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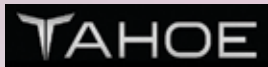
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On the cover: Erin Sides, Kyla Thompson, and Sophie Casey enjoy a morning of sailing on Logan Martin Lake. Photo by Buddy Roberts

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Editor's Note

Thank you for allowing us to do what we do

"This is not an unpleasant way to spend a Thursday morning," Susan Cook said before frowning and attempting to pulverize a hapless stowaway harvest spider that had made the mistake of getting too close to her shoe.

Susan occupied the starboard side of the bow of a motorboat helmed by Amy Sides, and I was on the port side as we followed in the wake of a wind-powered vessel captained by Amy's daughter Erin and crewed by her friends Casey Sides and Kyla Thompson. Neither Amy nor I could disagree with Susan's observation.

Amy, as director of the Birmingham Sailing Club's annual junior sailing camp, had invited Susan over to share the camp experience with Lakeside Living's readers, and my camera and I got to tag along. As we watched the teens capably harnessing the wind in the boat ahead of us, we agreed that we'd all spent weekdays in less pleasant ways than cruising on the lake.

That brief conversation was a welcome reminder. A reminder that – although we don't get to spend as much time on the water as we'd like and although deadline pressures, last-minute schedule changes, and plates that need to be kept spinning can occasionally overshadow this thought – those of us who present Lakeside Living to you each month consider it a privilege that we get

to do so.

It is a privilege to get to tell you stories and show you photographs of the lake's habitues and happenings. It is a privilege and an honor for our work to occupy space on coffee tables in your



Three-year-old Kashtyn Hallmark enjoys a recent issue of Lakeside Living.

homes. It is a privilege that you regard Lakeside Living as a product that's worth reading, whether it's while you're eating lunch at a lakeside restaurant or on your deck or dock while sipping your morning coffee or at any other time.

But privileges come with responsibility, and that is not lost on Lakeside Living's staff and contributors. The responsibility to prepare for you and provide you with a quality product that

is entertaining and informative is one that Blucher Ehringhaus, John Fry, Pam Isbell, Debbie Bussie, Patrick Stokesberry, Kate Kinnamon, Amanda Rich, Ginger Staude, Sherry Unger, Candee McCabe, Candace Nesby, JoAnna Allen, Carly Williams, Elijah King, Charlene Walker, Ginna Gray, Faith Dorn, Vallean Jackson, CJ Knight, Michelle Love, Laura Nation, Tim Badgwell, Sarah Elizabeth Moreman, Laci Braswell, Susan, and I take seriously.

This issue is proof. We hope you'll follow the example of Kashtyn (Ginger's grandson and our mascot this month) by reading it from cover to cover. Along with Susan's entertaining account of a morning at sailing camp, you'll cruise the Coosa River with Sarah Elizabeth as she attends the Riverside Poker Run for the first time, sample ice cream and pizza with Laci at a waterfront eatery, visit the Birmingham Sailing Club's historic clubhouse, and join Laura on a trip to the Pell City Hometown Block Party.

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Hot and sticky, July is usually always a true flame. Fishing can be tough during this month, but there are some unique opportunities for unconventional fishing methods. The terms “catfish grabbling,” “hand catching,” and “noodling” come to mind.

They all mean the same thing. This obtuse form of fishing can actually be some of the best, action-packed fishing that there is to offer. If you're willing to face your fears and go arm-deep into uncharted territories, the sport of catfish grabbling is a must-try.

The art of catfish grabbling has a long-standing history on Logan Martin Lake. Known for its miles of rocky shorelines, coves, seawalls, and boat ramps, Logan Martin is truly a fantastic place to grabble catfish. Such hard structures offer numerous concave holes and depressions, which the catfish will use for shade, spawning, and rest.

The most obvious and best hard structure targets are probably boat ramps. The sides and ends of these concrete slabs will often have voids underneath. These are the perfect areas to target. The main type of catfish that will inhabit these voids is the flathead, also known as yellow cats or Appaloosa cats,

sporting a speckled dark brown/black complexion. They can be relatively aggressive in these voids and will often fight off intruders.



Austin Rich of Childersburg caught this flathead catfish while grabbling on Logan Martin Lake.

The occasional blue catfish can also be found in these voids. Both pack a punch and can put up a hard-hitting fight.

These heavyweights can push upwards of 40 pounds. This makes for an adrenaline rush unlike no other, because you are essentially hand-feeling in the voids for these aggressive, hard-fighting fish.

The gear is relatively simple for catching these catfish. The biggest challenge will be finding

voids and holes located under hard objects. Two methods can be used to catch these cave dwelling beasts. The first and most obvious is your bare hand. I recommend you use a sleeve or some sort of protective covering for your arm, but it's not required. The second method is to use a large piece of PVC and have a line attached to the end with a massive treble hook. Once you find the voids, you can irritate the catfish with your hand or the end of the PVC. You'll get a hard-hitting bite like no other, and the fight will be on!

If you like a challenge and something different, give catfish grabbling a try. You'll be up close and personal with these fun fighting fish and will remember it for a lifetime. As always, feel free to email me at for any tips or guiding services for all species of Coosa River fishing.

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LEARNING LIFE LESSONS WHILE SAILING ON LOGAN MARTIN LAKE

BSC Junior Sailing Camp trains aspiring captains and crew members



Written by **SUSAN COOK**
Photographed by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

I was 29 years old before I had my first sailing lesson. What I thought was going to be a calm day of sailing in the Caribbean turned into a sweat-drenched crash course in the not-so-simple art of sailboat racing.

By the end, I was sunburned and thirsty, my hands red and tingling from the burn of the ropes I was in charge of manning. But mostly, I was brimming with sheer adrenaline and happiness. There's nothing quite like the thrill of scudding across a rippling body of water with nothing but the

wind driving you forward. I only had one regret: Why hadn't I gone sailing sooner?

The kids and teenagers participating in the Birmingham Sailing Club's Junior Sailing Camp thankfully won't have that regret.

This was my first visit to the Birmingham Sailing Club, housed in a tidy white building with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking a sloping green field leading to the lake below. Incorporated in 1963, ironically before the creation of Logan Martin Lake, the sailing club is a non-profit organization situated on nine acres of land located about two miles above Logan Martin

Dam. Here, the lake is roughly one mile wide allowing for ideal sailing conditions.

As I made my way down the hill towards the docks, I heard the kids before I saw them. Laughter, shrieks, and splashing echoed all around as the campers cooled off in the lake—the sounds of summer.

I met Amy Sides, the camp organizer, midway down the hill where she filled me in on the history and goals of the Junior Sailing Camp. This year, 22 young sailors attended the camp, ranging in age between 8 and 18. About half were first-timers, and the other were return campers.





Sophie Casey, Kyla Thompson, and Erin Sides prepare, launch, and board a 420 class sailboat on the Birmingham Sailing Club's shoreline.



Each year, the young sailors learn how to rig a boat and tie knots, with the camp leaders prepping them in safety measures for the exciting moment when they first steer their small craft around the docks and ultimately maneuver a sailing course.

As skill levels progress, the campers are offered a chance to level up while still reviewing the skills learned in prior levels. When not learning to sail, the kids are taught to hone their skills through fun yet competitive games, demonstrations, and drills both on and off the water.

I quickly discovered on my visit to the Junior Sailing Camp that it's more than just a place to learn sailing; it's a close-knit community where young sailors grow their abilities and gain confidence while also challenging themselves.

I got a chance to see these qualities in action as I spent time with three of the camp's best sailors: Erin Sides (age 18), Sophie Casey (age 18), and Kyla Thompson (age 15).

Erin, the daughter of Amy Sides, has been sailing the longest, revealing "My first sailing camp was in 2016, but I've been sailing pretty much since I was born."

Schoolmates with Erin at Indian Springs High School for a time, Sophie is the next most experienced sailor, while Kyla is the most recent. That being said, this year marks her third sailing camp.

Although there was only the slightest whiff of a breeze, there was just enough to give them hope for a sail.

"How long does it take to prep a boat?" I ask Erin as we walk towards the row of dinghies.

"We can do it in about 10 minutes," Erin responded,

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“although it depends on the experience of the sailors.”

True to her word, in a matter of roughly 10 minutes, the trio worked seamlessly together to raise the sail and rig the boat. All that remained was to see if there was enough wind to actually set sail.

As they wheeled the boat towards the dock, I asked Erin the obligatory question: “What’s your favorite part of sailing?”

Her response was quick but assured: “I like that sailing is a good way for me to hang out with my friends, and I get to teach them things. I like that I know what to do when I see something going wrong. I also just like rigging and tying knots. I love tying knots actually.”

Sophie and Kyla share Erin’s passion for sailing and agree that learning to sail gives them confidence. The fact that you can be good enough at maneuvering the boat and reckoning with the changeable wind and water is inspiring to all three. To determine a point in the distance and think, I want to go there, and then actually make that happen is a powerful feeling.

Sophie and Kyla are the first two in the boat, followed ultimately by Erin who lightly hopped into the stern, taking control of the rudder.

I glance down for a moment to make a note, and when I look up they are almost to the middle of the lake. What seemed like the smallest of breezes was enough to send them swiftly skimming across the glass-like surface of the sun-drenched lake.

I’d like to say that I helped rig up a sailboat and set off

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after them, but I'm a few lessons short of being able to do that, to say the least. Instead, Amy cranked up a nearby motorboat and we zipped our way towards the middle of the lake.

As we got closer, I could see Erin, Sophie, and Kyla perched like sea birds on the narrow white sides of their 420 dinghy. Laughter and low conversation rippled across the water, and from time to time, Erin would calmly direct traffic to "jibe" or "tack" and together they would maneuver to change their course. They looked like three teenagers on a grand adventure, going wherever they wanted the breeze to take them.

There's an art and a science to sailing. Learning this ancient skill teaches sailors, no matter their age, how to quickly troubleshoot and find a solution to whatever problem might arise. Sailors learn to remain calm when something goes wrong, not letting it escalate or alarm others. Valuable skills you take with you in life even when you're not sailing.

Who knows what the future holds for the 22 young sailors at this year's Junior Sailing Camp? Many will return next year while others, like Erin, are moving on to college. But the friendships forged during this week are strong, and the skills they've developed will serve them well wherever life takes them. I'm still a rookie at trying to harness the wind, but you're never too young or too old to learn something new and see where the wind takes you.

If you're interested in learning more about the Birmingham Sailing Club and the adult and junior classes it offers, be sure to visit birminghamsailingclub.org.

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Seeing the lake with SARAH ELIZABETH



AT THE 15TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE POKER RUN

First-time players make new friends while cruising the Coosa River



Written by **SARAH ELIZABETH MOREMAN**
Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

My phone lights up with an incoming text message as I'm rubbing mineral-coated 50 SPF UVA/UVB sunscreen on my forehead before leaving for the Riverside Poker Run. I read the message quickly before tapping on it with one thumb. Some people type with both thumbs, but I type with only one.

"Fun romper, dress, or shirt with shorts. Sneakers/boat shoes. Hat. No swimming but wear a bathing suit if Brandon is taking you somewhere afterwards for a swim. Bring snacks if you want."

After hitting send, I place the phone back on the

counter and lean back to the mirror. I groan, seeing the white rubbery-residual streaks on my face. Sighing, I rub some off. I should have bought some new sunscreen with less zinc.

The morning is still early, and the air is thick with cloying warmth. Sweat is already blanketing my sunscreen-coated arms and neck. Picking up the phone again, I check the time and pull up the GPS before typing a new message:

"Good morning, Rory. Thank you again for hosting my friends and me. Their names are Brandon and Felecia. I go by Sarah Elizabeth. My GPS says my ETA is 9:33. Who knows with traffic, right? :)"

Even before I put my phone away, I receive a response: "Ok sounds great! See you soon!"





Attired in a cotton dress and Sperry flip-flops and behind the wheel of my SUV, I reflect that I do not know much about poker. Texas four-draw? Or, is it Texas Hold'em? Poker seems complicated, but I know that once I know more, the game will be simple.

After a stop at Buc-ees for pecan pralines and a container full of watermelon pieces, I proceed to Riverside Landing, the site of the Riverside Beautification Organization's 15th annual Riverside Poker Run, on my way to Rory Cochran's boat dock. My friends are waiting for me there.

I greet Rory, who already treats me like a friend. Welcoming me aboard portside of the boat, he hands me my poker pack, a large envelope marked #9 with a Sharpie. I hug my friends, who are holding their own poker packs, before peeking in mine to see five blue poker chips and two sheets of instructions. Rory maneuvers the boat away from the dock.

After passing under the railway and Highway 78 bridges, we coast alongside the Margaritaville dock, its Jimmy Buffett theme greeting us with a large tub full of spirits. Why not? It is indeed 5 o'clock somewhere, I think to myself as I drop two tokens in, collect my first card of the day, and pull a Mike's Hard Lemonade from the cooler, thanks to the hospitality of Riverside Beautification Organization. Reading the instructions from my poker pack, I note that the prizes at



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other docks range from generous gift cards at local restaurants to river lifestyle apparel and towable floats.

Pulling away as Jimi Hendrix croons through the speakers, I sip from my beverage and take out the Buc-ee's praline pecan cookies. Others look amused while I am savoring a big piece of such decadence. I break off pieces to share with them. "I could not imagine doing the riverboat or anything poker-related without the praline pecans," I insist as I take another bite.

Listening to my continued declaration of how I associate praline pecans with riverboats and poker, they laugh when they accept the proffered caramelized goodness, along with some watermelon. Rory steers us to the next dock, the Woodstock. Festooned with bright-colored ribbons, painted VW banners, and peace signs, the tie-dyed dock hosts surprise us with brightly colored friendship yarn bracelets. After Felecia helped secure one on my wrist, I eagerly tug another card from the metal tray.

I spot a pair of large dice positioned near a decked-out dock from which bluesy music emanated. Several pontoons are loosely

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lined up in a curve toward the Casino dock. Rory eases the boat into idle. On the starboard side of our boat, the reeds and water willows sway with the ripple movements caused by the idling boats. In this littoral zone, a lone white long-necked bird stands amidst the reeds. I study the graceful lines of the bird, particularly its long yellow bill. Brandon teases me by suggesting "crane or something" before finally stating, "egret," when I nudge him to help me identify the wading bird.

After we have our turn at the wooden Casino dock to retrieve our cards, Rory steers us to the next stop, the Holiday Road, where festive decorations blend into a trick-or-treating nativity scene of thankfulness. The red-and-white striped stockings covering the dock hosts make me smile as I reach for a card to add to my poker hand.

Rory steers the boat around, guiding it towards the three bridges ahead. We arrive at the Rockin' on the River dock to admire the floats on display before dipping our hands in the tray full of cards for another draw. Then we glide over to the neighboring Mardi Gras dock, where the hosts bestow upon us shiny beads of blue, purple, green, and gold, inviting us to celebrate with them. With excitement, we pluck more cards to add to our expanding poker packs.

On our way to the Mystery Dock, the four of us fall into conversation about the fun of lake life. Rory slows the boat to no-wake mode as we approach his inlet,

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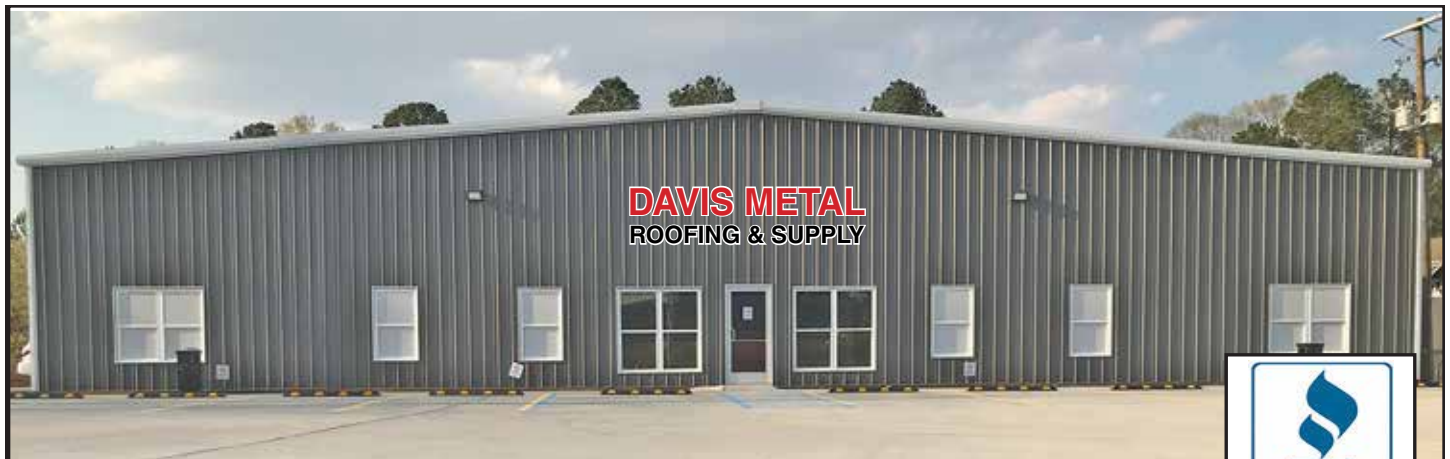


passing his shoreline and heading toward the Mystery Dock, adorned with white and red balloons, red bathing suits, and poster-sized poker cards. I smile at Julie Pounders as she asks if we are having "a good ol' poker fun time." We wave as we glide back to Rory's dock.

The four of us ease into the Adirondack chairs positioned in the shade of a large oak tree on the well-manicured lawn, watching as other poker run participants cruise out to the Mystery Dock. I ask Rory about his expertise with boats. He describes how his skill in handling a boat has become second nature, having lived on the lakes since he was seven years old. Brandon joins the conversation by asking about his angling expeditions in Louisiana. With half an ear listening to the men swapping their deep sea fishing stories, I lean over to Felecia and say, "Thanks for coming out here, Fee."

As for winning any of the dock prizes, that didn't happen—which did not surprise us, given Brandon's discovery that more than 6,000 poker chips were collected for the seven dock prize drawings. This amount showed us how much money has been raised to support the Riverside Beautification Organization's efforts in creating a vibrant community. Despite the unpredictability of poker, the Riverside Poker Run provided us with plenty in the way of new experiences and new friendships.





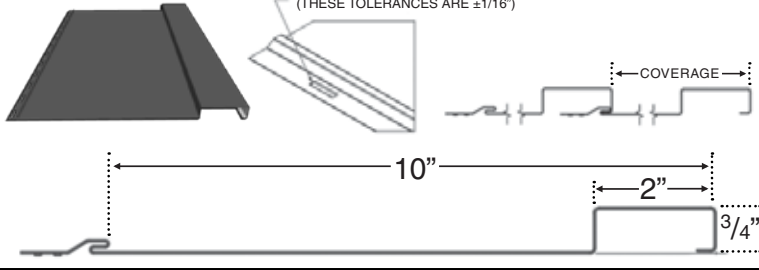
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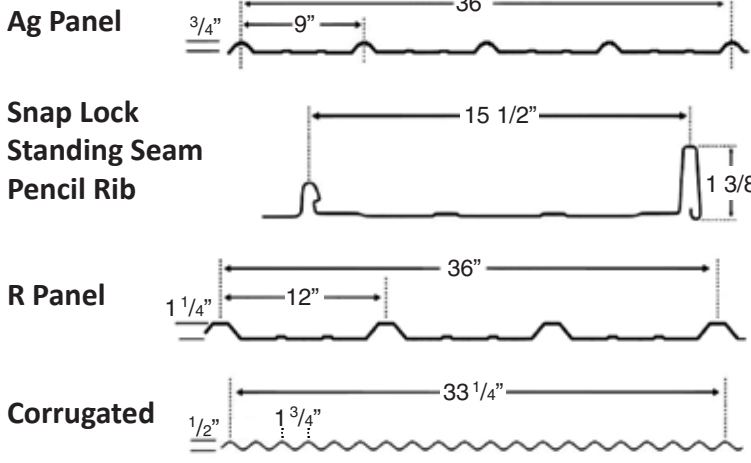


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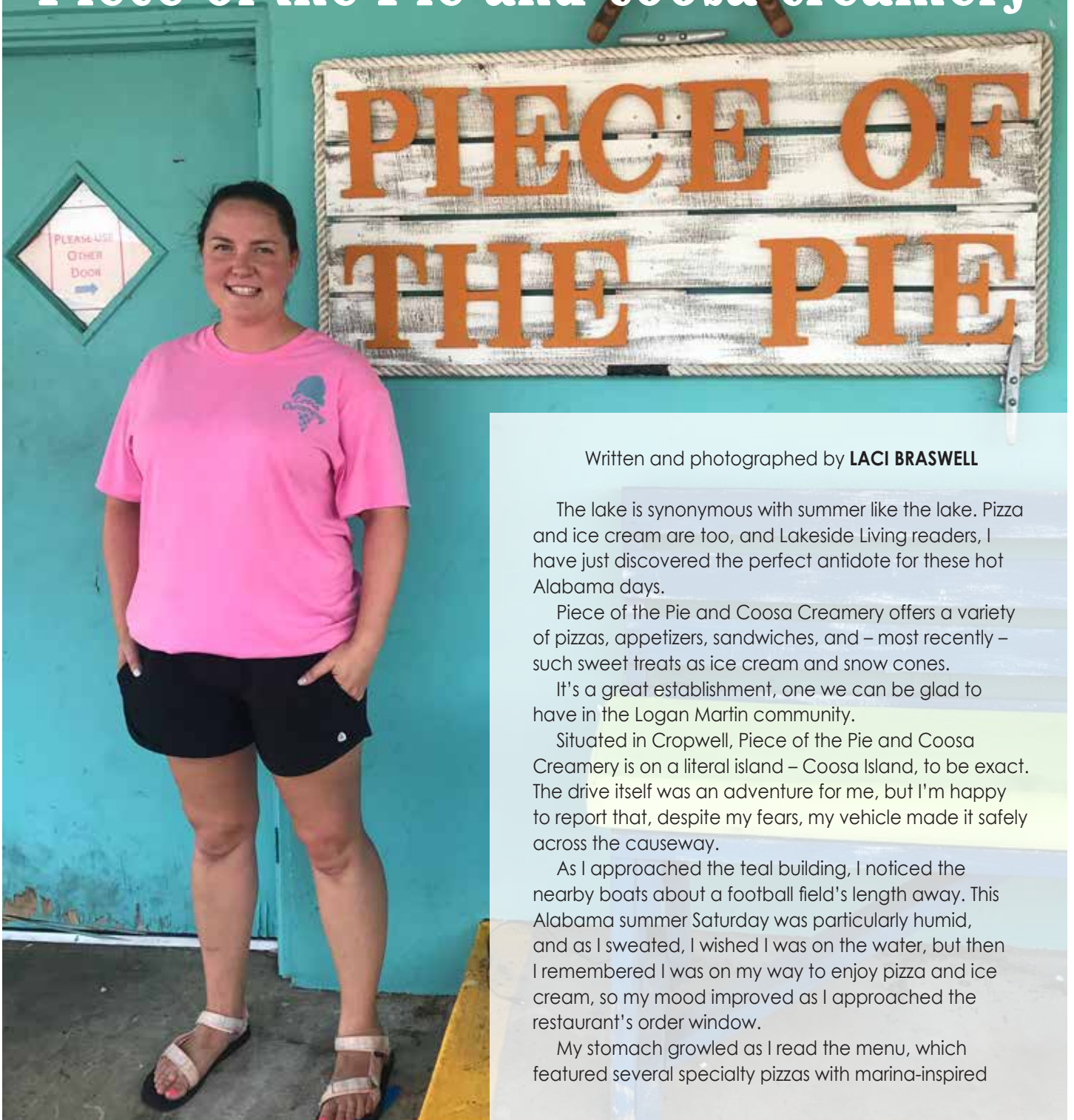
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Written and photographed by **LACI BRASWELL**

The lake is synonymous with summer like the lake. Pizza and ice cream are too, and Lakeside Living readers, I have just discovered the perfect antidote for these hot Alabama days.

Piece of the Pie and Coosa Creamery offers a variety of pizzas, appetizers, sandwiches, and – most recently – such sweet treats as ice cream and snow cones.

It's a great establishment, one we can be glad to have in the Logan Martin community.

Situated in Cropwell, Piece of the Pie and Coosa Creamery is on a literal island – Coosa Island, to be exact. The drive itself was an adventure for me, but I'm happy to report that, despite my fears, my vehicle made it safely across the causeway.

As I approached the teal building, I noticed the nearby boats about a football field's length away. This Alabama summer Saturday was particularly humid, and as I sweated, I wished I was on the water, but then I remembered I was on my way to enjoy pizza and ice cream, so my mood improved as I approached the restaurant's order window.

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names, including The Coosa Island, The Captain Matt, The Pig in a Life Jacket, The Firepit, and The Logan Martin Rita. Each pizza comes in medium and large sizes.

After debating back and forth, I decided on the Logan Martin Rita, their take on one of my favorites, the classic Magherita pizza.

If one of the specialties doesn't fit your craving, Piece of the Pie also offers customers a build-your-own pizza option. The pizzeria serves a variety of sub sandwiches and appetizers, too. It also has a kids' meal, which includes a mini pizza, chips, and a drink.

One of the appetizers especially caught my attention: pizza dip. I had to try it. (Spoiler alert: I'm glad I did!) Not long after I ordered, I was greeted by Tami Kronen, who owns and operates the restaurant and ice cream parlor with her husband Matt.

"Matt's from the area, and his family used to run this marina," Tami said. "Over the last eight years or so, Matt has tried to do a lot to update the space. He runs a towboat company on the lake, too."

It was their goal to provide the lakeside community a place to grab a bite to eat and cool off, whether their customers arrive by car or by boat. Even though customers place their orders at a walk-up window, Piece of the Pie has ample outdoor seating and a wonderful view of the lake.

"This is our fourth year having Piece of the Pie," Tami said. "The creamery opened in February. We're constantly thinking about how we can make this space bigger and better."

"What have been some of your most popular pizzas so far?" I asked.

"The Coosa Island and Captain Matt are very popular," she answered before asking which pie I wanted to try.

"The Logan Martin Rita," I said.

"Oh, we make our own basil for that," she said. It's another popular one."

That had me even more excited to try it.

Tami then showed me the creamery. Inside, it was inviting and reminded me of coastal ice cream parlors at the beach.

"We use a company out of Florida for our ice cream," she said. "They have over 200 flavors." Coosa Creamery keeps a rotation of 24 different flavors in stock, also serving ice cream sundaes, shaved ice, and even ice cream flights.

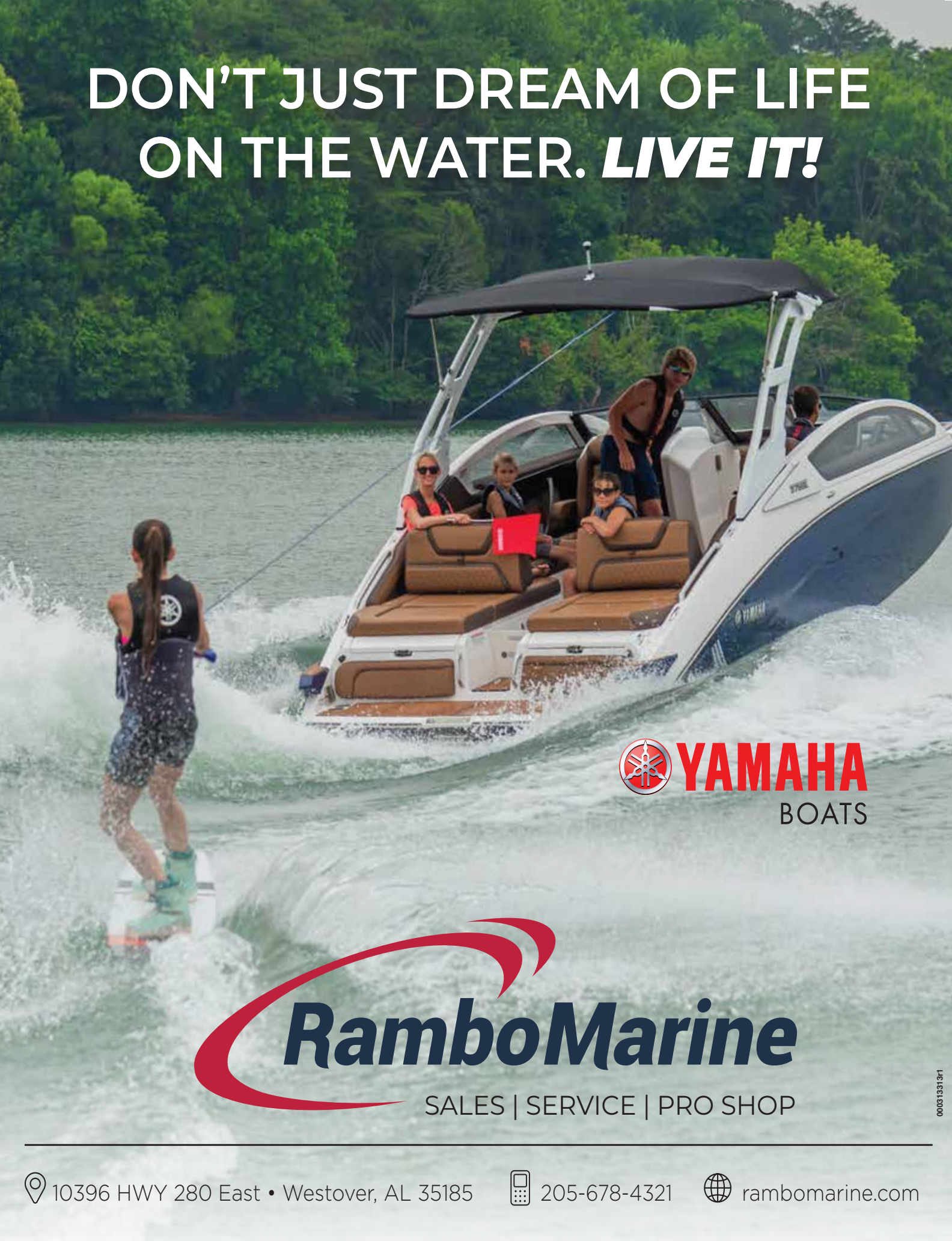
After much consideration, I opted for a scoop of strawberry cheesecake on a waffle cone while I waited for my pizza.

It was delicious and helped me cool down from the scalding Alabama heat. The ice cream alone was worth the drive there. Not caring if I got a brain freeze, I devoured the cone and told Tami I couldn't wait to come back to try more.

Oh, and about the pizza...it was a work of culinary art. Fresh basil and tomatoes topped with a generous serving of fresh mozzarella. It was as good as it looked. It was cut in





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thin square slices, which ended up making me feel a lot less guilty about how much of it I actually consumed. Well worth it, I thought.

The pizza dip was also tasty. It was served with two hoagie buns, perfect for spreading or dipping.

As I was leaving, I noticed a beautiful painting of a mermaid. "My daughter inspired me to paint that," Tami said. "I hope to have a whole mural done out here in the future."

Piece of the Pie and Coosa Creamery is at 1080 Coosa Island Road, in Cropwell.

It's the perfect place to beat the summer heat after a day at or on the lake. If you haven't been there already, I recommend you plan a visit as soon as possible. You'll be glad you did.

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Pell City Hometown Block Party celebrates its silver jubilee

Beloved festival returns to the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake

Written by **LAURA NATION**
Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

The Polish dogs were sizzling on the grill, alongside fresh chopped onions and green peppers. But Down South Catering's grill master Robert Jones had everything under control, hot and ready to toss onto plates for hungry folks to grab while they could.

The Asheville-based "kitchen on wheels" was one of many in the mix of the grand gathering for Pell City's 25th anniversary Hometown Block Party.

Next to Down South was a vendor offering Mexican street corn and stuffed tacos and big batches of loaded fries, piled high with all the good stuff that make potatoes more magic. The lineup of food and fare didn't end there, though. Pell City's downtown streets were filled with treats and temptations that aren't always whipped up at home.





Twin sisters Shenikia Malone-Craig and Shemikia Vaughn offered goodies from Sugar and Sweets Bakery in Pell City at the block party.



Tammy Shipley of Cropwell brought her parrots Eeson and Miranda to the event, where they met Turnip the pig from West Blockton, who came with best friend Arabella Ashley.



One-Eyed Mary was one of several groups that entertained block party attendees.



The Block Party had a gathering of favorite vintage favorite vehicles.

This was a party, and the party had all things a party should offer, from the mix of flavors to savor to the one-of-a-kind wares and creations from local shops and artisans to the services and tech gear that's sure to be helpful for both business and at home.

There was plenty of talent, too – the live sounds from everyone's favorite tunes from gospel to blues and rock to some country, all set up on their own stages so visitors could mix and mingle without overlap of the offerings.

The spread of vendors and wares, foods, and other specialties spilled out over the entire downtown Pell City area, and streets were turned into pedestrian-filled freeways of their own to accommodate the folks to wander as they wished among the backdrop of historic buildings and alley ways.

The crowds revved up in force by 4 p.m., after early forecasts for the weekend favored a washout of storms and pour downs.

But instead, the skies had cleared and promised a full night of the fun intended for the occasion.

"We were very grateful," said Uraniah Glidewell, executive director for the Pell City Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the Block Party. "Things were looking pretty threatening the day before."

Glidewell said many planning to attend as vendors or guests were calling to see if the event would be a go or not.

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The grilled fare from Robert Jones and Down South Catering was a busy stop for hungry partygoers.



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"We have it rain or shine, unless the weather gets severe, but I feel sure that a downpour wouldn't have kept it from bringing in the crowds that came."

A few of the vendors did cancel, but the vast majority went ahead and started setting up in the sprinkles that hit earlier Saturday.

As for the chamber and its band of volunteers, it was a go Friday night, putting out the finishing touches on the layout for vendor spots and setting up stages.

It was the first time for Elandra Calhoun to attend this year. She came from Talladega to meet up with friends, and said it had sounded like a great gathering, the kind she liked to find.

"And I really like to support our local vendors," she said. "Plus, you never know what you can find."

She also said the setting was one she felt safe in and enjoys her visits to Pell City, sometimes driving over for the bowling and movies and other things to do the city offers.

It was the second year for Sugar and Sweets Bakery of Pell City to set up the rows upon rows of rainbows of their specialty cupcake flavors and other bakery bests for the event. Shenikia Malone-Craig and her twin sister, Shemikia Vaughn, were ready to scoop up treats for their customers to take home or enjoy right on the spot.

With the bluesy sounds from One Eyed Mary as a backdrop, DeAngelo and Trinet Hall brought their Mobile Cigar Lounge to town from Pinson, along with the traveling and well stocked cigar shop that goes right along with it. Their set up in front of City Hall was a busy stop, with lots of cigar aficionados stopping in to see the selections, and many taking a tour or a rest inside the air conditioned, two-television-outfitted smoking lounge next door. The lounge offered plush blue seating and comfort for its guests, who could choose from deep club chairs or a relaxing stretched sofa. Trinet Hall made the perfect hostess for the lounge. She couldn't hold back her smiles when people stepped inside to the comfy and inviting interior that she and her husband created themselves.

Putting together the yearly Block Party is a creative venture in itself, and Glidewell, along with the many chamber members, volunteers and sponsors have the job of keeping it interesting and providing quality in the options selected.

"We just hope everyone enjoys the day, the friends and people, meeting the entertainers and experiencing the talent that comes together here, all in one evening," Glidewell said. "We have many to thank who help us, the city, our police and all the emergency professionals who are trained to help if needed, it's a long list of support. There are many hands that make it all work."



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Meet Me by the



Erin Sides

Written and photographed
by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

Having spent the late morning steering a 420 dinghy in light wind on Logan Martin Lake, Erin Sides was preparing in early afternoon to catch up to her fellow Birmingham Sailing Club junior campers who had preceded her on an excursion to School Bus Island.

The 18-year-old carries the confidence and experience of a sailor twice her age. A disciplined, serious-minded student, the 2024 graduate of Indian Springs High School is the daughter of two biologists and is off to the University of Montevallo this fall to study theater and digital filmmaking.

Before setting sail to the island, she sat before the fireplace in the BSC clubhouse to talk about her love of sailing and the performing arts, a conversation laced with such uncommon-to-teens references as entertainers Glenn Miller, Tallulah Bankhead, and Noel Coward and such nautical terms as hiking and tacking. ("Sailing has its own vocabulary.")

Her history with sailing: "I've been doing it all my life. My mom is an avid sailor, and she would take us out on a little JY15, which is smaller than the 420. I went to sailing camp for the first time when I was 11. It's a nice feeling that I know how to sail, and since I'm one of the more advanced campers, it gives me an opportunity to teach others, share my knowledge with them, and spend time with my friends."

A challenging aspect of sailing: "Heavy wind is hard. I'm very light, so sailing in light or moderate wind is easier for me. It's also hard to sit still while you're sailing, especially if you're the crew. You're always having to move around the boat. Like this morning, when a gust picked us up and we were not entirely ready for it. We all had to shift to starboard to get more weight on that side of the boat."





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The fun aspects of sailing:

“Sailing is only as intense as you want to make it. It can be very relaxing and fun. Sometimes, me and my friend Sophie, we’ll sit in the boat and shoot each other with water guns, and that’s okay. The other day, I was out with my friend Kyla, and she was steering and I sat in the front of the boat dipping my hand in the water, and that was nice. It’s peaceful looking at the mountains and the shore and the planes flying over and seeing the birds and bugs you don’t see on shore. Well, except for the spiders we always end up taking along with us on the boat.”

How she describes herself:

“Depending on the day, I can be either shy or very outgoing. Silly some days, more serious on others. Very bookish. And dedicated. If I find something I want to do, I spend a lot of time doing it. Like sailing.”

Erin Sides style:

“Actually, not that different from what I’m wearing now. A t-shirt (preferably tie-dye – there’s no such thing as too much tie-dye) and cargo shorts, and no shoes is always a good option.”

Trodding the boards and behind the scenes:

“I was always involved with theater productions at school, about half onstage and half off. I like being in charge of scenery and costumes. I like seeing raw materials and asking myself, ‘What

can I do with this?’ Being onstage has its fun aspects, too. I got to play an angry Irishman in one production, which was fun, and I directed a one-act play, ‘Hands Across the Sea.’”

About theater: “When you’re involved in theater, even when you’re not thinking about it, you are thinking about it. But it is magic. I took stagecraft as a class last semester, and I remember a piece of wood that we used as a prop. There were so many colors on it, and we could see from the colors the various ways it had been used on stage in various productions in the past. It was really cool that an old painted piece of wood could become something that’s so real for the period of time we were

collaborating to bring the play to life.”

Her favorite plays: The musical “She Loves Me” (“I saw the Broadway production last fall.”) and the little-known 1898 Mark Twain play “Is He Dead?” (“There’s great humor in it. That’s what I played the Irishman in.”)

Her favorite movie: “‘Back to the Future.’ I still get a sense of suspense at the last scene every time I see it.”

If a penguin wearing a green scarf approaches her on the dock as she’s launching her sailboat:

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Written by

SARAH E. MOREMAN

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The sunrise show is over. I am sitting on a rock at the top of a summit overlooking the lake. Putting aside my leatherbound prayer journal and travel-sized Bible, I reach into my crossover bag and pull out an apple. Savoring a bite from the dark red fruit, I close my eyes and feel the cool morning air enveloping my skin, now warmed by the sun. I eat a few more bites before picking up the pen to jot down more sun-kissed Scripture-inspired thoughts in my journal.

A skittering noise punctuates my solitude, drawing my eyes from the panoramic view of the lake to the swaying longleaf pine branches overhead. A pair of squirrels, one gray and the other white, whisker at me curiously. Their claw-like paws beckon as if asking for the apple I am eating. The fruit in my hand is mostly eaten down to its core. I

decide to leave it on the rock for the squirrels. I return to the trail that led me here before the molten gold seeped over the horizon.

Pebbles scatter under my brown hiking shoes as I ease my way down the well-grooved dirt trail. In my peripheral vision, I detect some movement among the trees. A raccoon peeks over its shoulder, its eyes fixed on me. Slowly, I retrieve my phone to take a picture. The raccoon remains still as I continue descending down the trail. Lowering my head, I text the picture to my friend, who knows someone in another state with a pet raccoon. It reminds me of the time I visited that person's house long ago and came face to face with it. It was housed in a large cage with a generous setup of branches, occupying practically a third of the room. After confirming with the owners that it was safe, I cautiously held my hand up to the cage. The way the raccoon curled its appendages around my fingers made me fall in love with it, marveling how surprisingly human-like its hands felt.





Once married to a veterinarian, I also experienced caring for orphaned baby raccoons at our clinics. They would nestle in our pockets as we nurtured them back to health, preparing them for eventual release back into the wild. Due to legal protective measures aimed at wildlife conservation and human safety, we should avoid attempting to domesticate raccoons, no matter how endearingly adorable they may seem. With their innate wild instincts, raccoons can display mischievous behavior, and there is also the serious concern of rabies transmission. Plus, who wants to deal with constantly overturned trashcans if a raccoon is not securely housed in a cage?

As the trail levels out to a clearing, I reflect that some things in life are meant to be admired from a distance. Beyond the woods, the lake shimmers, and I notice a doe with her fawn. Their stillness radiates alertness, and I hold my breath to avoid making any noise. A breeze wafts through my hair, its scent reaching the deer and prompting them to flee. Exhaling my bated breath, I weave through the wildflowers, making sure to keep a safe distance from the hovering bumblebees.

Upon reaching the other side of the clearing, a chipmunk chitters past my feet and scurries under some tree roots, startling a soft laugh from me as I venture deeper into the woods. Spotting my vehicle parked under a large oak tree, I absentmindedly retrieve the keys from my bag, unaware of the fox sniffing around its tires. The fox darts away, its tail flashing before disappearing over the crest of the hilly dirt road as I look up.

When I woke up in the predawn darkness, my focus was on reaching the summit for solitude and prayer. I was not expecting such a vibrant display of wildlife, filled with curious creatures, to be part of my morning—and for their unexpected presence, I feel deeply blessed.



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History of the Birmingham
Sailing Club parallels that
of Logan Martin Lake



Written by **BUDDY ROBERTS**
Photographed by **TUCKER WEBB**

Vintage photos courtesy of the Birmingham Sailing Club

For Skip Caldwell and David Reich, the Birmingham Sailing Club's clubhouse has been a home away from home for as long as either can remember.

Caldwell's father founded the club in 1962, with Reich's father's support as one of its charter members. David was a year old at the time, and he and Skip spent their childhoods there, even before there was a clubhouse. Or a Logan Martin Lake.

The waters of Logan Martin rose for the first time in the late autumn of 1964, when Sam Caldwell Jr. launched the first boat to sail the lake. He had spent the previous two years preparing for that moment: purchasing property, organizing the club, and building the first clubhouse and docks.

"I am still amazed at the foresight my dad had to establish this place when he figured out the best place on the lake to develop a club," Skip said. "It was his dream, and the idea of what he established has been carried out here over the



years.”

The history of the Birmingham Sailing Club has its beginnings early in the past century, when Sam Caldwell, as a high school student, built his own sailboat and “sailed it on a lake that doesn’t exist any more, off Lakeshore Drive in Birmingham.” After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he bought a house on Lake Guntersville, where in 1949 he bought a thistle and, encouraging other members to do the same, established a fleet of the sailboats at the Lake Guntersville Yacht Club. Later, Skip recalls, his father sold the lake house and bought a 35-foot cabin cruiser at the marina where the family would spend its weekends.

“We lived in Birmingham, and when my dad learned that Logan Martin would be coming along, he immediately had the idea of establishing a club closer to home,” he said. “And it was at our house in Birmingham that the first official meeting of the Birmingham Sailing Club was held. There were 33 founding members.”

Skip still has copies of the paperwork that was involved in founding the club: the contract for buying the first four acres of property from the Perry family in 1962, the \$1,000 check of earnest money for the \$6,000 purchase, and receipts for plumbing parts and other construction materials used in building the clubhouse in 1964. “My dad kept every piece of paperwork from the very beginning.”



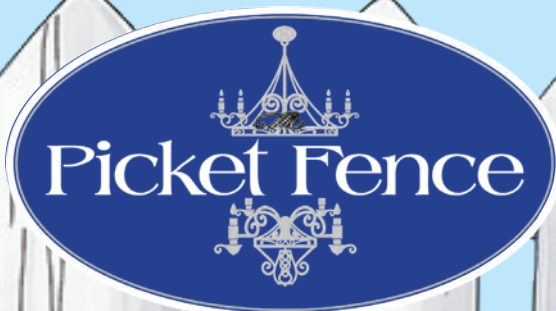
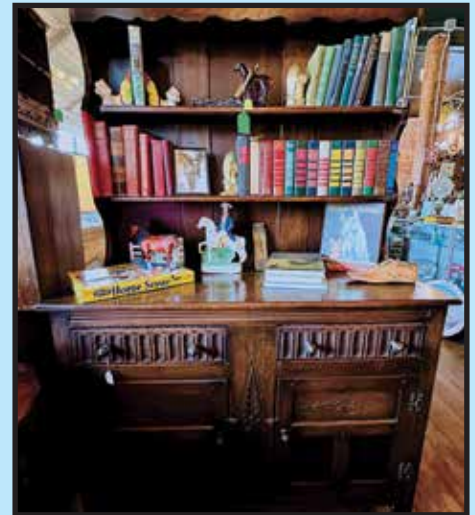
A weekend at the club in April, 1965



David Reich, son of charter member Harry Reich



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The original clubhouse was an open-air structure with a roof, fireplace, concrete floor, with only its restrooms enclosed. "It remained that way for several years, and then it was all enclosed," Skip said. Additions have since expanded the size of the clubhouse, most recently a new entrance area and foyer and a patio. The patio was added in honor of Harry Reich, David's father, who died at age 92 and was still sailing two weeks before he died.

Harry Reich loved the sailing club as much as Sam Caldwell did, David recalls. "It was a family event every Saturday to load up the station wagon and go to the club. My dad was very supportive of keeping with Sam's vision that this club should be welcoming rather than pompous and that it should meet the needs of the members, not the wants."

"One thing my dad insisted on was that this would be the Birmingham Sailing Club, not the Birmingham Yacht Club," Skip said. "He wanted everyone to feel welcome here. I remember when



Birmingham Sailing Club founder Sam Caldwell



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the club was very new, people who were not members would come to see the place, and Dad would always say to them, 'Thanks for coming. Come on, let's go out on a boat.' Once a guy showed up with a 10-or-15-foot-long aluminum fishing boat with no motor that he had rigged up with a mast and sails. Dad helped him put it in the water. He was always very interested in encouraging people to sail."

The club now has about 150 members and is financially solvent, David said. "The members own this club. There's a governing board and an executive board of flag officers – commodore, vice commodore, secretary, and treasurer – but

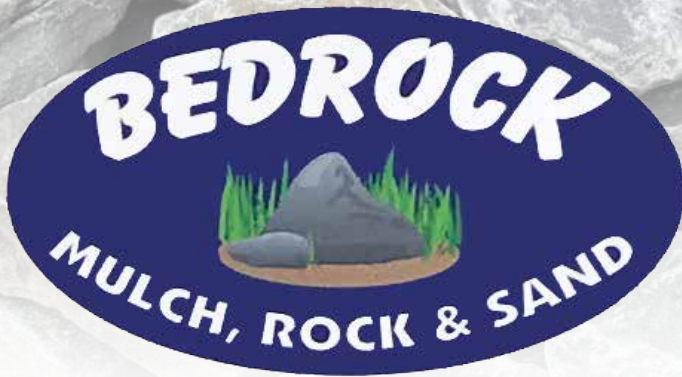


Sam Caldwell launching the first sailboat on Logan Martin Lake, late in 1964



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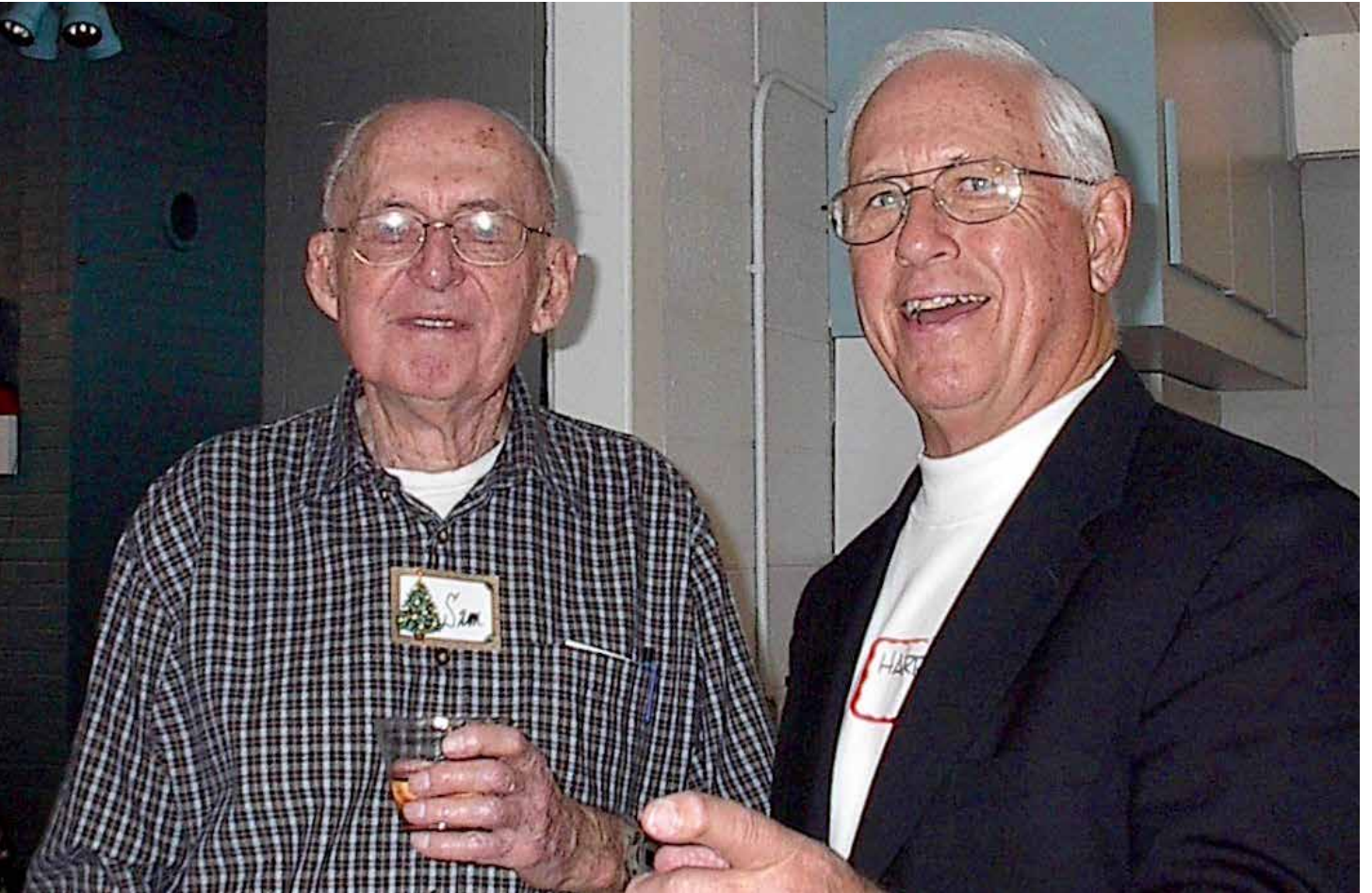


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the club is operated by committee and always has been. That is the wish of Sam Caldwell."

A former commodore and junior sailing instructor who now serves as chairman of the club's house committee, David added that members care for all operations and facilities, including the property, clubhouse, and waterfront. "Beyond that, the club operates on programs. Our number-one program is small



Lunch at the clubhouse in 1965



Skip Caldwell, his sister Marietta, and their friend stand in front of the open land that is now Logan Martin Lake, early in 1964



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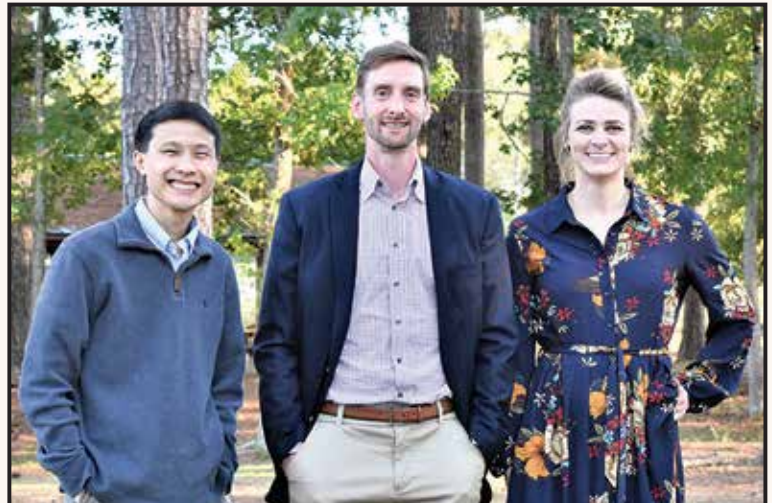
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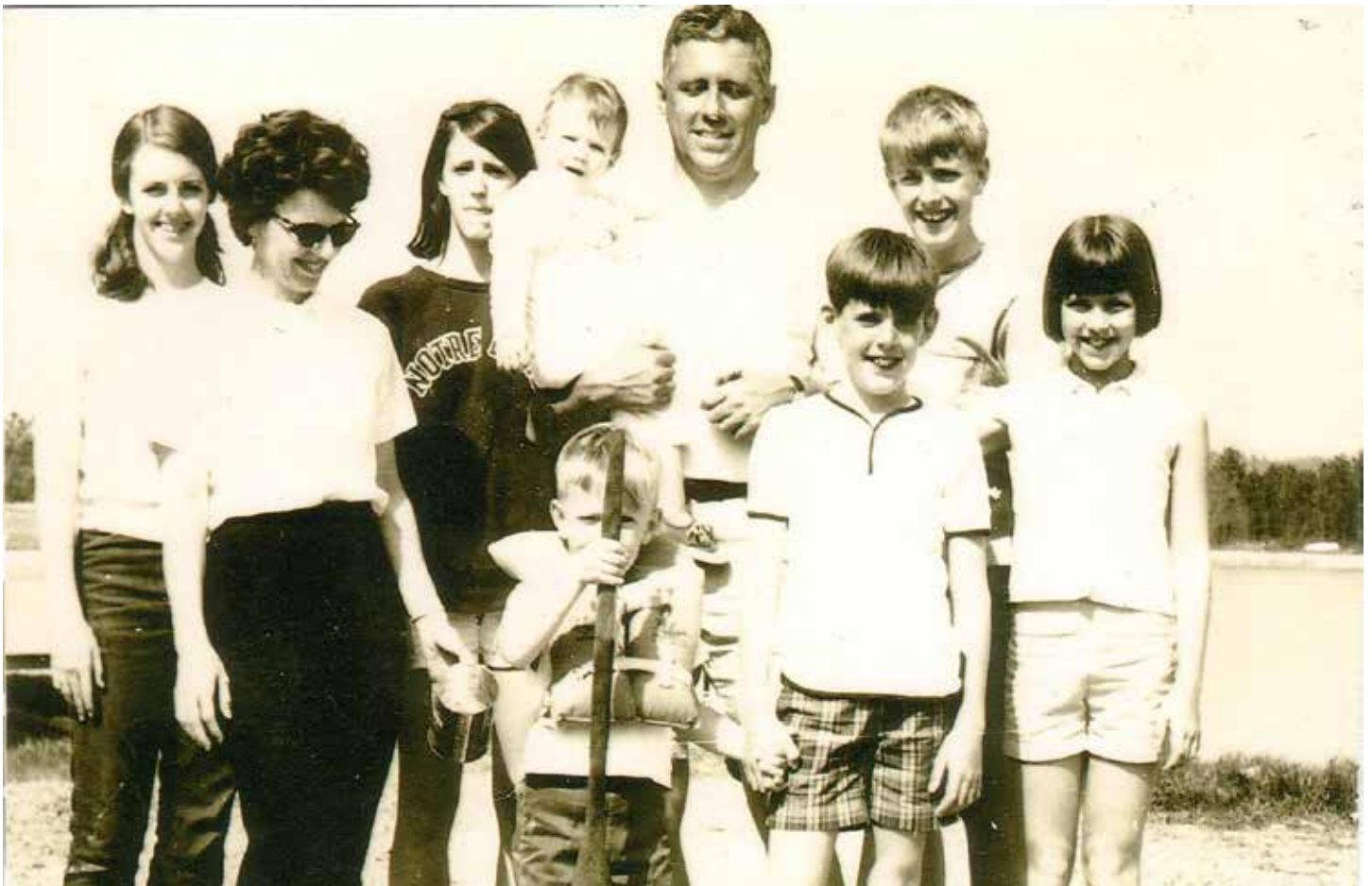


boat sailing, and we do that 45 weekends out of the year.”

The club has hosted regional and national events, such as the Flying Scott Husband and Wife Regatta national championship, with local members handling arrangements for parking, hospitality, accommodations, and race management.

Autumn tends to be the club's busiest season, beginning in September with the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta benefit, regional fleet events and championships, the family-themed Rock Paper Scissors Regatta, and the Oyster Roast Regatta.

Adult and junior sailing classes are offered throughout the year, although David acknowledges that “fall is a wonderful time of year to sail. All you need is a desire to learn the basics of the sport of sailing, and we'll teach how you.” Information about events and classes is available at the club's website, www.birminghamsailingclub.org.



BSC charter member Harry Reich with his family in 1964. His son David is in front, wearing the life jacket.



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July calendar of events

July 6

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July 7

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Talladega Bottling Works hosts this community event at downtown Talladega's Historic Square from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Vendors, live music, and food trucks will be available. For more details, visit www.talladegabottlingworks.com.



July 15-19

GROSS-OUT CAMP

The Village at Cook Springs in Pell City hosts this hands-on science and nature camp for kids ages 6-13. A second week of camp is scheduled for July 22-26. Gross Out Camp is where kids put down their devices, get outside, and explore the natural world. Whether it's hiking in the woods, walking in the creek, or participating in hands-on experiments, the camp encourages kids to put their curiosity to work. By exploring the icky, slimy, and squishy side of science, whether looking for

bugs under a rock or catching salamanders in the creek, campers develop a greater appreciation for nature. For registration information and more details, visit www.grossoutcamp.org.



July 19-20

BULLS ON THE LAKE RODEO

Supporting Pell City's FFA Alumni, the Pell City Sports Complex (2801 Stemley Bridge Road) hosts this popular summer event at 7 p.m. July 19 and 8 p.m. July 20. The rodeo will feature professional bull riding and bronc riding, mutton busting, food and clothing vendors, activities for children, and many more activities. Tickets are \$15 for Friday's events and \$20 for Saturday's. Children ages 5 and younger will be admitted free. Visit the rodeo's Facebook page for updates and more details.

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July 20

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August 9

A MAGICAL EVENING

The Magic City Magic Club returns to Pell City's Center for Education and Performing Arts at 7 p.m. The family show will have audience members gasping in amazement and laughing out loud as six magicians perform one night of impossible illusions. For more information, visit www.pellcitycepa.com.



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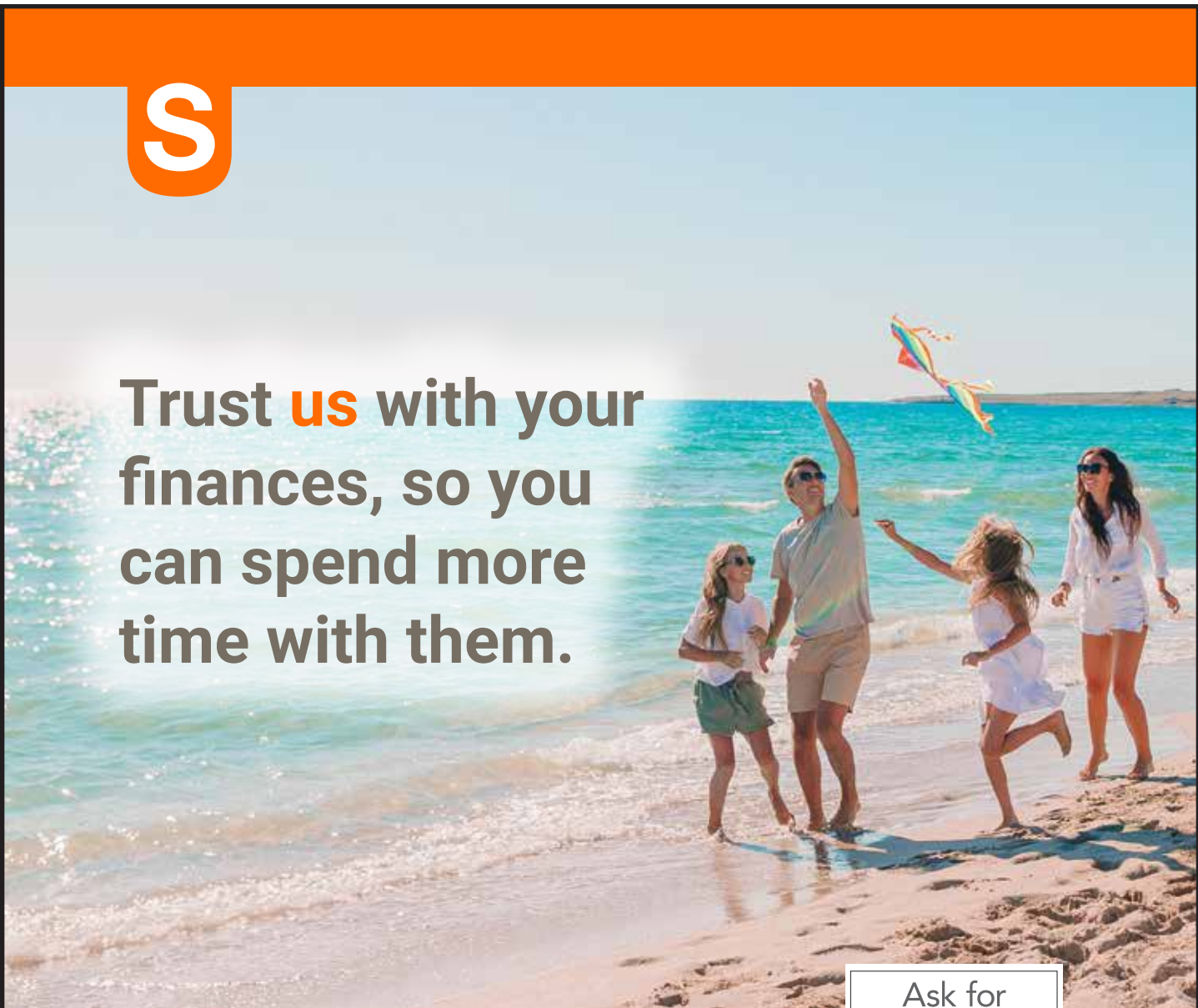
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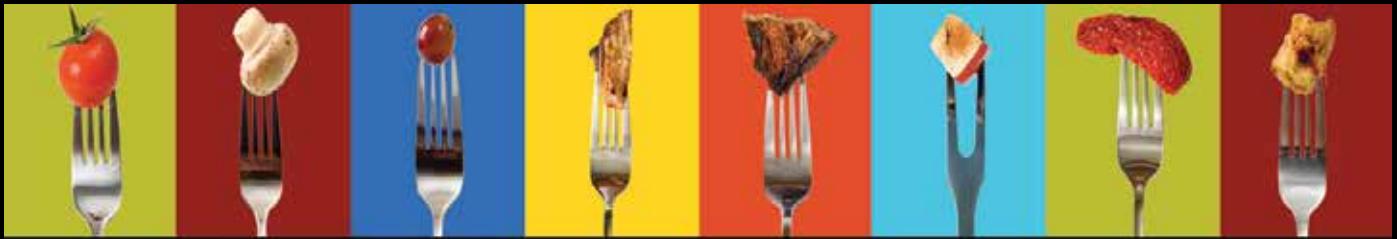
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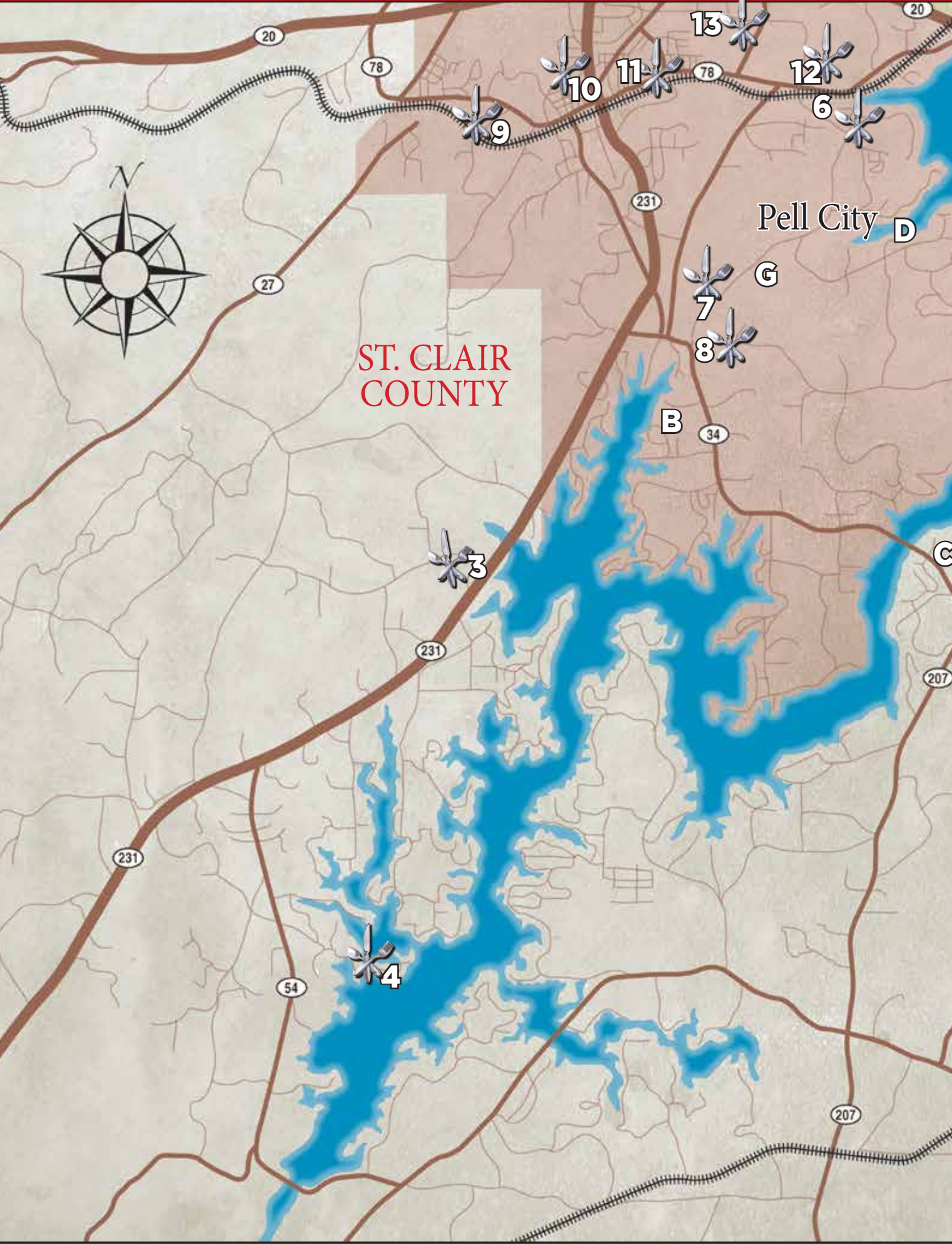
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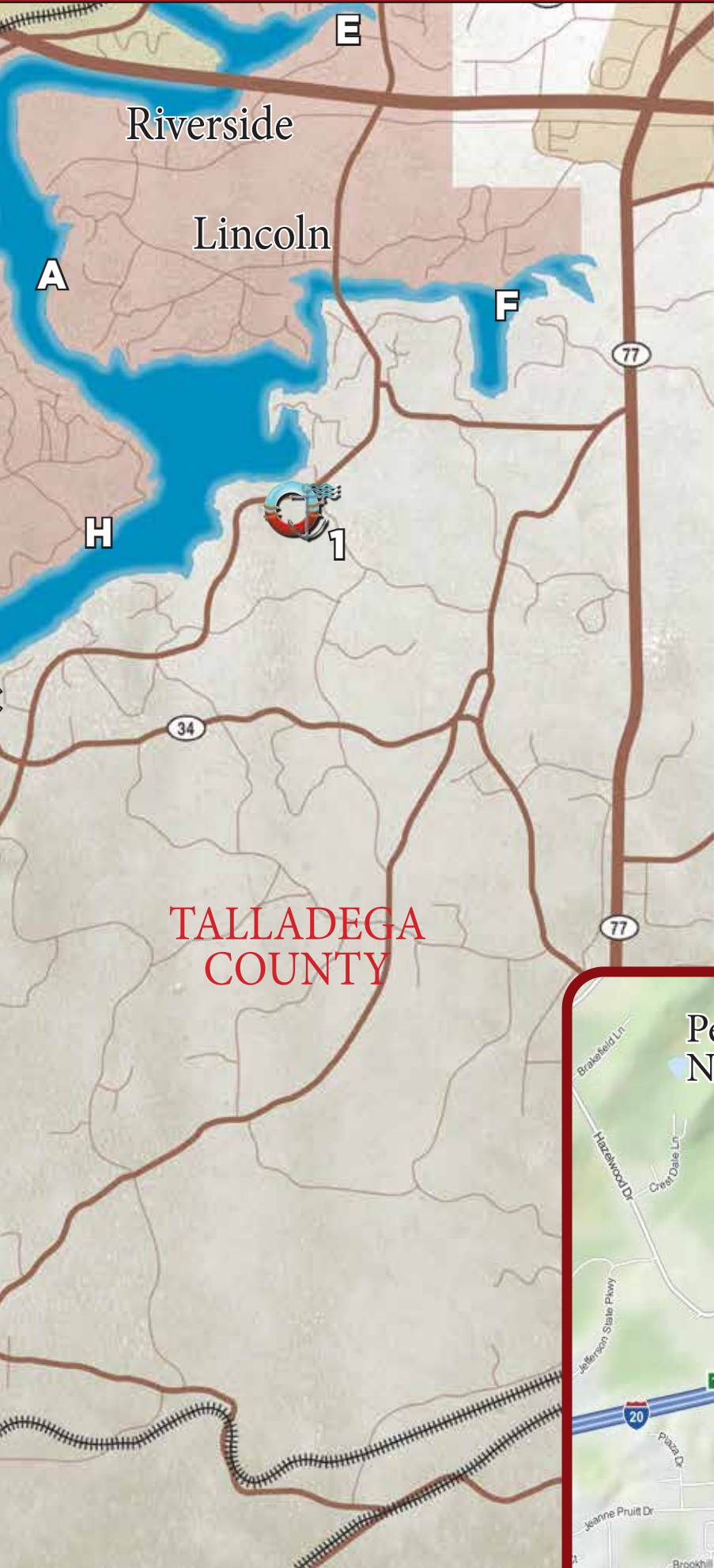
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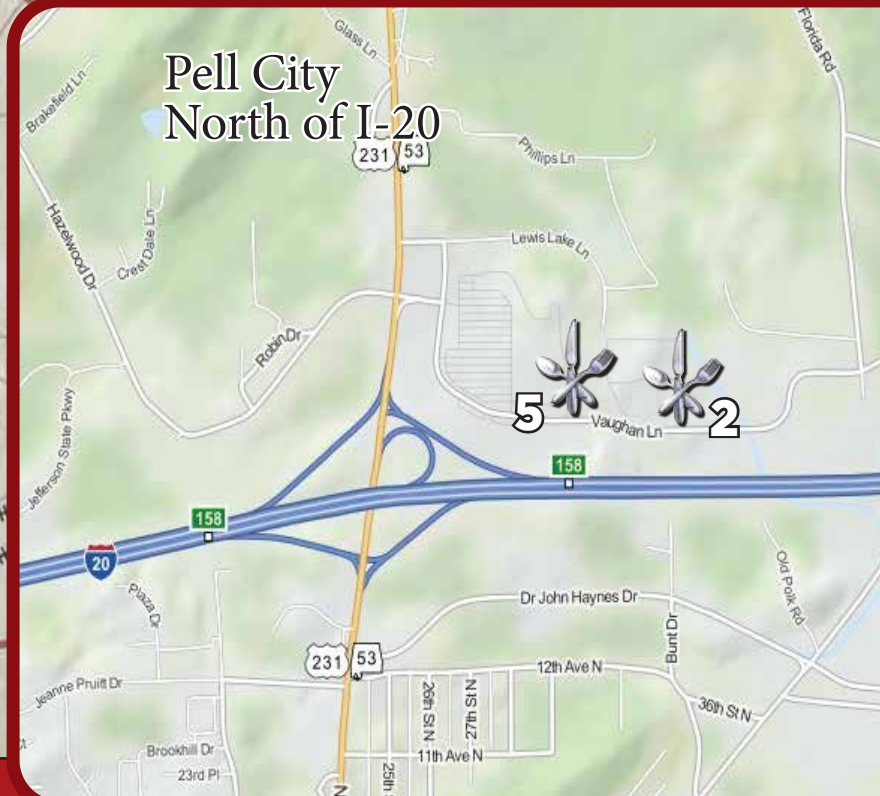




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Written by **VALLEAN JACKSON**
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The single-family home is surrounded by trees, with the lake just steps away from its open deck and large backyard. It sits on an acre, was built in 1985, and has since been partially renovated. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms are within its 1,567-square-foot interior.

The living room is spacious, has high ceilings with

two ceiling fans, and has double glass sliding doors that effortlessly capture an impressive vista of Logan Martin Lake.

The kitchen has wooden cabinets, laminate counters, and stainless steel appliances. The home is all-electric and includes a laundry room with washer and dryer hookups.

A distinctive feature about the property is its landscaping and no-stairs path to the lake. Exterior amenities include a two-car garage, off-street parking, a seawall, a dock, and a private boathouse.

For more information, call Maria Price or Lori Henderson West with ARC Realty at 205-969-8910.



‘I love people, houses, and the community,’ lakeside area Realtor says

Written and photographed by **BUDDY ROBERTS**

A resident of Logan Martin Lake, Elana Weems shares her waterfront home with her husband Stephen and their 14-year-old son Blake, not to mention Roxie the Yorkipoo and Bingo the rescue dog.

On a recent morning, in a reflective mood while cuddling Roxie in her lap and patting Bingo on the head as he stood with his forepaws on the arm of her chair, she summed up the important things in her life: “I love my faith, my family, fitness, my job, and this big old body of water behind us. I don’t need anything else.”

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, she was brought to the local body of water by “my Southern gentleman. I met my husband on the beach in Orange Beach. Neither of us were looking for our future spouses at the time, but it just kind of worked out that way. We exchanged email addresses, and kept in touch, and we just celebrated our 16th anniversary.”

Almost four years ago, Elana made a career change, a leap of faith supported by her family into work that she loves. “My husband was very supportive of me when I told him I wanted to do real estate. He said,

‘Okay, I want you to go all in.’ And that’s what I did.”

A Realtor with ERA King in Pell City, Elana began her real estate career in November of 2020, “during the pandemic when everything was just going berzerk. Now it’s July of 2024, and things have returned to a more normal state of real estate – if there is such a thing as normal. The thing about real estate is that it’s always changing: prices, interest rates, styles of houses, growth and development. But that’s what I love about it. Every day is different. It’s never boring.”

If there’s one thing that doesn’t change, she added, it’s the basic nature of the business.

“Real estate is all about relationships. It really is. Before I did real estate, I had a fitness business. I met a lot of people through that fitness business, and when I was teaching my bootcamp classes, I never thought that that would lay the groundwork for me to become a Realtor. But it did establish relationships which helped me build a sphere of influence.”

Describing herself as faithful, caring, and “a hard worker who is always eager to do better,” Elana believes

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Successfully balancing life and work is important to her. “I literally love to do my job, and I love the flexibility of it because I’m a mom, a wife, I’m involved with our church and there’s just so many other things going on in life that I’m very fortunate to be a part of. Real estate is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I love it. I love people. I love houses. I love the community.

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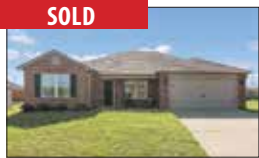
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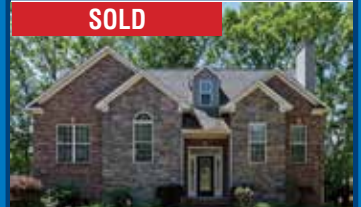
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5012 Collins Dr, Pell City
\$679,000

A NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BR and 3.5 BA home with almost 3000 sq ft will be the perfect entertaining home with an oversized family room and upgraded kitchen and an outdoor patio complete with a stacked stone fireplace. This beauty sits on an approx. 1 acre lot and is seconds away from Logan Martin Lake!



5018 Collins Dr, Pell City
\$659,000

This NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BR and 3.5 BA home has an abundance of upgrades! The oversized lot sits majestically in the beautiful subdivision of The Reserve with boat launch and common area. The outdoor patio comes complete with a stacked stone fireplace and sitting area perfect for enjoying family and friends.



394 Lakeview Crest, Pell City
\$110,000

This beautiful, slightly sloping, almost one-acre lake access lot is the perfect place to build your dream home on Logan Martin Lake. Located in the well-established community of The Reserve.



3396 Old Beavers Rd, Cropwell
\$389,900

What an attractive 3 BR and 2 BA home 1881 sq. ft. main level living with 1100 sq. ft. unfinished upstairs bonus area and an unrestricted and level 2 acre piece of heaven!



3108 6th Ave, Pell City
\$214,000

What a charming, 2023 one-level home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths that is perfect for so many reasons. Its open floor plan warmly invites you into a space where the family room seamlessly connects to a modern kitchen, creating an ideal setting for both daily living and entertaining. The home is conveniently close to local churches, restaurants, shopping, and Logan Martin Lake, making everyday living a breeze.



503 Markeeta Rd, Leeds
\$349,900

Need a place of worship, school, or wedding venue? This beautiful church building has been well taken care of and includes all of the furnishings such as pews, tables, chairs, and audio and visual equipment. The recently remodeled basement includes a fellowship hall, new appliances, new countertops, and new tile flooring. Plenty of parking spaces and outdoor areas for activities for large gatherings. There is also 3.7 acres in total, so there would be plenty of space to expand.



422 Lakeview Crest, Pell City
\$135,000

This gorgeous lot, boasting lake views and convenient lake access, is the ideal location to build your dream home on Logan Martin Lake. Situated on an almost one-acre tract, this majestic property is part of the family-friendly lake community of The Reserve



268 Lyles Dr, Odenville
\$237,500

Spacious and quiet! These are two words that describe this (2009) 2200 sq ft manufactured home on 4.5 acres in Odenville.



9266 Jardin Cir, Leeds
\$429,500

(Leeds but St. Clair Co)-Move-In READY! This beautiful 4 BR and 2.5 BA with 2380 sq ft home is filled with Southern Charm and many extras. The open floor plan from the front door, through the family room, and into the kitchen is so inviting and perfect for indoor entertaining and also has several large decks for outdoor entertaining with a fenced-in backyard!



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\$659,000 - 5018 Collins Dr. - NEW CONSTRUCTION of this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath 2-story home that features open floor plan of family room with a floor to ceiling stacked stone fireplace, high ceilings and inviting chef's kitchen with large granite bar, abundance of cabinets, stainless steel appliances and custom built wood. The master suite has his and her vanities, free standing tub and tiled shower and located on main level. Also has a double lot with covered patio and custom built stacked stone fireplace and located in The Reserve Subdivision with lake access, convenient to town and I-20. MLS #21383735 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$799,000 - 5022 Forest Drive - BEAUTIFUL LAKE HOME located on Year Round Water and Beautiful Views! Home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath with living/dining room, woodburning fireplace, remodeled kitchen and new flooring, office, sunroom and basement den with fireplace and room is large enough for recreation games and another office. Gentle sloping lot with covered dock, boat launch and new seawall. Well maintained and is move in ready! MLS #21385590 Call Karen 205/473-4613



\$1,250,000 - 4721 Red Hawk Trail - RARE FIND in this 37.83 ACRES m/l with private setting with magnificent landscaping that features 4 bedroom, 3 bath one level home, great room with rock fireplace, foyer with marble floors, dining room with hardwood floors, updated kitchen and appliances. Located downstairs is a play/rec room, keeping room, bedroom and full bath with loft area located upstairs. Relax on screened porch watching the wild ducks and other wild life and view the PRIVATE LAKE for fishing after driving through the orchard of different fruit trees to this awesome cedar (vinyl) siding and rock construction. MLS #21387852 Call Lee 205/612-4530



\$282,000 - 380 Oak Leaf Circle - BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home located in convenient area close to I-20 and town. Home also features updated custom kitchen with stainless steel appliances, smart home ready. Master bedroom located on main level with two additional bedroom located upstairs with bonus room that could become a fourth bedroom. Screened in back patio, fully fenced backyard, new roof in 2020 and community pool. MLS #21386552 Call Tina 205/337-8509



\$364,900 - 130 Braxton Place - BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS CUSTOM BUILT 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that features updated with no carpet throughout and has living room with country French Masonry fireplace, dining room and spacious kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances (new microwave 2023 and dishwasher 2024). Home has much to offer! MLS #21386287 Call Misty 205/368-9490



\$299,000 - 165 Morning Glory Drive - MORNINGSIDESUBDIVISION is location for this Well Maintained, Stunning and spacious all brick 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with living room with fireplace, dining room, sunroom and 2-car garage. Lot of charm and appeal and ready to move in with convenient location! MLS #21385139 Call Nan 256/452-4761



\$625,000 - 190 Morning Glory Circle - SPECTACULAR VIEWS WITH YEAR ROUND WATER with this one level 4 bedroom, 2 bath home that consists of some vaulted, tongue and groove ceilings and reclaimed heart pine hardwood floors. Living room with gas fireplace, master bedroom with a relaxing sitting area and basement with den. Outside features gentle sloping lot, covered dock, pier, seawall, boathouse, greenhouse and small fenced area for dog. MLS #21373148 Call Karen 205/473-4613 or Adam 205/369-2704



\$679,000 - 5012 Collins Dr. - BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION with this 5 bedrooms, 3 bath 2 story home that features family room with stacked stone fireplace, chef's dream kitchen complete with oversized island with farm house sink, breakfast nook and an outdoor entertainment area on 2 lots that includes covered patio and a stacked stone fireplace. Upstairs with an oversized playroom/bedroom and 2 of the bedrooms and a full bath. Located in subdivision with community boat launch and commons area. MLS #21383742 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$449,900 - 543 Avondale Lane - MOVE IN READY with this 2 Story 5 bedroom, 4 bath home located in new subdivision of Sumter Landing. The home features living room with fireplace and spacious home with many upgrades. MLS #21385798 Call Adam 205/369-2704



\$549,900 - 2711 Stoneybrook Circle - PRIVATE, WOODDED SETTING located on 6.11 ACRES m/l with this large 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home that features family room with fireplace, (2) kitchens and den with fireplace with the second story including 2 of the bedrooms, bath and huge master suite with large office area. The basement is finished with bathroom and storage area. Included is 2-car main level garage, inground pool and separate building. MLS #21378641 Call Adam 205/369-2704



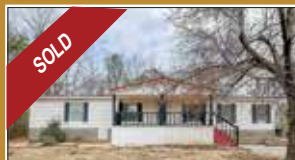
\$390,000 - 107 Viewpoint Circle - EXCLUSIVE RIVIERA ESTATES, community with Lake Access for this 2-story 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that features formal living room with fireplace, dining room, den with beamed vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Kitchen features solid surface countertops, nice cabinets, large pantry and a nice screened back patio has hot tub and deck. The 2-car garage has built in cabinets and additional 2 car metal garage. Some updating have been done. MLS #21366542 Call Karen 205/473-4613



\$699,900 - 1150 Camp Creek Road - GREAT OPTIONS with this one level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home located on approximate 47 ACRES! Private Setting with this quaint home that also has 3 bay SHOP, 30x40 POLE BARN with a 12' lean to. ACREAGE is partially fenced with back of the property still in pines Ready for the hunter, rancher, or just somewhere quiet and convenient to town and I-20. MLS #21381532 Call Adam 205/369-2704 or Karen 205/473-4613



\$350,000 - 1480 Stemley Bridge Rd. - RARE FIND with this one level 3 bedroom 2 bath brick home located on approximately 12 ACRES! Home features family room with fireplace, dining room and an outdoor entertainment area complete with a full kitchen. Home is well maintained with nice kitchen with (2) ovens, cooktop, refrigerator and eat-in area. Also 2-car carport, large detached tool/storage building and a 2-story office area. MLS #21381922 Call Laurie 205/365-3639



\$199,900 - 4770 Cook Springs Rd. - ACREAGE WITH PRIVACY with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home located on approx. 3.8 ACRES. Home features living room, dining room and also has a two bay metal shop and plenty of privacy. Located only minutes to I-20. MLS #21377804 Call Misty 205/368-9490



\$239,900 - 1672 Mt. Moriah Rd. - PRIVATE SETTING with APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE with this move in ready 3 bedroom 2 bath manufactured home that features living room, dining room, nice kitchen with ample cabinets, den with built in shelving and large deck. Also included is a large wooden storage building and small metal one. Nice curb appeal and comfortable living with convenience to town and I-20. MLS #21384638 Call Blair 205/612-5377 or Brenda 205/612-4141

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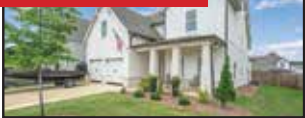


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