

GEORGIA COUPLE GOES ROGUE AT ANGLER'S POINTE

First-time Logan Martin visitors
fall in love with the lake

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Good grief, it is still hot as blue blazes even as the day approaches early evening.

It's Friday in mid-July as I roll into the grounds of Angler's Pointe in Lincoln, and a handful of RVs are already parked for a weekend on the lake. Hanging out in covered RV lot 110 are Jerry Fortman and Eva Fegarido, a fun and welcoming couple from Georgia.

Making their trip to Logan Martin, the couple just arrived the day before and are already fans. Fegarido and Fortman typically hook up the trailer and head to the coast, but Fegarido said they decided to try something different for a long weekend closer to home for this





trip. She chose Logan Martin on a whim after learning about Angler's Pointe via Facebook.

"A social media ad popped up for this place, and I thought 'It's only two hours – that means we won't have to spend two days traveling,'" Fegarido says.

"This is kind of a new thing for us because we've always gone to the ocean. He has a boat and likes to go deep-sea fishing so we usually go to the gulf coast," she adds. "This is our first time at this lake, and we love it. We went all the way down to one end and back. It's really nice here."

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The couple's RV of choice is a 2021 Rogue Vengeance VKS toy hauler, although Fegarido says the only toy they haul these days is a golf cart for zipping around in during their excursions. Fortman says he bought an older trailer to haul remote control jets (a hobby he is passionate about) to events around the country. He eventually sold the trailer to Fegarido's brother, upgrading to the Rogue in 2021. Since then, the couple has taken their Rogue on four trips, including to Logan Martin Lake.

Fortman says he has made very few, if any, modifications to the

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RV, with the exception of a new piece of furniture to replace the Rogue's standard table and chairs: a massage couch for Fegarido. After trying one out while shopping recently, they both knew that the couch would become a part of their lives. "I wasn't exactly looking for one, but I made the mistake of sitting on one," she admits.

Fegarido and Fortman began dating several years ago and, while they have plans to marry soon, Fegarido says they are the target of some good-natured ribbing for taking their time before tying



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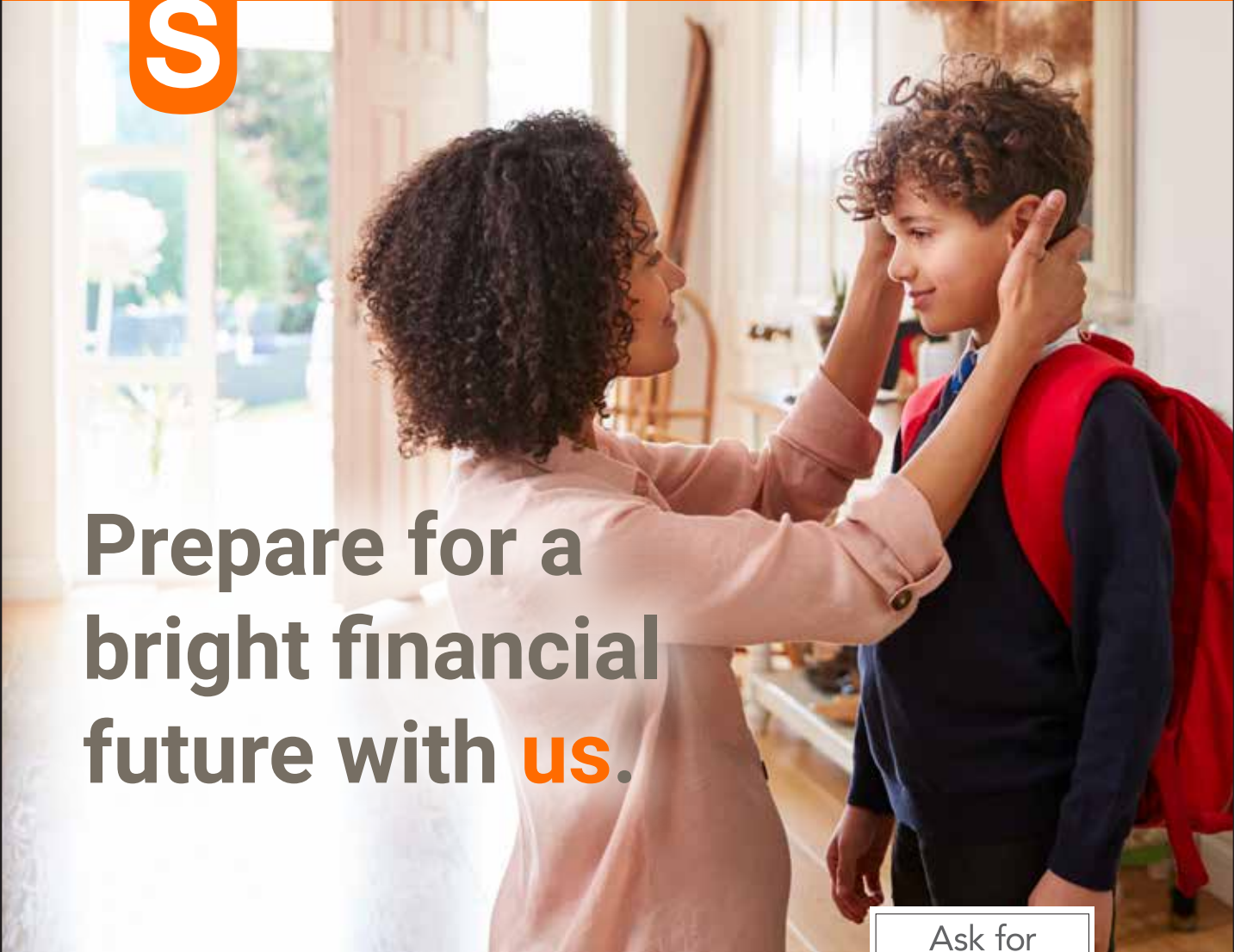
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the knot. "Everybody laughs about it because we've been together for so long. It's been what, 10 or 12 years? I don't even know how long."

Fegarido, whose husband died in 2010, met Fortman while he was recovering from an industrial accident that forced his left leg to be amputated. She was working as a nurse at the medical facility where he was doing some of his rehabilitation. Fortman adopted a no-nonsense approach to his accident and was back to work as quickly as possible, a character trait that caught the eye of Fegarido.

"Some of us get out unscathed, some of us don't. That's just the bottom line," he says. "I'm like 'Look, man, I'm fine. If we've got to cut the freaking thing off, let's cut it off, and let's get on with it, because I ain't got time for this.'"

"That was one of the reasons why I was so impressed with him, how quickly he got back on his feet," she says.

For now, the couple maintain homes about 30 minutes from each other. Fegarido lives in Sharpsburg, Georgia, while Fortman lives nearby in Greenville, and they plan to get married after Fegarido's children have graduated from college. They see each other two or three times during the week and on weekends.

Fortman operates his own machine shop business out of his home, keeping a busy schedule. Fegarido says she practically has to force him to take time off; otherwise, she's not sure he would ever leave his shop. For this trip, she says she told him well in advance to let his customers know they would be packing their Rogue toy hauler and leaving it all behind for a few days on the shores of Logan Martin.

"We have to get him away from home because, if he stays there, he'll be in the shop doing some emergency project," Fegarido says. "I told him four weeks ago, 'Tell all your customers we're going to the lake.'"

