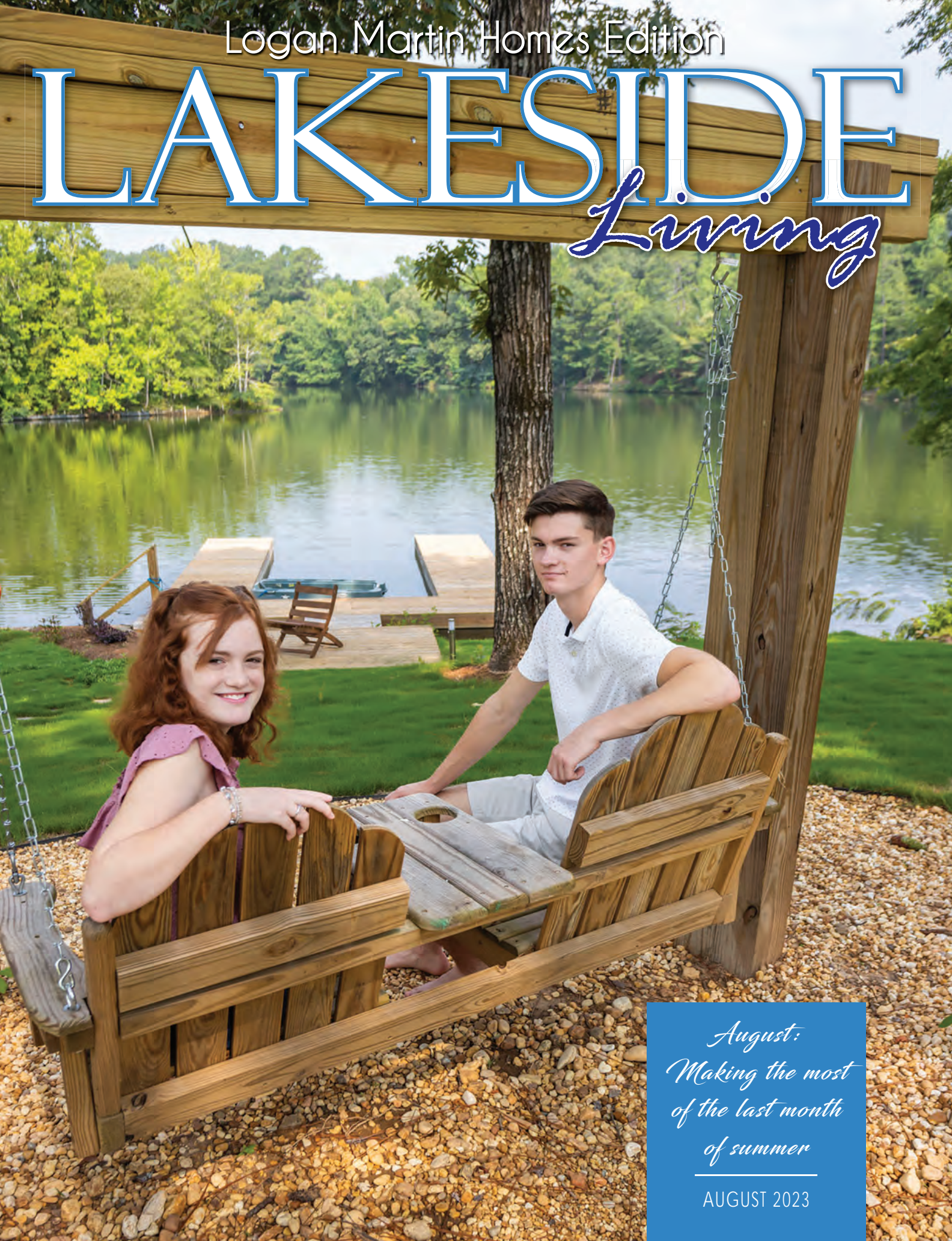


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## Editors Note

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### The search for the Logan Martin monster

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**A**bout a year and a half ago, I was having a conversation with sometime Lakeside Living contributor Susan Cook about a long-held belief I developed after coming to Logan Martin.

"So you agree?"

"Absolutely," Susan replied. "Every lake should have its own monster."

"Thank you," I said. "I've been advocating that for some time. What would be a good name for a local lake monster?"

"Well, Loch Ness obviously went with Nessie, so for Logan Martin Lake...how about Marty? Simple, relatable, and easy to pronounce."

It was my turn to agree. "And now that we have a good name, all we need is the monster." At least that's what I thought at the time. I was recently reminded that Marty had already appeared and been named a number of years before.

You can see him swimming near top left in the accompanying photo, taken by Marty spotter Stacey Sheppard, who captured his image as he passed by his pier. "He is here all year," she told me, "but shows himself mostly in spring, looking for a monster mate, I think. I first saw him nine springs ago."

So Logan Martin joins lakes in such countries as Argentina, Turkey, Japan, Uganda, Norway, and Thailand and such states as Maine, Florida, Texas, Montana, Oregon, Iowa, and our neighbor Georgia (where the Altamaha River is home to a 30-foot cryptoid with a snake-like head and flippers) in having a monster.

And that's fitting. As much as lakes are happy, peaceful settings for tranquil reflection and fun recreation, they can also be mysterious places. The calm or even choppy waters of a lake tantalizingly cover what lies beneath, capturing the imagination. Legends of sunken ships, ruins of submerged villages, and underwater bell towers from which chimes still sound are attached to many natural lakes, and even man-made bodies of water such as Logan Martin can fuel creative thought about what might lie beneath.



If you'd like to see more photos – and even a video or two – of Marty, visit the All Things Logan Martin Lake and River Rats of the Logan Martin groups on Facebook. He pops up every now and then in the feed, and there's plenty more informative and entertaining content shared there by group members.

Here at Lakeside Living, we hope you will find this month's content similarly informative and entertaining. In this issue, we visit the shoreline home of Jeff and Rachael Brown to see how they have modernized an old fishing cabin, learn about Wild Alabama's efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the lakeside area, meet a local marine repairman, and go birdwatching in our monthly Lakeside Flora & Fauna feature. And that's just for starters.

As always, thank you for joining us and making Lakeside Living part of your monthly routine. Be sure to wave at Marty if you see him.

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## DOCK FISHING FOR CARP

When I think of fishing on the Coosa River, bass, bream, crappie, stripe, and catfish always come to mind. This month, let's talk about some non-targeted fish that don't get a lot of attention: the common carp and grass carp. Both are very abundant on the Coosa River and in Logan Martin Lake. They can be found roaming around piers feeding on algae and fish food.

All species of carp make for enjoyable and exciting fun with rod-and-reel techniques. Targeting carp specifically is not hard to do; it is just very misunderstood.

This information will mainly pertain to dock and bank fisherman. The equipment needed is relatively simple. Bait casters or spinning reels will work just fine. I like to use bigger-than-average equipment for catching carp. Grass carp can exceed 35 pounds, while the common carp typically averages between 3-15 pounds. Both species are super hard-fighting fish. I suggest bigger line sizes and heavier rods. 17-25-pound test line works fine. The setup consists of whole kernel corn. Yes, that's right: whole kernel corn. All you need is a Carolina rig setup and a small circle

hook with three or four pieces of whole kernel corn. Simple but effective, whole kernel corn works great for both grass and common carp.



Ward Pellowski, age 2, loves fishing with his grandfather on Logan Martin Lake.

You can venture out and use specialty dough balls and DIY carp bait, but I've found that whole kernel corn is easy and effective. I also keep the areas I fish chummed up daily with fish food, bread, and whole kernel corn. This will keep carp and catfish conditioned to the specific areas you intend to fish

August is super-hot. Use these techniques on the dock or bank in the late evenings for an enjoyable sunset and a good fight. I believe you'll be surprised at just how much fun these fish are to catch.

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# Paul's Mobile Marine Repair comes to the aid boats in need



Written by **MICHELLE LOVE**  
Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

Few Logan Martin residents don't know Paul Davis of Paul's Mobile Marine Repair.

Davis has spent his life on the water, and he understands the importance of a reliable boat. Growing up on Logan Martin, he has fond memories of fishing, swimming, and playing around the lake.

"I've fished my whole life. I'm a big fisherman," he said. "Being around boats my whole

life. I just always thought working on boats would be fun."

As a kid, he didn't think life could get any better than that, and his love of boats slowly evolved into an appreciation for how they work. Fast forward to 2008 when he and a business partner started Lakeside Marine, which sold and serviced pontoon boats.

Lakeside Marine was open for about 10 years before it was bought by another company in 2018. Things were going well until the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the parent com-



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pany decided to close the location. Davis said he spent his time during those first couple of months doing what the majority of other people were doing: reassessing what was next. He said he started working on boat repairs on the side as he mulled things over, and then he realized the next step was obvious.

"Everything was going so good, and I was enjoying it so much I just started doing it full time," he said. "It's just taken off from there."

With that, Paul's Mobile Marine Repair was born. The business model is simple but revolutionary: instead of boat owners bringing their boat into a repair shop to get inspected, the repair shop comes to them. Davis and his small team will come out to homes on the lake to inspect what could be wrong with the owners' boat. They deal with boat servicing, electronics, pumps, and almost all other boat services.

Davis said he found there was a big need for his business, as many waterfront residents had

made the decision to buy a boat during the pandemic.

"There's more boats in our area now," he said. "A lot of people buy boats at these dealerships, but say something happens, then the dealership gets backed up like a month or two months behind and then your boat is sitting outside on their lot with the sun and rain on it constantly hitting it. With us, people are able to keep their boat in their garage or boat lift while they're waiting for us to get to it."

The business is based in Pell City but also serves the Lay Lake area, Trussville, Birmingham, Neely Henry Lake, and other areas within a 40 to 50 mile range of Logan Martin. Over the past three and a half years, word of mouth has definitely spread, and Davis said the business is growing every year. When the business began, Davis was running it by himself, and now he is happy to have some help with the growing popularity.

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ning this all by myself at that time," he said. "A lot of people during the pandemic, they went out and bought boats. A lot of boats were bought at that time because of free time and stuff like that, so with those sales skyrocketing the past few years, it's really helped my business."

Davis said his business also stands out in that it usually performs services less expensively than going straight to the dealership.

"Boats are expensive these days. They've gone up just like everything else. People, when they spend that kind of money on something, they want to take care of it. It's an investment. I try to be really fair with people price-wise and 100 percent honest with all our customers. I want to always be honest and fair and dependable. You know, sometimes weather can get in the way, but we always aim to follow through and do what we say we're going to do in a timely fashion."

He doesn't assess a trip charge unlike some boat repair shops, and people can expect free estimates that Davis said people rarely argue with. He added

he just wants to help the people of Logan Martin and other boat lovers enjoy their time on the water.

Davis said the community of Logan Martin has been nothing but supportive.

"Everyone at Logan Martin, they're all nice," he said. "They're not stuck up, you know. They love helping each other out. It's just a real friendly atmosphere on the lake. It's like Pell City is a resort town because of the lake."


As long as there are boats in need, Davis and his Mobile Marine Repair crew will be there to service them, and working out on the water is exactly what Davis wants.

"I don't want to be confined inside," he said. "I love being outside, and this job lets me be on the water and I get to enjoy that time working on the boats outside. I also love boats. Who doesn't love being on a boat? It's just fun working on them. Sometimes, of course, it's not fun. It's hard work, especially this time of year when it's hot, but it's still fun. I'd much rather be doing this than being cooped up in an office inside."



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# **‘Once you find your purpose, you got to follow it’**

Lincoln resident enjoys rewarding  
career as professional dog trainer





Written by **EJ VERNON**  
Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

Sweat soaks his face. A baseball cap protects his head from the Alabama heat as he watches his dogs run around the open field. But still Alex Allen squints against the sun.

He doesn't seem to mind, though. Since Allen started his canine training program more than a year ago, he says he enjoys spending time outdoors, working with dogs instead of sitting behind a desk and in front of a computer screen every day.

He proceeds to put on protective gear, lowers his body to the dog's level like a catcher behind home plate waiting to receive a pitch and calls one of the dogs, Ranger, to attention to practice decoy skills. Eager to work, the black tuft of fur on four legs runs in Allen's direction. Trainers who engage dogs in decoy work are often training the animals to be working dogs for police departments and military personnel.



The Lincoln resident operates Alliance K9, a program devoted to training dogs to work with police departments and military as well as participate in search and rescue. Alliance K9 also offers training in personal protection and pet obedience and behavior modification.

Allen works with all dogs at every skill level but hopes to one day develop a specialization in working with military and police dogs.

"I want to build more skills in that area with time," he says. "I only started doing this about a year and a half ago."

In 2020, during Covid quarantine, Allen decided to make a career transition from working in information technology to training canines.

"Dog training was something I thought about

as a kid but never figured out how to get into it," he said.

Eventually following a more traditional career path, Allen enrolled as a student at Auburn University. He explored options in Auburn's veterinary program but decided against the idea and pursued a degree in the IT field. "You can make a lot more money working in IT, but working with the dogs is so much more rewarding."

Covid quarantine provided Allen with time to do research about how to pursue a career in training working dogs. He discovered Tarheel Canine Inc. a training school in Sanford, North Carolina, designed to teach people how to become professional dog trainers. Allen followed his instincts and his heart and moved to North Caro-

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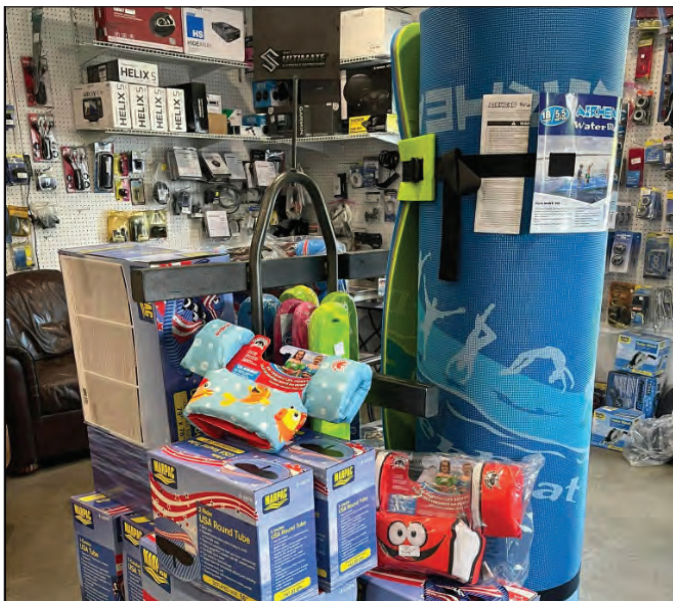


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lina to pursue his passion.

"I realized that once you find your purpose, you got to follow it," he says.

While training at Tarheels, Allen met people who influenced him both personally and professionally. Carlos Urbina taught Allen skills in pet and behavior training.

"Alex was always wanting to step up," Urbina says. "He never shied away from the plate. We did a lot of hands-on training, and he was never scared to grab a dog or ask questions."

Urbina says a school like Tarheel is not a beginner program.

"Learning is very fast-paced and can be hard for some students," he said. "A student like Alex is rare, especially since he had never had any previous training. Students in this program have to be willing to continue to learn and that's what Alex is

always doing, always learning."

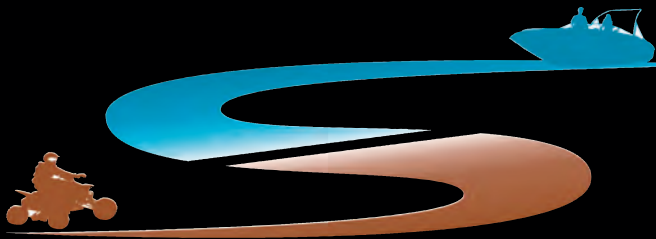
Chuck Mills, a former police officer, who is now a professional dog trainer, went through the program with Allen.

"If you are going to be a professional trainer, it takes a lot of sacrifice," Mills says. "You are doing it with your whole heart. It takes late nights, early mornings. You have to be willing to be covered in dog poop."

Every time Allen decides to take on training a new dog for a client, he looks for particular traits that the dog possesses.

"Before I decide to train a new dog, there are certain things to look for," Allen says. "Does the dog seem eager to learn and eager to please? Is the dog nervous or does it seem fearless? You want dogs that are not afraid, dogs that are eager for challenges."





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Right now, Allen continues to train Ranger for completion and personal protection work.

"We are getting ready for our first PSA trial in October," he says. "Dogs compete in these trial competitions held by the Protection Sports Association. It is a long process, but I am looking forward to it."

As Allen finishes his decoy work with Ranger, he directs the dogs out of the field and towards the lake for a swim. The dogs jump into Logan Martin without hesitation, panting as they try to cool down in the warm water. Allen looks on, keeping a close eye on the dogs.

"I can't imagine doing anything else," he says.

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# Wild Alabama cleans, maintains, and protects the natural beauty of the lakeside area

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**CHRIS NORWOOD** and **SHERRY KUGHN**

On a recent morning, volunteers and staff from an organization called Wild Alabama met at a rock overlook along the Pinhoti Trail in Waldo to remove graffiti and clean debris and trash.

This was a typical day of work for Wild Alabama, whose mission is to inspire people to enjoy, value, and protect the wild places in Alabama. Members primarily work on public lands such as the Talladega and Bankhead National Forests and within the three federally protected Wilderness areas within them, Sipsey, Cheaha and Dugger Mountain.

Many of the same volunteers and others met the following day for a picnic at the Talladega woodland home of a fellow Wild Alabamian Martha Strange. The food, music, and storytelling met another goal of the organization: to fellowship with others who love and care for nature.

A primary purpose of Wild Alabama is to educate youngsters, college students, and all Alabamians about protecting and maintaining the







forests, particularly in northern Alabama. Members work with several local schools, including Munford schools and Faith Christian School in Anniston to educate students and inspire them to conduct service days to do clean-ups, such as the graffiti removal and trash pickups.

The roots of the nonprofit Wild Alabama began in 1991 when an organization called the Bankhead Monitor organized and spent the first 10-plus years challenging the U.S. Forest Service's forestry practices that were in place at the time. This included legal action as well as organizing the local public to protest the cutting of native forests on national

forests to grow a pine tree farm.

In 1994, the Bankhead Monitor (later Wild Alabama) launched the Bankhead Watershed Project and engaged with scientists to study the impacts of clearcutting on the soils and watershed of Bankhead National Forest. A Native American protest followed at the Oakville Indian Mounds. More volunteers came onboard and the group, with its new name of Wild Alabama, continued to take part in land protection. Thanks largely to the efforts of Wild Alabama, the Land and Resource Management Plan released by the U.S. Forest Service in 2004, shifted the focus to restoring native tree species.



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Wild Alabama went through another, but not final, name change to Wild South. The headquarters moved to Asheville, North Carolina, and, in 2007, Wild South and Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project merged under the Wild South name. Work continued in Alabama, but it seemed that most of the energy had shifted to North Carolina. Some of the work that Wild South began and continues through Wild Alabama includes the Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Program. It trains Wilderness Rangers to serve in Sipsey, Cheaha and Dugger Mountain Wilderness areas. Also, there is the Kill the Drill campaign that stopped the sale of oil and gas leases in the Talladega National Forest.

Wild South's volunteer programs grew with its continued mission of inspiring people to enjoy, value and protect the native ecosystems in the Southeast.

In 2020, Wild South's board of directors worked to restructure the organization and a new and independent, 501(c)(3) group called Wild Alabama. Wild Alabama has taken on the work of protecting the public lands and wilderness areas in Alabama. Maggie Johnston, a former teacher and educational director of Camp McDowell in Jasper, became the executive director. Her passion for nature and protecting Alabama's Northern areas have inspired many volunteers and others who simply love and want to protect Alabama's forests.

Johnston was especially passionate about cleaning the rock outcropping called Sunset Rock, or Wormy's Pulpit, because she lived in Waldo for many years on the banks of Talladega Creek while teaching science at the Alabama School for the Deaf. She often spent evenings sitting on those rocks to admire the sunsets.

"I cannot imagine why some people feel that they must deface the beautiful wild places with graffiti," Maggie said. "My hope is that through our educational programs and service days with youth, we can create a culture of loving and

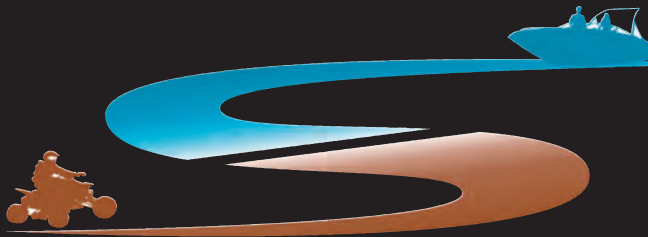


Martha Strange hosted the Wild Alabama picnics. She resides on a woodland farm off Kelly Ranch Road just outside of the city of Talladega.



A picnic celebrated the Wild Alabama's members' accomplishment of removing graffiti at a rock outcropping near Waldo.





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At the recent friend-raiser picnic, and at all the Wild Alabama projects and programs, Johnston speaks to others about the importance of gaining more volunteers. Their activities include training sessions about the appropriate ways of caring for Alabama’s Federal Wilderness areas, Cheaha and Dugger Mountain.

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Maggie Johnston is the executive director of Wild Alabama, a nonprofit group that encourages volunteerism in maintaining and protecting the public’s natural spaces.



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equipment and then leads workdays, with volunteers called Helping Hands, to clear trails of downed trees, keep the brush trimmed back along trails, and clean campsites left less-than-tidy by hikers. Johnston and the Wild Alabama staff of five travel the state to speak to school groups, educator workshops, and civic organizations. They lead interpretive hikes along Forest trails and offer family outings as well. They seek ways to educate and share the love of wild places, as well as recruit volunteers to give back to places that have meant so much to them.

Other activities happening throughout the summer, other than more graffiti removal, include workdays on Cheaha and Dugger Mountain, clean-ups at several shelters along the Pinhoti Trail, as well as guided hikes such as Family Fun Friday hikes to waterfalls in the area.

Those wishing to know more about Wild Alabama activities or who want to volunteer or donate, visit [www.wildal.org](http://www.wildal.org). Check out the "events" tab for dates.

Jeff Kincaid, the District Ranger of the Talladega and Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest, said he appreciates Wild Alabama and a group called Friends of the Talladega National Forest and anyone else who helps protect and maintain the state's natural features.

He advises those who deface or destroy property in the Talladega National Forest that they could be ticketed, and if the destruction is grave enough, they could be jailed.

He recommends that no one should confront anyone who is destroying, damaging or defacing public property. However, he suggests that witnesses should discreetly take a photo of a license plate or of the criminal or criminals in the act of damaging or destroying property. They should follow through by reporting such acts.

"Also, if people find an area that has been damaged, they should report it to the Talladega National Forest office," Kincaid said. "We can get someone out there to fix the problem."

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# Volunteers clean Double Cove Park at Logan Martin Lake



Written by **DONNA COPE**  
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Katherine Miller has a motto for beautifying Logan Martin Lake: “CITO,” which stands for “cache in, trash out.”

Miller, a geocaching enthusiast who enjoys putting her GPS skills to work, recently led a spring cleanup at the Preserves at Double Cove Park on Logan Martin. Miller, which was part scavenger hunt. As volunteers searched for areas with debris – which doubled as geocache sites – they removed trash along lake-side trails, the shoreline and pavilion.

Before the cleanup, Miller marked sites with GPS-listed geocache boxes for discovery by cleanup volunteers, some of whom drove more than two hours from Huntsville to help.

“Most geocachers are very environmentally oriented,” said Miller, whose family has taken part in geocaching since 2009. “The world is our game board – keep your game board clean. This cleanup was the bonus because we want to take care of the environment.”



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Her home is located near Logan Martin Dam.

"I live directly across the lake from Double Cove Park," said Miller, a former assistant scout master in the Boy Scouts, who taught her sons about the importance of conservation. "This park is in my backyard. It's my little area of the world, and I take pride in keeping it clean."

From about 9 a.m. to noon, about a dozen volunteers explored the trails and areas around the park, noting the geocache sites. On the return walk down the trails, volunteers collected debris and placed it in Renew Our Rivers trash bags.



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"We left the area absolutely clean, pristine," she said.

Afterward, Steven Posey, Recreation Development assistant for Alabama Power Shorelines Management, used a tractor to scoop up debris collected by volunteers.

"They picked up a good amount, around a trailer load," said Posey, who worked at the three-hour event with Shorelines Recreation Team Leader Garret Parker.

Parker was happy to be a part of the volunteer effort and pleased with the results. "This effort isn't possible without volunteers," said Parker, who has worked at Alabama Power for 10 years. "For such a small area like this, volunteers removed a lot of debris."

Cleanup participants were rewarded with snacks and an Alabama Power Preserves T-shirt.

Many years later, Miller still recalls the Boy Scouts' rules.

"Our motto was, 'Leave a place better than you found it. If it's on the ground, it's ours,'" she said. "It's a culture, it's education – we have to teach adults to teach their children that littering is bad for our environment on so many levels. And we need to take pride in our surroundings."

Double Cove Park is also known as Logan Martin Dam Park. Located on the eastern edge of the embankment that holds back the lake, topped by the aptly named Logan Martin Road, the park provides visitors a relaxing spot to take in views of the lake the dam, and the water-sports enthusiasts who make occasional runs through the waterway.

A mainstay of Alabama Power-operated parks, Double Cove Park is one of the more

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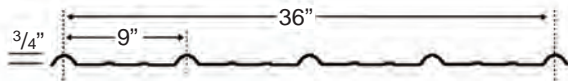
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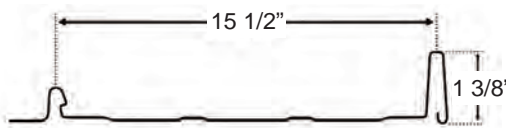


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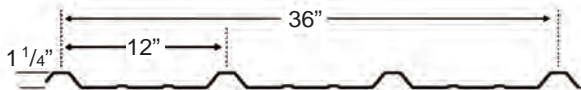


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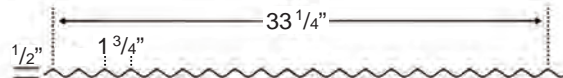


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### BENEFIT POKER RUN

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## August 11-13

### PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

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## August 11-13

### TALLADEGA BLUEGRASS & FINGERSTYLE GUITAR FESTIVAL

Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Dale Ann Bradley, and Edgar Loudermilk will perform during this event at Talladega Pit Stop RV Park & Campground at Lincoln. For more details, visit [www.talladegapitstop.com](http://www.talladegapitstop.com) or call 256-581-5955.

## August 12

### LINCOLN BOTTLE & ANTIQUE SHOW

The annual event returns to the Lincoln Civic Center (123 Jones Street) at 9 a.m. Admission is free, but early entrance is available for \$20 per person. Vintage bottles, jugs, jars, signs, coins, potter, and other collectibles will be available for sale. For more information, contact Jake Smith at 256-267-0446 or [Syl\\_bottleguy@yahoo.com](mailto:Syl_bottleguy@yahoo.com).

## August 13

### THE EASY STREET BAND FEATURING THE HOLLADAY SISTERS

The popular Alabama blues and rock band makes its debut on the stage of Pell City's Center for Education and Performing Arts as part of the Sounds of Summer concert series. A highlight of the show will be an appearance by Mary and Ginger Holladay, Pell City natives who have worked as backup vocalists for Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Joan Baez, Jimmy Buffett, Neil Diamond, and host of other hitmakers. Showtime is 5 p.m. For ticket information, visit [www.pellcitycepa.com/tickets](http://www.pellcitycepa.com/tickets).

## August 26

### SMOKE ON THE WATER BBQ FEST

Presented by the City of Lincoln, this event is hosted by Lincoln's Landing from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The festival will include a barbecue cookoff, live music, food and drinks, vendors, an auto show, door prizes, a cornhole tournament, and a kids' zone. The event is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. For more information or to register, visit [www.smokeonthewaterbbqfestival.com](http://www.smokeonthewaterbbqfestival.com).

## August 26

### THE LIGHTS FESTIVAL

Talladega Gran Prix Raceway in Munford brings this event (promoting empowerment, positivity, and personal growth) to the lakeside area. Live music, family-friendly entertainment, and local food trucks will be on site. Children 3 and younger will be admitted free, and children's tickets are available for youngsters ages 4-12. Ticket information and more details are available at [www.thelightsfest.com](http://www.thelightsfest.com).

## September 2

### LIVE AT LOGAN MARTIN

The Pell City Sports Complex on Logan Martin Lake hosts this fourth annual event featuring a live performance of the "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack by The Black Jacket Symphony. The site opens at 5:30 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30. Proceeds benefit CEPA Management Corp. and its efforts to increase access to performing arts in St. Clair County. For more details and ticket information, visit [www.pellcitycepa.com](http://www.pellcitycepa.com).

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# Lakeside Flora & Fauna

## Getting to know the unsightly members of nature's clean-up crew



Written by

**SARAH E. MOREMAN**

Photographed by **TIM BADGWELL**

Perched atop the knotty branches of aged oaks, a committee of vultures portrays a powerful presence in form of featherless heads crouched within their black or blackish brown plumed bodies, their energy emanating watchful vigilance as emphasized by their sharp beady

eyes. The wind carries a whiff of decay, causing a synchronization of flight among the kettle of vultures as they head in the direction from which the wind originates.

Ethyl mercaptan, a distinctive odor in the early stages of decay, tantalizes the fine-tuned olfactory senses of the turkey vultures. Guided by their keen sense of smell, these bone-colored beaked raptors, with their dihedral wings spanning six feet, glide through the air with

graceful precision, homing in on the carcass of a freshly deceased animal, their next meal. Meanwhile, the black vultures, not in possession of the same olfactory prowess, flap their shorter wings, measuring four feet in length, to keep up the graceful pace of their brown-feathered companions. While both buzzard species possess the gift of sharp vision, capable of seeing objects up to four miles away, the opportunistic black vultures



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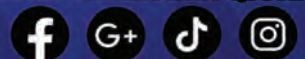
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aggressors hoard on the best parts of the carcass. Whereas the turkey vultures are gracious and mild-mannered, the black vultures are the jealous, domineering cousins, since they do not have the same keen sense of smell nor graceful ease of flying. However, the harmony prevails as they roost together, forming a flock that can consist of up to a thousand hissing and grunting birds. Their vocalizations take the form of low guttural hisses and grunts, bereft of the melodic quality found in other birds, as they do not possess the avian equivalent of the human voice box known as the syrinx.

While the sturdy beaks of the buzzards gleam sharp as they tear away the flesh, their feet do not grasp well. They cannot fly off with the carrion. They must feast on the spot. Whenever I drive on the road that curves like an S past a few farms near the lake, I would see the occasional wake of vultures off the road, vociferously picking away at carrion infested with flies. Each time this happens, I vividly remember the moment of the impactful collision when a vulture slammed against the radiator of the vehicle while my brother was driving. In my heart-pounding recollection, I ponder the slowness of that unfortunate vulture laboriously flapping its wings in its attempt to lift itself from the carcass. Unlike its companions who opted for the safety of the nearby trees, this vulture seemed to hesitate, its feet stubbornly holding unto the torn flesh before deciding to head towards the road. Its abrupt decision left my brother no time to react, such as slamming on the brakes or swerving

exhibit a behavior of shadowing the more talented, redheaded turkey vultures, relying on visual cues for guidance.

Circling high above, the dark silhouettes seem to abide their time before converging upon the remains of a deer, its life cut short by the obliterating impact of a passing vehicle. These scavengers depict the timeless words of Jesus: "Where there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather."

Once upon the ground, the brown plumaged, pinkish-red featherless headed buzzards resembling wild turkeys are shoved aside as the black-plumaged

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onto the adjacent lane to avoid hurting the bird. Ever since then, I take caution and slow down to ease past a wake of feasting vultures.

The aftermath of vultures feasting on the carcass serves as an essential ecological niche, benefiting as nature's industrious clean-up crew. The intricate architecture of life and death within the ecosystem, where vultures make their home, thrives with the existence of carrion-consuming predators. Their indispensable role aids in preventing the spread of bacteria and disease, including anthrax, tuberculosis, rabies, distemper, and the Black Plague. Their eating habits help combat these pathogens, and their natural ability to neutralize harmful substances is exemplified by their strong stomach acid, which effectively counteracts the effects of exposure to such nastiness.

More closely related to storks than other raptors, the Turkey Vulture, scientifically named *Cathartes aura*, derives its name from "cleaning breeze." Despite its seemingly counterintuitive behavior of urinating and defecating on itself, the intriguing bird maintains germ-killing cleanliness and regulates body temperature in a unique manner. As part of its thermoregulation process,

the vulture stands tall, spreading its wings to dry off and warm its body, baking away bacteria and staying hygienic. The bald head of a raptor serves a purpose beyond its intimidating appearance, aiding in its cleanliness. After probing deep into the recesses of a decomposing carcass, the scavenger rubs its featherless head against a tree branch, removing residue to prevent accumulation of bacteria.

The inherent ecological balance of vultures consuming carrion to facilitate the decomposition process is revered in many cultures including the ancient Egyptian and Greek civilizations, where the vulture symbolism centers protection, purification, the restoration of order from chaos, and keen observation. Serving as nature's clean-up crew, the vultures participate in preserving ecological equilibrium by disposing of carrion and thwarting the spread of harmful pathogens—drawing a parallel to the concept of moral retribution, wherein we observe the consequences of our choices and actions. In a similar vein, we play a role in maintaining order and harmony by taking responsibility for cleaning up messes, literally and metaphorically.

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# Lakeside family flips its way to Logan Martin

The Browns  
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Written by **FAITH DORN**

Photographed by **BOB CRISP**

Rachael and Jeff Brown have been flipping homes since 2010.

"We started with a single-wide trailer and wanted to flip our way to the lake, and we did after six homes," Rachael said.

Their current home was initially built as a fishing cabin in 1968.

"The cabin sat here forever, and the family of the owner never came out here," she explained.

In flipping the cabin into a permanent residence, the Browns added a primary bedroom and bathroom and completely redesigned the kitchen. They chose to





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keep the original fireplace.

"We wanted to be able to see the lake from every angle and have it feel like a boat floating out on the lake. Even in both bathrooms you can see the lake," Rachael said.

Why is the lake so important to the family?

"We love people and family, and everybody gathers at the lake. This location really encourages family get-togethers," Rachael said.

She and Jeff live on the property with their 16-year-old son Collin and 12-year-old daughter Aubrey, as well as dogs Cotton and Chuy, cat Chloe, and several chickens. Cotton and Chuy enjoy riding the paddleboard with Aubrey, and Chloe



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Aubrey and Collin Brown

enjoys chasing the large birds that live around the lake.

“We also had two goats, but they started eating my flowers, so they had to go,” Rachael said, laughing, “We try to have a little bit of lake life and farm life, try to keep it sweet and simple.

“We have two wells, and we water our garden and animals with it. We have had no problems with well water. It was kind of a downside when we moved here, but it has been a blessing. It makes it more like country living.”

Collin enjoys playing piano and guitar and fishing and hunting on the property. Aubrey’s favorite pastime is paddleboarding, and she also enjoys art and doing drawings of the lake. When they had their boat, Jeff and Rachael enjoyed making stops around the lake at different karaoke venues, but for now, they are enjoying sitting in their swing overlooking the pier and enjoying their morning coffee.



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The three-bedroom, two-bath home also features an almost-finished basement with a fireplace and big open room.

Rachael’s organized and tidy nature is reflected in the French country-style home.

“Everything in the house is white, crisp and clean,” she said. “I do not like chaos. I like plans and organization, and I can’t relax until I know everything is in its place.”

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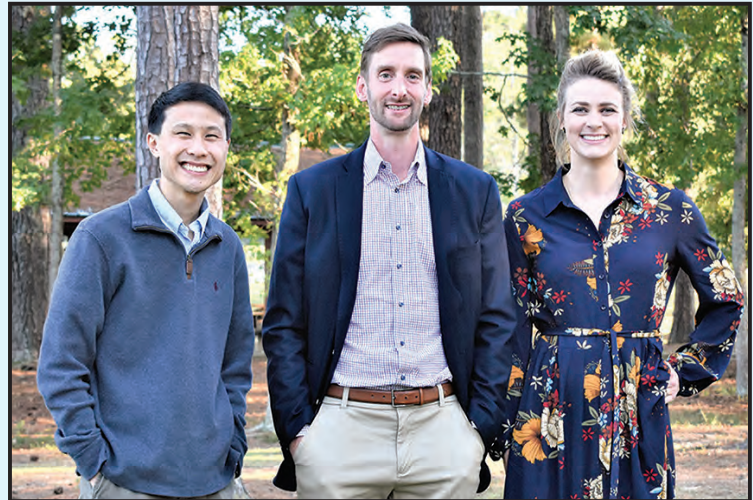
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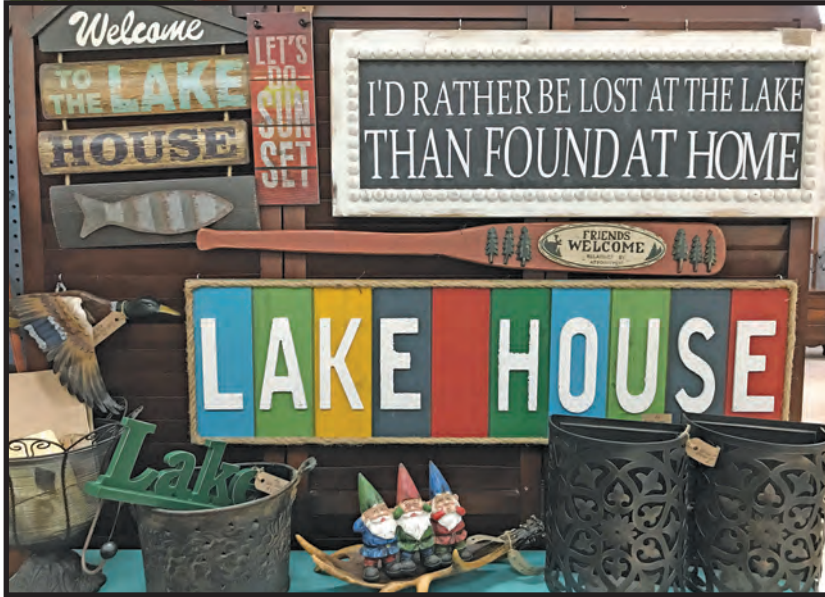
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## Candice Hightower

Written and photographed  
by **BUDDY ROBERTS**



"I feel at peace being outside," Candice Hightower said on a late spring day, watching the Coosa River flow by from her vantage point on a south Talladega County pier. "This is when I'm happiest."

Opportunities for being outside have been plentiful since the Hightower family built its dream home and moved to shoreline during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"When I pull through these gates, I leave everything behind and feel like I'm on vacation," Candice said. "I'm still as excited as I was my first time coming home here. We plan this summer to get a pontoon, and I want our boat to be like our home. Our house isn't just a house. It's our home, and I want people to pull up and know that there's always a seat at our table. So when

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we get our boat, it's the more, the merrier. I want it to be a big party."

Sitting on the pier, watching the birds flying overhead cast their reflections on the water below, she recalled some funny fishing stories, discussed the importance of family, and a lesson learned while fishing: "Growing up, I always fished with my dad and grandfather. My dad and I have a lot of good stories out on the lake. One time, we went out, and I remembered that I didn't have a license. My dad said we should stop in Childersburg and pick one up, but I discouraged him from stopping because I wanted more time on the water. He said, 'Candice, the game wardens might get you.' I said, 'It'll be fine.' We'd been on the water a couple of hours when we saw another boat oncoming. It was the game warden, and he asked to see our licenses. I ended up not getting a ticket, and now I always my fishing license. And I was reminded that Daddy is always right."

**Her biggest catch:** "A 10-pound stripe. It might have been 11. No, let's say 10."

**Her work:** A registered nurse pursuing a graduate degree in organizational leadership at Samford University, Candice works for Coosa Valley Medical Center, handling community education for its psychiatry services. "I create and raise awareness in regard to mental health. There is such a stigma associated with it, and part of my job is to remove that. I don't think people realize that mental health is as important as physical health."

**Family matters:** "I am so appreciative of my family. My grandparents were salt-of-the-earth people, and they taught us all to be

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**How she describes herself:** "Very energetic and very family-oriented. I genuinely love people, and finally at 40, I can enjoy my own company. I'm a simple country girl."

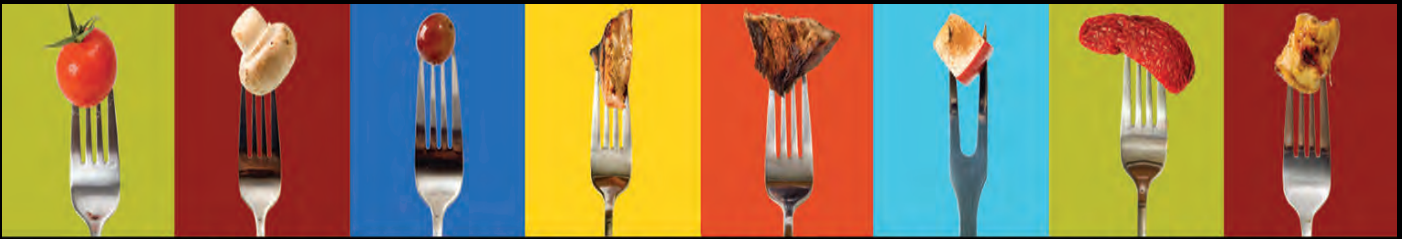
**Candice Hightower style:** "I love easy and simple, like jeans and a t-shirt, a ponytail, and a baseball cap."

**Three things she can't live without:** "My family, coffee, and a good book. I'm a sucker for a love

story. And my coffee has to be hot – I don't do cold. Preferably a white chocolate mocha. I do Cuppa Grace a lot."

**The food she could eat every day:** "Mac and cheese and my Mawmaw's chicken and dressing. I can eat it breakfast, lunch, and dinner until it's gone."

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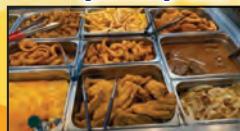
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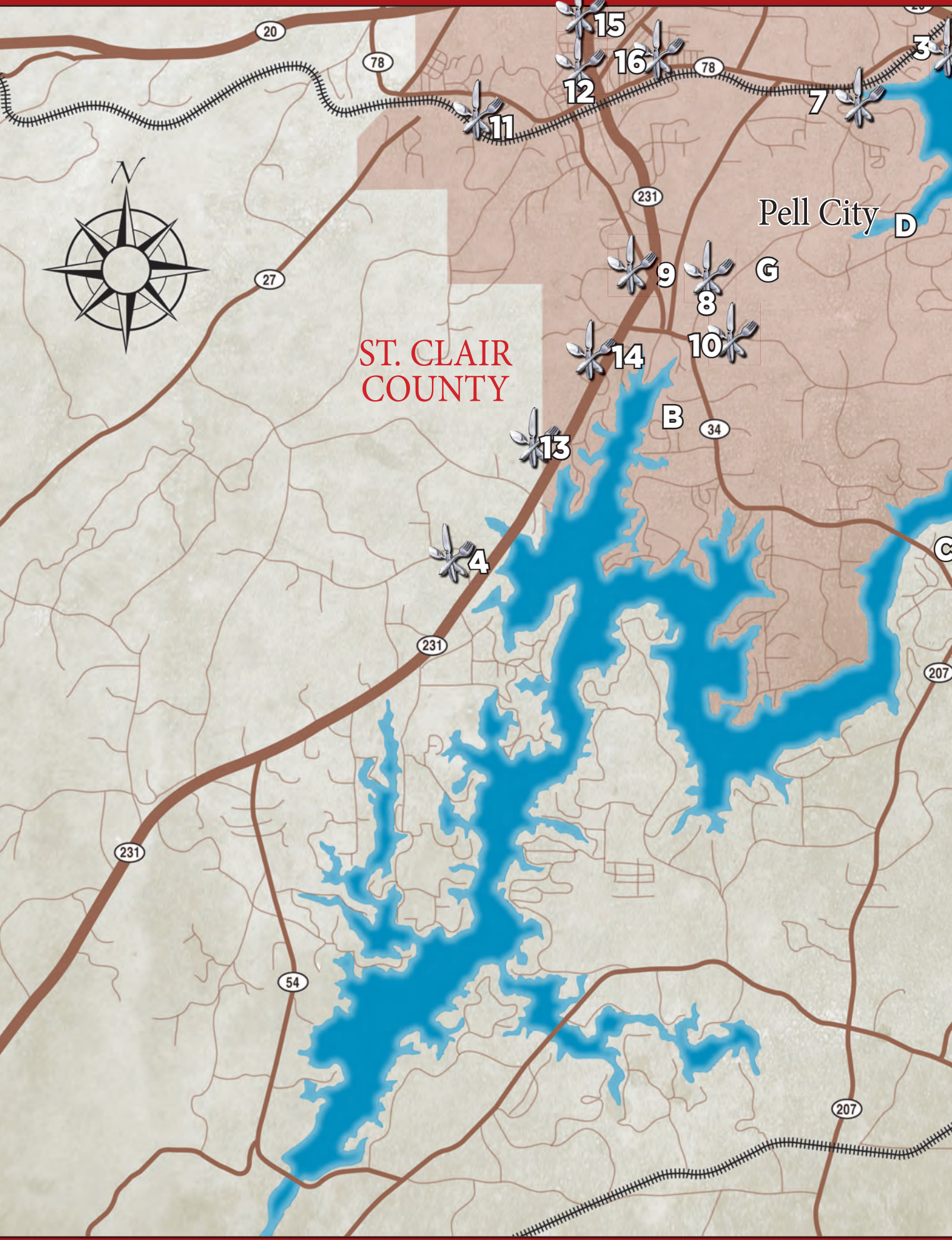
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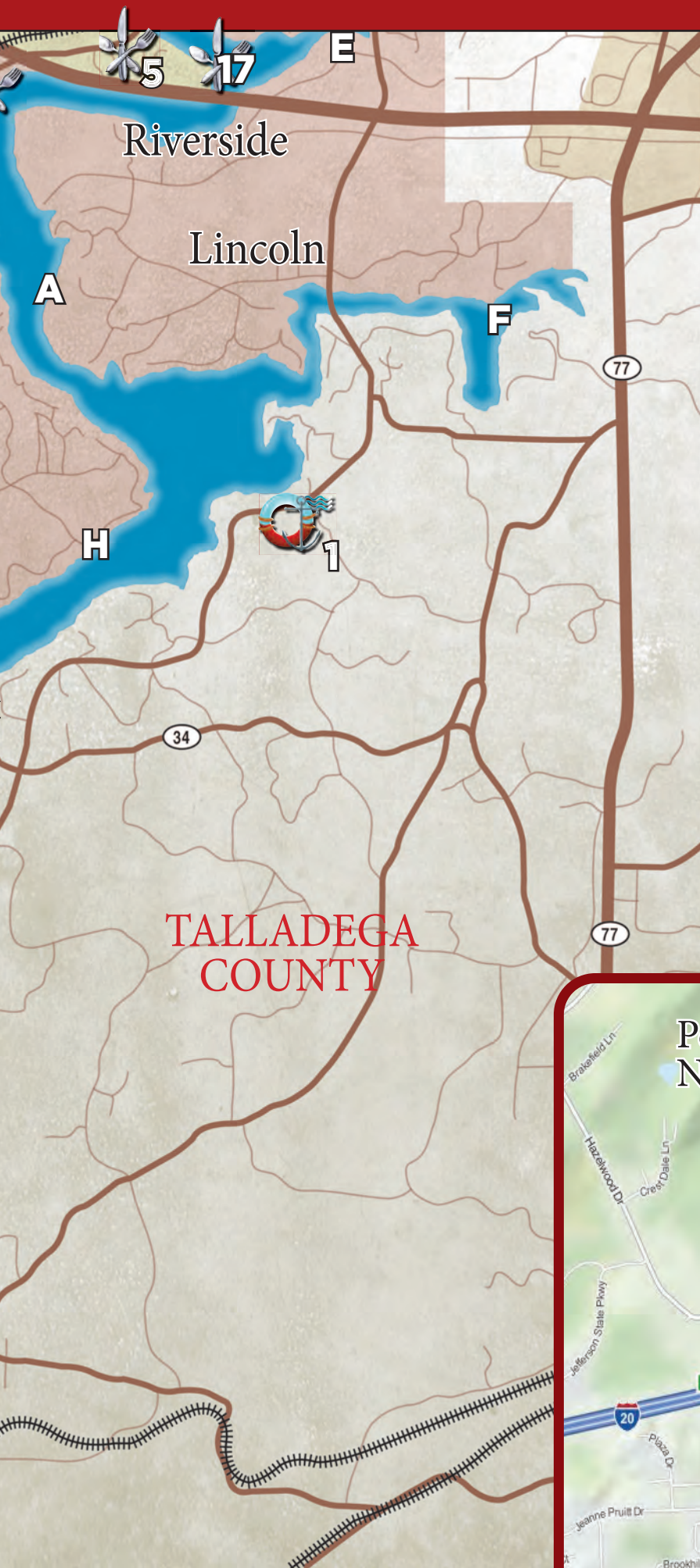
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## Lakeside home in Cropwell home offers a host of interior, exterior amenities

Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**  
Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

Prospective buyers with a desire for a spacious waterfront home will want to see 515 Black Acres Road in Cropwell.

The single-family home, which sits on two acres on the Logan Martin shoreline, was constructed in 1974 and has plenty of charm. The two-plus-story home has six bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a finished basement within its 3,760-square-foot interior.

The interior of the home is all electric and features a spacious living room area that has wood flooring, a ceiling fan, large floor-to-ceiling windows welcoming, a wood-burning fireplace, and

a large dining space great for family dinners.

The kitchen has granite countertops and stainless appliances. A distinguished feature about the home is that it has two master suites. There's one on each level, and recently a sunroom was added, ideal for morning coffee while taking in the views of the lake. The home is also equipped with a safe room for use during a storm or emergency.

The exterior features a deck, porch, storage building, driveway, two-car garage, and a large backyard perfect for the summer and upcoming holiday functions.

The property lists at \$785,000. For more information, call Nicole Anderson of Lake Homes Realty at 205-753-0225.



## Mother-daughter real estate team puts 'relationships above profits'

Written by FAITH DORN  
Submitted Photo

**J**ulie Luker started her professional life by opening a salon when she was 20 years old. The relationships she made during the following 30 years were invaluable when she changed careers.

"Being from Pell City and working as a hairdresser are really what sparked my real estate career," she said. "I had years and years of connections within the community. Eventually my body started giving me pains from working on hair, and I knew I needed a second career and income. Real estate had been my plan from the beginning."

When Luker says real estate was always the plan, she means it.

"When my sister and I were young, Mom would let us get one magazine a month when we went grocery shopping. My sister would always get 'Tiger Beat' because of Donny Osmond. I would always get house plans," she said, laughing.

She credits all those years of view-

ing house plans with being able to walk into a home and have a precise visual of what it needs. This year, she is celebrating her 13th year as a Realtor. She works out of the Pell City Keller Williams office.

"Hollyann was still living at home, and she saw me studying like crazy for that exam," Luker said, referring to her daughter, Hollyann Bemis.

Bemis is newly licensed and working as an assistant to her mother, with the goal of making a "dream team" to better help their clients. As an assistant to Luker, Bemis helps with showings, open houses, and messaging with clients.

"I studied marketing at Troy University, and I have always been such a people-oriented person. Mom always encouraged me to get my real estate license, and now I get to assist her and follow in her footsteps," said Bemis. "I think this mother-daughter team is perfect.

This time is so important, and I get to

learn from the best--the best being my mom."

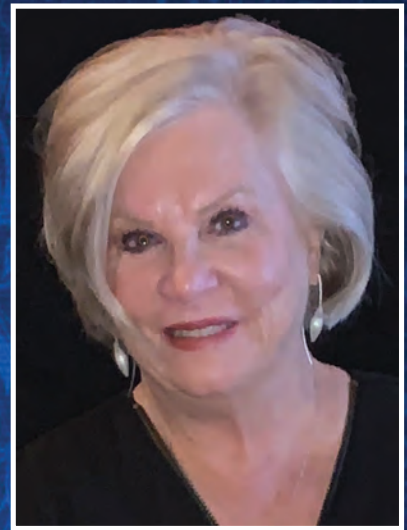
"You can't get time back, so spending time with Hollyann and teaching her how to be a Realtor is so important to me. You choose people over profit and not profit over people. It doesn't matter if it is a \$100,000 home or million-dollar home. Pick people over profit, and your heart will be blessed every time," Luker said.

The biggest lesson Bemis has learned from her mother is to never give up. "She puts relationships before profit. Always."

"You work to build and continue relationships," Luker said. "We are still in a very competitive market. You need extremely smart negotiation strategies. Read all your different info from lenders. Hang in there with these rates. You are not married to the rate. When you get the house, there are always refinance options."

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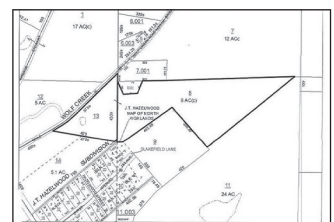
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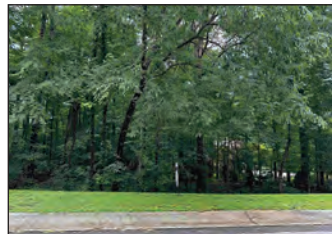
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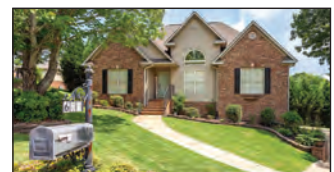
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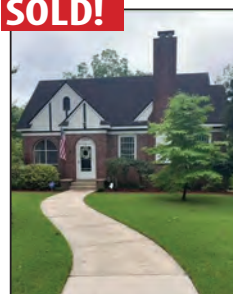
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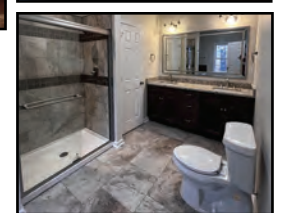
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Talladega \$75,000**  
LOT SIZE 1.23 ACRES+/-

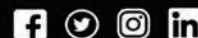
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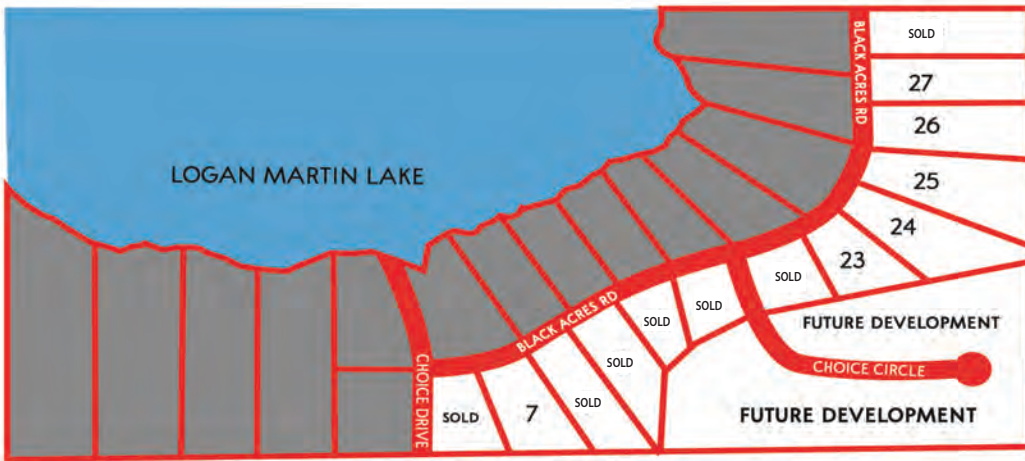


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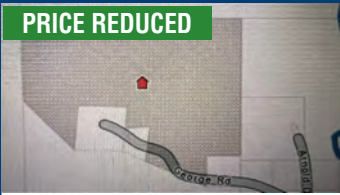
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Lot 35  
**\$165,000**

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86 Powells Circle  
Pell City  
4BR, 2BA  
**\$115,000**

PRICE REDUCED



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Pell City  
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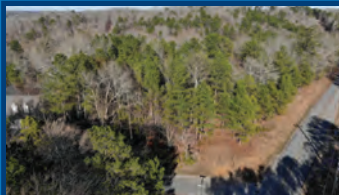
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Lot #19  
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5892 Horizons Pkwy #73  
Pell City  
Lot  
**\$85,000**



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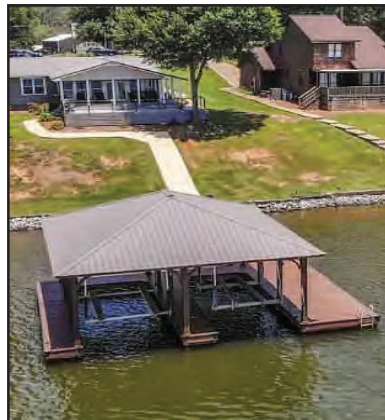


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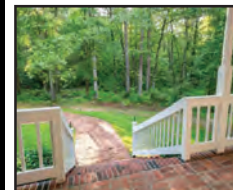
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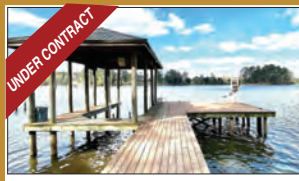
**\$799,000 - 235 Lisa's Cove - OPEN CONCEPT** with this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath one level home with basement. The home features great room with fireplace, open kitchen with granite countertops and lot of cabinets. Basement consists of den, playroom bedroom, full bath and sunroom. Double bathroom with electric 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**



**\$355,000 - 114 River Terrace Dr. - DEEP WATER** with this 3 bedroom 2 bath one level waterfront home that has the most beautiful sunset views. **MLS #1334868 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**



**\$468,900 - 75 Parrish Cir. - LOCATION, LOCATION** with this newly built 5 bedroom, 3 bath home that features living room with fireplace, dining room and also a second living room located upstairs along with 3 of the bedrooms and a bath. 2- car garage and convenient location. **MLS #1355677 Call Misty 205/368-9490**



**\$490,000 - 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**



**\$478,000 - 435 - Wolf Pen Ridge Rd. - NEW CUSTOM BUILT** 3 bedroom 3 bath one level home with basement. The home features living room, family room with fireplace, dining room and a bonus room that could be used as a bedroom. AMENITIES GALORE including granite counters, custom built cabinetry, beautiful black doors and master bedroom with separate show and tub. Convenient location with easy access to I-20! **MLS #1354754 Call Jacque 205/369-2383**



**\$268,000 - 6377 Mays Bend Rd. - MOVE IN READY** with this 3 bedroom 2 bath home with finished bonus room in the basement and located on 2.5 ACRES. **MLS #1346201 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**



**\$1,500,000 - 11392 Stemley Rd. - 192 ACRES.** One of the most spectacular properties in the area. Surrounded by mountain views on three sides make for a beautiful home site, gently rolling pasture and recently added a solar electric gate, fencing, 6 pond and equipment barn. **MLS #1348204 Call Adam 205/369-2704 or 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**



**\$299,500 - 10330 Highway 78 - CONVENIENT LOCATION** with 38 ACRES, small lake, with pier, creek, large metal shop, PLUS 5 bedroom 3 bath home in need of repair. Home has living room with beams, two bedroom on main level and 3 located in the basement with 2- car garage. This property has gated entrance and surrounded by woods. **MLS #1352121 Call Blair 205 812-5377 or Brenda 205/812-4141**



**\$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**



**\$229,500 - 4908 Smith Trail - MOVE IN READY** with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath split level home that features living room with fireplace, dining room. Kitchen has granite countertops, stainless electric stove and vent hood. 2-car garage and large backyard. Convenient Location! **MLS #1353247 Call Blair 205/812-5377**



**\$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**



**\$239,900 - 8764 Sunset Dr. - 7 ACRES M/L** with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that features several rooms with wood floors, living room, family room with fireplace, plus a large all electric two bay garage that includes a workshop. Lot of potential and convenient location. **MLS #1340578 Call Laurie 205/365-3639**

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**1800 Martin St S,  
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MLS # 1333698

**\$499,999**

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MLS #1348052  
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