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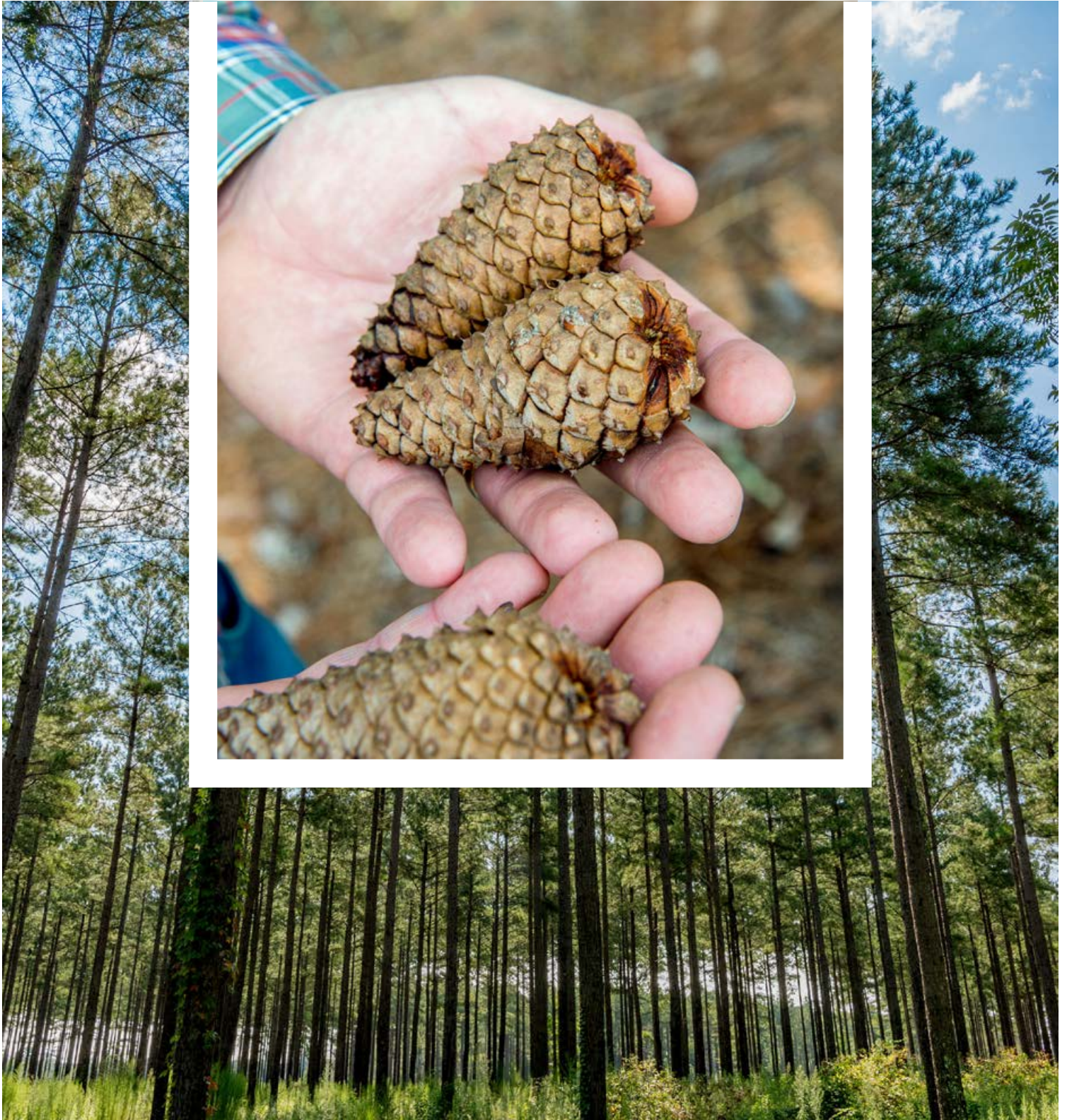
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OL' PINES & HARDWOODS

I WAS RAISED UP BENEATH THE SHADE OF A GEORGIA PINE.
AND THAT'S HOME, YOU KNOW? — ZAC BROWN BAND



WRITTEN BY JULIE STRAUSS BETTINGER

Ever wondered what's behind those green and white, diamond-shaped signs peering out of piney woods along our rural country roads? That designation "Certified Family Forest" or "Tree Farm" is a good indicator there's a tale in those trees.

Mike and Jean Harrison's "family forest" story began in 1981, when they purchased their own tract in Ellaville. It was contiguous to a 1940s farm belonging to Jean's family. Mike, who had his own engineering firm, says he and his wife continued to accumulate tracts in Schley and Marion counties.

But it took an outside consultant to help them see the forest as more than just trees.

"Jeff Greene with United Forestry Consultants pointed out to me what a waste of resources it was to have this open land or understocked land that we needed to do something with," he says. About twenty years ago, Greene started working with the Harrisons to create a management plan and help them realize its full potential.

That partnership not only allowed them to better enjoy their investment and strengthen family bonds, this past July, it helped "Harrison Woodlands" earn the 2021 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year.

WHO HOLDS THE TRACTOR KEY

Harrison Woodlands is a full-scale family operation, with the Harrisons and their adult children's families—including grandchildren—doing about 75 percent of the work. This includes prescribed burning, maintaining roads and any number of tractor projects. The family even has their own website and blog.

Their Harrison Woodlands "journal" includes before, during and after photos of their restoration of century old barns, construction of a "tree house," and location of an old family landmark. The latter was spurred by Mike's memories of long-ago conversations with his father-in-law. The journal includes lots of photos of their children enjoying the outdoors.

It's clear the bounty of the land goes beyond investment for the Harrisons: It yields lasting memories and helps preserve natural resources for generations to come.

STORIED FOREST

Mike Harrison gives Greene much of the credit for helping his family to see the bigger picture. "Jeff was very forward in pointing out to me what we were missing," he says. Greene helped the family identify their goals and gain perspective.

"Growing trees is a one generation event," Harrison explains. "You get one rotation of trees, and then you pass it on to the next group." The information Greene gave them provided clarity for Mike and Jean.

"So basically (Harrison Woodlands) is an opportunity to finance our grandchildren's college education . . . that's going to be paid for (by) the trees that we're cutting off this land."

One of the strengths of Harrison Woodlands' property is its diversity, Greene says. Of the multiple tracts they own in various counties, 70% of it is under intense pine management.

"But we also protect upland hardwood ecosystems, wetland ecosystems, wildlife situations. We try to enhance their food plots and burning programs and offer a lot of conservation management techniques to achieve their goals."

LAND UNITES A FAMILY

Greene has been helping families manage their forests and privately owned timber tracts since the early 1980s, so he's worked with multiple generations.



And it seems he's also formed a third generation in his own family. Jeff's father-in-law was a forester, and his wife Karen also came from the timber industry. She was a wood scaler for St. Regis Paper Company and Jeff was a forester with Great Southern Paper Company when they met. They married in 1981. "The day after we had our first child, we both quit our jobs and started this company," Jeff says.

They now have six adult children and 13 grandchildren. Their youngest sons, twins Mack and Mason, chose the forestry profession and started with United Forestry Consultants right after college. They're currently developing an action plan for Mack and Mason to acquire the forestry consulting firm with Jeff staying on as President for a while.

"When they were younger, they walked the woods with me, cruising timber and marking timber," Greene says. Mack has a finance degree from the University of Georgia but didn't really want to go into banking. "He enjoyed the outdoors, so this is a perfect fit for him," Greene says. "He handles all the money." Mason graduated from UGA as well, with a Bachelors in Forest Resources. Both hold licenses with Greene's real estate company, Greene Forest & Farm Realty LLC.

Key man Paul Richmond, Jr., who has been with United Forestry for 26 years, rounds out the team. "We all do it all," Greene says. Any one of them can step into whatever role is needed.

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE

Like the Harrisons, the Greene family remains connected through adventures on properties they have been acquiring in Sumter County since 1991. "We manage ours for the recreational aspect, timber production and we farm a little—pecans," Greene says.

Four years ago, as a hobby project, Greene and his three sons bought a portable sawmill and harvested trees from their own land. They logged, sawed, dried and planed every board used to build a cabin on the farm for all to enjoy. "We're a very close family, we do a lot of recreation together," Greene says. They enjoy protecting the hardwood ecosystems and planting for wildlife. "All kinds of stewardship," he says.



"MOST LANDOWNERS GET TO GROW ONE TRACT OF TIMBER IN THEIR LIFETIME. THEY MAY PLANT BUT MIGHT NOT EVER SEE IT COME TO FRUITION."

—Jeff Greene, forester

THAT'S A BIG INDUSTRY

Despite development around the state, Georgia's forest area has remained stable over the past 50 years at about 24 million acres. Approximately 91 percent of this acreage is privately owned, giving Georgia more privately-owned acres of timberland than any other state in the nation.

It's an important industry and contributes a great deal to the economy, Greene says. According to the most recent Georgia Forestry Commission economic fact sheet, across all manufacturing industries, forestry ranks first in wages and

salaries and second in employment (to food processing).

And southwest Georgia is one of three regions with the greatest dependency on forest-based compensation, compared to all industries.

Harrison Woodlands is one of nearly 1,800 certified tree farms in the state, many of which are marked with those green and white signs. That designation, along with the Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year award, are part of the American Tree Farm System. ATFS provides resources for woodland owners who are committed to sustainably managing their forests for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation. State level programs are run by partners that include state agencies, non-profits, volunteers, foresters, and landowners.

MAKE NO MISTAKE

Getting good advice is key for these tree farms. As one landowner said, "Forestry is a long-term management (commitment). It takes a lot of years to do it right. You make a mistake, and it might take you thirty years to correct it."

Sometimes Jeff Greene's work is a matter of helping landowners be realistic. "We know what the markets are in our given geographic area," he says. For example, this past year, as lumber prices skyrocketed, some assumed timber tracts were bringing big returns. But he says stumpage prices—what a landowner is paid for his trees—doesn't correlate. "We may see little bumps or a slight increase from demand, but nowhere near what the end products are bringing."

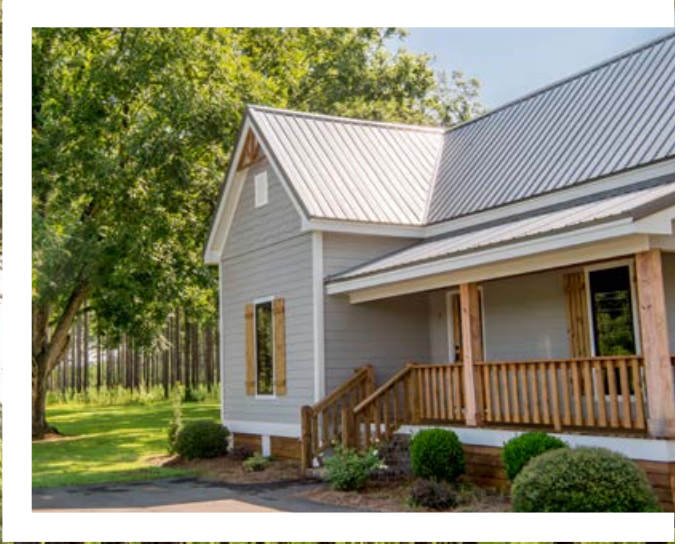
Greene can also help landowners discover hidden income potential, such as carbon credits. Manufacturers that are producing emissions in this country or others either voluntarily or are sometimes required to offset "greenhouse gases." So, they'll lease carbon credits from landowners—which amounts to a promise not to harvest their trees. "You can accumulate credits and sell to anyone you want to," Greene says. "It's just another aspect of forest ownership."

Conservation easements are another tool for landowners. These put restrictions on portions (or all) of a family's land to protect it from development for future generations. Easements lower the value of the land, which generally lowers taxes and can be beneficial in estate planning.

BEYOND THE BALANCE SHEET

As with Harrison Woodlands, landowners will find lots of resources available to help them manage their tracts. And you have the choice of doing as much or as little of the work as you desire.

The Harrisons have definitely laid the groundwork for future tree farmers in their family. "We're looking forward to passing everything along—the labor and management and everything else regarding the timber farm—to our children and grandchildren," Mike Harrison says. He's encouraging a hands-on approach, too. "I'm looking forward to seeing these grandchildren grow up and become tractor drivers and chainsaw operators and road clearers," he says, "working with Jeff and United Forestry Consultants to make the management decisions on a day-to-day basis."



A FOREST IS A "FARM" TOO

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit has a rich history in assisting private landowners acquire timberland as well as finance their operations. Relationship Managers like Brian Wilson have decades in the business and have worked with multiple generations, so their expertise goes beyond just financing timber and sawmill operations.

He says they offer private landowners guidance in all aspects, including straw rental opportunities, prescribed burning, timber management, wildlife management, CRP/NRCS opportunities and understanding tax consequences to harvest. Some Relationship Managers have also accumulated

enough knowledge to discuss technical aspects, including fiber growth rate and benefits or limitations that certain species of pine/hardwood can provide.

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit offers competitive financing for purchasing timberland or standing timber, buying sawmill equipment, purchasing machinery, vehicles and equipment, and making timberland improvements and reforestation.

Jeff Greene, with United Forestry Consultants, Inc., often works with Relationship Managers in the evaluation. "They're very knowledgeable about rural properties," he says. "They've been a big plus because of that knowledge."



AN AG PILOT'S
POINT OF VIEW

BY ANNA KINCHEN

Growing up in the South, one becomes accustomed to the sounds, sights and aerial acrobatics of low-flying planes and their daredevil pilots. Although, you'll often witness spectators stopped roadside, witnessing a personal air show in awe. There is something American about watching a propeller cut through the early fall clouds and descend upon a South Georgia row crop.

Overlooked by many, aerial application is crucial to the industry of agriculture. This is farm country and pilots are in demand. This high stakes, adrenaline-heavy career choice is technically challenging but provides an efficient, economic solution to the region's agricultural producers. In most cases, treatment from the air is the quickest and safest way to protect a farmer's investment and increase crop yields. This service can also mean the difference between salvaging a field or losing an entire crop.

Ag pilots undergo a great deal of training. The first step to become an aerial applicator is to earn a commercial pilot license through the Federal Aviation Administration. This includes passing a medical exam and flying for 250 hours.

Pilots who enter the aerial application industry are trained in all aspects of application, safe pesticide use, and

Lewis Ag Aviation, Scott provides aerial application for approximately four counties in southwest Georgia. Currently he treats various row crops like sweet corn, cotton, and peanuts in addition to pecan orchards.

Scott was born and raised in southwest Georgia and recalls the excitement of watching a plane fly overhead in his youth. His father owned a farm supply business and frequently hired pilots out of Quincy, Florida to dust peanuts. "My first experience in the air was with a local pilot, Billy Wayne Sullivan. It was a wonderful experience that really sparked my interest. I guess I always wanted to be able to fly with the birds. It did not take me long to realize I needed to raise revenue to support my new habit."

Scott received his private license around the age of 25 out of the Camilla airport under the instruction of Randy Berry. He obtained his commercial license shortly

and fall, but shares that he formerly applied forestry fertilizer in the winter months. "I would start in Mississippi and work my way to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. I did that for eight years. And I have done the Corn Run out West twice." He also flies for leisure when his schedule allows, traveling to Apalachicola and St. Augustine, Florida, and the Florida Keys. "My wife and I pack up and off we go. It's nice to disappear for a little while."

Over the last 25 years, Lewis has been a Director on the Board of Georgia Aerial Applicators. At one time he served as president. Now he serves as vice president. He shares his insights about the industry, "We started seeing a shortage of aerial applicators around 20 years ago. There is approximately 1,358 operators left nationwide. When I started flying there were nine pilots in Mitchell County. Now, there are four."



entomology in order to minimize risk to the environment. They fly at speeds up to 150 mph and at low altitudes while maneuvering around obstacles such as trees, towers, power lines, irrigations systems and structures.

Today's industry is comprised of state-of-the-art equipment with million-dollar turbine-engine planes, intricate GPS systems, swath guidance, aerial imagine, and prescription mapping and dispersal systems. Depending upon the product and plane, pilots can disperse 3 to 5 gallons per acre and cover 127 acres per flight.

With the sky above and land below, three southwest Georgia pilot's share their perspectives about the business and the risks they accept.

The Thrill of it All

"The best flights happen early in the morning. It's quiet. The air is smooth. There's nothing quite like seeing God's creation from the air at sunrise."

Scott Lewis, 66, of Vada, Georgia has been in business 38 years. The owner of

thereafter. "Before I finished my commercial license I bought a two-seater airplane with a friend, Tim Maxwell. I practiced dusting the fields, setting up buckets down below, and dispensing my load between them."

"There is a big difference between flying private and aerial application. There is always a risk, but in my line of work, there is a risk and a challenge. I enjoy the thrill of it all."

Scott currently flies a 510 Thrush with a Pratt and Whitney 750 horsepower engine that holds 228 gallons of fuel and 510 gallons of product. "Of all the planes I have flown and owned over the years, Thrush is my favorite. It's stable in rough air, built locally, and pilot friendly."

In 2004, Lewis built his own 1,900-foot grass runway out of the necessity to get off the ground and into skies quickly and locally. In 2009, he added a facility designed by the EPA and permitted by the Department of Agriculture that consists of a chemical storage building, loading and drive-thru area, fuel tanks, and water storage. "Every chemical we use is certified and we use it in a safe way."

Lewis flies mostly in the spring, summer,

Lewis attributes the decline of industry professionals to risks and a shortage of aircrafts. "Plane and insurance costs have gotten extravagant. Calculate in the cost of maintenance and the rising price of fuel and the appeal of the industry is lost to any newcomer."

Scott says he operates his business under the motto, "Live to fly another day." He also shares, "I find purpose in my occupation. I like to help the farmers produce the food and fiber needed for our growing population. I take great pride in flying over a healthy crop or beautiful field of defoliated cotton knowing that I had a hand in it."

Like other pilots, weather factors into his decisions to fly on any given day. "I enjoy every flight. But, I enjoy walking away from the plane, especially after a scare." Lewis admits that his family is always concerned about his safety but are also proud and supportive. "My kids—that's all they've ever known me to do."

Reflecting about his career, he shares some frightening experiences, including three engine failures, and one wreck into a wooded

area that cost him his plane. Pilots are trained to pick out a location for an emergency landing. “You don’t have time to be afraid—a pilot’s response is very instinctual—you are one with the plane. It’s all about the landing and flying until you can’t fly anymore. And the next day, you go right back up again.”

Rising Above

Kent Croom, of Croom Aviation, has been in the business for 38 years, employs seven individuals, and provides fertilizer, seed, and crop spraying in Donalsonville, Georgia. Croom also raises 350 head of cattle as a side hobby.

“At a young age, I remember plowing corn on our family’s farm. I enjoyed watching a local crop duster, Patch Price, fly over and treat the fields around us. My roots in agriculture ran deep, but I wanted to do something different than row cropping. Ag aviation is exciting. It is a service that has allowed me to stay connected to the land, to farmers.”

Kent started flying in 1980 while still in grade school. Summoning up memories from his past, he shared “Louie Bonner use to check me out of class to fly with him. We would capture other football teams on film from the sky and share the footage with the coaches back home.” Kent graduated from Seminole County High School in 1982 and immediately started his training at Ham’s Flight School in Albany. He finished his license at Sowell Aviation in Panama City, Florida. He went on to receive his commercial, multi-engine license, from Jim Harrell and his Instructor license from Bill Nichols shortly thereafter.

“I get a freeing feeling every time I go up that I find enjoyable. It makes me forget all of my troubles.”

Ken launched his crop spraying business in 1983 with a Cessna AGwagon. He purchased several different planes early in his career but had to add two Cessnas’ and one Pawnee to his operation in 1988, the year the Boll Weevil Program began. Ken bid on all of the cotton from Chattahoochee, Florida to Moultrie, Georgia.

Kent, now 57, shares that he has flown every type of crop duster there is including, Pawnee, Cessna, Ag Truck, Ag-Cat, Thrush, Air Tractor, Dromader, and Weatherly. “Of all those planes, I enjoy the Thrush the most. It is built in Albany, Georgia, and is one of the best flying planes ever built in my opinion.” Currently, Croom has three, 5/10 Thrush planes and one 400 gallon Thrush plane and lives by the motto “Always respect the airplane!” He operates out of a 40 X 60 load facility in Donalsonville, Georgia. His main plane holds about 510 gallons of product.

Croom Aviation flies and provides its services “all over the southeast”: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The

furthest Kent has flown is Texas but admits that he stays as busy as he wants flying regionally for fellow agribusinesses. “The hours and the seasons are long. I do not have the time to fly recreationally.”

He fertilizes and sprays for potatoes in February, followed by wheat (February-April), sweet corn (March-November), Pine trees and seedling (April-July), Soybeans (June-Aug), Milo (July-October).

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—Scott Lewis

Weather and mechanical issues factor into Kent’s decision to fly on any given day. “Flying a plane is like driving a truck to me. I don’t fear equipment or engine malfunctions until they happen. When something goes wrong or the propeller stops, I don’t panic—there is no time. Quick thinking and decisions determine a pilot’s outcome in those situations, ya know? Emotions can hit hard upon landing when I imagine the different scenarios. He takes a long pause, “You just have to rise above that fear and climb back up the next day. Any day flying is a good day.”

The Sky Is the Limit

“I have always had a passion for airplanes. But when it comes to crop dusting, I guess I just have a little crazy in me.”

Kyle Sheffield, 34, of Iron City, Georgia, is a fifth generation farmer who cultivates around 2,100 acres of row crops and runs 300 head of cattle with his grandfather, dad, and brother. “The years have been tough on us farmers. After (Hurricane) Michael, we decided we wouldn’t grow cotton anymore. Going into the aerial application business made sense when I was contemplating how to diversify our operations. Idle hands ain’t good for me. I prefer to stay busy.”

Kyle also shared that during a visit with Kent Croom he was encouraged to pursue a commercial pilot’s license. “I have always had a fondness for planes. I just needed a push, I guess.” Kyle obtained his private license in 2018 from the Bainbridge Ag Flight School and obtained his commercial license from the school in Pensacola. “But it

was Kent that taught me most everything. He gave me my first job and instructed me how to handle the plane. After a while, it just became instinctual. I just couldn’t believe someone was going to pay me to do this.”

Soon thereafter, in 2020, Kyle launched his business, Sheffield Flying Services. He currently offers aerial applications, fertilizing, spraying, “whatever the farmer might want.” He operates out of a private, paved airstrip with a 50 X 100 load facility near Colquitt, Georgia on the Seminole County and Miller County line. “Efficiency is determined by how many acres you can cover and how quickly you can unload product. However, at the end of the day, I just want to do a great job for the customer.”

“I started out with a Cessna 172 and then I purchased an Ag Cat. I purchased a Thrush 550 this year that holds 200 gallons of fuel and burns about 70 gallons an hour. It holds 550 gallons of chemicals. By far, it is my favorite plane. It flies smooth and is easy to maneuver. The first and last load of the day are always the best. The air is generally cooler with little interference; therefore, the plane performs as it should.” During busy seasons Kyle flies from sun up to sun down but admits he still desires to grow his business and customer base in southwest Georgia. “I would like to think the sky is the limit when it comes to my career.” No pun intended, of course.

On occasion, Kyle takes a few leisurely trips down to the Gulf Coast with his wife. “She worries about my safety but has gotten a little more comfortable with the idea. ‘Be sure to come back,’ she says. My daughter thinks it’s cool. She is a little rebel.” On one of his more recent challenging jobs, he videoed some of the obstacles he was presented with when flying. “I had to drop under power lines and maneuver around wind turbines. I do the TikTok thing. My wife doesn’t like that too much—she is not amused.”

During the interview, Kyle shared that he had answered a social media ad for the Corn Run out West and was currently in Kansas with his plane. “They needed pilots for the season so off I went.” During his time in Seneca, Kansas, he experienced both a career highlight and a career low. “One day I treated a 608 acre field. The different scenery was such a welcomed change and the terrain was beautiful.” Kyle then shared that he, along with several other pilots in his unit, tested positive for Covid-19. “I parked my plane and I took a few days off. But when my plane is parked I ain’t making a living.”

“Our business is essential to farmers and to the food, fiber and timber needed to sustain our way of life. However, every day that we go up in our planes, we are taking a risk and battling wind and other scenarios that are out of our control. At the end of day, our services are necessitated by a farmer’s need to support you.”



Rhonda Griffin

FINE ART

BY ANNA KINCHEN

She reflects on her childhood growing up in Adel, Georgia surrounded by agriculture and visiting her family farm in nearby Brooks County. Rhonda Griffin also recalls holidays and birthday celebrations when she was gifted paints, pencils, brushes, and art boxes by her loving family who nourished her natural artistic talents. She cherished art classes in High School and went on to pursue a degree in Fine Art at Valdosta State University where she explored painting and photography. "I studied abroad in London, England where I painted landscapes and architecture with watercolors. I have always had an appreciation for art, but my education and the years of ag experience that followed, helped to shape me into the creative person I am today."

Following her college graduation, Rhonda accepted a Advertising Manager position at Kelly Manufacturing Company in Tifton, Georgia where she worked for seven years. KMC has been building dependable farm equipment for over 45 years complete with machinery for every phase of the farming process. Their industrial site occupies 28 acres and they employ an average of 210 employees year round. "I spent 40% of my time in the field and in poultry houses capturing footage, 20% of my time with engineers and salesmen learning about the different product lines, and the remainder was spent designing." Rhonda did all of the photography, filming, graphic design, and printing for the organization. She managed all in-house printing of brochures, newsletters, and marketing assets as well as designed and produced billboard graphics, television ads, and tradeshow booths.

Born and raised in Cook County herself, Rhonda desired to raise her family with experiences similar to her own. In 2015, Rhonda transitioned into a part-time role working for FMC in Adel, Georgia. FMC is a leading agricultural science that invests resources in discovering new active ingredients, developing

A true southern artist with a rich history in agriculture captures the essence and charm of Georgia Grown commodities through painting.



innovative formulations and biologicals for the purpose of advancing precision agriculture technologies. “I worked on the entomology team and conducted field trials on everything from row crops to fruit trees; all commodities really. However, my focus was on cotton. I learned so many new things about the agricultural industry during my time pulling samples and working in the lab. I learned to identify every insect in southwest Georgia, including those that were most damaging to crops and the livelihoods of farmers.”

“Both of those chapters in my life left lasting impressions on me and a deeper appreciation of what I have access to. The crop seasons are now ingrained in my heart”

Upon leaving FMC in 2016, Rhonda devoted all of her time to raising her two sons. Well, not all of her time. It wasn't long before the creative embers reignited in Rhonda. With a brush in her hand once again, she began exploring mediums and textures through coastal-themed paintings. By request from her sister (Jessie), Rhonda produced her first cotton boll painting in 2017. “It felt natural. There was an instant connection to what I was creating. I painted from memory, from history, from life, and in my own style.”

As her subject matter began to evolve, Rhonda's style remained much the same. She uses a mixture of paints but relies heavily on acrylics due to the quick drying time. She also uses Blick gallery wrap canvases. “I take pride in having a process that is unique to me. I always start with a base paint texture, finishing with metallic highlights.” She describes her home art studio as messy but a great place to create. “I collect clippings and plants from the field to bring into the studio to study. And I am always listening to music of different genres while working.”

Rhonda began setting up a tent on the weekends in Barney, Georgia at the Burton Brooks Peach Shed. “My business exploded from there and I began accepting commissions for other commodities as the subject matter. I would get requests like ‘Can you paint peanuts, peaches, blueberries?’ and I would gladly make accommodations. These commissions gave me the confidence I needed to grow as an artist.” It did not take long for art collectors and ag producers alike to take notice.

With deep appreciation, Rhonda informs me of the overwhelming support she has received from state agricultural organizations. “The Georgia Peanut Commission and Premium Peanut have all purchased my products as gifts. BASF once commissioned hundreds of ornaments for their customers at cotton seed conventions in Florida and Texas.” This collective support helped me to expand my business and helped increase my visibility and exposure in the South.

Rhonda shares that her biggest success story was when the Georgia Pecan Growers Association purchased large pecan paintings that they then presented to the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, Gary Black, and the Governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp. “I cannot believe my paintings were on the evening news! It was a huge surprise and it brought me so much joy!”

You can commission your own custom piece by Rhonda Griffin or book her for a paint party by visiting her Facebook Page,



Rhonda Griffin Fine Art. You can also find Rhonda's artwork at the Farmer's Wife in Bainbridge, At the Looking Glass in Hahira, at Bellou in Apalachicola, and at various festivals and shows like the Calico Arts Festival, Perry Fair, and Sunbelt Ag Expo.

Rhonda also sells her original pieces through the Georgia Grown exhibits as the majority of her artwork features Georgia Grown commodities. “It is a great fit and I enjoy working with them! When I first submitted my pieces there was not an art category so I submitted them under the retail/marketing category. That process has

changed but I am currently the only Georgia Grown artist at this time.”

“I am only one person so I can only focus on a few key accounts, commissions, and shows.” Emotion builds as she shared that 95% of her shows have been canceled over the last year due to the pandemic. “So much was unknown and I wondered how I would make ends meet.” Yet, the success of the Farmer's Wife in Bainbridge kept Rhonda's business afloat. “Owner, Ashley Sheffield, kept me busy. My work would sell



out and customers would be waiting in the store for me to arrive when I made my next delivery. I owe so much to that store and the Bainbridge community. Thank you!!”

In response to her rise to fame, Rhonda shares that it has been a joy using her two passions to bring attention to agriculture in southwest Georgia. “Agriculture and art have both been integral to my success. How lucky am I that my education and unique skills merge with my agricultural roots?”



THE FIRE INSIDE

By Anna Kinchen

BOB STOTT CUSTOM BLADES AND TOOLS



South Georgia bladesmith expert, Bob Stott, was born in the small town of Potgietersrus South Africa, now known as Makopane. I knew he was a storyteller 10 minutes into our ninety-minute call. His foreign accent was noticeable and powerful. But there was also a southern undertone of twang and patience in his voice undoubtedly shaped by years of living in central Florida and southwest Georgia. "I've been redneckified," he says with a chuckle. Twice we lost signal and our call dropped. My phone rang each time shortly thereafter with Bob stating "The wind must've changed directions."

Stott moved to America in 1991 and drove semis for employment. The delivery route that took him through southwest Georgia (Bainbridge) several times a month also led him to the love of his life, Ivey.

En route from Central Florida, Stott's truck broke down in Bainbridge. He entered the repair shop where he found staff working on the underside of his rig. Bob kicked one of the boots visible from where he stood and shouted "Hey dude! When are you going to be done with my truck?" He chuckled again when he shared, "She slid out from under the truck, grease on her face, cap turned sideways. Surprised, I said, 'You're a girl!' She gave me a witty response I never forgot! We've been married for 25 years now."

"I still have family in South Africa and I visit when I can, but, I love it here (Bainbridge). Everyone is hospitable and honest. It's safe. That really means something to me."

Stott has been amateur gunsmithing since childhood. "I enjoy researching things that are of interest to me but I have a terrible learning disability - dyslexia. Working with my hands is more natural, almost therapeutic." He was referred to a local bladesmith in Jakin, Georgia, T. Paul McGowen, during his quest to learn how to make Damascus steel to use for his gun parts.

Under McGowen's teaching, Stott made his first blade. "It was a very ugly fixed blade hunting knife. Everyone's first blade is ugly. But it is was a serviceable knife - served a purpose - I still have it hanging in my shop." Stott became enthralled with the art of forging custom blades and tools. He has not re-visited gunsmithing since, but works frequently with his dear friend, McGowen, on numerous projects.

Damascus steel is made from several layers of different steel - heated and forged together to create one solidified piece. It is characterized by exceptional hardness and by a watered, streaked appearance caused by the varying carbon levels of the original material. Through our conversation and a little research, I learn that the origins of Damascus steel date back to early civilizations in India. The steel was traded through Scandinavian countries and eventually adopted by Vikings. The art has been lost



over centuries but is seeing a renaissance. "What I do is a modern adaptation of it."

Stott sources materials from specialty wholesalers for stainless steel knives but uses scrap steel for his Damascus blades. "I use the steel people typically haul off to the scrap yards like pickup truck springs, ball bearings, old saw blades out of sawmills. Or friends bring it to me. I have more than I know what to do with." He makes handles out of resins or hard acrylics but prefers to use wood, antler, horn, or bone. "I have collected from all over - brought some back from South Africa (like giraffe bone or antelope horn). I have special permits that allow me to export it. But I also use local deer antlers that hunters bring to me or that I find wandering off in the woods."

Bob makes his custom blades and tools out of his home shop. He uses homemade forges, power hammers, and hydraulic presses acquired over 15 years. His most frequently used process for Damascus blades involves heating the steel in the forge at 2200 Fahrenheit, placing it on an anvil, forging and beveling it with his hammer, placing it on a belt grinder for smoothing, and then dipping it into ferric chloride. "Different steels react to different acids. The chloride etches the Damascus steel, allowing for the beautiful patterns to intensify." The patterns that result after quenching and finishing are distinctive and complex. Damascus blades are judged largely by their watering, which serves as a guide to the quality of the steel.

It's all a dangerous process. I wear safety gear, but I still get burned." His scars tell no lies. His broad shoulders and giant hands make yielding a giant hammer look like easy work. His superhuman labors bring American folklore legends like Paul Bunyan to mind. The shop, though organized, was filled with every tool, hammer, blade, and sharp edge I could imagine. One of three homemade forges lit made the hot July day a bit more intolerable. "I built these myself. I can heat the steel within a degree of the temperature needed." He was repurposing a wrench into a blade that day; pulling it from the forge to place on an anvil from the late 1800s, shaping the steel with his hammer, and then placing it back in the forge to repeat the process.

I mentioned the hit tv show *Forged in Fire* and asked if it was a good representation of what he does. "It has awoken an interest and an appreciation for hand-crafted blades. But the competitive atmosphere allows very limited time to create something truly unique, something of quality. The show takes several shortcuts and makes the process look quick and simple. It takes more than 4 hours to heat treat a blade correctly."

He follows that statement by openly admitting that the show, along with other various books and movies, inspires him from time to time. He has created his interpretation of the tomahawk seen in the movie *The Patriot* on several occasions. "I am passionate about my work and I never want to force it. I can get hung up starting a project just waiting for the creative bug to bite."

Like most artists, Bob is afraid that the creative fires that burn inside of him will diminish by taking on too many commissions. He refers to his business as a side-gig. "I create what I want when I want. My work is governed by passion and not by money. I am never fully satisfied with what I create. I only allow myself to let go of a project when I reach a certain level of happiness about it." He realizes that he competes against knives



and tools that are mass-produced. "I give customers something I create with my hands. It comes with a lifetime warranty. A lifetime of me anyhow."

Those most familiar with Bob's craft were referred at some point by another collector of his masterpieces. The majority of his transactions happen by an individual shopping his social media page or inquiring about his recent work.

"I create axes, tomahawks, steak knives, kitchen knives, hunting blades, oyster knives, ulus, swords, fireplace tools, frying skillets, ladles . . . I have made several extraordinary pieces over the years and unfortunately, I have sold a good majority of them. My dear friend, Mark Lindquist (photographer and woodworker from Quincy, Florida), has been an incredible mentor for me and his level of accomplishment is something not many can relate to. He told me to never sell my best work. As I age, it makes more sense."

Stott is currently wrapping up several projects for a large custom home being built on the Chattahoochee River; 20' tall light fixtures, fireplace tools, a pair of iron and wood entrance doors measuring 6' wide, 12' tall, and weighing 4000 pounds collectively. "I have a customer that lets me venture outside of my comfort zone and challenges me."

When asked if he had a favorite piece, he shared "I really value my Journeyman piece I turned in to the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association for my Journeyman Certificate. It is quite precious to me."

His pricing varies and depends on the materials, size of the blade/tool, and the number of hours he puts in. "A complex and intricate blade takes around 60-70 hours."

Outside of his side-gig, Bob manages several rental properties and enjoys riding his electric bike and traveling. "I am also rebuilding an old transit bus like I don't have anything to do," he says with another chuckle."

To see Bob Stott's incredible work, visit his Facebook page, Bob Stott Custom Blades and Tools, or give him a call at 229-515-0383.





FOR THE LOVE OF A GOOD GUN DOG

BY JULIE STRAUSS BETTINGER



Her name was Babe and she taught Caleb Horton everything he needs to know about dog training.

It was the summer of 2005 and Horton was a college sophomore. He took a part-time job training gun dogs at Easterlee Plantation, working under National Field Trial Champion handler Rick Furney.

Furney told Horton about a liver-and-white English Pointer that he could use some help on, and asked if he wanted to try his hand at training her. Eager to please, Horton said sure.

He walked over to the kennel to size up his new project. When Horton opened the gate, the dog crouched down, rolled over, and peed on herself.

"All I could think was, What have I gotten myself into?" This cowering creature before him was a field trial washout and was abandoned by her owner. So Furney didn't have a lot on the line when he told Horton, "She's yours, if you want her."

That moment launched a partnership that would last more than 16 years and a career that continues to touch countless lives. Because of Babe, other "misfits" have been used for everything from saving military men

and women from hidden explosives to helping huntsmen reach their limit of quail, with the bonus of being some of the best-behaved family members you could ask for.

But first Horton had to get used to the idea of being a student and a teacher at the same time.

Lasting paw prints

"Babe went to college with me and slept in the same bed," Horton says. "She went everywhere with me, she sat on the front seat of the truck."

Even as they bonded, he kept wondering, How the heck am I supposed to train this dog who is terrified of everything?

As their relationship developed, so did Babe's confidence. "She went with me to work every day," he says. "She started getting better and better, and I was like, 'OK, we might have a dog here.'"

After watching various breeds perform, Horton realized he needed to alter his expectations for this would-be gun dog. "We were doing horseback dogs, but she didn't run big enough to be a horseback dog. I had 50 acres down in Grady County, so we just walked it."

Horton was able to get Babe finished, “steady wing to shot,” when she was about two years old. His voice grows excited as he recalls the first time it all came together.

“We were kind of having a friendly competition with another trainer and she just flat out whooped the other dog,” he says. “I was so proud because she was really the first dog I ever trained. And I mean she backed, she pointed.” They located four or five coveys of wild birds and the other dog backed more than pointed. “It was the first hunt she ever went on where she was actually ready to go,” he says. “And when she blew up all those points, I was so proud.”

Training the Trainer

About four years later, Horton’s career took him to Wynfield Plantation, where he met his wife, Ashleigh; she also worked with the dogs. At Wynfield, he managed to finish his degree in history at Georgia Southwestern University and achieve his teaching certification, all the while being mentored by revered dog trainer Mike Osteen. In another five years, he transferred to Southpoint Plantation.

Babe continued as Horton’s co-trainer. “There were a lot of miles on that chassis, because we were working seven days a week. She went hunting pretty much every day, starting from around October to the end of March.”

She set the standard. “I couldn’t ask for a better dog to hunt with. She always checked in with you, she wouldn’t run off. She always held her birds—just stylish. When she hit birds, she just blew up like a peacock.”

That once lowly liver-and-white contributed to their family life, too. When it came time for Horton and his new bride Ashleigh to buy their first home, finances were tight. “We slept in the living room on a mattress for the first four months,” he says. Babe slept nearby at the fireplace hearth.

Horton had been training two of Babe’s puppies from her only litter and planned to keep them, but furniture seemed a higher priority. “Selling the two bird dogs gave us enough money to buy a bed and some dressers,” he says. Good girl!

Multiplying the Miracles

When Ashleigh was pregnant with their first child, Horton entertained the idea of leaving dog training and putting his teaching certification to work, but his wife told him, “That’s not your calling. I know we’re gonna have a child, but

I know what you love. You need to go do it.” His mom said the same thing. “Son, you’re made to do this, go do it.” He admits the idea of having his own kennel was scary. “I was terrified. I mean, terrified.”

On April 1, 2016, he launched Southern Tradition Kennels, LLC, with eight dogs and today, at any one time, Horton will have as many as 40 in his kennel (nicknamed “misfit island”). He’s been featured in *Garden & Gun* magazine and on National Geographic TV’s *Nat Geo WILD*.

Horton works with both the human handler as well as their canine, passing along exactly what Babe taught him: Be the teacher and the student.

Some other basics he learned from Babe: Pressure never solves confusion. “If you tell me to take apart a Chevy engine and put it back together again, I don’t care how much pressure you put on me, it’s not gonna work.” It’s the same thing with a dog. “You’ve got to make sure the dog understands you, because a happy dog is going to work with you. You’ve got to build a happy rapport.”

If you dictate to them all the time (force as opposed to positive reinforcement) the dog may listen, but they’ll look terrible doing it. “Their head is down, their tail is not wagging,” he says.

Every dog is different, so you have to figure out what that dog wants to get paid. It may be food, tossing the tennis ball, or a high-pitched voice praising them. “Find something that the dog wants to work for,” he says.

And, more specific to Babe’s issue, is recognizing softness and sensitivity. There’s no one-size-fits-all to dog training, he says. Horton noted that Babe responded to positive reinforcement better than stern correction. “I had to work with kid gloves.”

There are indicators of training mistakes. If you see a dog with fingerprints, you’ve done it wrong, he says. “Fingerprints” are evidence that someone has been rough with a soft dog. “In the art of dog training, I don’t want fingerprints. I want them to be as natural as they want to be on a bird.”

Parenting has also taught Horton some lessons. In addition to their now five-year-old son Mason, they have a two-year-old daughter, Caleigh. The youngest is fearless, he says. “She’s going to be my little dog trainer.”

Her “Best Life”

Three years ago, Horton and his family moved from Bronwood to Leesburg, where he enjoys a newly constructed kennel, 32 acres, plus

numerous properties scattered nearby for training grounds. Unfortunately, there was no fenced yard for Babe, who had turned 12. Horton decided it was time for her to live “her best life,” in retirement.

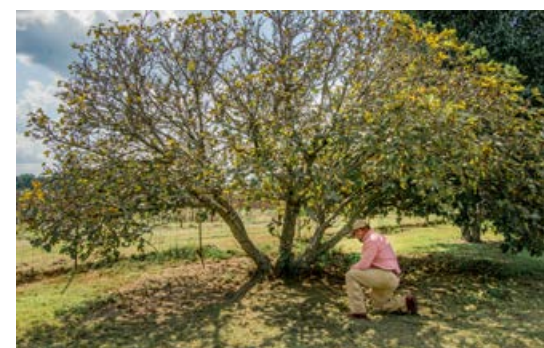
His mother, Debra, who works with the dogs at Horton’s kennels, offered his parents’ place as a suitable home. “She loved that dog even more than me,” Horton says. Soon, Babe was running trails and creating ruts in the yard like a racetrack. “All day long, she looked for birds and butterflies,” he says. “She lived to hunt, that’s what she did.” Babe would cool off in the baby pool, then go back and run some more.

Babe was always happy to see Horton and he loved telling stories about her. “When she saw a gun. She knew what was up. I’d whistle and she was ready to go hunt the world.”

Thinking back to that first meeting with the eight-month-old Babe, he says, “I never thought in a million years, she would have made it. But she turned out to be one of the best foot hunting dogs you could ever ask for. She was honest; she did everything you asked her to do. And she loved doing it.”

This past summer, while Horton was on a family vacation, he received a call from his mom. They’d been hand feeding the sixteen-and-a-half-year-old Babe for days and it was time. He recalls saying, “I know we love her, Mom, but the quality of life is gone.” They sent her off to run the eternal trails on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

“We buried her on the farm under the fig tree.”



ABBIE'S PEANUT BRITTLE

Submitted by Anna Kinchen

- 1 ½ Cups of Sugar
- ½ Cup White Karo Syrup
- ½ Boiling Water
- 2 Cups of Raw Peanuts
- 1 Tsp of Baking Soda
- 2 TBS of Margarine

1. Prepare Ingredients and pan for cooling first. Recipe requires full attention and stirring until complete.
2. Cook sugar, syrup and water in large pot on stovetop at low to medium heat. Stir.
3. Add raw peanuts – Stir consistently until golden
4. Add margarine and baking soda. Stir.
5. Stir well (will foam).
6. Pour out on to buttered foil (very hot).
7. Let cool.



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TASTE THE SOUTH USING OUR STAFF'S
FAVORITE PEANUT RECIPES

LEE'S PEANUT BUTTER APPLE CRISP

Submitted by Lee Hatcher

PREP TIME: 30 min.

COOK TIME: 1 hour and 15 minutes or until golden brown

Ingredients

Crust:

- 1 ¼ cup Quaker Old Fashion Oats
- 1 ½ Cup Light Brown Sugar
- 1 ½ Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1 tsp. Cinnamon Sugar
- ¾ cup Salted Butter (melted)

Filling:

- 10 cups of honeycrisp apples, peeled and sliced to your preference.
- 1 cup of sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup of water
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup of crunchy peanut butter

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 X 13 baking dish.
2. In a medium size bowl, mix all of the crust ingredients until a crumbly mixture forms. Spread half of the mixture into the baking dish and press down until it forms a crust.
3. Peel and slice your apples, then place them in a bowl of cold water with a splash of lemon juice to prevent browning.
4. In a medium saucepan on high heat whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, salt, water and vanilla until it is thickened.
5. Remove the saucepan from the burner and stir in your crunchy peanut butter until smooth.
6. Strain your apples and dry them off with paper towels. When completely dried pour your peanut butter mixture over the apples. Mix the apples and mixture until the apples are completely covered
7. Spread the apple mixture onto the bottom crust and sprinkle the remaining crumble mixture on top. Bake at 350 for an hour or until golden brown.
8. Cool before serving and store leftovers in the refrigerator.



TARRELL'S BOILED PEANUTS

Submitted by Tarrell Bennett

COOK TIME: approximately 3 hours

Ingredients

- Raw Peanuts
- Morton Salt (4oz for every gallon of peanuts)
- Water

Directions:

1. The optimal maturity for peanuts is 95 to 105 days after planting. Remove stems from peanuts and wash thorough with water to remove dirt.
2. Place peanuts in a large boiling pot. A stainless steel pot with a glass lid works best.
3. Cover peanuts with water until level. Then add about an extra 3 inches of water.
4. Add approximately 4 ounces of salt per gallon of peanuts. Place salt on top of peanuts and stir in with a spoon or by hand.
5. Place on burner and heat to a slow boil. An outdoor, single-burner gas stove works best, but cooking can be done indoors on a stove.
6. Cover the pot with a lid and reduce heat to a simmer. Do not allow the water to boil over or boil out (scorch). Add water and adjust heat as needed during cooking.
7. Simmer for 3 hours, stirring occasionally.
8. After 3 hours, taste sample and add additional salt taste.
9. Remove from heat, but leave peanuts in the cooking pot of salt water for a few hours or even overnight. Peanuts will absorb salt and moisture as it sits.
10. Drain and enjoy! Store leftover peanuts in the refrigerator.



Reed Farm and Ranch

BY ANNA KINCHEN

“Growing up in agriculture, I took for granted that farming was part of my family’s day-to-day life. It wasn’t until I moved away for college that I saw how families sought out agritourism as a way to enjoy fresh produce, learn something new, and spend the day outdoors,” said Ryan Shingler, husband to Katy Shingler, and co-owner of Reed Farm and Ranch. “Not everyone has access to a tractor or gets to experience the lifestyle of farm living.”

Ryan met Katy while attending the University of Georgia in Athens. Even then, the couple explored regional agritourism farms and u-pick operations for day dates and social outings.

“In 2017, we moved back to South Georgia and eventually purchased a plot of land adjacent to Ryan’s family’s centennial farm,” said Katy. “At the time, we weren’t sure what we were going to do with the land—perhaps build a house, maybe a hunting camp. We just knew that we didn’t want the land to go to someone else.”

Ryan and Katy’s acreage was originally part of a 4,000-acre timber tract in Jakin, Georgia owned by Ryan’s great-grandfather, Early Reed—hence the name, Reed Farm and Ranch. The couple’s decision to keep the land in the family falls in line with the sentiments most share in our region: a family’s history and legacy are often deeply connected to the land.

The Shinglers are now raising their children Reed (5), Avery (3), to appreciate the generational blessing of having family acreage to roam. “There aren’t many neighborhood parks or gathering spots nearby for children in our rural setting. However, we enjoy visiting agritourism farms while traveling. Years of

kitchen table discussions and jokes at the pumpkin patch later, the idea of creating something of our own grew.”

The destruction of Hurricane Michael in 2018 and the damage to the family-owned pine tract only escalated their decision to call their dreams to action. “The few pines left standing had to be clear-cut. We needed to decide what to do next.”



Timing, coupled with Katy’s experience in event management and corporate events, simply made sense. “I understood the hospitality industry. I understood the logistics. Our goal was to create a place for families (like us) to enjoy farming and the outdoors without

driving one to two hours away” said Katy. “We procured seed and supplies in the late winter of 2019. Construction on facilities started in May of 2020.”

Ronny, Ryan’s father, is a full-time farmer. Ryan and his dad put up the barn structure with the help of neighboring farmers, Carey Cannon and Ricky Smith in June of 2020. Ronny, along with life-long family friends, provided equipment and knowledge for raising the barn and sourcing the seed. “Our commercial farming neighbors were proud to help—they felt invested. Everyone wanted to see the project come to life,” said Ryan.

There were hurdles, of course, especially during a pandemic. However uncertain of the future they were, the Shinglers persevered and made the most of quarantine by spending time with family and pouring energy into their new project. “It is mostly family run with the help of a few long-time employees that help us on the farm

year-round. Still, partially in disbelief, Katy shared “Our facility and corn maze were constructed in less than 100 days. We were lucky to have a venue and activities in an open-air, socially distanced setting. Families did not have to cancel the season, cancel tradition.”



They opened on the first weekend of October 2020 with hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a sunflower field, a 10-acre corn maze, barnyard games, and longhorn cattle feeding. They were still fine-tuning the electricity and plumbing for the restrooms. Katy laughed as she shared that “There was no running water, families were arriving, my own children were running wild, but it was the best feeling. It took the help and support from our neighbors and community to get to that point so we shared pride in how it all came together.”

Ryan shared “The learning curve was quite steep. Each day we were open we adjusted and discovered ways to make the events and facilities more accommodating. We were initially closed on Sundays but quickly learned that families wanted an activity to do after church.” When possible, they had food trucks on site. They accept cash, debit, and credit payments and suggest that you come dressed with plans to get a little dirt on your boots. “We are a functioning farm. You’re gonna get dirty.”

The Shinglers worked with a consultant on last year’s pirate corn maze

but have plans to make it more their own moving forward. Their corn maze is planted as a solid crop, marked and flagged for design, and rolled over by equipment. They will provide a kid-friendly map and use strategically placed markers in the maze to feature ag facts and offer an interactive experience.

“There is an entertainment aspect to agriculture and we see our operation as a community service and an ag education tool as much as a tourist attraction.”

One vantage point that several families appreciated was the enjoyment, safety, and security they felt in the farm’s rural setting with short lines and under-crowded facilities. “We hosted several church groups last year but hope to welcome school field trips this year if Covid guidelines permit.”

“Our own children loved it. We walked the maze every day (1.75 miles).” Reed and Avery saw it as their personal party and frequently ask when they are having ‘barn days’ with their friends again. They still expect to see people when we visit the barn.”

“Our biggest surprise has been the attraction and appeal of the longhorn cattle. Southwest Georgia is home to mostly Black Angus herds. Ryan purchased six longhorn calves as a gift to me in 2009. His friends gave him a hard time but twelve years later, the herd has grown to over two dozen. Even during the off-season, we see folks stopped roadside taking photographs of them” said Katy.

Last year’s ‘season’ spanned the entire months of October and November. But there is something to be said about when the clock strikes midnight because following the evening of October 31st, visitor numbers drastically declined. Public interest has shifted towards the Christmas holiday.

The Shinglers began planting in June. Their 2021 open season will begin the first weekend of October and end on the last, offering all of the same activities and thrills as the year before.

Our goal was to start simple and grow it each year. In the future, we plan to add a few new attractions and produce varieties. And, we do rent the barn out for children’s parties, weddings, and group events.



holidays

@ HOME WITH MICHELLE

Despite the lingering humidity of summer, an occasional fall breeze perfumed with peanut dust from the nearby fields brings a desire to put a wreath on one's door and light a pumpkin spice candle. Say what you will about us Southerners, but we believe that decking the halls early with autumn décor will surely bring cool crisp days and old fashioned football rivalries with it.

During these uncertain times, we all long for something to look forward to. Thankfully, a new season of harvest and change is upon us. And in the South, you won't find many more tethered to holiday tradition, crafting, baking, sharing and gathering.

As you embark on this new season, Michelle (our lifestyle and garden expert), is back to share what holidays are like at the Burke home and to ignite the campfire flames and spirit of the season within you.

"Explore Georgia and Georgia Grown are great sites to find those incredible Fall u-pick produce operations, apple orchards, corn mazes, camp sites and pumpkin patches," said Michelle. "We purchase larger pumpkins to carve with Nana and smaller ones to paint. The Georgia National Fair is also a staple on our bucket list — I can already taste the funnel cakes!"

"As Thanksgiving approaches, I put my stovetop and oven to the test, allowing for the kids to make small messes in the kitchen. It is such a generational blessing to pass down age-old casserole, pie, and soup recipes. And I would be amiss not to mention the sweet treats and gallons of hot chocolate we consume. I love memories made and savored in the kitchen. After all, it's the greatest gifts that never get wrapped in paper."

Michelle harvests the last of her garden sweet potatoes and herbs before the hard frosts. After which, she welcomes a more quiet and dormant garden. Being the herbalist she is, she also collects and orders elderberries online to prepare for the sniffing noses sure to come. Hard to find on the shelves in the pharmacy during cold and flu season, Michelle's elderberry syrup recipe is a welcomed home remedy for our readers.

"Elderberries are packed with antioxidants and vitamins! They are believed to boost your immune system and tame inflammation. However, it is important to only pick fully ripe berries and remove the stalks and leaves as they can be poisonous. American elderberries do favor a Georgia climate and are known to be drought and winter tolerant. When I can't get my hands on locally grown berries, I purchase them from Frontier Co-Op"



Elderberry Syrup

- ¾ cup of dried elderberries
- 3 cups of water
- 2 Cinnamon sticks
- 2 Echinacea tea bags
- 1 cup of raw honey (local is best)

Directions:

1. Bring all ingredients except honey to low boil uncovered for 45 min or until reduced.
2. Turn off heat and use masher to mash all nutrients out of elderberries.
3. Allow mixture to cool.
4. Once cooled, strain mixture through a mesh sieve or cheesecloth.
5. Add honey and mix well.
6. Pour into airtight container.
7. Store in the refrigerator for the season (2-3 months).
8. Take a tablespoon daily or as needed.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

▼ Meet Our New Team Members



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Lee Hatcher
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Client Relations Specialist



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▼ Dr. Kohl's Webinar Recap

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit partnered again with agricultural experts to benefit young, beginning, and small operation farmers through an educational webinar. The association held the webinar on September 1, 2021 with a fantastic turnout with the number of viewers.

The speaker was Dr. David Kohl who is currently President of AgriVisions, LLC. He regularly speaks at over 20 young farmer programs annually. He has published five books and over 2,500 articles and video blogs on financial and business-related topics online and in journals, extension, and other popular publications. His keen insight into the agriculture industry has been gained through extensive travel, research, and involvement in ag businesses. He has traveled nearly 10 million miles; conducted more than 7,000 presentations; and published more than 2,500 articles in his career.

"The pandemic has created an economic agricultural roller coaster" says Kohl. "For ag entrepreneurs, the risk and opportunities in agriculture have never been greater. There will be a widening of the profit gap for agricultural producers in the 2020s."

▼ Georgia Leadership Luncheon

"The purpose of Leadership Georgia is to prepare strong and effective leaders for the future development of this state. Those who participate are young people coming from every nook and cranny of Georgia...the small town, the open country, the big city." —J.W. Fanning



Dr. Kohl presented time-tested fundamental business and financial principles for successful businesses regardless of size, enterprise, geographic location, or stage of the business. He discussed the components of business and financial IQ that are required for agricultural businesses to excel and reach their goals.



Each year, the Leadership Georgia Selection Committee is faced with assembling a class for the coming year using criteria that is based not only on demonstrated leadership of the applicants, but a class that is also representative of our state on the basis of geography, age, gender, and race. With hundreds of applications to choose from every year, the Committee selects only 63 participants. For a participant, with that privilege comes a serious responsibility to take home the learnings of the Leadership Georgia class year and convert them to action.

On September 10th, Southwest Georgia Farm Credit had the great privilege of hosting a luncheon for the Georgia Leadership participants at the Cloud Livestock center. Paxton Poitevint, the CEO of Southwest Georgia Farm Credit said, "It was an honor to share the significance of the role that agriculture and rural communities play in the success of our great state."

While they were in Bainbridge, the class also visited several local farms to learn about the agriculture and science that goes behind planting the biggest crops in our area such as peanuts and cotton. They ended the night at the Bainbridge Performing Arts Building at Earle May Boat Basin listening to the band Kinchafoonee Cowboys and dancing the night away!

Market Trends

APRIL - JUNE, 2021 LAND SALES

For Sales Greater than 50 Acres

COUNTY	ACRES	SALES PRICE	\$/ACRE
Baker			
	247	\$ 1020000	\$ 4130
	993.62	\$ 5180000	\$ 5213
	310	\$ 1000000	\$ 3226
	62.5	\$ 968140	\$ 15490
Calhoun			
	9	\$ 165000	\$ 18333
Decatur			
	64.57	\$ 160000	\$ 2478
	233.12	\$ 1477500	\$ 6338
	90	\$ 191250	\$ 2125
Early			
	383.687	\$ 132300	\$ 345
	60.25	\$ 104000	\$ 1726
	60.4	\$ 250000	\$ 4139
	105.57	\$ 119890	\$ 1136
	291.327	\$ 654750	\$ 2247
	102.4	\$ 65000	\$ 635
	100.27	\$ 121600	\$ 1213
	959.3	\$ 1000000	\$ 1042
	132.431	\$ 293000	\$ 2212
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	68.03	\$ 155000	\$ 2278
	456.8	\$ 700000	\$ 1532
	58.5	\$ 161608	\$ 2763
	51.58	\$ 895000	\$ 17352
	62	\$ 105000	\$ 1694
	55.67	\$ 80000	\$ 1437
	86.7	\$ 225350	\$ 2599
	55.49	\$ 133676	\$ 2409
	187.179	\$ 238300	\$ 1273
	141	\$ 412500	\$ 2926
Lee			
	202.5	\$ 2000000	\$ 9877
	68.887	\$ 166400	\$ 2416
Marion			
	250	\$ 250000	\$ 1000
	59.02	\$ 135451	\$ 2295
	104.13	\$ 74290	\$ 713

COUNTY	ACRES	SALES PRICE	\$/ACRE
Miller			
	72.24	\$ 212500	\$ 2942
	108.6	\$ 204192	\$ 1880
	155.586	\$ 57145	\$ 367
	70.81	\$ 125811	\$ 1777
	58.4	\$ 250000	\$ 4281
	146.08	\$ 300842	\$ 2059
	80.27	\$ 121600	\$ 1515
Mitchell			
	190.03	\$ 200000	\$ 1052
	138.15	\$ 1098000	\$ 7948
	190.03	\$ 200000	\$ 1052
	982	\$ 300000	\$ 305
	100	\$ 260000	\$ 2600
	56.07	\$ 107787	\$ 1922
	74.11	\$ 400000	\$ 5397
	109.282	\$ 400000	\$ 3660
	109.282	\$ 400000	\$ 3660
Schley			
	70.82	\$ 262000	\$ 3700
	378.241	\$ 351250	\$ 929
	356.316	\$ 560000	\$ 1572
Seminole			
	105.25	\$ 104029	\$ 988
	83	\$ 310377	\$ 3739
Sumter			
	213.207	\$ 300000	\$ 1407
	106.88	\$ 262823	\$ 2459
	157.5	\$ 180895	\$ 1149
	299	\$ 625000	\$ 2090
	53.32	\$ 148400	\$ 2783
	134.085	\$ 208250	\$ 1553
	81.49	\$ 143400	\$ 1760
	450	\$ 3000000	\$ 6667
Thomas			
	90.047	\$ 273000	\$ 3032
	53.08	\$ 251234	\$ 4733
	318.27	\$ 300000	\$ 943
Webster			
	51.401	\$ 130000	\$ 2529
	398.73	\$ 537600	\$ 1348
	173.01	\$ 445000	\$ 2572

Information for MARKET TRENDS is compiled from publicly available online data. This data shows all transactions recorded by county, for the time and period April 1 - June 30, 2021, for sales of 50 acres or greater that were available through a public records search. Commercially-zoned land/properties, as well as transactions deemed not to be arms-length, are not included in this summary.



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ATKINSON CO - GA

236 acres

\$4,000,000



PEARSON, GA / ATKINSON CO.

This is a highly productive blueberry orchard. Drip irrigation on the entire orchard, freeze protection irrigation on highbush orchard. It has a modern packing shed and office, 16-inch well, two 12-inch wells and two 4-inch wells. Don't miss this great income producing opportunity!

Barfield Auctions Inc
www.barfieldauctions.com

VINCE BARFIELD
229-679-2223 / vince@barfieldauctions.com

BERRIEN CO - GA

136 acres

\$612,000



382 RAMLINWOOD ROAD
RAY CITY, GA / BERRIEN CO.

Hunting, fishing and farming! With +/- 63 acres of tillable ground, this tract could provide great possibilities for income while also boasting a great homesite surrounded by pecan trees. With the property expanding out into Ray's Mill Pond, this property provides great fishing and duck hunting.

Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC
www.whitetailproperties.com

DANIEL FOWLER
229-561-5097 / daniel.fowler@whitetailproperties.com

BLECKLEY CO - GA

66 acres

\$228,597



RED DOG FARM ROAD
COCHRAN, GA / BLECKLEY CO.

Pasture land with paved and dirt road frontage down one side. Great location for one or more homes, recreation, or farming. Located on the north side of Bleckley County makes it a short drive to Warner Robins, Macon, or Cochran.

Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty
www.robbinsfree.com

JOE MEADOWS
478-218-2600 / joemeadowsjr@robbinsfree.com

BROOKS CO - GA

104 acres

\$366,065



EMPRESS RD AND BADEN ROAD
QUITMAN, GA / BROOKS CO.

Located south of Quitman, this great hunting tract fronts Empress Road (paved) and Baden Road (dirt). The property is located next to a large timber tract. There is a small seasonal creek on the property. This area is known for BIG deer! Call Steve today for appointment to show.

Burton Realty and Auction, Inc
www.auctionsofthesouth.com

STEPHEN BURTON
229-263-2680 / ucauctionman1@gmail.com

BROOKS CO - GA

7 acres

\$30,000



GROOVERVILLE ROAD
QUITMAN, GA / BROOKS CO.

Whether you want to have your very own private hunting location to take your camper or if you want to build, having power and a septic tank already onsite broadens your possibilities. If you hunt deer, turkey, or both, this property is perfect for you, with over 7 acres.

KeySouth Real Estate Group, Inc
www.keysouth.com

ANGIE VINSON
229-226-3911 / angie@31792.com

CALHOUN CO - GA

9 acres

\$39,000



FOUNTAIN BRIDGE ROAD
MORGAN, GA / CALHOUN CO.

This is a nice, wooded 9.7 acre Calhoun County, GA lot. Located on the corner of the Dickey Bypass and Fountain Bridge Road. Ideal building lot(s) and is only 25 minutes west of Albany. Listed for only \$39,000. Contact Julian Morgan.

South Georgia Land and Timber

877-768-3232 / julian@landandtimber.net

CLAY CO - GA

1031 acres

\$1,391,850



HWY 266
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

This much contiguous acreage in a top timber and wild-life producing area of the state is a once in a generation opportunity. Approximately 850 acres in young pine plantation means that for years and generations to come, the tract will provide income and wildlife habitat like no other.

3 Rivers Realty
www.3riversrealty.com

MILLS L. BROCK
229-416-6136 / admin@3riversrealty.com

270 acres

\$2,500 per acre



COTTONHILL ROAD
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

Very well maintained firebreaks and roads with water bars and cut-outs. Timber is old growth pines and hardwoods, pine plantation that needs thinning to enhance the property to provide immediate income; has abundant wildlife of trophy only hunted deer, turkey and feral hogs. Lots of amenities.

South Georgia Land and Timber
www.landandtimber.net

PAM MONFORT
229-768-3232 / pam@landandtimber.net

CLAY CO - GA

1618 acres

\$3,195,550



MILL POND RD.
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

The farm offers a diverse combination of income producing agricultural farmland, extensively managed merchantable pine plantations, habitat diversity and recreational opportunities.

American Forest Management, Inc
www.americanforestmanagement.com

NATHAN GREER, BROKER
478-232-9241 / Nathan.Greer@afmforest.com

89 acres

\$159,000



MILL POND ROAD
COLEMAN, GA / CLAY CO.

This tract contains an ideal mix of open farmland and woodlands. Farm rental income potential with a good size, wooden barn, which could also serve as a hunt camp. Utilities are available and the hunting is excellent.

South Georgia Land and Timber
www.landandtimber.net

JULIAN MORGAN
229-768-3232 / julian@landandtimber.net

266 acres

\$969,000



42 MOUNT CALVARY ROAD
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

Paved road frontage on 2 sides. 116 irrigated acres under 8 tower Valley pivots, farm leases, CRP and airstrip lease provide \$26,000 income. Metal barn. Balance in natural woods and planted pines. 4-acre spring fed lake for fishing and irrigation. Abundant deer and turkey.

Georgia Inland Realty, Inc

404-355-6700 / mark@georgiainlandrealty.com

276 acres

\$469,200



HWY 39
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

The property has 147 acres of Prime-Statewide Important soils that could produce crops or be easily converted to high yield pecan/pine plantation. Natural pine/hardwood hills and 5 ponds that provide great fishing, duck hunting and water for wildlife.

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COLQUITT CO - GA

11 acres

\$49,900



VETERANS PARKWAY SOUTH
MOULTRIE, GA / COLQUITT CO.

An undeveloped tract along the Okapilco Creek in Moultrie with recreational activities possible.

Alderman Classic Realty, LLC
www.aldermanclassicrealty.com

TED L. GLOVER
229-854-5422 / tglover562@gmail.com

CRISP CO - GA

186 acres

\$465,000



COWN ROAD
CORDELE, GA / CRISP CO.

Gum Creek Tract is located less than a mile off Interstate I-75 and only minutes away from downtown Cordele. Gum Creek flows through the tract of land with different stands of hardwood and pine timber, mature white oak trees scattered through property provide plenty of food for wildlife.

Coldwell Banker Free Realty
www.cbfreerealty.com

TOM TUGGLE
478-218-2600 / tomtuggle@cbfreerealty.com

DECATUR CO - GA

8 acres

\$599,000



3103 THOMASVILLE ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

This farm was certified organic and specialized in cucumbers, vegetable sales and retail farmer's market. Includes 2 (60x90) automated hydroponic computerized greenhouses(2014) along with irrigated 3-acre field and Tyson Steel building with walk-in cooler. This farm is first-rate and ready to grow!

ERA Simpson Realty
www.marlaames.com

MARLAAMES
229-243-9200 / marlaames@gmail.com

28 acres

\$106,400



HORSESHOE BEND ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

Good looking tract suitable for residential use. Possible commercial use off of Hwy 97. (Check with Decatur County for use approval) Possible to live and work on the same tract. Convenient to Bainbridge...but more importantly...convenient to the boat ramp down the street! Walking trails on property.

Crocker Realty, Inc.
www.landcroc.com

DANIEL E CROCKER
229-228-0552 / landcroc6535@gmail.com

DECATUR CO - GA

117 acres

\$257,400



MCMILLIAN ROAD
FACEVILLE, GA / DECATUR CO.

The tract is divided into 2 parcels. 97+/- ac in Georgia, and 20+/- ac in Florida. Full of deer and turkey. 30 minutes from Tallahassee. North Mosquito Creek flows through the tract. Great hunting and timber investment property.

Southern Forestry Realty
www.southernforestryrealty.com

TED KNIGHT
850-997-7238 / carol@southernforestryrealty.com

29 acres

Inquire about price



HORSESHOE BEND ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

Located south of Bainbridge, this tract has lots of pines and some hardwood. Loaded with deer and turkey. Hunting, fishing, trail riding and a short drive to Bainbridge Country Club. Just over a mile to a public boat ramp. Beautiful combination of woods, cleared areas, trails and more.

Ketcham Realty Group
www.ketchamrealty.com

TOM HENDERSON
850-681-0600 / tom@ketchamrealty.com

182 acres

\$546,900



LAKE DOUGLAS ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

This is a great tract of land that is priced to sell! This tract, located on Whittaker Road, would be a perfect homesite, hunting retreat, development for homes or cleared for farmland. For more details or to schedule a tour, contact Gina today!

Coldwell Banker Brock Realty
www.cbbrockrealty.com

GINA MCKENZIE
229-246-5127 / gmckenzie@cbbrockrealty.com

60 acres

\$192,000



MILLWHITE ROAD
ATTAPULGUS, GA / DECATUR CO.

High canopy hardwood homesites between Millwhite Road and the creek. Wonderful elevation drops and changes overlooking clean forest floor, down to creek. Timber has not been harvested on south side of creek. Good wildlife/homesite tract. Great roll from hillside. Just south of Southwind property.

Crocker Realty, Inc.
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DANIEL E CROCKER
229-228-0552 / landcroc6535@gmail.com

DECATUR CO - GA

170 acres

\$475,720



4540 FACEVILLE HIGHWAY
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

155.73 acres of wooded land and 14.17 acres of open land, perfect for food plots. You will have the perfect location to hang your hat after a full day of hunting deer and turkey as this listing includes a nice 2008 Fleetwood mobile home. Also features a private well, and wired garage.

Premier Group Realty
www.premiergrouprealty.com

RUTH MARTIN
229-246-9837 / ruthm@premiergrouprealty.com

110 acres

\$449,500



BETTSTOWN ROAD
FACEVILLE, GA / DECATUR CO.

This is the perfect weekend retreat for the family to escape and enjoy the outdoors. Cabin home and a modern metal barn. Year round flowing creek. Excellent hunting tract.

Charles Rozier and Associates Realty
www.rozierrealty.com

PERRY CLEMENTS III
229-246-4509 / pclements@rozierandassociates.com

50 acres

\$115,000



VADA ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

This is a nice rectangular piece of land that offers a multitude of land usage. Whether you are wanting a personal hunting retreat, horse farm, cow pasture or farmland, this could be it and priced just right. Would also make a beautiful homesite with a great location!

ERA Simpson Realty
www.marlaames.com

MARLAAMES
229-243-9200 / marlaames@gmail.com

38 acres

\$152,000



ALDAY ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / DECATUR CO.

Wooded with mature pine and hardwood, level ground, little to no storm damage. Great building site with room for privacy and seclusion. 4 miles to Bainbridge High School, 4 miles to Bainbridge and 9 miles to Hwy 275.

3 Rivers Realty
www.3riversrealty.com

MILLS L. BROCK
229-416-6136 / admin@3riversrealty.com

DECATUR CO - GA

69 acres

\$175,000



2048 PELHAM ROAD
CLIMAX, GA / DECATUR CO.

Secluded recreational property. Perfect for hunting, ATV riding, and fishing.

Premier Group Realty
www.premiergrouprealty.com

SONNY DARLEY
229-221-3136 / sonnyd@premiergrouprealty.com

36 acres

\$160,000



PELHAM ROAD
CLIMAX, GA / DECATUR CO.

Excellent small acreage timber investment! 30+/- acres of 8-9-year-old planted pines growing toward their first thinning. 3.5+/- acres of hardwoods alongside Pelham Road could hold the potential of a great homesite. Located between Climax and Vada. Call today to take a look at this tract!

Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC
www.whitetailproperties.com/agents/daniel.fowler

DANIEL FOWLER
229-221-5097 / daniel.fowler@whitetailproperties.com

86 acres

\$225,004



HARRELL MILL ROAD
CLIMAX, GA / DECATUR CO.

This is fun tract to look at...bring your boots or a mule. A lot of mature loblolly, longleaf, and wiregrass. Lots of deer and turkey sign. Good looking hilltop overlooking beaver pond. Strong mix of hardwoods including white oaks. Lots of trails. Good looking private home sites. Farming area.

Crocker Realty, Inc.
lwww.landcroc.com

DANIEL E CROCKER
229-228-0552 / landcroc6353@gmail.com

5 acres

\$67,000



LOT #8 TURPENTINE DRIVE
CLIMAX, GA / DECATUR CO.

This lot features 5.11 acres with a beautiful stand of mature timber. This lot is on the cul-de-sac and is perfect for your dream home.

Premier Group Realty
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ROLLINS MILLER
229-246-9837 / rollinsm@premiergrouprealty.com

DODGE CO - GA

61 acres

\$167,750



HWY 126
COCHRAN, GA / DODGE CO.

This prime land tract would make a great homesite, recreational tract or farmland investment. Approximately 2/3 is cropland and 1/3 is timberland.

Coldwell Banker Free Realty
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JOE MEADOWS
478-218-2600 / joemeadowsjr@cbfreerealty.com

DOUGHERTY CO - GA

122 acres

\$430,000



815 JAMES CROSS AVE
ALBANY, GA / DOUGHERTY CO.

Flint River lovers, check it out. Beautiful upland and river bottom timber with excellent road network, house, and private paved boat ramp. One of the last remaining private tracts available. Most other parcels are government owned, river corridor green space. Located above Nonami Plantation.

Matre Forestry Consulting, Inc.
www.matreforestry.com

MICHAEL MATRE
229-639-4973 / mike@matreforestry.com

359 acres

\$1,950,000



OAK HAVEN DRIVE
ALBANY, GA / DOUGHERTY CO.

Includes 3 wells, 2 barns, pond, and tenant home. Three-phase power. Nice grove with good varieties and room to expand. There has been additional ground cleared for future planting or new trees. There is approximately 210 +/- acres in production.

Bennett Real Estate Company
www.brealthomasville.com

MATT BENNETT
229-233-5043 / matt@brealthomasville.com

EARLY CO - GA

12 acres

\$42,000



SPOONER QUARTER ROAD
JAKIN, GA / EARLY CO.

Beautiful wooded lot where the trees create a shady sense of privacy and peacefulness with Howards Mill Creek running on both sides of the property. Contact Tyler Inlow or Teresa Heard.

Coldwell Banker Brock Realty
www.cbbrockrealty.com

TYLER INLOW
226-246-5127 / tinlow@cbbrockrealty.com

EARLY CO - GA

121 acres

\$302,500



PROSPECT ROAD
BLAKELY, GA / EARLY CO.

Planted pines and natural timber. This tract has 45 acres of 10-year-old loblolly pine trees, 27 acres of 10-year-old CRP longleaf pine trees, and the balance of the acreage is in 26-year-old loblolly pine trees and mature hardwood mix. Timber cruise available.

Agri Land Realty
www.aglandsales.com

BRAD WALLER
229-221-3339 / bradwaller@windstream.net

1810 acres

\$4,253,500



GRIMSLEY MILL ROAD
BLAKELY, GA / EARLY CO.

1,810 contiguous acres. Whitetail haven! Spring fed creeks. See video tour at aglandsales.com. Timber cruise available.

Agri Land Realty
www.aglandsales.com

BRAD WALLER
229-221-3339 / bradwaller@windstream.net

103 acres

\$389,000



1893 LOWER RIVER ROAD
COLUMBIA, GA / EARLY CO.

Mobile home and pole barn, deep pond for irrigation or irrigate directly from the Chattahoochee River. Borders army corps land to north, that does not allow recreation. Large deer and turkeys.

Ingram Land and Realty LLC
www.ingramland.com

MATT CARDEN
334-585-9001 / mcarden21@gmail.com

41 acres

\$59,900



HIGHTOWER AVENUE
DAMASCUS, GA / EARLY CO.

There is an abundance of deer, a low lying area with a small wet weather pond great for ducks. This is especially beautiful for homesite with all the amenities of country living. Contact Teresa or Tyler for more info.

Coldwell Banker Brock Realty
www.cbbrockrealty.com

TERESA HEARD
229-246-5127 / theard@cbbrockrealty.com

EARLY CO - GA

113 acres

\$2,395 per acre



3061 BIG PINE ROAD
BLAKELY, GA / EARLY CO.

This beautiful property has approximately 83 +/- acres of open pasture land with the balance in wooded land with good merchantable timber. Good fencing, long county road frontage and old house on property. Great for horse or cattle farm in good location just south of Blakely.

Allied Land & Timber Company, Inc.
www.alliedlandga.com

THOMAS TAYLOR
229-759-1023 / thomas@alliedlandga.com

4525 acres

13,500,000



FAIRFIELD ROAD
BLAKELY, GA / EARLY CO.

Singletary Farms consists of +/- 4525 contiguous acres located in Early and Calhoun Counties in the rich farm belt of southwest Georgia. This property has been intensively managed by the same family for over 5 generations and is being offered for sale for the first time ever.

The Wright Group
www.wrightbroker.com

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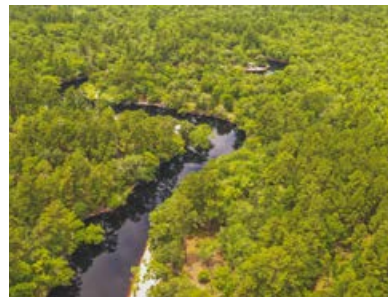
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ECHOLS CO - GA

1490 acres

\$3,799,831



HWY 441
FARGO, GA / ECHOLS CO.

Boasting 2 +/- miles on the Suwannee River, Suwannee River Camp is an ideal blend between aesthetics, recreation, timber, and river frontage. It is a combination between highly productive, intensively managed pine stands and untouched river front hardwoods.

Jon Kohler and Associates
www.jonkohler.com

JON KOHLER
850-508-2999 / jon@jonkohler.com

GRADY CO - GA

127 acres

\$446,565



HWY 112
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Outstanding hunting tract that includes 15-acre stocked pond full of bass. Great for duck hunting, deer and turkey. Multiple food plots already planted for this year's deer season. Camp house with full bath, power and a screened room for outside meals.

Century 21 Town & Country Realty
www.albanyc21.com

JEFFERY TUCKER
229-436-8091 / craig.tuckerrealtor@gmail.com

236 acres

\$1,300,000



2955 LOWER HAWTHORNE TRAIL
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Pine Hill Farm is abundant with doves, deer, turkeys, and ducks and located in southern Grady County. 65 acres of income-producing crop land, 3-acre duck pond, and established food plots. Mature pines and hardwoods. Cabin sites with electricity. Deep water well, multiple barns, two grain bins.

Bennett Real Estate Company
www.brealthomasville.com

CHASE STRICKLAND
229-233-5043 / chase@brealthomasville.com

31 acres

\$57,000



GA HWY 188 N
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Great hunting tract has a large creek and a small creek with plenty of deer and turkey. Over 2,500 feet of road frontage.

The Real Estate Shop
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GRADY CO - GA

56 acres

\$166,000



SPENCE ROAD
OCHLOCKNEE, GA / GRADY CO.

All but about 10 acres of this tract is field. This would be a great tract to continue farming or turn it into a recreational tract or homesite. New survey has just been completed. Contact Russ Taylor.

KeySouth Real Estate Group, Inc
www.keysouth.com

RUSS TAYLOR
229-226-3911 / russtaylor@rose.net

263 acres

\$2,186 per acre



SINGLETERY ROAD
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Transitional property converted into 114 +/- acres of cultivatable land. Over 1 mile of CSX rail frontage with active rail transfer switch on property. Can be easily replanted in pines or pecans. Creek system winds through the middle of the property.

SVN Saunders Real Estate
www.saundersrealestate.com

BRYANT PEACE
863-648-1528 / Bryant@sreland.com

132 acres

\$384,432



2577 HWY 111
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

This property is located just outside Cairo. It has plenty of wild deer and turkey. Plenty of road frontage, and a creek running through it. Has about \$75,000 in planted pines.

The Real Estate Shop
www.realestateshopcairoga.com

BOBBY MILLER
229-377-7777 / realestateshop@windstream.net

65 acres

\$276,000



MAGNOLIA ROAD
WHIGHAM, GA / GRADY CO.

Looking for a fantastic retreat in the woods? Look no further! This property is located just south of Whigham and convenient to Bainbridge and Cairo. Drive through the gated entrance through the 4-5-year-old planted pines to arrive at a beautiful homesite overlooking the freshly built 1-acre pond.

Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC
www.whitetailproperties.com

DANIEL FOWLER
229-561-5097 / daniel.fowler@whitetailproperties.com

GRADY CO - GA

185 acres

\$750,000



STATE PARK ROAD
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Beautiful rolling land! This property is perfectly set up for quail, turkey and deer with approximately 97 acres of planted pines in CRP program. The 3+/- acre pond needs some work but has a lot of potential. The dirt road is scheduled for paving within the next 2 years.

Realty Mart, Inc.

CHARLES RENAUD
229-377-8007 / charles@realtymartga.com

5 acres

\$26,000



#2 OAK BEND SUBDIVISION
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Nice subdivision within minutes of Cairo city limits. Restricted for single family dwellings.

The Real Estate Shop

www.realestateshopcairoga.com

DAWN RACKLEY
229-377-7777 / realestateshop@windstream.net

22 acres

\$145,900



JOYNER ROAD
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Great potential homesite or investment property! There is a well-built pond on the south side of the property and plenty of mature pines and hardwoods throughout the grounds. Good highway frontage as well, and is close to downtown Cairo and local schools!

First Thomasville Realty

www.thomasvillegarealestate.com

BOBBY BROWN
229-226-6515 / brown@ftrealty.com

30 acres

\$150,000



BOLD SPRINGS ROAD & BAY POND LANE
OCHLOCKNEE, GA / GRADY CO.

Great 30 acre tract in Grady County with the possibility of purchasing an adjacent tract for more land, a pond and home. Gently rolling terrain with timber and good hunting! Conveniently located near Cairo and Thomasville, in addition to Ochlocknee. Call Bobby Brown for more information!

First Thomasville Realty

www.thomasvillegarealestate.com

BOBBY BROWN
229-221-3016 / brown@ftrealty.com

GRADY CO - GA

250 acres

\$850,000



444A GORDAN LANE
WHIGHAM, GA / GRADY CO.

A rare opportunity to purchase a working farm in the heart of South Georgia! With the diversity this tract offers, the opportunities are endless. Expanding your farm operation, looking for an income-producing investment, recreational tract or all the above, this property bodes itself well!

Weeks Auction Group

weeksauctiongroup.com

MARK MANLEY
229-890-2437 / mark@bidweeks.com

250 acres

\$947,500



344 TERRELL LANE
WHIGHAM, GA / GRADY CO.

Old Homeplace with plantings of Persimmon, Redbud and Mulberry trees. Two beautiful ponds, 18 acre pecan grove, mature planted pines and natural pine and hardwoods. Only 20 miles northwest of Thomasville.

Forest Resource Consultants, Inc.

www.frc.us.com

DAN ROCK
478-745-4910 / drock@frcemail.com

HOUSTON CO - GA

600 acres

\$1,835 per acre



HIGHWAY 247
PERRY, GA / HOUSTON CO.

Outstanding timber investment with terrific deer, turkey, hog, duck hunting. Major creek watershed complements 20 year old pines thinned once and a balance of older hardwood regeneration, much with clean understory, showing explosive growth on this fertile site. Food plots and power line, etc.

Southeastern Hunting Services, Inc.

www.afieldandfarm.com

CRAIG BROWN
229-432-1010 / cbrown@afieldandfarm.com

134 acres

\$1,650,000



180 SADDLE CREEK ROAD
PERRY, GA / HOUSTON CO.

Land tract on the corner of Saddle Creek and Arena Road. Two parcels 76 acres and 58 acres with county water. 10-year land conservation agreement.

Coldwell Banker Free Realty

www.cbfreerealty.com

SCOTT FREE
478-218-2600 / scottfree@cbfreerealty.com

HOUSTON CO - GA

101 acres

\$1,364,040



HWY 41 N/DUNBAR ROAD
CENTERVILLE, GA / HOUSTON CO.

Development tract at the corner of Hwy 41 and Dunbar Road. Access from 2 paved roads and almost 100% usable property. City sewer and water available. \$13,500 per acre.

Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty
www.robbinsfree.com

JOE MEADOWS
478-218-2600 / joemeadowsjr@robbinsfree.com

679 acres

\$2,376,850



OCMULGEE RIVER
KATHLEEN, GA / HOUSTON CO.

2.5 miles fronting Ocmulgee River in the heart of 20,000 acre Oaky Woods. All weather roads, ATV horse trails with river-bank recreational area and maintained campsite. 15 food plots ready to plant. Perfect for hunting and fishing. Zoned for agricultural, timber, or single family - \$3,500 per acre.

Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty
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SCOTT FREE
478-218-2600 / scottfree@robbinsfree.com

LEE CO - GA

820 acres

\$2,750,000



281 RICHARDSON ROAD
SMITHVILLE, GA / LEE CO.

Income producing farm on Muckaloochee Creek just south of Smithville. Incredible deer and turkey population with over (3) miles of intermittent streams. Well established longleaf pine stands, huge hardwood stands, upland and bottom land along the creek. 12" well, 2 pivots. >\$50k inc.

Webb Properties
webbproperties.com

WILLIAM HANCOCK
229-883-6502 / wahancock@webbproperties.com

MARION CO - GA

107 acres

\$265,815



MOUNT ZION ROAD
BUENA VISTA, GA / MARION CO.

Approximately half of property is being used for agricultural purposes including farming and hay fields; other half is in hardwood. Ideal tract to build your home on. Marion County has an excellent school system and this property is located in a wonderful community with public water.

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229-321-0733 / allenjrobertson@hotmail.com

MARION CO - GA

180 acres

\$1,550 per acre



HARBUCK POND ROAD
BUENA VISTA, GA / MARION CO.

This is a beautiful tract with planted longleaf pines and newly sprigged hayfield. Great hunting tract with creek frontage and hardwood bottom and pine mix timber. Beautiful country homesites that would make a great weekend retreat.

Barfield Auctions Inc
www.barfieldauctions.com

VINCE BARFIELD
229-679-2223 / vince@barfieldauctions.com

MILLER CO - GA

5 acres

\$17,500



BABCOCK ROAD
COLQUITT, GA / MILLER CO.

This tract is located near the intersection of Babcock Road and Whites Bridge Road.

Taylor Realty Associates

TERRY TAYLOR
229-758-8432 / terry@ttaylor.com

MITCHELL CO - GA

168 acres

\$384,000



BLACKBERRY ROAD
BACONTON, GA / MITCHELL CO.

Don't miss this prime hunting land that has turkey, deer, and birds. Raccoon Creek runs through it. Two fields for agriculture or animals; i.e., hogs, chickens, horses. Tall pines can be harvested. Longleaf, approx. 15 yrs. old. Well and septic. Old farm structure. Mobile home allowed. Subdivide.

Greenway Builders & Realty, LLC

WINONA GREENWAY
229-347-0968 / winonagreenway@att.net

30 acres

\$79,250



WADE ROAD
PELHAM, GA / MITCHELL CO.

This tract is mostly cultivated land with some mature timber. Suitable for homes, cattle, farming.

Halstead Forestry & Realty, Inc.
halstead-realty.com

RONALD B. HALSTEAD
229-336-7681 / ronhalstead@camillaga.net

MITCHELL CO - GA

63 acres

\$192,000



PLEASANT HILL ROAD
CAMILLA, GA / MITCHELL CO.

A hardwood drain separates the front 24-acre +/- pasture with the 16 +/- acre back pasture. The 4.75-acre +/- hayfield can be used to supplement your feeding program or used for excess grazing ground. The back 15 acres have been left to grow up into early successional habitat and provide great hunting.

Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC
www.whitetailproperties.com

DANIEL FOWLER
229-561-5097 / daniel.fowler@whitetailproperties.com

177 acres

\$391,358



FORTY NINER ROAD
PELHAM, GA / MITCHELL CO.

This secluded tract has been a deer haven for several years. Very little hunting pressure in this area and the property is surrounded by large tracts. Good water source from a spring fed pond. Excellent road system. Fire breaks are already in place. New survey has been completed.

Mossy Oak Properties
www.SunbeltLandBrokers.com

TIM CARROLL
229-985-0014 / timC@mossyoakproperties.com

74 acres

\$209,589



HURST TATE ROAD
MEIGS, GA / MITCHELL CO.

Abundant wildlife with excellent deer and turkey hunting. Great duck hunting potential with small pond. 40 acres of CRP pines with the balance of the property in mature upland and bottomland hardwoods. Under CRP Program until 2021. Cabin sites throughout the property. Good interior road system.

Bennett Real Estate Company
www.brealthomasville.com

ED LOUGHLIN
229-233-5043 / ed@brealthomasville.com

67 acres

\$241,560



GREENWOOD ROAD
CAMILLA, GA / MITCHELL CO.

+/- 25 acres of 31-year-old slash pines could be thinned right away to give the property a nice plantation feel, while allowing the remaining trees to continue growing. +/- 35 acres of tillable ground provides opportunities for a gentleman farmer or lease providing yearly income.

Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC
www.whitetailproperties.com

DANIEL FOWLER
229-561-5097 / daniel.fowler@whitetailproperties.com

MITCHELL CO - GA

67 acres

\$210,000



KIERCE ROAD
PELHAM, GA / MITCHELL CO.

Vacant rural land located in Pelham, GA. This property, surrounded by beautiful farmland, would be an excellent homesite or great for recreational use. Centrally located to Albany, Tifton, Bainbridge and Thomasville. Wooded property with mature pine timber. 5-acre pond, paved road.

NAI TALCOR Commercial
www.naitalcor.com

BRIAN PROCTOR
850-599-5963 / brian@talcor.com

60 acres

\$155,200



WADE ROAD
PELHAM, GA / MITCHELL CO.

This property consists of two tracts, both having mature woodlands and some cultivated land. One parcel has a homesite with power and connection to a well. Gently rolling land.

Halstead Forestry & Realty, Inc.
www.halstead-realty.com

RONALD B. HALSTEAD
229-336-7681 / ronhalstead@camillaga.net

PEACH CO - GA

471 acres

\$6,000,000



VALLEY DRIVE
PERRY, GA / PEACH CO.

Peach County acreage is 228.86 acres. Houston County acreage is 242.59. 146 acres is mature irrigated pecans and 160 acres is young irrigated pecans. Property has an equipment barn, fenced area, pond, and two irrigation wells

Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty
www.robbinsfree.com

SCOTT FREE
478-218-2600 / scottfree@robbinsfree.com

PULASKI CO - GA

100 acres

\$250,000



62 HORNET ROAD
HAWKINSVILLE, GA / PULASKI CO.

Property has 51 acres of longleaf pines planted in January of 2020 through the NRCS Equip program. Longleaf pines were planted in old field and should provide income from raking pine straw and timber harvesting in future year. ~48 acres of the property is in upland hardwoods.

Coldwell Banker Free Realty
www.cbfreerealty.com

TOM TUGGLE
478-218-2600 / tomtuggle@cbfreerealty.com

RANDOLPH CO - GA

88 acres

\$159,000



MILL POND ROAD
COLEMAN, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

Contains an ideal mix of open farmland and woodlands on Mill Pond Road in Coleman. Farm rental income potential with a good-sized wooden barn which could serve as a hunt camp. Utilities are available and the hunting is excellent.

South Georgia Land and Timber
www.landandtimber.net

PAM MONFORT
229-768-3232 / pam@landandtimber.net

33 acres

\$279,000



COUNTY ROAD 70
CUTHBERT, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

Beautiful wooded tract is the complete package with a small field, pond, and power right-of-way. "Move in ready" home/cabin that is fabulous! Open concept, kitchen, den, laundry room; a wrap around porch, and much, more!

South Georgia Land and Timber
www.landandtimber.net

JULIAN MORGAN
229-768-3232 / Julian@landandtimber.net

297 acres

\$1,425 per acre



LUNSFORD ROAD
CUTHBERT, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

Surveyed acres in Randolph County, GA planted in young, longleaf pine. Tract has a stream, frontage on two county maintained roads, utilities and excellent hunting. Owner will divide (232 & 65 acre tracts). Call Julian Morgan for more information.

South Georgia Land and Timber
www.landandtimber.net

JULIAN MORGAN
229-768-3232 / julian@landandtimber.net

RANDOLPH CO - GA

292 acres

\$2,300 per acre



US HWY 27
CUTHBERT, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

This is a beautiful tract with planted pines, hardwood bottoms and many gorgeous home sites. It has a stunning pond and is loaded with wildlife. This is a must see property for the avid sportsman.

Barfield Auctions Inc
www.barfieldauctions.com

VINCE BARFIELD
229-679-2223 / vince@barfieldauctions.com

338 acres

Inquire about price



66 GILL SCOTT ROAD
SHELLMAN, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

Former Girl Scout camp. 20,000 sq ft facilities. Remodeled 2017. Sleeps 100+. Dining hall with commercial kitchen. 30 x 60 pool. 16-acre stocked, spring-fed lake. Wired pasture with stables. Majority of timber is 60+ yr hardwoods.

Trinity Investment Company

SAM SHUGART
229-432-7899 / samshugart@yahoo.com

1469 acres

\$4,398,786



HIGHWAY 41
SHELLMAN, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

The Shooting Preserve is located just minutes to downtown Shellman, GA, with a mixture of merchantable, pre-merchantable pine plantation and bottom-land. Small home and 40-acre lake with a dock house. Good interior road system allows you to get around easily.

American Forest Management
www.americanforestmanagement.com

DAVID WILLIAMSON
850-526-5110 / david.williamson@afmforest.com

SCHLEY CO - GA

141 acres

\$425,000



2121 RAYBON ROAD
ELLAVILLE, GA / SCHLEY CO.

Take a look at this working cattle farm with pond. This unique farm has so much to offer. Cross fencing for cattle, newer Zimmatic 4-tower pivot with pumping permit for Buck Creek.

Century21 Americus Realty, Inc.
americusareams.com

SUSAN LASHLEY
229-924-2903 / susanlashley33@gmail.com

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SEMINOLE CO - GA

507 acres

\$2,028,000



HWY 253
DONALSONVILLE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.
364 acres of farm land, 300 of which is irrigated, 64 acres are dry land. Includes irrigation systems and two 12" wells and one 4" well. 50 acres in ponds. Remainder of land could be put into sod, pecans, blueberries or pines.

3 Rivers Realty
www.3riversrealty.com

KEVIN MANLEY
229-220-1226 / Kevin@3riversrealty.com

6 acres

\$27,000



BOOSTER CLUB ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.
6.12 acres on Booster Club Road.

Premier Group Realty
www.premiergrouprealty.com

LARRY LENNARD
229-246-9837 / larryl@premiergrouprealty.com

12 acres

\$39,500



SPRING CREEK ROAD
DONALSONVILLE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.
Restricted residential lot located in Seminole County, GA along Highway 253. Beautiful pine trees provide country living in a rural setting. Great neighborhood. Located only a stone's throw from Spring Creek and Lake Seminole. Plenty of boat landings in the area.

Charles Rozier and Associates Realty
www.rozierrealty.com

PERRY CLEMENTS III
229-246-4509 / pclements@rozierandassociates.com

STEWART CO - GA

60 acres

\$650,000



7791 VALLEY ROAD
RICHLAND, GA / STEWART CO.
This property is known as The Raju Airport, (05GA) with a 2,200' runway, 3 hangars, caretaker's house and much more. 59.68 acres of beautiful magnolias, crepe myrtle, oaks and pines, tennis court, irrigation system, etc. There are several other buildings on the property including a rental house.

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DALE BURLEY
229-321-0733 / allenjrobertson@hotmail.com

STEWART CO - GA

339 acres

\$998,885



US HIGHWAY 27
LUMPKIN, GA / STEWART CO.
Bennett Hill is a must see from its rolling topography, mature hardwoods and pine plantation to the 29-acre lake. All of this packed into a 339.18-acre tract that is located approximately 40 minutes from Eufaula, AL or 35 minutes from Columbus, GA.

American Forest Management
www.americanforestmangement.com

DAVID WILLIAMSON
850-526-5110 / david.williamson@afmforest.com

1408 acres

\$2,459,900



VALLEY ROAD
LUMPKIN, GA / STEWART CO.
Great and aesthetic timber and excellent hunting property on the Hodchodkee Creek. Mature pine and hardwood timber and two age classes of CRP longleaf. Fenced pasture, horse stables, 50' x 100' steel frame shelter building and pond.

Matre Forestry Consulting, Inc.
www.matreforestry.com

MICHAEL MATRE
229-639-4973 / mike@matreforestry.com

53 acres

\$160,000



US HWY 27 AND STATE 27
LUMPKIN, GA / STEWART CO.
Lays well and is currently in timber. Fronts both U.S. 27 and State 27 and would work well for a motel and/or other commercial interests. Would also work well for continued timber growth, a pretty tract to build on or for recreation.

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AL ROBERTSON
229-321-0733 / allenjrobertson@hotmail.com

SUMTER CO - GA

249 acres

\$498,400



OSCAR WILLIAMS ROAD
PLAINS, GA / SUMTER CO.
If you're looking for a hunting, investment, and recreation property in the middle of nowhere, look no further! This property is located in one of the best buck areas of the state of Georgia. This investment property was planted 5 years ago with loblolly pines and is loaded with deer and hogs.

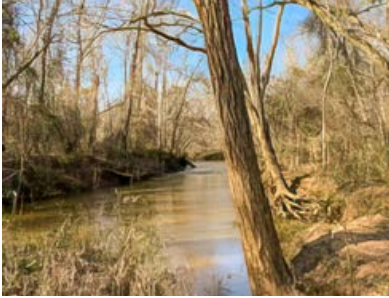
Whitetail Properties Real Estate
www.whitetailproperties.com

DALE BURLEY
770-598-1768 / dale.burley@whitetailproperties.com

TALBOT CO - GA

117 acres

\$350,000



3915 GIBSON ROAD
TALBOTTON, GA / TALBOT CO.

Big Lazer running directly thru the property. Hogs, Ducks, Turkey, and Deer are plentiful. 50-AMP hookup for RVs is ready-to-go, close to The Flint River, beautiful home-site, big timber, hunting, 45-min from Columbus.

Henley Land Brokerage, LLC
www.henleyland.com

ADAM HENLEY
478-960-5346 / adam@henleyland.com

TAYLOR CO - GA

173 acres

\$1,975 per acre



HWY 90
MAUK, GA / TAYLOR CO.

This beautiful hay farm is just a few miles south of Butler and east of Columbus. Features gently rolling hay fields mixed with nice hardwood ridges and offers good paved road frontage on Hwy. 90 and Hayes Road. Would also make a beautiful homesite.

Allied Land & Timber Company, Inc.
www.alliedlandga.com

THOMAS TAYLOR
229-759-1023 / thomas@alliedlandga.com

439 acres

\$1,290,000



US 80
BUTLER, GA / TAYLOR CO.

Gorgeous Flint River property with irrigated row crops and gorgeous pine and hardwood timber. This once in a lifetime property has been in the same family for generations. Additional acreage is available.

Matre Forestry Consulting, Inc.
www.matreforestry.com

MICHAEL MATRE
229-639-4973 / mike@matreforestry.com

TERRELL CO - GA

200 acres

\$4,150 per acre



GANDER ROAD
ALBANY, GA / TERRELL CO.

Beautiful turn-key hunting/recreational tract. Timber and woods groomed with plantation look and feel. Property is completely fenced. Established food plots. Deer, turkey and quail.

Goodyear and Goodyear
www.goodyearandgoodyear.com

REGGIE HARTIN
229-888-2418 / rhartin@bellsouth.net

TERRELL CO - GA

206 acres

\$1,650,000



DOVEREL HWY
DAWSON, GA / TERRELL CO.

Dawson Grove Pecans has excellent production history. Consisting of Desirable and Sumner's around 35 yrs old. The grove is completely irrigated with new microjet heads supplied by a 10" and 8" well. Equipment can be included in sale for additional price. Production history available upon request.

Webb Properties
www.webbproperties.com

BO BIRD
229-883-6502 / fbird@webbproperties.com

11 acres

\$49,900



HWY 32
DAWSON, GA / TERRELL CO.

Located just east of Dawson, this tract has 675 ft. of frontage on Hwy 32 and approximately 735 ft. on the Chickasawhatchee Creek.

Century 21 Town & Country Realty
www.albanyc21.com

BILL BUTLER
229-435-6204 / billbutler25@gmail.com

THOMAS CO - GA

90 acres

\$339,000



JUTOLA LANE
THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Good looking homestead tract with 29+/- AC in cultivation, balance in pine and hardwood creek bottom. Some planted pine. Small pond on prop line. Come ready to explore. The home needs some work but is very functional. Excellent curb appeal. Good feeling property!

Crocker Realty, Inc.
www.landcroc.com

DANIEL E CROCKER
229-228-0552 / landcroc6535@gmail.com

4850 acres

\$6,710,605



2290 STEWART ROAD
THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

The perfect opportunity for the sportsman that wants to do it all. Located on the Ochlocknee River, 10 minutes from Thomasville, property consists of mature upland pine timber, multiple age classes of planted pines, beautiful oak hammocks, well-established food plots, and gorgeous hardwood bottoms.

The Wright Group
www.wrightbroker.com

ERIC MCCOLLUM
229-200-4457 / eric@wrightbroker.com

THOMAS CO - GA

55 acres

\$325,000



US HWY 319 N
THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Diverse, desirable tract that is minutes from downtown Thomasville! The property has good timber and great wildlife habitat, 14 +/- acres are in cultivation, and lots of road frontage on US Hwy 319 N. Could be a great opportunity as homesite with land to hunt and roam!

First Thomasville Realty
www.ftrealty.com

MILLS HERNDON
229-226-6515 / herndon@ftrealty.com

718 acres

\$2,750,000



HWY 111 AND DAVID ROAD
MEIGS, GA / THOMAS CO.

Griffin-Pilcher Farm is an excellent recreational property and investment opportunity. It provides a solid income stream as approximately 345 +/- acres are in cultivation. There are two large ponds and a third smaller one, perfect for fishing and creating a great wildlife habitat.

First Thomasville Realty
www.ftrealty.com

BOBBY BROWN
229-221-3016 / brown@ftrealty.com

127 acres

\$750,000



1787 PALMER ROAD
THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

A great opportunity to purchase a producing pecan grove in a highly-desired area of Thomas County. This is an income-producing pecan farm currently with exceptional income production as the young irrigated Cape Fear grove comes into production. Two approx. 4-acre lakes to locate a cabin or homesite.

Jon Kohler and Associates
www.jonkohler.com

WALTER HATCHETT
850-508-4564 / walter@jonkohler.com

285 acres

\$2,550,000



GEORGIA HWY 188
THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Live Oak Pond is truly a unique offering within minutes of the historic town of Thomasville, Georgia. A 70-acre, spring-fed lake is the heart of this property and has been managed for trophy bass along with bluegill, shell crackers, and crappie.

The Wright Group
www.wrightbroker.com

BEN MCCOLLUM
229-226-2564 / mccollum@wrightbroker.com

THOMAS CO - GA

37 acres

\$359,000



HWY 319
COOLIDGE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Irrigated pecan orchard. Desirable variety (22" +/- diameter trees) 4" well on timer. 1,100'+ road frontage on US Hwy 319. 6 +/- acre lake. Property line to center. Strong development value in that it can be divided, waterfront, and can take advantage of a strong residential market.

Crocker Realty, Inc.
www.landcroc.com

DANIELE CROCKER
229-228-0552 / landcroc6535@gmail.com

655 acres

\$1,932,250



GA HWY 188
OCHLOCKNEE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Vacant land for sale on Hwy 202. Beautiful pine timber growth and hardwoods, Ochlocknee River frontage, whitetail woods.

NAI TALCOR Commercial
www.naitalcor.com

BRIAN PROCTOR
850-599-5963 / brian@talcor.com

18 acres

\$400,000



134 CHATHAM DRIVE
THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

This rare lot is ready to be developed, a new subdivision in a very desirable and fast selling residential neighborhood. Nothing left like it and surrounded by residences and new subdivisions. Perfect for a developer to build.

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THOMAS CO - GA

194 acres

\$1,000,000



G POND / REHBERG ROAD
BOSTON, GA / THOMAS CO.

Includes duck pond, dove field, quail, and turkey and deer hunting is phenomenal! The duck pond is complete with four 2-man duck blinds. It also includes good timber for future timber income. Owner/Broker License #308020

Bennett Real Estate Company
www.brealthomasville.com

MATT BENNETT
229-233-5043 / matt@brealthomasville.com

163 acres

\$535,000



1084 ROCKY FORD ROAD
COOLIDGE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Stocked pond with excellent fishing and the occasional wood duck. Underground power, well, equipment shed, outhouse, and lakeside viewing platform. Property has been professionally managed for trophy deer with food plots in place and good timber. Great location!

Bennett Real Estate Company
www.brealthomasville.com

MATT BENNETT
229-233-5043 / matt@brealthomasville.com

148 acres

\$395,000



HWY 319 / JUTOLA LANE
COOLIDGE, GA / THOMAS CO.

Good looking farm/recreation/home site tract. 50+/- acres of cultivation, 48 generic base acres, big woods all along Big Creek. Turkey and deer powerhouse tract. Very private. 11.6 miles from Thomasville. Good looking pond sites. Good dog training tract. Very unique property.

Crocker Realty, Inc.
www.landcroc.com

DANIEL E. CROCKER
229-228-0552 / landcroc6535@gmail.com

WARE CO - GA

29 acres

\$44,959



US HWY 84
WAYCROSS, GA / WARE CO.

Butts up to a larger timber tract. Can be used for hunting or a homesite. Small pond on the property. No restrictions.

AFG Tri State Realty, Inc
www.afgtristaterealty.com

TINA DONALDSON
386-623-1232 / tina@afgtristaterealty.com

WEBSTER CO - GA

330 acres

\$2,273 per acre



351 SEARS FARM LANE
PRESTON, GA / WEBSTER CO.

A must see tract on the Kinchafoonee Creek! Mature pine and hardwood timber, loaded with deer, turkey, small game and great fishing on a stocked pond. New cabin, equipment shed with enclosed shop. Also has agricultural fields for food plots or rental income.

Barfield Auctions Inc
www.barfieldauctions.com

VINCE BARFIELD
229-679-2223 / vince@barfieldauctions.com

159 acres

\$320,000



SEMINOLE ROAD
PRESTON, GA / WEBSTER CO.

A diverse property with white and water oak and hickory. Pond fed by two big springs and approximately 70 acres in 20 yr. old planted pine. Seven food plots and old house. Area has several neighbors with large properties that practice Q.D.M. and supplemental feeding. Large bucks harvested in area.

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AL ROBERTSON
229-321-0733 / allenrobertson@hotmail.com

WORTH CO - GA

350 acres

\$1,487,500



ALBANY, GA / WORTH CO.

Deerfield Farms is a recreation property managed for trophy whitetail deer and turkey. It borders large plantation owners with 1,250 feet of frontage on Jones Creek. Year-round feeding program for deer, food plots and condo stands in place. The property has excellent soil and future timber revenue.

Jon Kohler and Associates
www.jonkohler.com

JON KOHLER
850-508-2999 / jon@jonkohler.com

WORTH CO - GA

135 acres

\$351,000



ANDERSON ROAD
SYLVESTER, GA / WORTH CO.

In one of Georgia's premier deer hunting counties! Established road system. Food plots. Major creek system throughout property. Surrounded by agriculture properties. Hardwoods and pine mixed. 135 acres of hardwoods and creek bottoms ideal for whitetail turkey. Premier deer hunting.

NAI TALCOR Commercial
www.naitalcor.com

BRIAN PROCTOR
850-224-2300 / brian@talcor.com

WORTH CO - GA

762 acres

Inquire about price



1357 EVERGREEN ROAD
SYLVESTER, GA / WORTH CO.

This is an impeccably maintained, best-in-class whitetail property. It has been managed under strict QDMA standards and only bow-hunted by the current owner. The property is turnkey and offers excellent timber value and a beautiful cypress farmhouse overlooking a 14-acre stocked lake.

Live Water Properties
www.livewaterproperties.com

HUNTER BRANT
307-734-6100 / hunter@livewaterproperties.com

2684 acres

\$9,925,000



3821 HWY 82
SYLVESTER, GA / WORTH CO.

Well drained, fertile soils provide ground cover and native wiregrass. Well stocked with multiple age classes of pines managed to provide staggered income streams. Due to intensive habitat management, wild quail population has steadily expanded in conjunction with Albany Quail Project.

The Wright Group
www.wrightbroker.com

BEN MCCOLLUM
229-221-6680 / ben@wrightbroker.com

HOUSTON CO - AL

6 acres

\$47,000



2001 COOT ADAMS ROAD
ASHFORD, AL / HOUSTON CO.

Paved road frontage. US Highway 84 East to Ashford then right on CR 55 for 4.5 miles then left on Coot Adams Road for 7 miles. Property is on the right. APN#: 38-15-08-28-0-000-003.003

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HOUSTON CO - AL

25 acres

\$417,000



RONEY ROAD
DOTHAN, AL / HOUSTON CO.

Property is currently zoned A-C. Surrounded by residential areas and churches. The property would be excellent for a residential neighborhood. City sewage is on the property. 25.64 acres located on the north side of Dothan.

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96 acres

\$240,000



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40 acres

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GADSDEN CO - FL

620 acres

\$2,169,380



1040 BEAR CREEK ROAD
QUINCY, FL / GADSDEN CO.

A very unique property because of the north and south boundaries. High ridge with quail woods, food plots, 120' elevation change, 4.7-acre stocked pond, beautiful hardwood bottoms. An old house with separate kitchen/dining area make this property totally unique. Call us to take a look.

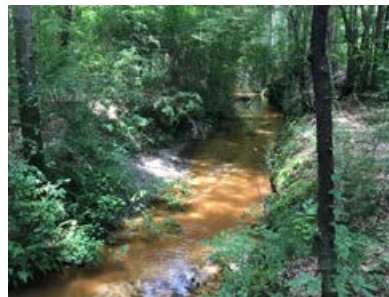
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GADSDEN CO - FL

45 acres

\$155,250



COUNTY ROAD 157A
HAVANA, FL / GADSDEN CO.

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GILCHRIST CO - FL

118 acres

\$383,500



NW CR 138
BRANFORD, FL / GILCHRIST CO.

Terrific farming or development opportunity. MOL with 70+/- acres currently in cultivation and 18+/- acres previously cleared and farmed (but have since grown up in scrub). Majority of the property boundary is fenced and fronts paved CR-238 and government maintained graded road.

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HAMILTON CO - FL

896 acres

\$3,595,000



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2070 acres

\$9,936,000



10124 SE 164TH AVENUE
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HOLMES CO - FL

85 acres

\$100,000



JOHN MARSH ROAD
BONIFAY, FL / HOLMES CO.

Very reasonably priced tract. Good hunting land with frontage on three dirt roads. According to the USDA soil mapping, 73% of the property is high and dry. From 177A turn west on John Marsh Rd., go .9 mile. Property is on the south side of John Marsh Rd.

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JACKSON CO - FL

1034 acres

\$2,579,830



BASCOM, FL / JACKSON CO.

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JEFFERSON CO - FL

144 acres

\$360,360



WILD TURKEY RUN ROAD
LLOYD, FL / JEFFERSON CO.

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LEVY CO - FL

2966 acres

\$3,559,200



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60 acres

\$180,000



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MADISON CO - FL

105 acres

\$939,000



339 NE RUE DRIVE
PINETTA, FL / MADISON CO.

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MADISON CO - FL

270 acres

\$540,266



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WAKULLA CO - FL

477 acres

\$1,995,000



COASTAL US HWY 98
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WALTON CO - FL

131 acres

\$326,845



COSSON ROAD
DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FL / WALTON CO.

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2435 acres

\$7,292,825



HIGHWAY 181
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Beautiful natural longleaf and slash pines are traversed by 3 miles of Natural Bridge Creek. Listed on Florida Forever's priority list and nominated to receive a first appraisal for the State of Alabama's Forever Wild program. Excellent soils and a high percentage of usable land.

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