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From the Editor

Logan Martin represents at NCAA championship

Summer is back, and that means so is interest in a host of warm-weather activities.

Such as boating. Swimming. Picnicking. Baseball. And somewhere on the list would be beach volleyball, which seems to have found a home in Alabama after almost 100 years and crossing a continent.

The first-ever game of beach volleyball was apparently played in Santa Monica, California, in the early 1920s. Within a decade, the recreational sport had made its way to Europe, and the first official tournament was organized in 1947. Now, beach volleyball is a thriving professional sport, an Olympic event and, since 2016, a college sport generating more than \$3 million in annual scholarships.

Since 2016, Gulf Shores has hosted the NCAA women's beach volleyball championship. In keeping with the sport's West Coast roots, the University Southern California won the 2016 and 2017 titles, while UCLA has claimed the past two years' championships.

The Logan Martin Lake community was represented

at the 2019 championship last month, when Pell City student and St. Clair County resident Samantha Hennings sang the national anthem at the start of the tournament's opening day.

"I was super excited," she said of being invited by the city of Gulf Shores to participate in the event, even if things started out with a bit of tumult. "When it was time for me to start, we were in the wrong place and had to run across the court, and I was way out of breath."

It didn't prevent Samantha – a rising junior at Victory Christian School and the 2019 Miss Cotton States Outstanding Teen – from delivering a crowd-pleasing performance. She's performed the national anthem at local high school sporting events, corporate functions and even a Birmingham Barons game, but she described singing at the national beach volleyball championship tournament as something special.

"I love any women's sport just because of how empowering and inspiring each girl's hard work is. And I got to meet (ESPN sportscaster) Holly Rowe. My mom and sister love her!"



Samantha loves the beach, and she loves the lake.

"A perfect day at the lake?" she mused, back on the St. Clair shoreline wading in the shallow waters of Logan Martin. "It would be all of my friends from VCS with me with picnic food and watermelon and sweet tea and country music. We would ride the boat and jet ski and go tubing. It would be the best day."

Here at Lakeside Living, we're happy to welcome back the days of summer with some tasty seasonal recipes, a visit

to a stunning local lake house, a conversation with a student of natural medicines about the beneficial properties of plants native to the lakeside area and a look back at the 9th annual Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show. You'll find all of that and more in this issue. As always, thank you for joining us.

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Tips for bass fishing in June

Traditionally, the sweet spot for catching bass is when water temperatures are between 60 and 75 degrees. But you can still catch bass in the dog days of summer. It just involves changing where and when you look for them.

Set Your Alarm Clock

It's said that the early bird gets the worm. The early angler gets the bass. During June, bass are more active in the early mornings right around sunrise, as well as the late afternoons as the sun sets. During these times, water temperatures drop and the fish spring to life. They also usually hustle into action and search for food around noon. While your odds of catching fish right in the middle of the day are lower than the early mornings or late afternoons, these midday catches tend to be larger in size.

Turn On Your Night-Light

If you're feeling adventurous, try night fishing. Not only is the water cooler, but there's also less fishing and boating activity on the water so the fish are calmer and more apt to strike. For the best results when night fishing for bass, use dark-colored baits, such as plastic worms or single-bladed spinnerbaits. Also, look for water with high visibility and try to target areas where the water transitions from shallow water to deeper water.

Source: *Gone Outdoors*



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Staff Report

There's nothing like a summer picnic by Logan Martin Lake, and all-American snacks featuring a classic favorite fruit – watermelon – are the perfect addition to any summertime celebration, especially as Independence Day approaches.

Watermelon is a picnic staple for countless reasons, not the least of which is that it's a beloved treat that many people associate with childhood memories. However, nostalgia isn't the only reason adults are likely to gravitate toward watermelon at a summer event. Its sweet, cool and refreshing flavor makes it a favorite for all ages.

From a practical standpoint, watermelon is also quite portable, versatile and easy to serve, and with a composition of 92 percent water, it's a simple way to sneak in some extra hydration on a hot day.

Another benefit is its value. Watermelon is one of the best values in the produce section among fruit, and just one watermelon can feed as many as three dozen people.

Serving watermelon at a party can be as simple as slicing wedges, or you can prepare a dish such as:

- A fruit basket, with the rind serving as a colorful bowl to hold the watermelon and other fresh fruits.
- A charcuterie board with a selection of fruit, cheese and protein for simple snacking.
- Creamy parfaits, perfect for a summery brunch or alternative to more traditional desserts.
- A creatively colorful and patriotic "cake" that makes for a tasty centerpiece on the dessert table.

The following recipes are sure to add fun, flavor and color to your lakeside picnics.

Easy Summer Thirst Quencher

A simple fruit-infused water can give your summer event an instant upgrade in no time at all. Add extra dimension and complexity to the flavor by adding some of your favorite herbs like basil and mint.

2 cups watermelon balls or cubes
1 cup other fruit, such as berries
herbs, such as basil or mint

Place watermelon, fruit and herbs in pitcher and cover with water. For best flavor, allow to chill in refrigerator at least 30 minutes before serving.



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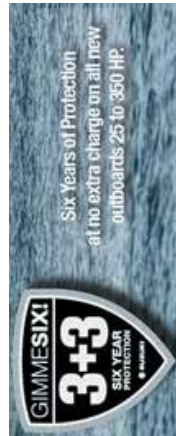
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Red, White and Blue Watermelon Parfait

1 cup blueberries
1 container (6 ounces) Greek yogurt (vanilla, lemon or coconut)
1 cup watermelon, plus three pieces diced watermelon whipped cream, for serving

In pint canning jar, layer blueberries, yogurt and watermelon. Top with whipped cream and garnish with three diced watermelon pieces. To make ahead or make thicker, drain Greek yogurt on paper towels to absorb some liquid.



Patriotic Fruit Salad

1 watermelon
honeydew melon
blueberries

Slice 1/4 inch off bottom of watermelon, lengthwise, to create stable base.

Use pencil to draw zig-zag lines for basket opening. Using paring knife, make cuts through rind.

Carefully remove top section, pull out large chunks of flesh and cut them into 3-by-3-inch squares.

Trim 3/4-inch thick slices off squares to use for cutting out stars with 1 1/2-3-inch, star-shaped cookie cutters.

Use ice cream scoop to remove flesh from inside basket and cut scoops into quarters for fruit salad. Place in bottom of basket. Add honeydew and blueberries; stir to combine.

Cut out white stripes from honeydew.

Garnish top of fruit salad with watermelon stars, honeydew stripes and blueberries.



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Patriotic Charcuterie Board

1/2 medium seedless watermelon, cut into wedges
1/2 cup fresh raspberries
1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
10 strawberries (dipped in white chocolate, if desired)
5 ounces fresh goat cheese
1/2 cup toasted, salted cashews
2 ounces cured meats (prosciutto, pancetta, salami, sausage or pepperoni)
1 Honeycrisp apple, cored and sliced
lemon juice
fresh basil leaves

On large board or platter, arrange watermelon, raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, cheese, cashews, meat and apples. Drizzle fruit with lemon juice. Garnish with basil leaves before serving.



Flag Kebab Cake

1 pint fresh, washed blackberries
12 wooden skewers
1 seedless watermelon, flesh cut into 1-inch cubes
1 angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes (white part only)
dips, such as yogurt, chocolate, caramel or marshmallow (optional)

Thread 5 blackberries on each of 5 skewers, followed by alternating watermelon and cake cubes.

On remaining skewers, alternate watermelon and cake so the first and last cubes are watermelon. Place skewers on platter; fruit and cake will create stars and stripes when lined properly.

Serve with dips, if desired.





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**TowBoatUS Logan Martin Lake
owner Chad Gilliland**

Written by SAM PRICKETT
Photographed by TUCKER WEBB

It's the kind of situation every boater dreads.

"Say you decide to go out on an evening cruise, you and your wife, and while you're out there, all of a sudden the boat goes dead and you can't get it to restart," Chad Gilliland describes. "You don't have to sweat it. You don't have to try and get your friends to help. I can tell you, that circle of friends gets real small at 10 p.m."

The peace of mind to which Gilliland refers comes from TowBoatUS, an on-water assistance

program that he began operating on Logan Martin Lake in March. It's a nationwide company with more than 300 locations throughout the United States — "from Hawaii to Maine and everywhere in between."

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Gilliland has a history with Logan Martin Lake — he has often fished and hunted waterfowl here — and spent time in Talladega County working as a wildland firefighter for the Alabama Forestry Commission. "Unfortunately, we firefighters didn't often experience the joys of being out on the lake," he said.

But Gilliland's multifaceted work history, such as his time as a member of Alabama Bureau of Investigation's dive team, or his tenures as a hunting and fishing guide in Montana and Louisiana, served to prepare him for his work with TowBoatUS.

"I've done a little bit of everything over the years," he said. "But all of them kind of seep back into working for the public and being a public servant."

The TowBoatUS operation of Logan Martin wasn't scheduled to open until next year, but Gilliland said he was persuaded to speed things up by members of the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association, who approached him at a boat show in Birmingham.

"They pretty much told me that I wasn't leaving (the boat show) until I agreed to come to Lake Martin," he said, laughing. "They were pretty influential and told me that they could get me set up." He was quickly connected with Woods Surfside Marina, where the owners allow him to station his towboat.

"The people on Logan Martin have been very open-armed to us," he says. "Everybody I've talked with has just been really excited about us coming to the lake. It seems like everybody I talk to is like, 'Man, this is something that we've needed on this lake for a while.' They were just trying to get some kind of help system for that lake. It's just not been a service that's been provided before."

Gilliland said he encourages boat owners on Logan Martin Lake to sign up for the service, even if they may not think they need it. "It doesn't matter if it's a brand-new boat or a 20-year-old boat. It's mechanical, and it's a matter of if — not when — it's going to break down.

"The biggest thing I try to tell people is, it's always best to sign up. It's like insurance. It's cheap insurance and cheap peace of mind. It's good to know that if I pay \$85 a year, I've got somebody who's going to come get me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round, and it's not going to cost me anything out of pocket. We always have a boat in the water."



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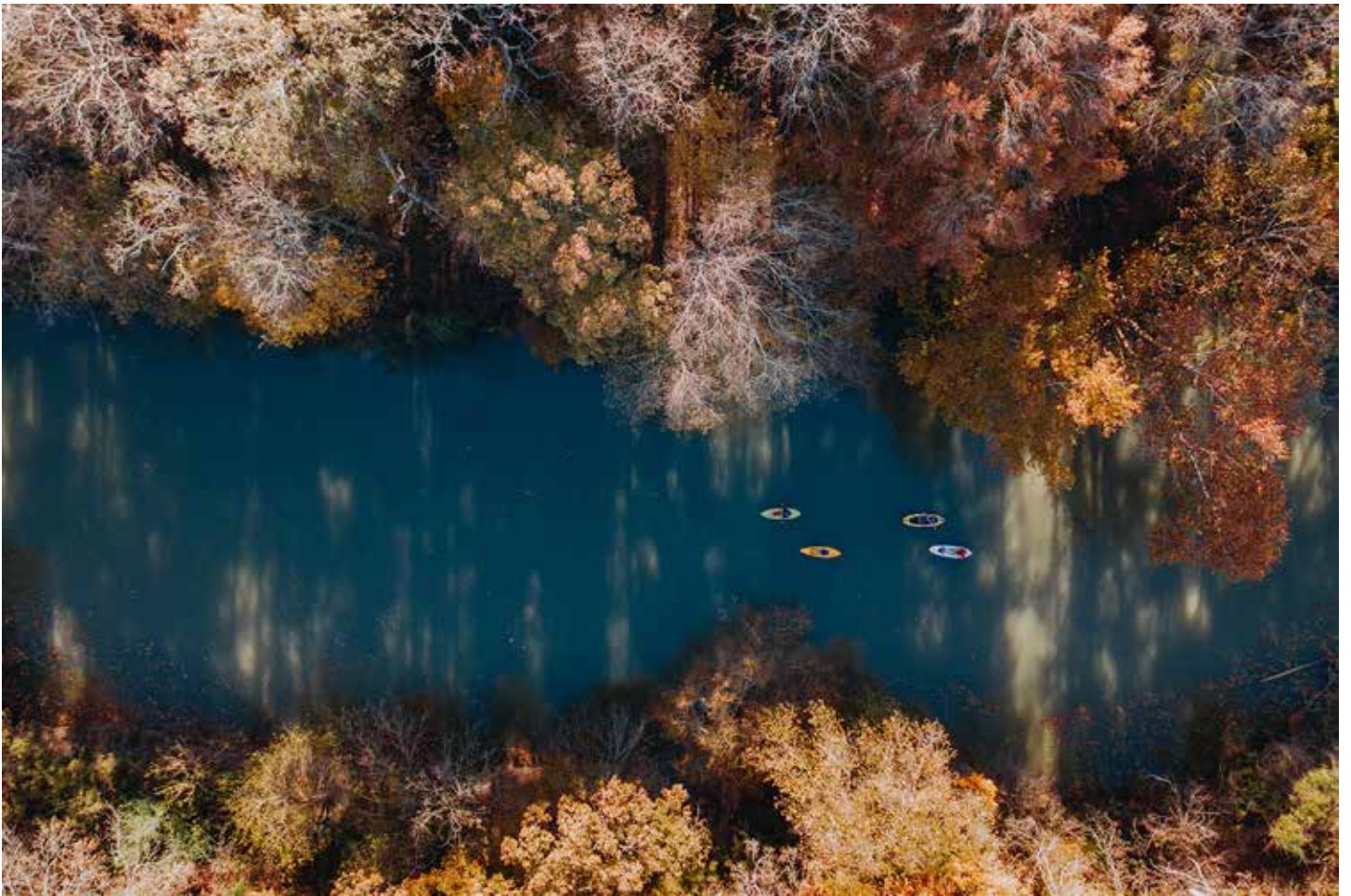
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Longest paddle race in the U.S. to pass through Lake Logan Martin

Written by LAURA GADDY

Photographed by EVAN LANIER

The Coosa and Alabama rivers and the Mobile-Tensaw draw a 650-mile blue diagonal path across the state that will soon draw elite paddlers from across the nation.

This path, the core section of the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT), includes Logan Martin Lake, and early next fall it will also serve as the racecourse for the Great Alabama 650 (AL650), the longest paddle race in the United States.

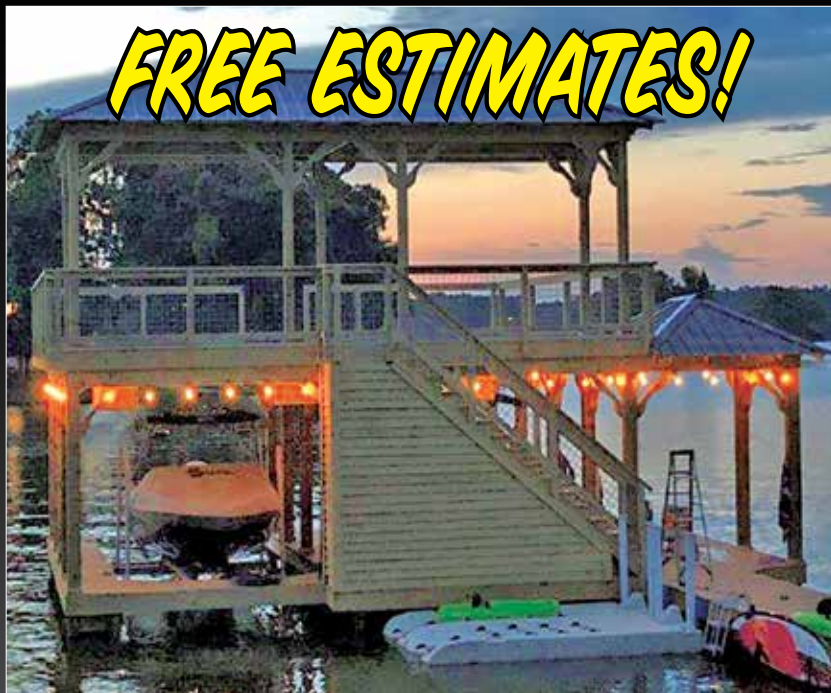
"Many of the world's toughest paddlers will get a chance to experience the beauty and challenge of our Alabama waterways during the Great Alabama 650. We are excited to host the longest paddle race in the country," said race director Greg Wingo.

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AL650 race organizers are currently involved in extensive planning to host such the event. Racers will have up to 10 days to complete the course and vie for \$20,000 in prize money divided across three divisions – male solo, female solo and two-person team. Paddle race rewards set at that dollar amount are rare.

The race will begin September 14 at Weiss Lake in Cherokee County and will include a kickoff event for paddlers and spectators. It will end at Fort Morgan on the Alabama Gulf Coast.

The race has been endorsed by the Alabama

Bicentennial Commission and is supported by the Alabama Tourism Department.

Contestants will appear on Logan Martin Lake in late September. Interested parties can learn more about the race or register at AL650.com. Interested parties can also learn more about the event on Facebook or Instagram by following the hashtag #AL650.

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Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show sets new attendance record

WRITTEN BY CHRIS NORWOOD
PHOTOGRAPHED BY BOB CRISP

The official first day of summer may not come until June Friday June 21, but the season has metaphorically been in full swing since Lakeside Park hosted the ninth annual Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show last month.

A record-breaking crowd of more than 21,000 came to the lake to browse the boats, enjoy food and live music and shop at booths selling everything from coffee to cutlery, sunglasses to real estate, wall art to hats and T-shirts to cozies of almost every variety.

Eric Housh and Justin Hogeland, two of the event's organizers, said the "conservative" attendance estimate based on traffic counts almost doubled last year's peak attendance.



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Perfect weather brought record-breaking crowds to this year's LakeFest.

"This is the first time in nine years that we haven't had any rain at all," organizer Justin Hogeland added. "The weather has been absolutely perfect."

Many of the vendors were LakeFest veterans, but there were some new faces as well.

"Speed Zone from Oxford and Gadsden was here for the first time this year," Hogeland said,





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“and they’re actually letting people test drive Sea-Doos and Wave Runners on the water.”

The St. Clair County Sheriff’s Office and the DARE program were also new sponsors this year.

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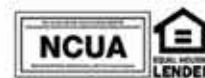


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Lake enthusiasts of all ages enjoyed testing out the latest watercraft models.

LakeFest appearance was positive.

Mark Hildebrand of Woods Surfside Marina, on the other hand, is one of the most seasoned LakeFest veterans. His father-in-law, Jerry Woods,

helped start the event nine years ago, and Mark has been part of every one since.

“Without a doubt, this is the biggest one yet,” he said. “Everything has been excellent. The

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Shopping for lake-inspired clothing and crafts is always popular at LakeFest.

weather was perfect. The crowd was fantastic."

In addition to the merchants on site, there were also numerous booths set up for people and companies offering services related to life on the lake. Yellowhammer Roofing was one such company.

Owners David Stout and David Norris both live in the area and have been attending LakeFest from the beginning, but this was the first

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Bolstered by this year's success, LakeFest organizers are already at work planning the 10th annual event next May.

year they had set up a booth.

"We've done so much business in Pell City, Riverside and Lincoln in the last couple of years that we decided to help give something back," Stout said.

This year's LakeFest featured two major giveaways: an Avalon pontoon powered by Honda Marine (provided by Poor House Branch Marina and won by Darryl Brewer) and a Tracker Off Road 570 ATV (provided by Tracker on behalf of Sylacauga Marine & ATV and won by James Acton).

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A foodie's first visit to LakeFest



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"What a perfect, beautifully breezy Sunday afternoon in Pell City," I thought as I turned my car from Stemley Bridge Road into Lakeside Park. It seemed as if I was suddenly surrounded by the images, sounds and colors of a typical summer day in the South.

But this wasn't a typical summer day.

This was LakeFest: children playing at the splash pad, adults chilling at picnic tables, a local country

band performing center stage and the smell of food wafting on the breeze. Yes, it was this foodie's first time at the Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show, and I was ready to dive right in.

After sashaying my way through vendors and aquatic vehicles, I landed at Tiki Island, the food truck marine fare that's perfect and delicious on any occasion. Between the blackened fish sandwich, the Alaskan salmon burger and the Maryland style crab



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cake sandwich, there was no need to go fishing for seafood during my time at Lakefest, because Cody Garden had us covered.

Cody, with his kind eyes, bright smile and passion for serving quality food, is the one-man operator of Tiki Island. After working 12 years as the director of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he retired from the non-profit world and began a new life on the road. With an immaculately clean commercial kitchen that he built himself, Tiki Island is far from the stereotypical grease-laden, smoke-billowing food trucks as it's possible to be. It could most definitely pass the white-glove test with flying colors.

"Cleanliness is absolutely key," according to Cody, and so is variety. Serving up not only seafood sandwiches but real fruit smoothies sweetened with honey and such coffee shop specialties as mocha frappes and espresso shots, I love a truck that has something for even the pickiest of palates. But since it's not every day I get to enjoy a fresh, homemade crab cake, I gave it a go... and wow! The festival suddenly went from being outside at the park to inside my mouth!

The sear on the cake was perfectly crisp, while the inside was soft and tender. The flavor had a hint of spice and saltiness, with a subtle freshness from the herbs. When I asked about the secret to the spice,



The mocha frappes from Tiki Island Concessions are always popular with LakeFest crowds.

Cody's response was, "[For a] Maryland style crab cake, you gotta use Old Bay." It's food as it should be: layers of flavors and textures and sweet simplicity.

Speaking of sweets, what good is a festival without freshly squeezed lemonade, and homemade kettle corn, right? LakeFest delivered that too.

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Generous portions of boiled peanuts – a traditional Southern favorite – are served at LakeFest.

D&W Concessions has been vending at the Logan Martin festival for the past four years, and I got to taste why the Ashland natives have become a household name here in Pell City: the lemonade. The not-too-sweet, not-too-tangy lemonade. The regular, strawberry and blueberry lemonade.

I tried the strawberry lemonade and had to order another large one to take home with me. It was that good! And the chunks of strawberry and lemon almost made it a meal within itself. Don't you just love it when you're not handed a bland, sugary, syrupy concoction, but instead you can actually taste and see the freshness in your beverage? I sure do!

Don Gadsden and his wife Wanda offer a "one-sip guarantee" – if you don't like your lemonade after one sip, they'll buy it back from you. But the key here is it has to be the first sip, not the last. To make my LakeFest meal complete, Don graciously gave me a bag of



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LakeFest attendees always look forward to the seafood sandwiches from Tiki Island Concessions.

their equally famous kettle corn. I'd like to call it the dessert that never deserted my taste buds. The ratio of sweet and salty was enough to satisfy my sweet tooth, but also not turn my mouth into a desert. Their take on lemonade and kettle corn are as balanced and sweet as the happy couple themselves.

My first visit to LakeFest was everything a foodie like me could hope for – a perfectly pleasant day at a park filled with music, boats, children, laughter and delicious food. Thank you, Pell City – the Gateway to Logan Martin Lake—for kicking my summer off to such a great start. I can't wait to come back next year to help celebrate LakeFest's 10th anniversary!

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For 8 to 10 years, Mary and Chris Palmer looked for the perfect lot on Logan Martin Lake. Then a couple of years ago, Chris noticed that lake lots were for sale

at what is now Charter Landing, near the Birmingham Sailing Club.

"There was the two-acre lot on the lake," Mary said, "nice and flat, and in an area we liked." Chris told her about the site, and the rest is history.

Chris works as a supervisor at Anniston Army Depot, and Mary works at the Baker Donelson law firm in Birmingham as a wireless



Mary and Chris Palmer found their perfect place on Logan Martin Lake.

project specialist. Being close to the water was important to both of them. She is a Pell City native, and he is from Defuniak Springs, Florida, where Defuniak Springs feeds one of the largest, round-shaped lakes in the United States. Lake Stanley is also in the city.

The two have taken advantage of having a lake lot. They made sure the entire back of the house faced



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The home includes spacious outdoor living areas to take advantage of stunning lake views.

toward the lovely Logan Martin sunsets. They built a house with lots of windows and a long back porch. Their family also enjoys a pier, boat, and pool.

Daughter Lexie is in graduate school pursuing a degree in public health at Tulane University in New Orleans, and son Ryan, 12, likes his new neighborhood, in spite of sometimes missing the family's former home in Pell City, which is only five miles away from their new house. Now Ryan is making friends in his new neighborhood, and Lexie visits when her schedule allows.

The Palmers built a farm-style house that fits their

casual lifestyle. They chose light colors for the front and throughout the interior.

"We have a big front porch," Mary said, "and the brick on the house is painted Swiss Coffee from Sherwin Williams. It is a creamy white with cedar posts."

The beauty of the front of the house, which also features ornate iron doors and a covered breezeway from the three-car garage, is balanced by the interesting features in the back. The family can walk through three sets of French doors onto their back patio. To the right is a screened-in porch




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The Palmers' fire pit and pool can be enjoyed while taking in the tranquil waterfront setting.

with a sitting area and fireplace.

However, her favorite feature in the home is a rare set of sliding wooden doors between the study and the game room. They are 100-year-old Egyptian doors painted a lovely shade of turquoise with "all kinds of hand carving," according to Mary.

Vintage Station, a Bessemer company, restored the doors for the Palmers, along with making a hand-carved, wooden farm table with benches.

They chose the popular open-floor plan for the main part of the house. The study and game room

are off the open area.

The kitchen has a rock wall with rock columns in the living room and a rock wall at the stairway leading to the second floor to add a rustic feature in the home. The rooms in the house are painted

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The home is full of windows, affording plenty of glimpses at Logan Martin.

a creamy white with white trims and white doors. There is one exception: Ryan chose aqua blue for his bedroom and bathroom.

Knowing she was going to build a house, Mary began attending estate sales where she picked up several antique pieces of furniture to accentuate the modern pieces they bought. The master bedroom is a huge 25-foot square with a separate hallway leading to the master bath and closet featuring built-ins and an antique crystal chandelier. Hardwood floors of medium-brown add to the down-on-the-farm look. White plantation wooden shutters cover many of the windows in the house.

The family added an extra suite with a separate mini-kitchen and bath. The three-car garage completes the home's spaciousness.

"We had a fabulous contractor, George Crain," Mary said. "We are in a growing subdivision that now has between 10 and 12 houses, and we were the third house to start construction."

Not only are the Palmers enjoying their new



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The cozy living room



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I met Mandi Rae seven or eight years ago when I had occasion to interview her as an on-the-rise artist in the central Alabama music scene.

A talented singer-songwriter with a distinctive Americana sound, she's been the opening act for such high-profile bands as The Avett Brothers, headlined her own shows at several Alabama venues and performing arts festivals and enjoyed a successful West Coast tour. She has since joined Warren Amos to form the duo Love Rat, and they've been performing together locally and throughout the Southeast.

***Lakeside area musician
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Mandi Rae is also a lover of all things outdoors, and she's spent plenty of time on Logan Martin Lake. Her parents, Rhonda and Raymond

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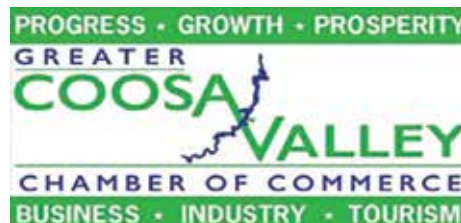
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Trott Jr., and her uncle, Jimmy Trott (she describes him as "the best fisherman I know"), are lakeside residents.

It had been some time since we'd crossed paths when opportunity arose to talk with her about vegetation native to Logan Martin and the Coosa River. As we talked at her kitchen table, I asked about the ages of her two precocious daughters.

"Laney is 11, and Mathilda is 7," she said. "They're like teenagers. They think they are, anyway."

"I don't think I'm a teenager, Mom," Laney protested from the stove where she was frying an egg to make herself a late breakfast. "I know I'm a tween."

Mandi Rae smiled and sipped black coffee



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My daughter, Tulsa Cabaniss, works in my Oak Grove store, along with a young man named Taylor Robinson. They know the day-to-day operation of the store, and all my customers love the way they interact with them. They are always polite and helpful. They make it a joy for me to watch them grow and establish themselves as productive members of the community.

The young man in Dadeville, Adam Spraggins, pretty much runs the store through the week. He handles every customer that comes through weekdays, and gets help from Alex Walker on Saturday. Alex is a bright young man and very friendly to all the customers. None of these four have to be told what to do. They know their jobs and excel in them, without being told over-and-over again. I am so proud of all of them, for not being afraid to roll up their sleeves and work for their money. To sum up, let me say that, yes, this younger generation is different. But you can still find the kids we once were in them, by giving them encouragement and trust.



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“My roots are in the South,” says singer-songwriter, lake enthusiast and plant medicine advocate Mandi Rae. “I feel an energy here in the South that will never be rivaled by anywhere else in the country.”

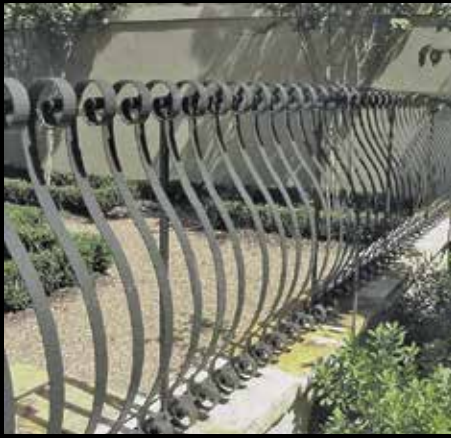
through a straw from a ceramic mug.

“I could say a lot about community,” she said as we got around to the theme of the interview. “Community is a collection of people that like the land we live on. It means hometown and connection. I feel an energy here in the South that will never be rivaled by anywhere else in the country. Medicine making is the most community-driven thing you can do. Gathering plants from your local area and making their gifts accessible to your family and those around you in the community is where my heart is.”

“And that’s what has you preparing lemon balm and honeysuckle and passionflower tinctures?”

“Exactly. Plant medicine is so good for us. It can alleviate stress, it can clear up infections and gastrointestinal issues, and it can improve sleep. That’s exciting. I get excited about life, and I want to inspire people to a new way of living.”

Mandi Rae said she was inspired by working a plant medicine mentorship with Cameron Strauss, owner of Deep Roots Apotheke & Clinic in Montevallo.



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“People were meant to use plants,” says Mandi Rae. “Every plant that exists in this world has a purpose.”

“She’s like 27 and has been doing this since her early 20s. Here I am at 34, wondering, ‘How did this never cross my mind? I have it in my heritage. Why have I been taking ibuprofen instead of turmeric milk?’”

“I would think most Southerners have it in their heritage,” I said.

“Plant medicine is a lost Southern art, like a bridge to the modern world. I remember how my grandfather – Raymond Trott Sr. – any time one of us got stung, he’d open a cigarette and put tobacco on it. The garden and doing things related to the garden meant a lot to him. I feel like he was on to something.”

Her recollection reminded me of a story told by my grandfather (C.C. Mason, named for the 30th president, who was in office the



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“A lot of weeds – or what we think are weeds – can be eaten or used for medicines that can do everything from relieving pain to improving digestion, and they’re all in our backyard,” Mandi Rae says, “but you need to have knowledge about what you’re doing. Take the time to do the research.”

year he was born). During the Great Depression, his Uncle Nathan and Aunt Edna lived near Johns Mountain in northwest Georgia. He was spending a few days with them, during which time the household was startled by a loud noise. An investigation revealed that a bottle of herbal medicine Aunt Edna had made for Uncle Nathan had exploded.

“That kind of story has gone away with the advent of the internet,” Mandi Rae said. “Those aren’t the stories getting shared any more. We’re close to losing all of that, which is a shame because family stories, old wives’ tales and superstitions are usually based on some sound scientific reason. That knowledge has been going away for years.”

“Such knowledge as ...?” I prompted.

“Well, for starters, that people were meant to use plants. Every plant that exists in this world has a purpose. A lot of weeds – or what we think are weeds – can be eaten or used for medicine. I think we’re meant to be growing our own stuff. And you don’t have to have a farm to do it. All you need to do it inside is some pots with dirt in them. Everyone can be their own herbalist if they really want to.”

“How?”

“It just takes time and research,” she said. “You can take classes, you can spend time with a consultant, you can watch YouTube videos or you can read reference books. You definitely need to have the correct knowledge about what you’re doing, but it’s out there. And I love it. I feel like a kitchen witch sometimes making potions. I love making medicines from our native plants. It’s the greatest thing in the world, and it helps people.”

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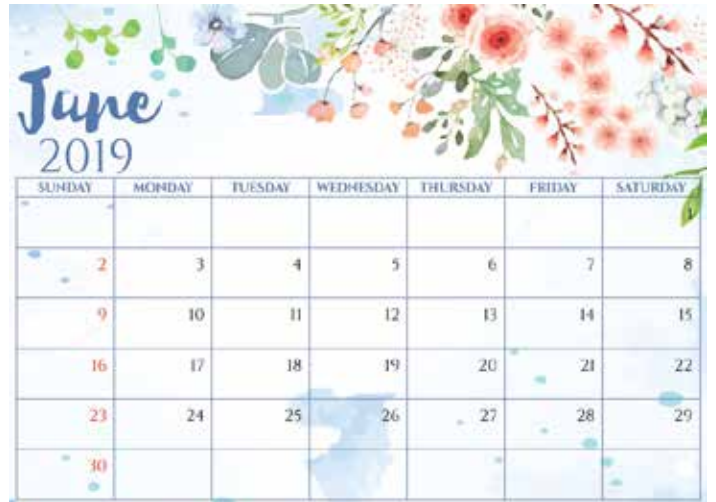
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JUNE calendar of events



SATURDAY

1st

HOMETOWN BLOCK PARTY

The beloved annual event returns to downtown Pell City from 3-9 p.m. for an afternoon and evening of family fun. Admission is free, and the event will feature live music, more than 100 vendors and a host of activities for children. For more information, call the Pell City Chamber of Commerce at 205-338-3377.

MONDAY

3rd

YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Talladega College hosts the weekly summer enrichment camp for youngsters ages 6-14 from 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. through August 2. The program will include reading, math, basketball, volleyball, swimming, story time, arts and crafts, English and field trips. The cost is \$50 per week for one child and \$20 for an additional child. There is a \$15 registration fee. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are included. For more information, contact camp director Demond Walker at 256-493-3792 or dlwalker@talladega.edu.

SATURDAY

8th

BOAT POKER RUN

Registration for the fourth annual event sponsored by the Good Works Charitable Foundation begins at 8 p.m., and boats will leave General Lee Marina at 9 a.m., to return at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each, with proceeds benefiting the foundation's monthly food/resource share program for local families. For more information or to purchase tickets (which are tax deductible), call Jean Speer at 205-369-8516.

SUNDAY

9th

NITRO BIG BUCKS BUDDY TRAIL TOURNAMENT

The tournament launches from Clear Creek Harbor at safe daylight, with an estimated field of 70 boats to return for a 3 p.m. weigh-in. Guaranteed payouts will be awarded for first (\$3,000) through 10th (\$300) places. For more information, call 256-245-8920 or email sylmarine1@gmail.com

SATURDAY

15th

RIVERSIDE POKER RUN

Riverside Landing sponsors this 11th annual event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration is from 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 14, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Entry fee is \$15 per hand, and contestants can ride the Coosa Queen for an additional \$15 by calling 205-706-2319 for reservations. The top three prizes will be \$300, \$200 and \$100, with a \$50 consolation drawing. Door prizes, entertainment, and food from Bucks BBQ will be available. The rain date is Saturday, June 22. The event benefits the Riverside Beautification Organization.

SATURDAY

22nd

AMERICAN BASS ANGLERS TOURNAMENT

The fourth event of the 2019 ABA Open Series Alabama South division launches from Lakeside Park at 5:15 a.m. or safe daylight. The weigh-in is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 256-230-5632 or email wbenedetti@americanbassanglers.com.

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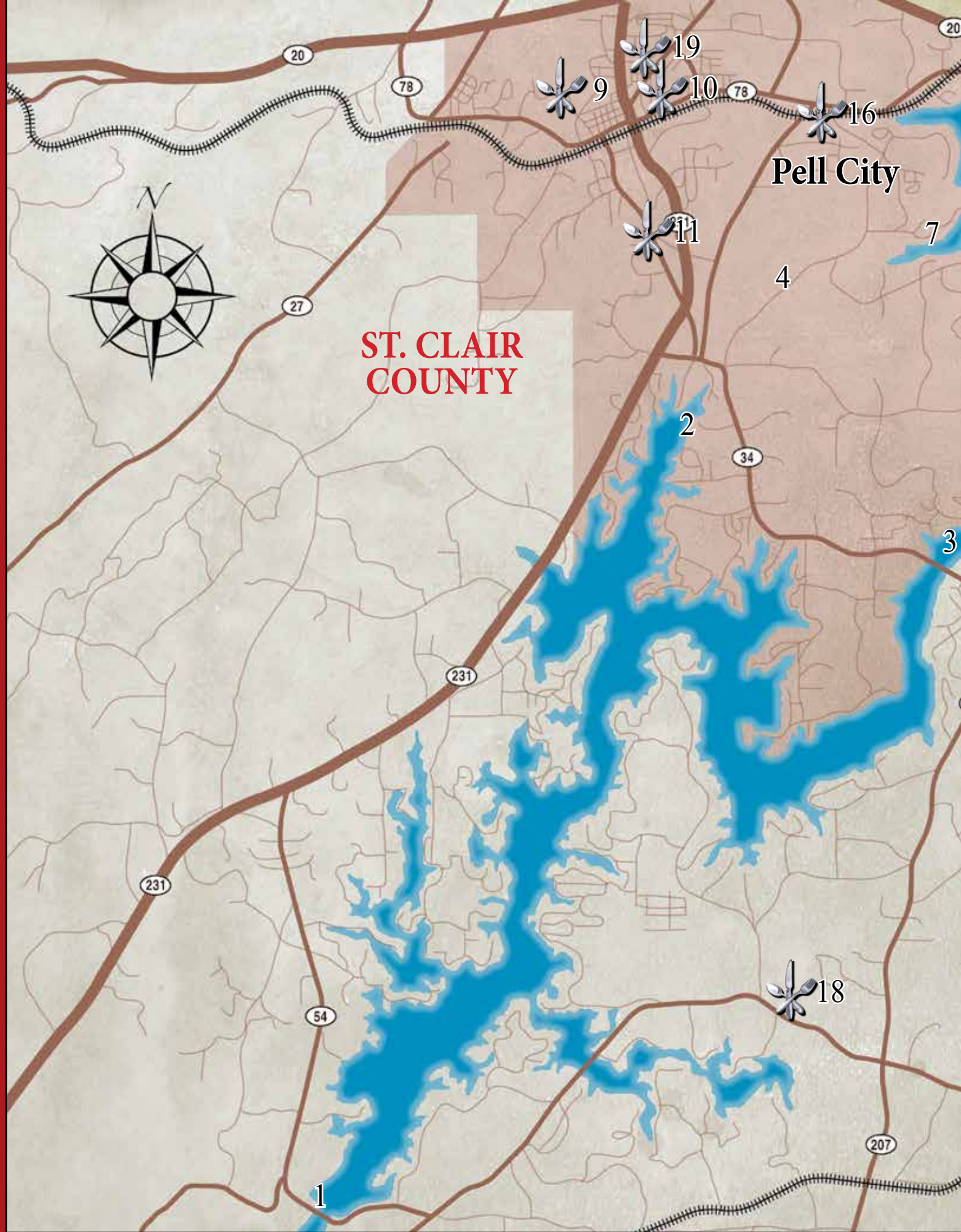


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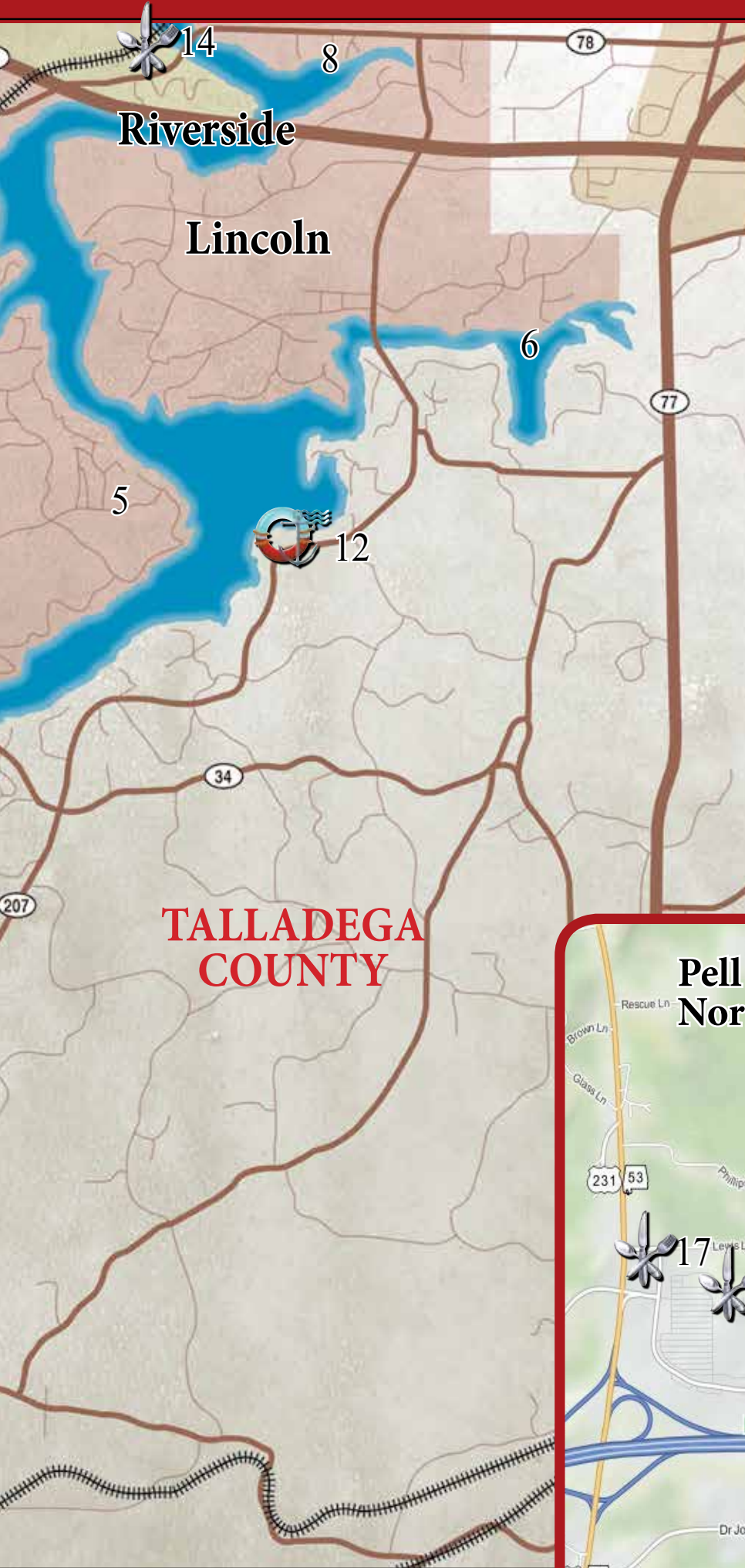
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Cropwell home offers lakeside elegance and amenities

Written by BUDDY ROBERTS
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Homebuyers seeking lakeside elegance with plenty of interior and exterior amenities are sure to fall in love with the property at 1030 Images Square in Cropwell.

The two-story home is comprised of 4,462 square feet, including four bedrooms and 3.5 baths. The large master suite has its own private lakeside deck. The second bedroom has its own bath, while the third and fourth bedrooms share a hallway bath.

The house also features high ceilings, a formal dining area with coffered ceilings and a spacious kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances, an island, breakfast area,

work desk, pantry and plenty of cabinet space. The lakeside den offers spectacular views of Logan Martin, as well as a stacked stone wood-burning fireplace with gas starter.

Other interior amenities include walk-in closets, a laundry room, French doors, recessed lighting, a security system, a sound system and a wet bar.

Exterior amenities include covered porches, a private bathhouse and dock, fenced yard, barbecue area, two-vehicle garage, a sprinkler system and a community pool.

The property lists at \$780,000. For more information, call Dana Ellison of LAH Real Estate at 205-369-1413.

'Surrounded by happiness'

*Real estate agent
April Hartley loves
helping her clients*

Written by LACI BRASWELL
Photo Submitted

April Hartley may not be a native of the Logan Martin area, but she's happy to call it home.

"I'm originally from the Sand Mountain area in north Alabama, but I can't imagine living anywhere else," the agent with RE/MAX Hometown Properties said. "I love it here. Pell City can't be beat. It has a wonderful community and the friendliest people I've ever met."

Hartley resides in the Pine Harbor lakeside community with her husband Patrick and their two children, Libby and Wyatt..

"We love living on the lake and being close to the water," she said. "There is always something to do. We grill out with friends and have crawfish boils with our neighbors all the time. My kids love kayaking and boating, but my favorite thing is the sunsets. It's so relaxing after a long day."

Hartley said she received her real estate license about two years ago and has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Re/Max. "They've been wonderful to work for, and we even purchased our home through them."

As an agent, what Hartley finds most enjoyable is



April Hartley

making her clients happy.

"Each day I get to be surrounded by happiness. I get to meet and form connections with people and hopefully help make their dreams come true. Buying a home is one of the biggest decisions a person will ever make. I really enjoy the challenge of it all."

She offers sincere advice to potential property buyers.

"It's important for those looking to purchase a home to really take their time. You don't want to rush into anything. When you find the right house you will know in your heart it's the one."

Hartley added it is crucial for sellers to find a realtor they can really trust. "You want to have someone who will listen to you, and that will help guide you through some tough decisions."

Other than her family and children, real estate is where Hartley's heart is. "I just really love being around people."

She also serves as a pre-K director and teacher at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. "I'm very involved in my church. I love getting to work with children as well."

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130 Jane Street, Vincent, AL 35178
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UNDER CONTRACT
 3BR/ 2 Bath. This Home has a breathtaking view of Logan Martin Lake! Located on a flat level lot featuring two boat docks, and a shared driveway. Home has a Vincent address but is zoned for Pell City School System ** This home features finest featuring granite counter tops, hardwood floor, walk in tile shower and a screened in porch that is perfect for your morning coffee, enjoying the sunset, and great for entertaining guest. This home was recently updated with new Paint, Granite, and Counter Tops. The hot water heater and heat pump were replaced in the last year. Home includes a 1 Year Home Warranty.



REDUCED



128 Silverwood Dr., Talladega, AL 35160
 MLS# 841463
\$131,900
 This over 1800 sq ft brick home is move in ready and located in a lovely neighborhood . This cozy home features beautiful wood floors, and a large open kitchen that is perfect for entertaining. It also has a large back yard and an attached carport. The outside trim of the home was recently painted. Do not let this beautiful home getaway!

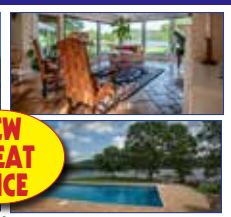


475 River Forest Lane, Unit 3420, Talladega, AL 35160
 MLS# 827571
\$186,900
UNDER CONTRACT
 This 4th floor 2 Bedroom condo has a breathtaking view of Logan Martin Lake! It was recently updated with wood floors and fresh paint. This FULLY FURNISHED condo is MOVE IN READY so the new owners can enjoy the finest! Condo features granite kitchen counter tops, stainless steel appliances, tray ceilings in living room, hardwood floors, and bathrooms, breakfast bar in kitchen, and a full floor plan from kitchen to living room with a fireplace. Great for entertaining guest. Zoned LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT Amenities include community pool, community boat docks and launch, boardwalk, and much more.

602 Paradise Isle Riverside, AL 35135
 MLS# 838126
\$184,900
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 This beautiful Lakefront condo has a gorgeous lake view with its own private pier. It has been recently updated with wood floors. It has a beautiful sunroom that is perfect for your morning coffee. This condo is move in ready for Lake Life at its finest. Amenities include two community pools, tennis court, basketball court, grilling and cooking outdoor kitchen area and much more! This condo is a MUST SEE!



NEW GREAT PRICE



65 Bulldog Cir., Cropwell, AL 35054
 MLS# 826121
\$645,900
 4BR, 4.5BA. Waterfront Home. This home has one of the best views of Logan Martin Lake. It has a FLAT lot with a breathtaking view of the Lake. Plenty of amenities to make this house stand out from any you have seen before! It features a gorgeous pool, outdoor grilling and entertaining area, and gorgeous bay windows so you never miss a view of the lake while you enjoy this lake home. The panoramic lake view is a Must SEE! It also features 2 Master Bedroom Suites, over-sized Walk-In Closets, and 4.5 Baths. The pool overlooks the lake while you can enjoy the 20x40 ft pier with walkways and a boat launch. This home is one of a kind with its breathtaking view, which you can enjoy while having your morning coffee or while entertaining guest at night with the beautiful lake setting.



10250 Stemley Road, Talladega AL 35160
 MLS# 835947
\$104,900
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UNDER CONTRACT
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2816 Hubbard Lane, Oxford, AL 36203
 MLS# 825193
\$127,900
SOLD
 This freshly painted home has all the amenities you could ask for. It is conveniently located near the Oxford school system. 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with a full kitchen. Located in the Oxford school system. This cute and cozy home at a great price.



173 Ina Lane Oxford, AL 36203
 MLS# 846351
\$37,900
NEW LISTING

GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY.
 This 2 BR/2BA manufactured home is a great starter home with an open floor plan. Perfect to fix up with a little TLC. This home features a concrete drive, carport, storm shelter, privacy fence, 10x10 shed, 12x20 barn and a 24 ft above ground pool. It features a large master bedroom and master bathroom. This a GREAT Deal! Do not let this one GET AWAY!



475 River Forest Lane, Unit 4430, Talladega, AL 35160
 MLS# 836698
\$194,900

This 3 BR/ 2BATH condo located on the 4th floor has a breathtaking view of Logan Martin Lake! This FULLY furnished condo located at the lake. This CONDO is move in ready. It features a beautiful sunset view with a Lake view. It has granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, stone fireplace and much more. It has everything Lake Life has to offer.

WATERFRONT LOT & ACREAGE



1310 Shannon Way, Talladega AL 35160
 MLS# 846204
\$299,900
NEW LISTING

This beautiful piece of property has a gorgeous lake view on 6.6 acres. Gorgeous flat land perfect for building your dream lake home. It is partially fenced and has gorgeous green grass perfect for horses. This land has very flat areas perfect for a home or barn. It has a sunset view of Logan Martin Lake. This property is convenient to I20, Do not let this property getaway.



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\$649,000 - 75 Seminole Trl. - SPECTACULAR 5 BR, 4 BA Lake Home for the large family. Lot of amenities with living room/dining room nice family room with fireplace, 2nd kitchen and den/playroom downstairs w/media room with recliners and craft room upstairs. Large entertaining deck with swim spa and hot tub. MLS #837552 Call Lawrence (205) 812-5195 or Brenda (205) 812-4141



\$429,000 - 152 Amitola Dr. - UNIQUELY UPDATED with this 4 BR, 3.5 BA home with lot of character. This lovely home has family room and dining area with aged pine floors, well designed kitchen with floor constructed of brick pavers, custom cabinets and mahogany counter tops. Downstairs has another kitchen, den with fireplace, BR, BA and bonus room. Nice waterfront lot with private dock and convenient location. MLS #808345 Call Brenda (205) 812-4141



\$359,000 - 3475 Old Beavers Rd. - BUILDER'S PERSONAL HOME with approx 13 ACRES great for horses. Consists of 8' doors, (2) screened patio, porch areas, balcony over living room and 700 sq ft m/ unfinished over 3 car garage. MLS #830206. Call Bill (205) 369-7877. Tony (295) 281-1317. Jeff (295) 404-1649



\$293,000 - 727 Cassie Dr.W. - NEW CONSTRUCTION in Twin Oaks - 3 BR, 2 BA on main level with beautiful kitchen with island and granite counter tops and large master suite with his/hers closets, formal dining room with coiffured ceilings and 2-car garage. Call Carl (205) 965-4755



\$169,000 - 2621 Hickory Cr. - PRIVACY AND MATURE TREES is part of the peacefulness of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with updated roof and HVAC and unfinished basement and located on corner lot in convenient subdivision to town and I-20. MLS #837532 Call Alesia (205) 405-0860



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\$279,900 - 566 Oak Valley Rd. - BEAUTIFUL 3 BR, 2 BA home with family room and dining room, located in private and mature subdivision with approx. 2.7 mostly wooded ACRES with a bonus of a large RV parking cover. MLS #836233 Call Laurie (205) 365-3639



\$799,900 - LUXIOUSE custom built country french design 3 BR, 3 full and 2 half BA, family room with FP, dining room, media room. Home has 3 custom fireplace located in family room, living room and master suite. Home is located on 5 ACRES in private setting and convenient location to town and I-20. MLS #836918 Call Brenda (205) 812-4141.



\$324,900 - 185 Sherwood Pl. - LARGE CUSTOM 4 BR, 2.5 BA home with open floor plan with 18' ceilings in the foyer and great room and dining room has decorative beams and bay window. The focal point of the great room is the rough-cut cedar front FP and custom shelving. Basement is partially finished with stubbed for bathroom. Plenty of storage and fence yard. MLS #839376 Call Blair (205) 812-5377



\$95,500 - 3350 Altamont Rd. - GREAT POTENTIAL PROPERTY close to dining, shopping, school and social activity in the Birmingham area. MLS #838721 Call Carey (205) 901-0652



\$239,000 - 1131 Baylor Ct. - NEW CONSTRUCTION in Pell City - One level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with family room with fireplace, dining room, master bedroom has nice sitting area and 2-car garage. Located in one of Pell City's newest subdivisions close to town and I-20. MLS #837548 Call Jenny (205) 405-0280



\$249,900 - 1891 Cook Springs Rd. - ELEGANT 6 bedroom, 3 bath home with great room with fireplace, dining room and huge master bedroom and two additional bedrooms on the main level. Downstairs offers a large den with three bedrooms, bath and double garage, plus a detached double car garage with work area. Convenient location to I-20. MLS #843436 Call Lee at 205/812-4530



\$285,500 - 763 Cassie Dr. W - NEW CONSTRUCTION with this spacious home with open concept floor plan. Soaring ceiling in the dining room and family room, full basement with poured concrete and stubbed for additional bed/bath. MLS #838965 Call Michelle (205) 427-3222



\$289,900 - 295 Hunter Ridge Ln. - NICE 4 BR, 3.5 BA 1.5 story home located in Eagle Pt. Subdivision. Family room w/FP, dining room and living room and office/study on the main level with bedrooms upstairs and basement area has playroom with fireplace, exercise room/large work room for hobbyists. Subdivision offers lake access, community pool and tennis courts. MLS #848208 Call Tina at (205) 337-8509



\$439,900 - 490 River Oaks Dr. - RIVER OAKS, one of the most exclusive neighborhoods offering some of the finest homes has this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home located on the main channel with approx. 1.40 acres. Home has living room with fireplace, dining room with den, bedroom and bath located downstairs. Great property for entertaining with covered boat dock with lift and large pier. MLS #803757 Call Adam at (205) 369-2704

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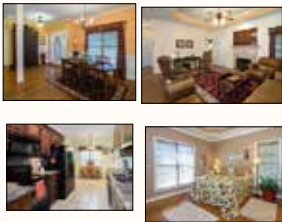
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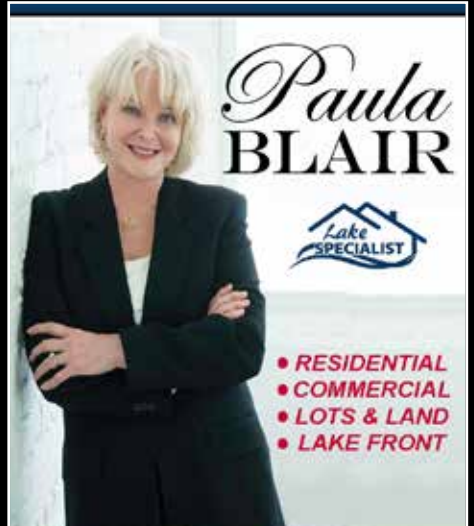
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