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#145748 – Virginia - Welcome home to this inviting 2 BR, 1.5 BA condo with a 1-stall attached garage. Open layout, abundant natural light. Includes a private patio with privacy fence. **\$151,900**



#145912 – Soudan – Immaculate 3 BR mobile home minutes from Lake Vermilion. Features include a spacious open floor plan with a vaulted living room ceiling, and eat-in kitchen. **\$80,000.**



#145795 – Alborn – Swan Lake Road – 3 BR, 2 BA rambler on 40 acres. Kitchen, dining, living room, BRs and BA. Basement is finished with kitchen, family room and .75 BA. 2-stall garage. \$389,900



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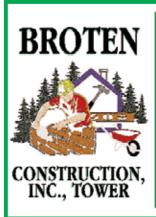
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Orr-\$430,000 12-unit motel situated on Hwy 53 with garage/storage building, fish cleaning house and two docks located on Pelican Lake. MLS#145472 & 610962



Gheen-\$249,000 3 BR, 3/4 BA, 1,512 sq ft cabin with covered front porch, in-floor hot water heat, A/C and attached 1-car garage/bunk room on 40 acres surrounded by public land. MLS#145680 & 6110233



Pelican Lake-\$449,000 3 BR, 1 BA log cabin with attached screen porch, sauna/shower and storage/woodshed on an 8.4-acre island. MLS#145566 & 6109949



Buyck-\$219,000 3 BR, 1 BA, yearround home in Buyck. Sits on 2.24 acres which include 3-car garage and chicken coop. Recently remodeled. MLS#145607 & 6110058



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Cook-\$159,000 3 BR, 2 BA mobile home on 10 acres with detached 2 car garage/storage shed, playhouse, drilled well and compliant septic. MLS#145461 & 6109599

Ash River, Orr-\$59,000 Lot 5 in Bear

Ridge CIC. Shared electric, septic,

and water. 155 ft of shared shoreline,

boat slip and gazebo area near lake.

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Elephant Lake, Orr-\$437,700 4 BR, 2 BA,1,760 sq ft. home on 1.52 acres with 217 ft lake frontage. Comes with roll-in dock, alum boat lift, storage shed. MLS#145714 & 6110330



Buyck-\$59,500 14.9 acres with frontage along Niles Bay Forest Rd. Gated driveway into property with electric at road. Gravel pit to use. Nice elevation. MLS#144570 & 6106611



Pelican Lake-\$398,900 2+ BR, 2 BA home with 125 ft of shoreline. Updated exterior, composite decks and kitchen. Has 2-car garage, roll-in alum dock/ boat lift. MLS#145611 & 6110064



Pickerel Lake, Effie-\$108,000 3.10 acres and 404 ft. of shoreline. New electric service, sand point well, privy, storage shed, new dock, and camper. MLS#145887 & 6110862

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Crane Lake-\$275,000 20-acre boat-access property has 6 BR, 3 BA home. Deeded access across federal land. MLS#144617



Johnson Lake-\$159,000 2.3 wooded acres with 35+/- ft of shoreline. Cabin with generator, gas cook stove, wood stove and privy. MLS#146065 & 6111475



Orr-\$119,000 Buildable, wooded 80 acres South of Orr. Great hunting location with extensive trail system throughout property. MLS#144806 & 6107469



Gheen-\$85,000 20-acre property with farmhouse, pumphouse, well, septic and electric. Farmhouse and outbuildings need some TLC. MLS#146075 & 6111575



Orr-\$19,900 Buildable 1 acre lot in the city of Orr with city water and sewer. Level cleared lot along road with wooded back lot. MLS#144838 & 6107577



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Buyck-\$134,900 Year-round 2 BR, 1+ BA home on 5 acres w/detached garage, compliant septic, drilled well, and nearly new furnace make this a must see. MLS#146099 & 6111642



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Orr-\$69,900 Ash River lot #4 in Bear Ridge on Ash River CIC. Has electric, shared septic/water, 155 ft of shared shoreline, and dock slip. MLS#140026 & 6092208



Crane Lake-\$269,000 40-acre boataccess property with 1,440 ft of gradual sloping shoreline with a small bunk cabin, electric, and storage shed. MLS#145305 & 6109024



Orr-\$69,900 Ash River lot #10 in Bear Ridge on Ash River CIC. Has electric, shared septic/water, 155 ft of shared shoreline and dock slip. MLS#140033 & 6092213



Buyck-\$40,000 40 acres in Buyck on the Shuster Rd. Nice rolling elevation on the south part of property. MLS#143084 & 6102168



Buyck-\$360,000 200 acres near the Vermilion River and many area lakes. Adjoins public lands. MLS#143352 & 6102928

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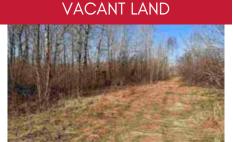


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Types of real estate professionals

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Buyer and seller

A professional may represent either the buyer or seller or both. A buyer's agent is negotiating for the buyer in the transaction, while a seller's agent negotiates for the seller. Real estate professionals also can represent both parties, known as dual agency. Typically this does not occur in the same transaction, as that can create a conflict of interest. Commissions typically fall between 5 and 6 percent on real estate transactions, an amount that is split by all real estate professionals working on the transaction.

Why work with a real estate professional?

Homeowners may wonder why they should seek the services of a real estate agent, broker or Realtor[®]. That's particularly so for sellers, as buyers typically do not pay a real estate representative any money.

➤ Expertise: Considering that buying and selling a home is one of the biggest financial transactions one will make, it makes sense to leave it in the hands of experienced professionals.

➤ Price a home right: Real estate professionals will conduct a market analysis and look at "comps" in the area to determine a price that is fair and will help a house move. When working with buyers, the agent or broker also will be able to help them come up with a reasonable offer price.

➤ Access to MLS: Agents and brokers have access to the Multiple Listing Service, which is widely used across the United States for listing available properties. It helps sellers sell faster and will enable buyers to view multiple properties all in one database.

➤ Negotiations: Leaving negotiations to a third party removes emotion from the transaction and can help everyone involved resolve issues and agree on acceptable terms.

Buying and selling real estate is a complex process. Real estate professionals can simplify the process and make it more enjoyable for buyers and sellers alike.

How to handle selling a home when moving into an assisted living facility

amilies must make a number of important decisions when an aging relative decides the time is right to move into an assisted living facility. Such facilities help older individuals who are having troubling living independently. In addition to finding the right facility for a loved one, many families have to decide what to do with their aging loved one's home.



the front yard. Caring. com recommends maintaining an open and honest dialogue about what can be achieved by selling the home and how their quality of life will benefit from moving to the assisted living facility. > Sort through belongings. Caring.com notes the significance of allowing aging relatives to take special items with them into the assisted living

facility. It will be impossible to take a lifetime's worth of possessions into such a facility, but sort through belongings with your aging family member and do everything possible to ensure that especially meaningful items can make the move. Remaining items can be donated, sold, given to younger loved ones, or discarded.

 Make sure all relevant parties remain in the loop. If one person accepts power of attorney or a similar level of responsibility, that person should ensure all interested parties remain in the loop about the sale process. Aging adults without diminished mental faculties should be routinely updated on the sale process. Keeping all interested parties in the loop reduces the risk of objections or other problems when the sale is set to go through. Selling a home before moving into an assisted living facility presents some unique challenges that families can tackle together to ensure the process goes smoothly.

Aging individuals with companions such as a spouse or a live-in partner may not need to sell their house if that person will not be moving to the assisted living facility with them. However, many partners choose to move as well, and family members may need to sell their current home in order to pay for their loved one to stay at an assisted living facility. The senior care experts at Caring.com note that selling a home when a loved one decides to move into an assisted living facility can present some emotional aspects that will not necessarily be present when selling one's own home. In recognition of that and some additional difficulties associated with this unique situation, Caring.com offers the following tips to help families navigate the process as smoothly as possible.

➤ Consider assigning someone power of attorney. Individuals move into assisted living facilities for a number of reasons, so not everyone will do so because of diminishing cognitive abilities. However, Caring.com notes that selling the home of a loved one diagnosed with dementia can present unique challenges, as only a homeowner can transfer a home to a new owner. In such instances, someone may need to step in and assume power of attorney. Contact an elder law attorney to facilitate that process, if necessary. Such professionals also can provide insight into laws that can help families determine if it's best to sell the home or hold onto it if proceeds from a potential sale are not needed to pay for a facility. Arrange for power of attorney or even a guardianship prior to putting a home on the market.

➤ Discuss the situation and the sale. Aging individuals should be given ample time to process the idea of selling their homes before moving into an assisted living facility. Homeowners make untold sacrifices to buy and maintain their homes, so the decision to sell could elicit a range of emotions that aging individuals have a right to process before a "For Sale" sign is erected in

Simple tips to improve your status with mortgage lenders

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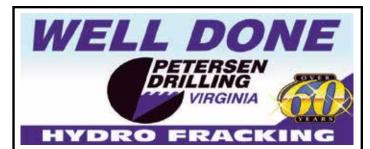
➤ Check your credit report. Lenders will check your credit report before deciding if you are a risk or a safe bet for a mortgage. So it makes sense to check your credit report prior to speaking with a lender. The

Federal Trade Commission says everyone can get one free credit report a year from each of the three credit reporting bureaus. If you split it up, you can get a credit report every four months so you are aware of anything that may adversely affect your ability to get a mortgage loan. A credit (FICO) score that's too low may disqualify you from a mortgage. Each lender sets its own thresholds when they price and approve loans, but the higher your credit score, the better.

➤ Improve credit standing. One way to improve your status in the eyes of lenders is to pay down credit card balances to reduce your credit utilization ratio. A high utilization occurs when there is a high balance in relation to the credit limit, says Business Insider. Also, it may be wise to avoid any credit inquiries through new credit card applications for several months before applying for a loan, as these inquiries can affect your score.

➤ Be realistic about what you can afford. Do your homework and determine your target interest rate and monthly payment as well as what down payment you can afford.

➤ Pay bills on time. Paying bills promptly not only helps you avoid late fees, but also positively affects your credit. The financial resource The Mortgage Reports urges diligence when paying rent, as late rent payments can bar you from getting a mortgage. Lenders look at rent history as the biggest indicator of whether you'll make mortgage payments on time.



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OFFERED	AT \$744,5	500	lakefront deck. 2 garages, stor-
DETAILS	3 BD/3 BTH	2,882 SF	age shed, boat-
	232 ft shoreline	2 acres	house & dock.



Like new log retreat on the rapids offers relaxing white water sounds & blue water vistas. Tuck under garage & attached 2 st garage w/guest quarters above, 60x30 htd bldg, launch on Ver-

OFFERED	AT \$1,498,	\$1,498,500		River
DETAILS	4 BD/4 BTH	4,018 SF	and on Lak Vermilio	
	895 ft shoreline	22 acres	next	door



Lake Vermilion mid-century modern retreat at waters edge & over the water boathouse w/guest quarters. Ideal location on Wakemup Narrows w/panoramic island studded views & pro-

OFFERED AT	\$548,500		tected	swim-
DETAILS	2 BD/1 BTH	816 SF	ming area, 8 mi to town. Vault-	
	130 ft shoreline	0.5 acres	ed gre	



Lake Vermilion pvt island w/over the water cabin, sauna guest cabin & boathouse lot on mainland. Boat to waterside restaurants, championship golf, or town for shopping. Short ride

OFFERED AT	\$998,500)	acro
DETAILS	3 BD/PRIVY	900 SF	wat mai
	1050 ft shoreline	2 acres	111a1 &

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