

# Business Buzz

Columbia County's Economic Development Newsletter!

MAY 2026

## SCHOOL'S ALMOST OUT, WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS??

### Columbia County 4-H Summer Day Camps Are Here!

Columbia County 4-H is excited to offer a wide variety of summer day camps designed to engage youth in hands-on learning, skill-building, and fun. From agriculture and outdoor exploration to sewing and life skills development, there is truly something for every interest and age group.

#### 2026 Summer Day Camp Offerings:

Ages 5–7: Little Poultry Pals Camp

Ages 8–18: 4-H Poultry Camp

Ages 8–11 & 11–14: School of Life Skills for Magical Beings

Ages 8–14: "Sew" Much Fun 4-H Camp (Waitlist Only)

Ages 14–18: Pajamas & Popcorn Sewing Camp

Ages 8–18: Florida Outdoor Adventure Camp (Waitlist Only)

Each camp provides meaningful opportunities for youth to:

Build confidence through hands-on learning

Develop new friendships

Gain valuable real-world life skills

Create lasting summer memories

Please note:

Space is limited, and several camps are already at capacity. The Florida Outdoor Adventure Camp and "Sew" Much Fun Camp are currently full, but waitlists are available.

We encourage families to register soon to secure a spot in available programs.

**Register today through 4-H Online:**  
[v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

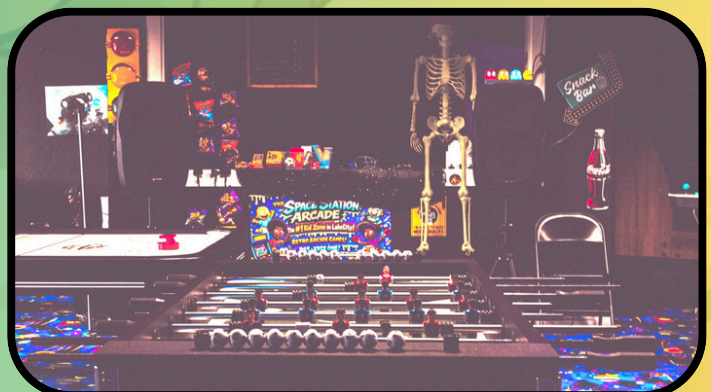
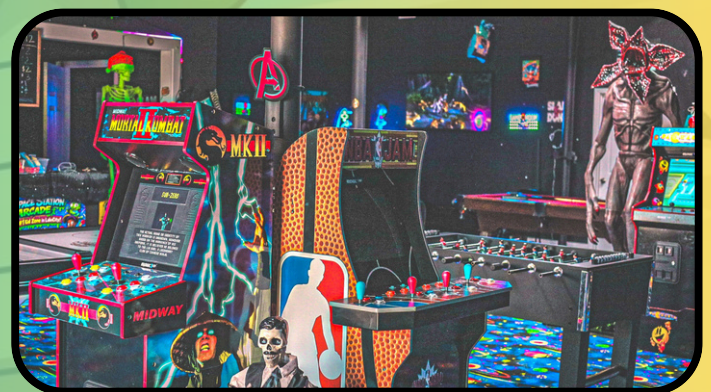
Learn. Care. Connect. Grow with 4-H.

## THE SPACESTATION: A NEW ERA OF ENTERTAINMENT IN LAKE CITY 🚀

This summer, the Spacestation is taking things to the next level. Local daycares and youth programs are invited to book summer field trips to the arcade. Kids will experience fun-filled games, laughter, creativity and unforgettable memories. "Our mission has always been bigger than arcade games. We want children to walk through our doors and feel like they've stepped into another world where fun, imagination, and positive energy collide."

This is only the beginning. This year, the venue will be hosting their very first Cosplay event. This will bring gamers, anime lovers, comic fans, creators and imaginative minds from all over, together. This will be a one of a kind celebration of creativity and self-expression.

Hats off to Terrell Kannady on his efforts to expand the entertainment industry here in Lake City.



## Hang out at The Woods

### Lake City, we heard you!

The ultimate Family Dance Party by Shore House Presents is BACK at The Woods – now as a full summer series.

📅 June 7 – K-Pop & More

📅 July 12 – Summer Dance Battle

📅 August 8 – Back 2 School Dance Party

Every event kicks off at 6PM.

Expect:

🎧 Live DJs

🌟 High-energy entertainment

💃 Dancing

🍷 Food + drinks

🏓 Pickleball

🛼 Roller skating

🌊 Water slides

🎬 Family movies

The full family experience:

🎫 Tickets are LIVE:

[linktr.ee/TheWoodsFlorida](https://linktr.ee/TheWoodsFlorida)

Come ready to move, celebrate, and make it a night for everyone.

Let's make this summer unforgettable.

To find a full list of activities and to purchase a membership or tickets go to:

<https://www.thewoodsflorida.com/overview>

## Richardson Community Center Summer Camp!!

Richardson Community Center will host their annual summer camp for children ages 6-13. The cost is \$400 per child. There will be games, sports, arts and crafts, swimming and field trips. For more information contact the Richardson Center at 386-466-9738.

For more information on the full spectrum of activities offered at the center visit: <https://richardsoncommunitycenter.com/>



## FGC Youth Summer Camps

Florida Gateway College will be hosting their annual summer camp. Packed with activities for your child from athlete to performer and even scientists. This camp promises an adventure for every curiosity.

Camps begin the week of June 8 and run Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$95 per camp, which includes all activities and a commemorative camp t-shirt.

### 2026 FGC Summer Camps

Timberwolf Basketball Camp  
Ages 7-14 June 8 – June 11

Timberwolf Running Camp  
Ages 7-14 June 8 – June 11

Timberwolf Softball Camp  
Ages 8-14 June 22 – June 25

STEM Camp  
Ages 8-14 June 22 – June 25

Timberwolf Cheer Camp  
Ages 7-14 July 6 – July 9

Art Camp  
Ages 8-14 July 6 – July 9

Timberwolf Volleyball Camp  
Ages 7-14 July 13 – July 16

Timberwolf Esports Camp  
Ages 8-14 July 13 – July 16

Timberwolf Flag Football Camp  
Ages 7-14 July 20 – July 23

Theater Camp Ages 8-14 July 20 – July 23  
Find more information and register for FGC's 2024 Summer Camps at [www.fgc.edu/camps](http://www.fgc.edu/camps).

### Riddle Me This

1. What is full of holes but still holds water?
2. What question can you never answer "yes" to?

# Summer at the Library!!

This summer, the local library has a number of programs for kids of all ages!!



## UNEARTH A STORY™

SUMMER AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**MON** LEGO Club @ 10:00 AM  
Family Storytime @ 3:30 PM

**TUES** Tweens @ 3:30 PM

**WED** 2-Yr-Old Storytime @ 10:30 AM  
Tinkerlab @ 3:30 PM

**THUR** Preschool Storytime @ 11:00 AM  
Teens @ 3:30 PM

**FRI** Baby and Me @ 10:00 AM  
Toddler Time @ 11:00 AM  
Special Guest (See Schedule)

**WEST BRANCH**

**WED** Preschool Storytime @ 11:00 AM  
Teen Creative Clutter Cave @ 4:00 PM

**FRI** Special Guest (See Schedule)

**FORT WHITE**

**TUES** Toddler Time @ 11:00 AM

**THUR** LEGO Club @ 3:00 PM

**FRI** Special Guest (See Schedule)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL TWEEN AND TEEN EVENTS.  
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FAVORITE LIBRARY LOCATION FOR DETAILS.



## UNEARTH A STORY™

SPECIAL PROGRAMS™

WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MEET A MASTODON: SUMMER KICK OFF**  
OVER TEN THOUSAND YEARS OF PREHISTORIC FLORIDA AND NUMEROUS ICE AGE ARTIFACTS COME TO LIFE!  
Friday, June 5 @ 10:00 AM  
West Branch Library

**WILD WONDERS ANIMAL SHOW**  
EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE MANY EXTRAORDINARY ANIMALS  
Friday, June 12 @ 3:00 PM  
Fort White Community Center

**DADICIAN, FAMILY MAGICIAN**  
EXPERIENCE FUN, EXCITEMENT, AND A LITTLE BIT OF MYSTERY  
Friday, June 26 @ 2:00 PM  
Richardson Community Center

**ARCHAEOLOGY STORYTIME**  
(FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK)  
CHILDREN AGES 5-18 SIGN-UP REQUIRED  
Friday, July 10 @ 2:00 PM-3:00 PM  
@ 3:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Main Library

MAIN LIBRARY (386) 758-2101 | WEST BRANCH (386) 758-1321  
FT. WHITE BRANCH (386) 497-1108

# TWEENS

TWEEN PROGRAMS ARE EVERY TUESDAY AT 3:30PM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY. AGES 8-11

**JUNE 2 DINOSAUR EGG**

**JUNE 9 GEODE PAINTING**

**JUNE 16 PETROGLYPHS**

**JUNE 23 FLYING DINO COMPETITION**

**JUNE 30 DINO SQUISHY**

**JULY 7 PASTA DINO**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TWEEN EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN LIBRARY AT (386) 758-2101 OR CONTACT US ON FACEBOOK MESSENGER TO SIGN UP.

# TEENS

TEEN PROGRAMS ARE EVERY THURSDAY AT 3:30PM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY. AGES 12-18

**JUNE 4 EMBOSSED FOIL DINOSAUR EGG**

**JUNE 11 SNACK FLOWERPOT**

**JUNE 18 BLAST INTO THE PAST TECH MUSEUM**

**JUNE 25 CRISSCROSS PAINTING**

**JULY 2 PUNK PATCH**

**JULY 9 DINOSAUR PARK AND RELAX**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TEEN EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN LIBRARY AT (386) 758-2101 OR CONTACT US ON FACEBOOK MESSENGER TO SIGN UP.

# TEEN CREATIVE CLUTTER CAVE

WEST BRANCH LIBRARY  
435 NW Hall of Fame Dr.

JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF CALM CRAFTS AND MELLOW MUSIC!

AGES 12-18 • WEDNESDAYS • 4PM

BRING YOUR OWN JOURNAL

Please note that sign-ups are required to attend all tween and teen events, as well as July 10th's Archaeology Storytime, in order to ensure that there is adequate space and supplies. Sign-ups start the week before each event.

Contact the Main Library to reserve your spot(s) at (386) 758-2101.

### Riddle Me This Answers:

1. Sponge
2. Are you asleep yet?

### Did you know?

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Blanche Hotel was a frequent stop for none other than Al Capone. Turns out, Lake City was the perfect stop for the gangster when he conducted trips from Chicago to Miami.

## LAKE CITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# Endureed



Endureed is the original engineered thatch manufacturer, founded in 1999 by Abram Huber right here in Lake City, Florida. For over 25 years, we have pioneered the category of engineered synthetic thatch, combining the aesthetic of traditional palm and reed thatch with advanced materials engineering to create a product that performs for decades without maintenance, fire treatment, or need to replace. Every Endureed product is designed, engineered, and manufactured at our Lake City facility using domestically sourced raw materials, and our proprietary Endureed FlameCore Technology makes us the only engineered thatch to achieve Florida Product Approval, a Class A Fire rating, and wind protection up to 200MPH (Category 5 hurricane wind speeds). Today, Endureed roofs are trusted on thousands of projects across more than 45 countries, from private backyard retreats to world-class destinations built by Disney, Four Seasons, Royal Caribbean, and Universal Studios.

From first concept to final install, Endureed works alongside homeowners, architects, and builders to ensure every project is executed with clarity and confidence. Our products are available in three lines; Basics, Performance, and Premium, with warranties ranging from 10 to 30 years, designed to fit everything from a residential tiki hut to a large-scale commercial resort. To connect with our team, reach out to [sales@endureed.com](mailto:sales@endureed.com) or contact our main office at 877-265-6124

## Out and About

With spring underway and summer being around the corner, everyone knows, it's time to travel. Check out these amazing spots in and around the area.

1. Ichetucknee Springs State Park
2. O'Leno State Park
3. Big Talbot Island State Park
4. Torreya State Park
5. Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park
6. Troy Springs State Park

## Shout Out to The Station!

Just off I-10 and 49 miles to the west of Lake City is The Station RV Resort. This establishment is a blend of vintage character with the essentials for longer stays. So, if you are looking for a weekend retreat spot or workforce housing, The Station has everything you need. Check 'em out.

<https://streamsideparks.com/the-station-rv-resort-madison-florida/>