

# ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

## HOW DIVIDED IS OUR NATION, OUR COUNTY???



RON CROSS  
Commission Chairman

The sixteenth anniversary of the attack on America has come and gone, and unfortunately, our Memorial Service was cancelled because of Hurricane Irma. Fortunately, our hurricane damage was much less than other areas hit, and except for clean-up, things are back to "normal".

Sitting in the Emergency Operations Center on September 11th and watching our extremely efficient Emergency Management Team operate, I thought a lot about September 11, 2001. The horror and sorrows of the victims and their families; the confusion of those that survived; the heroic actions of the first responders and the final realization that something like this could really happen to the greatest country in the world. Then my thoughts drifted to the actions of the nation in the weeks and months after the attacks.

Probably no event in history has united this country so thoroughly, other than the events of December 7, 1941. The country came together, prayed together, and made a vow that we would not allow this to happen again. Changes were made in almost all aspects of our traveling lives and in many other areas. Respect was high for our police, firemen, emergency responders, and military.

Where has that unity and respect gone?

Today there is open hostility to the police, and social media has made it fashionable to mock one and all, including our glorious flag and national anthem. No one gets any respect, regardless of position. People are fired for almost insulting someone, and the entire country is so emotionally fragile that everyone is afraid to breathe. Democrats continue to seek a safe haven after their disastrous election, and their current liberal playbook is simply to insult and ridicule the President. Of course, he makes that very easy. Another thing, "Will Hillary ever go away?" It seems the political divide is affecting almost all aspects of our lives or is it possible that our personal opinions are causing our political divide?

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal by Janet Hook, updated on September 6, 2017, revealed a poll of 1200 people concerning many topics. It verified that the political affiliation of individuals influenced their preferences in other areas. Below are some highlights of that article.

"Divisions in America reach far beyond Washington into the nature's culture, economy, and social fabric, and the polarization began long before the rise of President Donald Trump.

People who identify with either party increasingly disagree not just on policy; they inhabit separate worlds of differing social and cultural values and even see their economic outlook through a partisan lens.

Democrats are twice as likely to say they never go to church as are Republicans, and they are eight times as likely to favor action on climate change. One-third of Republicans say they support the National Rifle Association, while just 4% of Democrats do. More than three-quarters of Democrats, but less than one-third of Republicans, said they felt comfortable with societal changes that have made the U.S. more diverse.

The poll found deep splits along geographical and educational lines. Rural Americans and people without a four year college degree are notably more pessimistic about the economy and more

conservative on social issues.

Some 43% of rural residents gave a high rating to their local economy's health, compared with 57% of urban dwellers. Among people without a four year college degree, only 47% viewed their economy as good or excellent, compared with two-thirds of people with a degree.

While there is broad agreement that the country is riven by division, there is no consensus on why.

Fully 80% of those surveyed saw the country as mainly or totally divided. But Democrats and Independents tended to see the division as rooted in economics-the income gap between the rich and poor. Republicans saw the split as political, with people divided based on their party affiliation, and as a function of which media outlets they follow.

It's as everyone agrees that it's too divisive and we can't get along, but also that everyone else is wrong."

The article covers other areas in more specifics such as the falling approval rates of U.S. Presidents since the Eisenhower era, with the exception of G.H.W. Bush, differences in the question of too much or too little government and the effects thereof, and whether we have confidence in the future of our children or not. The article is worth reading as information but not necessarily as fact. It is another politically correct article that may be as accurate as the polls prior to the last presidential election. There is no indication that the "silent majority" of Americans were included in the survey.

The whole truth is that we are a divided nation because we invite and encourage division without restraint. There is certainly some strength in diversity, but there is a heck of a lot more in unity. We invite people into our country and encourage them to bring their cultures, their religions, their habits, and their differences. We do not even require them to go through the immigration process. We do not require that they learn our language, our culture, our history, and our laws. We wait until they break laws and then try to explain why. We allow them to vote without any education of our political system; we allow them to drive without being a citizen or having a visa; we pay many of them not to work and then wonder why there are so many living in poverty. We do not call them illegal immigrants anymore, but "undocumented citizens".

I know this is not politically correct, but I agree with the quote attributed to President Teddy Roosevelt, "The term hyphenated-American is the greatest threat to the United States of America". We do not need Italian-American, German-American, or African-American. We should all be American. We should all speak the same language, know the same history, observe the same main culture, and obey the same laws. Remembrance of individual family traditions is fine, but if their culture, laws, customs, and politics were so great, why are they seeking a change?

Opportunity in our great country should be available to all that qualify under immigration rules, but it should not be free. You should be required to be "unified" with America in language, history, culture, laws, etc. No immigrant or group of immigrants should be allowed to come into our country and demand that we recognize and follow their former way of life in any way. Apparently, their way was not too good if they chose to leave their native country. It is no mystery to me

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to come into our country and demand that we recognize and follow their former way of life in any way. Apparently, their way was not too good if they chose to leave their native country. It is no mystery to me that we are divided and will become more so. Another thing, when did it become acceptable to destroy other people's property and cause violent riots in the name of freedom of speech? Well, that is another issue.

Sorry, I sometimes get a little off topic. My intent is to contrast the state of the nation with Columbia County. While we have differences of opinions on many issues, it is very obvious that we are not a divided county. Why would I make such a bold statement? It is clear in the decisions that our citizens make at the polls and their support of our schools, government, and improvements of our quality of life. The overwhelming approval of our GO Bond projects made me extremely proud of the presentations of our staff and public participation; so does

the number of people who volunteer in many different facets of county activities. Of course, we are not without problems. Storm water issues are evident after every heavy rain; traffic improvements are everywhere leading to inconveniences; rural areas need sewer extensions, and red lights never seem to be in my favor. But we are an affluent county with low unemployment, low crime (thank you CCSO), low poverty, good growth rate, a growing commercial base, and a lot of hard-working people.

It is probably good to know the problems of the nation as a whole, but please do not let that story dampen our appreciation and enjoyment of Columbia County. Sadly, national and state events will someday and someday trickle down to us, but maybe our own national and state officials can make some long-term corrections. America remains the land of opportunity, and I totally believe that the people of Columbia County work very hard to stay united.

## NEW FLOOD HAZARD MAPS LEARN YOUR CURRENT FLOOD RISK

Columbia County's flood risk information has been revised and updated flood hazard maps are now ready for review. Revisions to these mapping products may affect residents and business owners in unincorporated Columbia County, the City of Harlem, and the City of Grovetown. You can view the new preliminary maps to see how your flood risk may have changed, learn how they can affect building and flood insurance requirements and find out what your options are at the following Open House:

**Patriots Park Gym**  
5445 Columbia Road, Grovetown, GA 30813  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 5:00-7:00pm

Columbia County and local officials, along with representatives from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and FEMA, will be on hand to answer questions.

The maps are also on display at Columbia County Environmental Services Department, Monday – Friday, 8 AM until 5 PM, or call 706-312-7247, and available on line at [www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com](http://www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com) and <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. For more information, visit [www.columbiacountyga.gov](http://www.columbiacountyga.gov).

More up-to-date flood hazard maps ultimately mean a safer, more resilient Columbia County.



## COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesdays, October 3rd - 17th, 6:00pm  
Tuesdays, November 7th - 21st, 6:00pm

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesday, October 10th, 8:30am

### **PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesday, October 24th, 8:30am

### **MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesday, November 14th, 8:30am

### **PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Appling Courthouse, Appling, GA  
Tuesday, November 28th, 8:30am

### **COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Thursdays, October 5th - 19th, 6:00pm  
Thursdays November 2nd - 16th, 6:00pm



# COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORNER HALLOWEEN SAFETY

A few safety tips from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office can protect children who plan to go trick-or-treating this Halloween.

**TREATS:** Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

**FLAME RESISTANT COSTUMES:** When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

**COSTUME DESIGNS:** Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores. To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights. Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling. Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mother's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking. Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes. Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision. Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

**CHOOSING SAFE HOUSES:** Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult. People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.

**FREE EVENT!**

**GAME DAY @ LADY A**  
ESTABLISHED 1902

**TAILGATING AT LADY A**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
**UGA VS UF**  
**OHIO ST. VS PENN ST.**

**GATES OPEN AT 12**  
**GAMES BEGINS AT 3:30**

**COOLERS, TENTS & GRILLS WELCOME!**  
**NO GLASS OR KEGS PLEASE**  
**FOOD AND ALCOHOL ON SITE TO PURCHASE**

Sparkle Express Car Wash, REC TEC GRILLS, Security Federal Bank

**SCREEN ON THE GREEN**

**\$1/PERSON KIDS 3 AND UNDER FREE**  
**CASH ONLY AT THE GATE**

OCTOBER 6 **Harry Potter**  
AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

OCTOBER 13 **Goosebumps**

OCTOBER 20 **HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA**

GATES OPEN AT 6 - MOVIE BEGINS AT 7:15  
COLUMBIA COUNTY AMPHITHEATER  
7022 EVANS TOWN CENTER BLVD

Sparkle Express Car Wash, REC TEC GRILLS, Security Federal Bank

**Trick or Treat**  
**SO OTHERS CAN EAT**

**17th ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT**  
**SO OTHERS CAN EAT**  
OCTOBER 26 6PM-9PM  
EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK  
**FREE EVENT! ONE CANNED GOOD ITEM TO ENTER**

REC TEC GRILLS, Sparkle Express Car Wash, Security Federal Bank

# OCTOBER 2017

Date	Time	Program	Branch	Description
Mon, Wed & Thurs	10:15 AM	Two-dollers Class	Evans Library	A fun program to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills! Registration required.
Mon, Wed & Thurs	11 AM	Preschool Class	Evans Library	Join us each week for this fun program to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills!
Tues	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Harlem Library	Each week we will read stories and do crafts geared to help children fall in love with reading.
Tues	10:30 AM	Baby & Me	Eucler Ck Library	This special class is designed especially for babies under two.
Tues	10:30 AM	ESL	Evans Library	This class is free and open to adults whose first language is not English. Come and practice your conversational English with us!
Tues	4:15 PM	Child Enrichment	Eucler Ck Library	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.
Wed	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Eucler Ck Library	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.
Thurs	4:30 PM	Afternoon Adventures Class	Evans Library	New & engaging ways to develop early literacy skills! Breaks to plan and regroup for upcoming sessions. Call 706-447-7657 for dates.
Sun, October 1, 2017	2:30-4:30 PM	Local Author Group Therapy	Evans Library	Are you a current or aspiring author? Do you need tips, tricks, or just venting about your work? Join us for this fun and supportive group.
Mon, October 2, 2017	4 PM	Young Makers Program	Evans Library	Geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.
Mon, October 2, 2017	4:30 PM	Super Novas Club	Eucler Ck Library	Join us for ghoulish activities!
Mon, October 2, 2017	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Tues, October 3, 2017	5:30 PM	Teen Crafternoon	Harlem Library	Join us for our monthly craft. Call 706-650-5009 for details or to register.
Wed, October 4, 2017	12 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Thurs, October 5, 2017	1:30-5:30 PM	Shepard Community Blood Drive	Harlem Library	Support your community and save three lives at this blood drive.
Thurs, October 5, 2017	3:30-5:30 PM	Gaming at the Library	Evans Library	Teens can take a break and play video and board games.
Mon, October 9, 2017	3 PM	Genealogy Club	Evans Library	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!
Mon, October 9, 2017	5:30 PM	Movie Night	Eucler Ck Library	Join us for movie fun and light refreshments for the whole family.
Mon, October 9, 2017	7-9 PM	Pub Fiction	Pizza Central	This laid-back book club meets at Pizza Central in Evans. The October selection is <i>The Bean Trees</i> by Barbara Kingsolver.
Tues, October 10, 2017	4 PM	Eric Carle Book Party	Evans Library	Join us to celebrate the author of <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar!</i>
Tues, October 10, 2017	4 PM	Teen Guitar Class	Evans Library	Guitar instructions. Up to 6 guitars available for use, cannot be taken home. Ages 11-18. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Wed, October 11, 2017	2 PM	Fiber Arts Craft & Chat	Eucler Ck Library	This group is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. Open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.
Wed, October 11, 2017	2 PM	Teddy Bear Tea	Harlem Library	Bring your teddy bear for a special story and tea.
Thurs, October 12, 2017	10:30 AM	Crochet Class	Harlem Library	Join us to learn to make a crocheted hat. Call 706-650-5009 to register.
Thurs, October 12, 2017	1 PM	Columbia County Genealogical Society	Eucler Ck Library	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this club has something for everyone.
Thurs, October 12, 2017	4 PM	Teen Advisory Board	Evans Library	Help us decide what programs to offer this year while getting volunteer credit. Now with snacks!
Thurs, October 12, 2017	6 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.
Fri, October 13, 2017	10 AM-12 PM	Genealogy Class	Evans Library	Learn to use library resources to expand your genealogical search. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Fri, October 13, 2017	2:30 PM	NSA Stem Talk	Eucler Ck Library	Join us to learn about winning games- how much is luck, how much is logic?
Sat, October 14, 2017	10 AM-5 PM	Indie Author Day	Evans Library	Meet local indie authors and learn about the process of publishing your book!
Sat, October 14, 2017	10 AM	Keep Calm and Coupon On	Eucler Ck Library	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.
Sunday, October 15, 2017	2:30-4 PM	Writing Workshop	Evans Library	Have you considered participating in National Novel Writing Month in November? Join us for tips and support for getting started.
Mon, October 16, 2017	4-5:30 PM	Teen Makerspace	Evans Library	Teens 13-18 use CAD software, development software, 3D scanner & printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.
Mon, October 16, 2017	6:30 PM	Monday Night Book Discussion	Evans Library	The October selection is TBD. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for more information.
Tues, October 17, 2017	5-7 PM	Halloween Crafting Party	Evans Library	Teens can make fun Halloween crafts to take home. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Tues, October 17, 2017	5:30 PM	Gadget Help with Alex	Harlem Library	Do you have a new gadget that you can't figure out? Drop in to have our tech guru Alex show you the basics.
Weds October 18 & 25, 2017	10 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp: Parts 1 & 2	Evans Library	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Wed, October 18, 2017	4 PM	Genealogy Class	Harlem Library	Learn the basics of finding your roots. Call 706-650-5009 to register.
Thurs, October 19, 2017	11 AM	Adult Time Out	Eucler Ck Library	Join us to make Mason Jar Candle Holders.
Thurs, October 19, 2017	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	Evans Library	The October selection is <i>The Christie Curse</i> by Victoria Abbott.
Thurs, October 19, 2017	4 PM	Harlem Book Club	Harlem Library	The October selection is <i>Pirate</i> by Clive Cussler.
Thurs, October 19, 2017	6-7:30 PM	Family Game Night	Evans Library Café	Join us for games for the whole family, ages 3 and up.
Thurs, October 19, 2017	6:30 PM	Natalie's Light Program	Evans Library	Learn about suicide awareness and prevention with experts from Natalie's Light.
Fri, October 20 & 27, 2017	9 AM	Computer Boot Camp: Parts 1 & 2	Eucler Ck Library	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-556-0594.
Sat, Oct 21 & Sun, Oct 22	All Day	<i>Lord of the Rings</i> Movie Marathon	Evans Library	Join us for two days of <i>Lord of the Rings</i> movies. 10 am-5 pm Saturday and 2-5 pm Sunday.
Sun, October 22, 2017	3-5 PM	Gadget Help with Alex	Evans Library	Do you have a new gadget that you can't figure out? Drop in to have our tech guru Alex show you the basics.
Mon, October 23, 2017	4:30 PM	Family Game Night	Eucler Ck Library	Join us for games for the whole family.
Mon, October 23, 2017	6 PM	Fat Quarter Sewing Project	Evans Library	Make reusable bowl covers with 2 fat quarters of fabric. Bring your own, come back each month. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Tues, October 24, 2017	4 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.
Tues, October 24, 2017	5:30 PM	Word 101	Harlem Library	Learn the basics of Microsoft Word. Call 706-650-5009 to register.
Wed, October 25, 2017	10:15-11:45 AM	Play Café	Evans Library	Join us for self-guided crafts and activities.
Wed, October 25, 2017	11:30 AM	Environmental Matters Lunch & Learn	Evans Library	Bring your lunch and learn with the Eco-Lady about how you can impact our area.
Thurs, October 26, 2017	10 AM-12 PM	Social Media 101	Evans Library	Learn the basics of using social media safely. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.

## OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2017

Date	Time	Program	Branch	Description
Thurs, October 26, 2017	10:30 AM	On The Same Page Book Club	Euchee Ck Library	The October selection is <i>The Claws of the Eagle</i> by Barbara Deglar.
Thurs, October 26, 2017	4-5:30 PM	Teen Makerspace	Evans Library	Teens 13-18 use CAD software, development software, 3D scanner & printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.
Wed, November 1, 2017	12 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Wed, November 1, 2017	5-7 PM	National Novel Writers Month Kickoff Reception	Evans Library Café	Join us in the café to learn about National Novel Writers Month (NaNoWriMo) and take the challenge to write a novel in November!
Thurs, November 2, 2017	10:30 AM-12 PM	Estate Planning	Evans Library	
Thurs, November 2, 2017	3:30 PM	Gaming at the Library	Evans Library	Teens can take a break and play video and board games.
Thurs, November 2, 2017	5:30-7:30 PM	Fiber Arts Craft & Chat	Evans Library	This group is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. Open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.
Sunday, November 5, 2017	2-5 PM	NaNoWriMo Meet Up	Evans Library Café	Join us every Sunday in November to write and workshop with NaNoWriMo participants.
Mon, November 6, 2017	10 AM-12 PM	Winter Birding	Evans Library	Learn about the birds you will see in our area in the winter. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Mon, November 6, 2017	4-5:30 PM	Young Makers Program	Evans Library	Geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.
Mon, November 6, 2017	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Tues November 7, 21, & 28	5:30-7:30 PM	Chess: Parts 1, 2, & 3	Evans Library	Join us for this three-part chess class including a tournament in the last session. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Wed, November 8, 2017	10 AM	Gadgets & Gifts	Harlem Library	Learn about tech gifts for everyone on your list! Call 706-650-5009 to register.
Wed, November 8, 2017	1:30-3:30 PM	Internet Shopping	Harlem Library	Learn to get great deals safely on the internet. Call 706-650-5009 to register.
Thurs, November 9, 2017	4-8 PM	Veteran's Day Program	Evans Library	
Thurs, November 9, 2017	4 PM	Teen Advisory Board	Evans Library	Help us decide what programs to offer this year while getting volunteer credit. Now with snacks!
Thurs, November 9, 2017	6-7:30 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.
Fri, November 10, 2017	All Day	Libraries Closed for Veteran's Day	All Branches	All Columbia Libraries will be closed November 10 in honor of Veteran's Day.
Sat, November 11, 2017	9 AM-1 PM	Storybook Walk	Harlem Library	The Storybook Walk is hosted by the library and the Harlem Merchants Association. The storybook walk will include a walk around Harlem, starting at the new Harlem Library, down to Red Oak Manor. The pages of the books will be placed in the storefront windows, and as you walk around town, you will complete the book.
Sun, November 12, 2017	2-5 PM	NaNoWriMo Meet Up	Evans Library Café	Join us every Sunday in November to write and workshop with NaNoWriMo participants.
Mon, November 13, 2017	3 PM	Genealogy Club	Evans Library	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!
November 13, 14 & 16, 2017	5:30-7:30 PM	AARP Driver Safety Classes	Evans Library	Registration will be through AARP. Please call 706-228-4467 after 7 PM. There is a cost for workbook.
Mon, November 13, 2017	7 PM	Pub Fiction	Pizza Central	This laid-back book club meets at Pizza Central in Evans.
Tues, November 14, 2017	4 PM	Teen Guitar Class	Evans Library	Guitar instructions. Up to 6 guitars available for use, cannot be taken home. Ages 11-18. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Tues, November 14, 2017	5:30 PM	Cord Cutting	Harlem Library	Learn to cut the cord with your cable provider with smart technology tips. Call 706-650-5009 to register.
Thurs, November 16, 2017	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	Evans Library	The November selection is <i>Beyond Recall</i> by Robert Goddard.
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Mon, November 20, 2017	6:30 PM	Monday Night Book Discussion	Evans Library	The November selection is <i>At the Edge of the Orchard</i> by Tracy Chevalier.
Thurs, Nov 23-Sun, Nov 26	All Day	Libraries Closed for Thanksgiving	All Branches	All Columbia County Libraries are closed for Thanksgiving.
Mon, November 27, 2017	4-7:30 PM	Open Sewing Hour	Evans Library	Bring your sewing projects and use our machines.
Tues, November 28, 2017	4 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.
Thurs, November 30, 2017	5:30-7:30 PM	Cord Cutting	Evans Library	Learn to cut the cord with your cable provider with smart technology tips. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.

All programs are subject to change. Call your local branch for details. Evans: 706-863-1946 Euchee Ck: 706-556-0594 Harlem: 706-556-9795

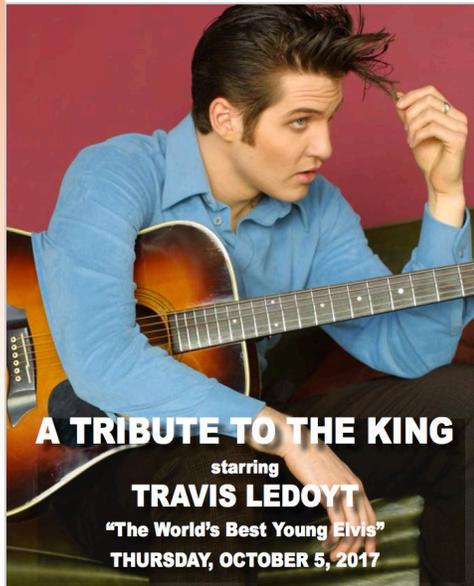
**ART**  
in the  
**PARK**  
*Fall Fest*

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am-4:00pm**

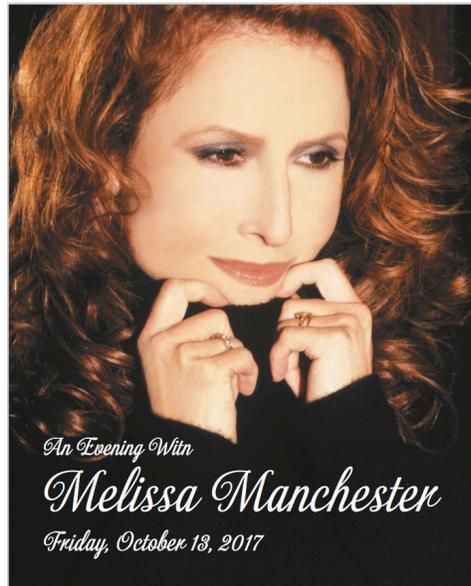
**SAVE THE DATE!**

For a complete list of library programs, please visit [www.gchrl.org](http://www.gchrl.org)

# UPCOMING EVENTS:



**A TRIBUTE TO THE KING**  
starring  
**TRAVIS LEDOYT**  
"The World's Best Young Elvis"  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017**



*An Evening With*  
**Melissa Manchester**  
*Friday, October 13, 2017*



**CALL FOR LOCATIONS**

Film Columbia County is looking for houses and/or local businesses that are interested in including their place in our locations listing for potential productions. We are looking for all types of houses, buildings, properties, etc.

For more information, please email: [locations@filmcolumbiacounty.com](mailto:locations@filmcolumbiacounty.com)

**FILM**  
COLUMBIA COUNTY  
GEORGIA



*Jaimee Paul*

"Classic voice that you never get tired of and wish you could sound like."  
- Kelly Clarkson

**Saturday**  
**October 21**  
**2017**



ALMOST  
**ELTON JOHN**  
— & THE ROCKET BAND —  
**REMEMBER WHEN ROCK WAS YOUNG**

STARRING  
CRAIG A. MEYER

**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 10**  
**2017**



**Holiday MARKET**  
**NOVEMBER 10-12, 2017**  
COLUMBIA COUNTY EXHIBITION CENTER

<b>FRIDAY</b> 11am-5pm, 7-10pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> 10am-6pm	<b>SUNDAY</b> 11am-4pm
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tickets \$10 (DAILY ADMISSION) | \$35 (LADIES NIGHT OUT) | \$35 (PHOTOS WITH SANTA)

AVAILABLE ONLINE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1

PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY MARKET HELP SUPPORT  
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[JLAUGUSTA.ORG](http://JLAUGUSTA.ORG)

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUGUSTA  
3 DAYS OF shopping  
LADIES' night out (WED 7-10PM)  
PHOTOS WITH Santa  
COMMUNITY Stage  
SPECIAL events featuring Quilt Displays, Silhouette Artists, and Holiday Decor Classes

## FLOOD PROTECTION CHECK YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Public Library. You can also contact the Engineering and Environmental Services Department in Building A of the Government Complex to see if you are mapped in a floodplain.

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Columbia County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This information is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have flooded.



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