

# Community Events for APRIL / MAY

**Open Date – Opossum & Raccoon Hunting Season – statewide. Private Land: No closed season**

**April 25th** – 7th Annual Valdosta Food & Wine Classic, 6-8pm. Turner Center Art Park, 605 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta.

**April 26th** – Ariel Posen, Rock Concert, 7-9:00pm. Free. Bring lawn chair. Turner Center Art Park, 605 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta.

**April 26th** – VSU Mayhem Music Festival, 6-11pm. Front Lawn, 1500 N. Patterson, Valdosta. Free. Open to public.

**April 26th** – VSU Planetarium: From Earth to the Universe, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm. Seating limited. Pick up tickets by 6pm night of show. VSU Nevins Hall Room 3004. Observatory on Rooftop if weather permits. Info 229-333-5778

**May** – National Wildfire Awareness Month

**May 3rd-4th** – Valdosta State University Graduation, Valdosta.

**May 3rd** – VSU Graduate School Commencement Ceremony, 5pm. The Complex, Valdosta.

**May 3rd** – Caitlin Krisko & The Broadcast, Soul Rock Concert, 7-9:00pm. Free. Bring lawn chair. Turner Center Art Park, 605 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta.

**May 4th** – National Firefighters’ Day. St. Florian’s Day.

**May 4th** – VSU Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, 7pm. Valdosta State University, Front Lawn, Valdosta.

**May 10th** – Lanier County Schools [Estimated Graduation Day]

**May 10th** – HuDost, Folk Americana Concert, 7-9:00pm. Free. Bring lawn chair. Turner Center Art Park, 605 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta.

**May 17th** – Lanier County Schools – Last Day of School and Early Release

**May 17th** – Lanier County High School Graduation, 5:30pm. LCHS, Roquemore Field, 52 West Patten Ave., Lakeland.

**May 17th** – Mark Taylor Country Concert, 7-9:00pm. Free. Bring lawn chair. Turner Center Art Park, 605 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta.

**May 18th** – Farm to Table, 10:00am-1:00pm. Lakeland Farmers Market

**May 27th** – Memorial Day

**What happens without advertising! NOTHING!**

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## Living Life Well

Carol A. Moore



It doesn't take much reading on the subject of living life well to know that living life well honors the Lord and inspires those around you. A life well lived in this way rewards those who live their life in this manner.

It brings to mind the Bible verse from Micah 6:8:

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you  
But to do justice, to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

Here are some suggestions for achieving a life well lived:

1. Develop a strong character by daily choice to be just, kind and humble.
2. Achieve relief from negative freedom, joy and thought by making certain your conscience is clear of guilt..
3. Develop a strong relationship with God’s Son or your Higher Power and honor His values.
4. Become a mentor or someone who lives up close and personal with you that can provide hands-on guidance.
5. Finish your life without regrets or finish “well”.
6. Do what is right with humility, kindness, love and don’t put it off.

I know someone who took on the responsibility of foster children, realizing she had a more limited time with her children than children who came into your family by birth. She made up a family motto which is “The Moores are kind, caring, and helpful, looking for an opportunity to be kind caring and helpful.” Whether one of the foster children rebelled saying, for example, “Why do I have to do this? Or “I didn’t have to do this before.” Her response was, “We do this because Moores are kind, caring and helpful ...”

She taught her children to start their morning at the sink getting ready for their day by thinking at least briefly about their day and who/what he/she expected to encounter. By doing that, the child gave themselves an opportunity to compare and contrast their expectations with their new approach expressed in the motto. The children became better prepared to think about their goal “kind, caring, helpful” and what they could do to affirm that goal.

Developing a consistent plan for action and at least briefly review it on a daily basis is one small step that improves a person’s chance of meeting their conscience goal. This small change in perspective, thought through in advance, helps us become more successful in our lives daily. In this way, our lives are supported as we achieve living our lives well!



### Informing Folks

- 65+ & Homebound Citizen Housing Energy Assistance begins April 10th. Schedule appointments: [coastalplain.caseheduler.com/](http://coastalplain.caseheduler.com/) or 229-472-6331.
- GED Classes Lanier County In-person provided by Adult Education Program of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Tuesday and Thursdays, 9:00am-1:00pm and 4:00-8:00pm. The Threatte Center, 209 US Highway-221, Lakeland. Information: 229-333-2123 or [www.wiregrass.edu/adulted/](http://www.wiregrass.edu/adulted/).
- Your Library Card in Your Pocket. Information: [sgrl.org/](http://sgrl.org/) or 229-333-0086.
- General Housing Energy Assistance (under 65) as funding available. Begins May 1, 5am. Schedule appointments: [coastalplain.caseheduler.com/](http://coastalplain.caseheduler.com/) or 229-472-6331.
- Host families Needed for English speaking international students ages 15-18 on J1 Visas and immersion in U.S. lifestyle International Student Exchange. For more information: Area Representative Natalie at 910-547-7087. Online: [www.iseusa.org/](http://www.iseusa.org/).
- Campaign Signs Pick-up. Signs found in highway right-of-way have been moved to DOT, 217 East Highway 37, Lakeland for pick-up.
- Foster Parents Needed in Lanier County. Call 877-210-KIDS
- Annual Register Reunion, May 18th, 10am. Wayfare Primitive Baptist Church, Wayfare Church Road, Stockton. Covered dish. Contact Chester Register at 229-460-3712.
- Place of Grace Soup Kitchen, Bethel Church Ministries, 375 W. Highway 37, Lakeland. Every Saturday from 11:00am-2:00pm.
- Free Line Dance Class every month on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Nashville VFW, 801 Tifton Hwy. 125. 7:00-7:45pm. Information: 229-455-2267. Information: 229-333-2123 or [www.wiregrass.edu/adulted/](http://www.wiregrass.edu/adulted/).
- GED Classes On-line. Information: 229-333-2123 or [www.wiregrass.edu/adulted/](http://www.wiregrass.edu/adulted/).

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