4141



\$799,000 - 235 Lisa's Cove - OPEN CONCEPT with this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath one level home with basement. The home features great room with fireplace, open kitchen with granite countertops and lot of cabinets. Basement consists of den, playroom bedroom, full bath and sunroom. Double boathouse with electric lifts, year round water, plus 26'x34' brick garage with 3 bays, workbenches and overhead storage. Come enjoy lake living at its best! MLS #1347714. Call Tina 205/337-8509



\$315,000 - 670 Oakwood Lane - APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES with this 3 bedroom 2 bath one story house with living room with fireplace, office/study and 2-car garage. MLS# 1337359. Call Misty 205/368-9490



\$269,900 - 580 Lee Cr. - FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET is this 3 bed, 2 bath home with living room, dining area and family room downstairs with wood burning fireplace, workshop and extra area. 2-car garage and approximately 20' waterfront. MLS# 1336966. Call Tina 205/337-8509



\$249,900 - 8764 Sunset Dr. - 7 ACRES M.L. with a spacious 3 bedroom 2 bath one level home featuring living room and family room with fireplace with several rooms having wood floors. Also bonus of a large all electric two bay garage and workshop. MLS #1340578 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$115,000 - 1023 S 2nd Avenue - CUTE HOME IN TOWN with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors in the living room, eat-in kitchen, laundry and with a metal roof. Nice front porch and good size fenced in backyard and located in town close to the high school. MLS #1334010 Call Blair 205/812-5377



\$244,500 - 145 Rabbit Branch Rd. - COUNTRY SETTING for this one level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a small pasture and conveniently located to lake marinas and town. MLS #1323458 Call Terry at 256/343-2714



\$155,900 - 1615 1st Ave N. - CLOSE TO TOWN with this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with family room, covered front porch and convenient location. MLS# 1347475 Call Jeff 205/405-1649 or Tony 205/281-1317



\$169,000 - 2160 Wolf Creek Rd. N. - GREAT LOCATION for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath one level home features great room with fireplace with some remodeling in the kitchen and bathrooms and has screened porch with a nice view of surrounding farmland. MLS #1340255 Call Karen 205/473-4613



\$155,000 - 114 16th St. - LOCATION, LOCATION! Located in downtown Pell City within walking distance to shopping, schools and restaurants. Updates within last 5-10 years with roof, appliances and some flooring. Also features screened porch and basement with potential of hobby space. MLS #1346223. Call Misty 205/368-9490



\$129,000 - 1608 1st Ave. - OLDER 3 bedroom 1 bath home located in town convenient to shops and I 20. MLS # 1335481 Call Owen 256/926-8944

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192 Acres, MLS# 1348204

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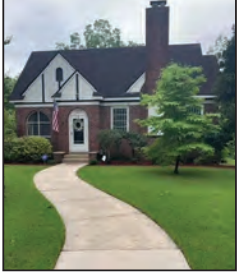


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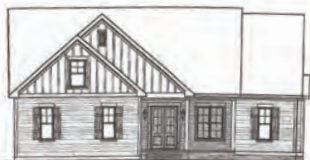


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