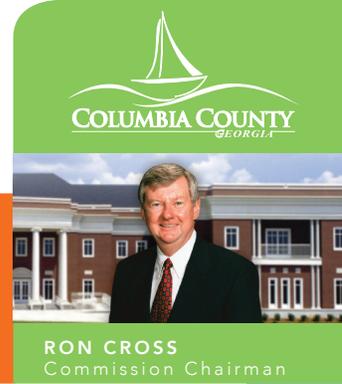


# ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

## FINALLY... IT'S OVER!



RON CROSS  
Commission Chairman

For the first time in sixteen years a different person will occupy the chairman's seat of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners during the first meeting of 2019. Current District 1 Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the Board, Doug Duncan, won the run-off election on July 24th by four percentage points. While Mr. Duncan will just change chairs, two other chairs will have new occupants. Connie Melear will replace Mr. Duncan as the District 1 representative, and Dewey Galeas will take the District 4 seat. Both won their respective positions in the May 22nd Primary Election. Continuing to serve on the Board will be Trey Allen of District 2 and Gary Richardson of District 3. Both have two more years on their current terms. There remain many state positions to be decided in November, but since none of the newly elected county officials have any other opponents, their races are finally over.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Chairman for almost sixteen full years. If you remember the county-wide elected chairman election came back in 2002 after many years of the chairman being elected from the district board members and usually rotating every year. The thought was that the chairman should be constant and elected by the entire county and not just from a single district. Time will come when Columbia County will need a full time Chairman and even possibly full time district commissioners, but currently the part time system seems to work exceptionally well mainly because our county voters have made excellent choices.

During my tenure, the changes in Columbia County are almost too many to count, from a population of 89,000 people to more than 150,000. Along with that growth came more commercial growth, new roads and many quality of life improvements while maintaining the safe-

ty of our citizens and a great school system. The area around the government complex has become the focal point of the county with Evans Towne Center Park being the favorite gathering place for simple fun and entertainment. The new Plaza @ Evans Towne Center and the Performing Arts Center will soon add to the fun. The Gateway development, including the Exhibition Center, is a great retail area and meeting location. We are so blessed to have tremendous financial strength and monies available for many more transportation improvements similar to the just completed Riverwatch Parkway Extension and the widening of Washington Road. Our growth and success in Columbia County is unmatched in Georgia and probably the Southeast. The thanks and appreciation must go to our great citizens who support the commission by voting for our SPLOST and T-SPLOST capital improvement programs. We are also blessed by the lowest property taxes of our benchmark counties and a very low crime rate.

During the last sixteen years, I have had the opportunity to serve on four state committees and on the Board of our state county organization. During that time I have seen many examples of successful counties and also many examples of many struggling counties. Both extremes have some very common traits. During my final months in office I plan to share some of those traits and also to discuss what I think Columbia County must do to maintain our success and continue our great quality of life. The reward for work well done is simply, more work to do. Personal or corporate life is never static; you are either moving forward or you are backing up.

I congratulate the winners of the 2018 commission elections and urge them to take very seriously the chal-

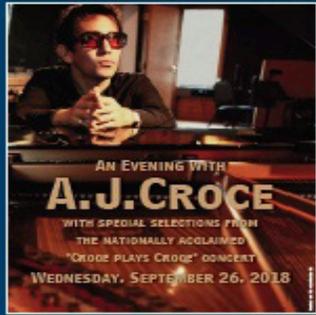
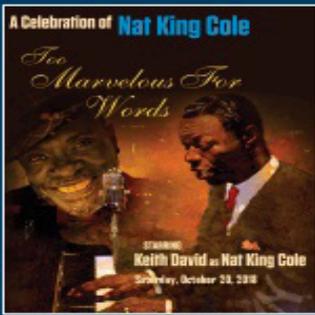
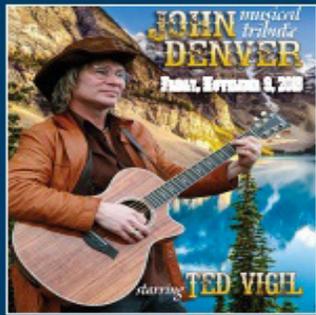
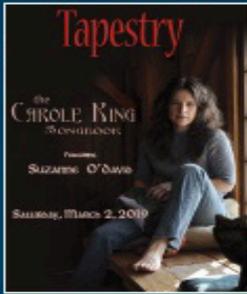
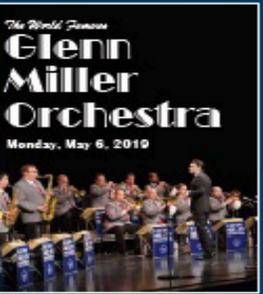
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lence before them. The two new members have no clue what they will face, but the three veterans are extremely capable and the new ones will learn fast. I have always believed that you can't live in the past because it is gone; you can't live in the future because it is not here yet; all there is, is today. However, remembering the les-

sons and successes of the past, if properly interpreted, will make for a brighter future. The past sixteen years have been exceptional, but the opportunity is there to make the future of our great county even greater. For our new Commission, it starts in January, 2019.

**AUGUSTA AMUSEMENTS 2018-2019 Season AUGUSTA AMUSEMENTS**

 <p><b>THE DRIFTERS</b> Friday, September 14, 2018</p>	 <p>Tribute to the King: Gospel &amp; Hits Featuring Travis LeDoyl Friday, September 21 2018</p>	 <p>AN EVENING WITH <b>A.J. CROCE</b> WITH SPECIAL SELECTIONS FROM THE NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED "CROCE PLAYS CROCE" CONCERT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018</p>	 <p><b>THE BRITISH INVASION YEARS</b> Friday, October 12, 2018</p>	
 <p>A Celebration of <b>Nat King Cole</b> <i>Too Marvelous For Words</i> Starring Keith David as Nat King Cole Saturday, October 20, 2018</p>	 <p><b>BEE GEES GOLD</b> Friday, November 2, 2018</p>	 <p><b>JOHN DENVER</b> musical tribute Friday, November 9, 2018 starring <b>TED VIGEL</b></p>	 <p><b>LIVE AND LET DIE</b> Friday, November 16, 2018</p>	
 <p><b>Christmas</b> WITH THE <b>ANNIE MOSES BAND</b> Wednesday, November 28, 2018</p>	 <p><b>Celtic Angels Christmas</b> with Celtic Knight Dancers and The Fifty Best Ensemble of Dublin Monday, December 10, 2018</p>	 <p><i>We've Only Just Begun:</i> <b>Carpenters Remembered</b> Starring MICHELLE BERTING BERRY Saturday, January 12, 2019</p>	 <p><b>THE BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE EXPERIENCE</b> <b>The STRANGER</b> Friday, January 18, 2019</p>	
 <p><b>Sinatra Forever</b> Featuring Rick Michel and the Augusta Amusements Orchestra Thursday, February 14, 2019</p>	 <p><b>Tapestry</b> The CHLOE KING Experience Featuring Suzanne O'Daive Saturday, March 2, 2019</p>	 <p><b>Todd Oliver &amp; Friends</b> Friday, March 15, 2019</p>	 <p><b>THE EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE</b> SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019 Featuring <b>THE ZMED BROTHERS</b></p>	 <p><i>The World's Finest</i> <b>Glenn Miller Orchestra</b> Monday, May 6, 2019</p>

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT [WWW.AUGUSTAAMUSEMENTS.COM](http://WWW.AUGUSTAAMUSEMENTS.COM) OR CALL 706-726-0366  
ALL SHOWS BEGIN AT 7:30 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check out what's going on in August at your Libraries!

All programs are drop-in except where noted as "Registration Required." For drop-in programs, space is limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

## Adult Programs

### Columbia County/Evans Library

#### Doodle Hour-Adult Coloring

Wednesday, August 1 • 12:00 pm • Monday, August 6 • 6:30 pm

Coloring books are perfect for stressed out adults. You've seen the trend, now try it!

#### Fiber Arts Craft & Chat

Thursday, August 2 • 5:30-7:30 pm

This group meets the first Thursday of each month in the café area and is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. This low-key crafting meet-up is open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.

#### Home Buying Series: Electrical & Plumbing

Thursday, August 2 • 6:00-7:30 pm

Queensborough National Bank & Trust hosts the final class by licensed electricians and plumbers who will discuss new home vs older home wiring, hot water heaters, sprinkler systems, and lighting. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Adult Guitar Club

Thursdays, August 2 & 16 • 6:00-7:30 pm

Experienced adult players, this is a chance to get together with other adult guitar players to swap tips and songs.

#### Local Author Group Therapy

Sunday, August 5 • 2:30-4:30 pm

Have you ever said "Someday, I'd like to write a book?" Turn that "someday" into "today" and join us for a fun, informal introduction to National Novel Writing Month, an annual writing challenge for authors of all stripes.

#### Acorn Media TV Demo

Thursday, August 9 • 4:00-6:00 pm

Learn about our new streaming program, then watch a show!

#### Estate Planning and Elder Care

Friday, August 10 • 11:00 am

Hear legal strategies to protect your family and estate including: wills & trusts, estate planning, probate avoidance, powers of attorney, Medicaid and VA planning, as well as the VA Aid & Attendance Benefit. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Genealogy Club

Monday, August 13 • 3:00 pm

Whether you're a genealogical expert or just learning about your roots, this is the group for you. No registration required.

#### Pub Fiction Book Club

Monday, August 13 • 7:00 pm • Pizza Central, Evans

This month's book selection is *Petty: The Biography* by Warren Zanes. Join us at the Pizza Central in Evans!

#### Environmental Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, August 15 • 11:30 am

Here's your chance to ask your county agent for valuable eco-gardening and lawn care tips. Eco-Lady, Margarete Alligood, presents "Environmental Matters" with featured speakers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register. Prizes will be awarded for those attending five or more sessions! Bring your own brown bag lunch and join us in Classrooms B & C of the Performing Arts Ctr. through Aug.

#### Brown Bag Book Discussion

Thursday, August 16 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm

This month's book selection is *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers.

#### Greater Evans SCORE Workshop

Thursday, August 16 • 1:00-3:00 pm

Thinking of starting a business? These workshops are for you! The August topic is Establishing a Non-Profit Organization. Register at [greateraiken.score.org](http://greateraiken.score.org).

#### Monday Night Book Discussion

Monday, August 20 • 6:30 pm

This month's book selection is *I Married the Klondike* by Laura Beatrice Berton.

#### Bookkeeping, Payroll, and Business Financial Seminar

Wednesday, August 22 • 12:00-2:00 pm

A bookkeeping, payroll and business finance seminar is being presented by Tabitha Hollimon, MBA, EA and owner of Avail Bookkeeping and Tax Services. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Your Money, Your Future

Monday, August 27 • 4:30-6:30 pm

This program is provided by Georgia 4-H through the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension to help you be successful managing your money now and in the future. The lessons are aimed at grades 7-12, but are helpful for anyone who needs the basics of budgeting. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Pre-register for English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

Tuesday, August 28 • 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Drop-in to pre-register for the ESL program. Classes begin on September 4th.

**The Columbia County Libraries will be closed Monday, August 20, for staff development and training.**

**Euchee Creek Library****Beginner Crochet**

Wednesday, August 1 • 1:30 pm

Fun and informal. Supplies provided. No registration required.

**Fiber Arts Craft & Chat**

Wednesdays, August 8 & 22 • 2:00-4:00 pm

Bring your own projects-crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc and socialize with others.

**Genealogical Society**

Thursday, August 9 • 1:00 pm

Whether you're an expert or just beginning to look into your roots, this club has something to offer everyone.

**Adult Time-Out**

Thursday, August 16 • 11:00 am

Learn how to trap tiny mementoes into resin jewelry. Call 706-556-0594 for details.

**On the Same Page Book Club**

Thursday, August 23 • 10:30 am

The August selection is *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee.

**Harlem Library****Doodle Hour**

Tuesday, August 7 • 2:00 pm

Join us for an enjoyable hour of coloring and relaxing!

**Crochet Class: Pencil Pouch**

Thursday, August 9 & 23 • 10:30 am

Join us as we learn how to crochet a pencil pouch! This class is taught in 2 sessions, and you must register for both.

**Open Sewing**

Tuesdays, August 14 & 28 • 3:00 pm

Bring your projects and use our machines to finish them! Registration required.

**Crafternoon**

Wednesday, August 15 • 1:00 pm

Come join us for a fun hour of crafting! Registration required.

**Harlem Book Club**

Thursday, August 16 • 4:00 pm

Join us to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

**Bingo for Books**

Friday, August 17 • 10:30 am

Join us for Bingo, prizes, and refreshments! Registration required.

## Children's Programs

**Columbia County/Evans Library****Child Enrichment beginning August 21:**

Join us each week for fun programs! Learn and practice new and engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills!

- **Crawlers & Pre-Walkers: Tues • 10:15 am**
- **Baby & Me: Tues • 11:00 am & Weds • 10:15 & 11:00 am**
- **Two-ndlers: Mon, Weds, Thurs • 10:15 am**
- **Preschoolers: Mon, Weds, Thurs • 11:00 am**
- **Afternoon Adventures: Thurs • 4:30 pm**

Call 706-863-1946 ext 3 for information or to register for children's programs.

**Sensory Class**

Friday, August 3 • 11:00 am

Join us for interactive stories, games, songs, and activities! We welcome children and caregivers of all abilities to this class. Call 706-447-7657 for more info.

**Baby Explorers**

Tuesday, August 7 • 10:30-11:30 am

Drop in with your little explorers for this playtime for babies and toddlers! Ages 0-2.

**Young Authors Program**

Tuesday, August 14 • 6:00 pm

Join the Young Authors' Club for snacks and creative writing/sharing time! Grades 1-5.

**Art Buffet**

Thursday, August 16 • 4:30-6:00 pm

Drop in and choose from a variety of crafting materials and art supplies to experiment with and create your very own artwork! Dress for a mess.

**Family Movie Night**

Tuesday, August 21 • 5:30 pm

Watch *Paddington 2* on the big screen in Hardin Auditorium. All ages.

**Pete The Cat Book Party**

Thursday, August 23 • 3:30 -4:30 pm

Come in for stories, crafts, food and fun! All ages.

**Euchee Creek Library****Child Enrichment:**

- **Baby & Me: Tues • 10:30 am**
- **Child Enrichment: Tues • 4:15 pm**
- **Child Enrichment: Weds • 10:30 am**

**Super Novas Club**

Monday, August 6 • 4:30 pm

The August theme is water play! Wear clothes that can get wet!

**Minecraft Club**

Saturday, August 11 • 11:00 am -3:00 pm

Bring your own device or laptop with Minecraft already loaded.

**Family Movie Night**

Monday, August 13 • 5:30 pm

Join us for a family movie and light snacks. No registration required.

**Family Game Night**

Monday, August 27 • 4:30 pm

Games for the whole family. No registration required.

**Harlem Library****Child Enrichment**

Tuesdays, August 7, 14, & 28 • 10:30 am

Join us for a fun hour of stories and coloring!

**Yoga Story Time**

Tuesday, August 21 • 10:30 am

Join us for a fun hour of stories, movement, and music.

## Teen Programs

### Columbia County/Evans Library

#### Young Makers Program

Monday, August 6 • 4:00-5:30 pm

This Makerspace program is geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.

#### Table Top Gaming Group

Tuesday, August 7 • 12:00-3:00 pm

Join us for a casual afternoon of table top gaming. Beginners welcome!

#### Otaku-Rabu Club

Tuesday, August 7 • 5:00-6:30 pm

Join us for a screening of this season's most popular anime!

#### Beginner's Guitar Class

Tuesday, August 14 • 4:00 pm

Join us for drop-in guitar instructions. We have up to 6 guitars available for use if students do not have one they can bring in, but they cannot take it home with them. This program is for ages 11-18. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.

#### Makerspace

Thursday, August 23 • 4:00-5:30 pm

Teens 13-18 will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.

#### Guitar Club

Tuesday, August 28 • 4:00 pm

Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.

#### Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, August 30 • 4:00 pm

Help us decide what programs to offer this year while getting volunteer credit.

## Need more information?

### Contact your local branch:

- Evans: 706-863-1946
- Eucler Creek: 706-556-0594
- Harlem: 706-650-5009



## COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORNER

### PREVENT DELIVERY PACKAGE THEFT

- Have packages delivered to where you are, not where you aren't. For example, consider having packages delivered to your place of employment.
- Use tracking numbers and delivery notifications.
- Ask family members, trusted neighbors, and friends to accept deliveries on your behalf.
- Request packages to be placed in less conspicuous places, such as a side door or behind a planter.
- Many delivery companies allow you to request a delivery time or time frame—schedule packages when someone is home.
- Install a small security camera at your front door.
- Request a signature on deliveries if possible.
- Some companies offer a locker services for packages to be held at the delivery center for pickup. Utilize this program if you can't have someone receive the package personally.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood. Report suspicious activity to the **COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 703-541-2800.**



Columbia County's

# MILLION DOLLAR

## Rubber Duck Derby

\$10/duck with a chance to win \$1,000,000!



Watch the ducks race at  
Evans Towne Center Park  
Saturday, September 8th  
10AM-2PM

Ducks go on sale August 1st on  
[evanstownecenterpark.com](http://evanstownecenterpark.com)



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# KIDS FEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25  
EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK

Interactive Stations for Kids of ALL ages  
\$5/Child or FREE with Park Pass

Things that make you go EWW!  
Mad Scientist Show    Mini Monet    Petting Zoo    Foam Pit    Construction Zone  
Pollination Station    Bubblemania    Color War

MESSY AND MORE FUN THAN EVER!

# EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Agency, Engineering Services Division, Water Utility Services and the GIS Department have come together to provide a proactive, cost efficient and effective public notification system.

Certain situations warrant notification of people based solely on their physical location. Some examples of these situations would be missing persons, suspects at large, hazardous material releases or spills, dam failure, civil emergencies, water service interruptions, severe weather situations, emergency road closures and other important information.

**The CodeRED Emergency Notification System** provides us with immediate, map-driven communication that seamlessly combines all phone and GIS data to rapidly deliver incident-related information or instruction to target audiences. This system also has full TTY/TTD capabilities, ensuring messages are

delivered to the hearing impaired.

Currently, the Emergency Notification System already includes both public and unlisted landline telephone data; however citizens must register mobile phones, SMS Texting, VoIP phones (voice over IP or internet phones) and email addresses



in order to receive these notifications based on validated county addresses. Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**Uses** The CodeRED® system will be used to send critical communications, from missing persons, suspects' at large, hazardous material releases or spills, dam failure, civil emergencies, water service interruptions, severe weather situations, emergency

road closures and other important information.

**Caller ID** When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

**Emergency Notifications** 1-866-419-5000  
**General Notifications** 1-855-969-4636  
**Weather Warning Alerts** 1-800-566-9780

**Privacy** Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**Join Our Database** To make sure you receive notifications, please register at [public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/95F6A6DAFCOD](http://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/95F6A6DAFCOD)

**CodeRED Mobile Alert App** Download the FREE app at [ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app/](http://ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app/)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call (706) 868-3303 during normal business hours or email us at [emergencymanagement@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:emergencymanagement@columbiacountyga.gov).

my unreal Wedding Expo

August 26th  
1-4pm

Columbia County Exhibition Center

Tickets & Info:  
[MyUnrealWedding.com/Events](http://MyUnrealWedding.com/Events)

@MyUnrealWedding

Fun, Unique, Interactive, Inspiring

75+ Wedding Professionals

Not your Ordinary Bridal Show!

Four Real Life Inspiration Boards

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY ADDRESS

5:00 p.m. Business Expo  
5:45 p.m. BBQ Dinner Buffet provided by Shane's Rib Shack-Evans  
6:30 p.m. Program

**CHAMBER**  
COLUMBIA COUNTY - GA

\$35 Individual Member Ticket  
\$45 Individual (non-member) Ticket  
\$325 Corporate Table of 8  
\$325 Expo Booth (includes 2 tickets)  
\$525 Corporate Table of 8 + Expo Booth

**The community is invited to attend.**  
Program includes speakers from Columbia County Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, City of Grovetown, City of Harlem and Fort Gordon.

Thursday, September 20, 2018 | Columbia County Exhibition Center

For more information or to register, contact the Columbia County Chamber at 706.651.0018 or [columbiacountychamber.com](http://columbiacountychamber.com).



## Honor our Servicemen and women by honoring their service to our country.

For a one-time fee, dedicate a plaque to be displayed on the Columbia County Military Memorial Wall behind the Evans Library. Please contact Stephanie Kingdom, Construction & Facilities Management, for more information.

**Stephanie Kingdom, Project Specialist V706.312.7131**  
[skingdom@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:skingdom@columbiacountyga.gov)