



WHAT'S HAPPENING

...in Polk County

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WELCOME CENTER



Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 | 9AM-2PM

The Market at the Welcome Center

The Welcome Center- 101 Adventure Ct. Davenport
Featuring a variety of vendors offering local produce, jewelry, plants, handmade crafts and more.



Feb 11 | 8AM-1PM

Spring Training Lead Off Event

The Welcome Center- 101 Adventure Ct. Davenport
Free t-shirts for the first 300 guests. BOGO Bok Tower Tickets, games, and vendors with a variety of merchandise available. Free! For information call 863-420-2586



ARTS & CULTURE

Feb 1 | 7AM

Dedication Day at Bok Tower Gardens

Bok Tower Gardens- 1156 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales
Celebrate this historic day and 94 years of operation with the fun tradition of crossing the moat for an up-close view of the Great Brass Door. General admission required.

Feb 2 | 4PM

After Hours at the Museum and Curator Tour

Polk Museum of Art- 800 E Palmetto St. Lakeland
View the galleries after hours and go on a curator tour with Dr. H. Alexander Rich. Free

Feb. 4, 18 | 11AM

Docent-led Tour at Polk Museum of Art

Polk Museum of Art- 800 E. Palmetto St. Lakeland
Tour a featured exhibition with details of the exhibit from a Polk Museum of Art educator. Free

Feb 4 | 11AM

Oak Hill Cemetery Tour

Polk County History Center- 100 E. Main St. Bartow
The Polk History Center's curator of education gives a walking tour of the historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Bartow. Reservation required.

Feb 13

El Retiro's Landscape: A Tour Through Time

Bok Tower Gardens- 1156 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales
Join Brendan Huggins, our Director of Horticulture, on a walking tour of the gardens at El Retiro. General Admission ticket required.

Feb 17 | 11AM

History Center Architectural Tour

Polk County History Center- 100 E Main St. Bartow
Learn about neoclassical architecture, the construction of the building and stories behind the iconic Old Polk County Courthouse.

Feb 25-26

Lake Wales Art Festival

Lake Wales Park- 33 N Lake Shore Blvd. Lake Wales
The Citizens Bank & Trust Lake Wales Arts Festival has a 52-year-old tradition of celebrating and exhibiting quality works of art by fine artists and artisans with up to 100 artists competing for awards!



FESTIVALS & EXPOS

Feb 11-12 | 10AM-6PM

LB Brown Heritage Festival

470 LB Brown Ave. Bartow
Immerse yourself in Bartow's history & shop from local vendors and artisans at The LB Brown House Museum.

Feb 18 | 4PM

Syfy Bartow

Downtown Bartow- E. Main St Bartow
Come join us for what has become a central Florida tradition. This is a family-friendly outdoor street fair type science fiction convention. Free.

Feb 16 | 10AM

Collectorama Coin Show

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland
This show features some of Florida's best Coin and Currency dealers. Other dealers from around the country will be buying, selling and trading. Cost: \$5. Free Parking.

Feb 17 | 6PM

Bartow Friday Fest

Downtown Bartow- E. Main St. Bartow
Main Street Bartow invites you to a block party featuring live music, beverages and lots of vendors. Free

Feb 18-19 | 10AM

Heritage Day Festival

1701 7th St. NE, Winter Haven
Join us for the 28th annual Heritage Day Festival. This two-day event is free to the entire community and promises to be fun for the family! Free.

Feb 19 | 10AM-2PM

Black History Festival

Jackson Park- 1130 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. Lakeland
Join the community for a fun-filled, family-friendly day that will include performances, food, and craft vendors!

Feb 25 | 10AM

Lake Alfred Heritage Festival

N Seminole Ave. Lake Alfred
Historical demonstrations/exhibitors, Arts and Crafts vendors, food, petting zoo and more. Free.

Jan 19 - Feb 12

Dreamgirls the Musical

210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Winter Haven
Through gospel, R&B, smooth pop, disco and more, Dreamgirls explores themes of ambition, hope and betrayal, all set in the glamorous and competitive world of the entertainment industry.

Feb 3, 4 | 6PM

The Important Problem: A Social Justice Opera is happening at Polk Theatre

Polk Theatre- 121 S. Florida Ave. Lakeland
The opera is set in a subway with four victims who represent political/social issues and two main characters who represent two different interpretations of the law. Tickets are \$25

Feb 7

Wonderful Wizard of Song

Gem Theater- 118 NW 1st Ave. Mulberry
A jukebox musical filled with the iconic and nostalgic hits of OZ composer Harold Arlen including One for my Baby, Come Rain or Come Shine, Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

Feb 9 | 6PM-9PM

Death Of A Gangster A Valentine's Day Massacre Dinner Show

Balmoral Resort- 116 Kenny Blvd. Haines City
You'll never know who to trust in this "married to the mob" event. Cost: \$45

Feb 9 | 7PM-10PM

Drag Bingo – Hosted by Trishelle

Balmoral Resort- 116 Kenny Blvd. Haines City

Feb 12 | 7PM

Grey Gardens The Musical

303 Ledwith Ave. Haines City
The hilarious and heartbreaking story of Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier Beale, the eccentric aunt and cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, once bright names on the social register who became East Hampton's most notorious recluses.

Feb 13 | 7:30PM

Fiddler on the Roof

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland
The award-winning tale of Tevye the Dairyman and his family's struggles in a changing Russia is a true musical theatre tradition.

Feb 14-26

Menopause the Musical

210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Winter Haven
This hilarious musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles!

Feb 16-19

Dead Man's Cell Phone

Polk State College Winter Haven Fine Arts Theatre- 999 Ave H NE, Winter Haven | A comedy by Sarah Ruhl. It is the journey of a woman forced to confront her presumptions about morality, redemption, and isolation in a technologically obsessed society.

Feb 16-26 | 7PM

Into the Woods; The Musical

210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Winter Haven
The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk.



Feb 17-26

Something Rotten

Florida Southern College Theatre- 1100 Johnson Ave. Lakeland | A musical created by Wayne Kirkpatrick.

Feb 17 – Mar 5 | 7PM

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Musical

121 S. Florida Ave. Lakeland
Take a fantastic musical adventure with an out-of-this-world car that flies through the air and sails the seas.

Feb 19

Malcolm X Musical

Ritz Theatre- 263 W. Central Ave. Winter Haven
An original stage production by lyricist and composer Tommie Wofford. The musical features a full musical score set against the backdrop of the civil rights movement with compelling songs and scenes that tell the story of human rights activists Malcolm X. \$25



Feb 3 | 7PM

The String Showdown

Polk State College Winter Haven Fine Arts Theatre- 999 Ave. H NE, Winter Haven
Special Performance Series. Cost: \$30

Feb 4 | 7PM-9PM

A Night of Jimmy Buffet

Ritz Theatre- 263 W Central Ave. Winter Haven
Join us for a night of Jimmy Buffet favorites performed by Come Monday!

Feb 4 | 7PM-10PM

Dwight Icenhower as Elvis

Ramon Theater- 15 E Wall St. Frostproof
Dwight Icenhower is a Five Time World Champion Elvis Presley Tribute Artist and is considered to be one of the best Elvis Tribute Artists in the world today.

Feb 6 | 7:30PM

Bouquet of Clarinet Music

Anne MacGregor Jenkins Recital Hall- 1100 Johnson Ave. Lakeland | An Evening of Poetry and Music. Free.

Feb 9 | 6PM-9PM

Gallery Concert Series

Polk Museum of Art- 800 E Palmetto St. Lakeland
A special set of ensemble performances, live in our galleries and inspired by our current exhibition, Edward Hopper and Guy Pene du Bois: Painting the Real.

Feb 10 | 3PM

Florida Carillon Festival Performance

Bok Tower Gardens- 1156 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales
Listen to Carillonneur Lisa Lonie celebrate Valentine's Day and the greatest musical love stories. Included in general admission.

Feb 11 | 7:30PM-8:30PM

Candlelight, Love is in the Air

Ritz Theatre- 263 W Central Ave. Winter Haven
Join us for a Valentine-themed evening of love songs enveloped in the beauty of candlelight and performed by the talented musicians of the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra.

Feb 12 | 2PM-3:30PM

Lakeland Concert Band Valentine's Day Concert

Branscomb Auditorium- 111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr. Lakeland | All-volunteer band with musicians of all ages performs for Valentine's Day. Free

Feb 15 | 7:30PM

A Celebration of Black Jazz Composers, Volume 2

Branscomb Auditorium- 1100 Johnson Ave. Lakeland
In honor of Black History month, the Florida Southern College Jazz Program will feature classic compositions by the greatest Black Jazz Composers.

Feb 21 | 7PM

Concert for the Kids

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland
WPCV 97.5 & Window World of Polk County Presents the 5th Concert for the Kids Featuring Brother Osborne, Joe Nichols, Easton Corbin and Hailey Whitters

Feb 22 | 6PM-10PM

Tina Turner Tribute Show

Balmoral Resort- 116 Kenny Blvd. Haines City
Kitei with her comparable rendition of the legendary Tina Turner. Experience this exciting show while enjoying a delicious dinner from Balmoral's Executive Chef!. Tickets cost: \$45.00

Feb 22 | 7:30PM

The FSC Studio Orchestra Returns

Branscomb Auditorium- 1100 Johnson Ave. Lakeland
Selections will combine the worlds of Jazz and Classical music. Cost: \$5-\$10

Feb. 24 | 7PM

Classic Albums Live

RP Funding Center- 701 W Lime St. Lakeland
See an exact recreation of The Beatles "Let it Be" album. Tickets cost: \$33

Feb 24 | 7:30PM, 9:15PM

Dwight Icenhower: An Evening with Elvis

Gem Theater- 118 NW 1st Ave. Mulberry
The award-winning performer is sure to delight audiences of all ages. Tickets are \$25-\$35

Feb 28

Tribute to Billy Joel and Elton John

210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Winter Haven



Feb 3 | 4PM

First Friday Lakeland

117 N. Kentucky Ave. Lakeland
Downtown shops and restaurants will be open late. Don't miss the Makers Market, and the Classy Car Show now on Main St.! Free

Feb 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

Pirate Fest Weekends

1 Legoland Way, Winter Haven
Pirate Fest Weekends at LEGOLAND Florida Resort in Winter Haven celebrates all things Pirates during weekends. General admission required.

Feb 5 | 10AM

Spirit of the Buffalo Pow Wow

1052 US-92, Auburndale
Please join us for the 27th annual Spirit of the Buffalo Pow Wow and Native American Festival at the International Market World Flea and Farmers Market.

Feb 10 | 7PM

Festive Flix at Lake Mirror

121 S. Lake Ave. Lakeland
Free movie (SING2) on Lake Mirror!
Bring your own chairs and blankets and enjoy a movie under the stars and on the shore of beautiful Lake Mirror. The movie will begin at 7pm. Concessions available for purchase including popcorn, candy and soda!

Feb 17 | 6PM

Lake Wales Mardi Gras 2023

205 N 5th St. Lake Wales
Mardi Gras is celebrated in various cultures around the world costumes and music vary according to location. Lake Wales has incorporated traditions from many of them including feathered costumes and music. Free

Feb 18 | 8AM

50th Anniversary Strawberry Classic Dog Show

Sun 'N Fun Expo Campus- 4175 Medulla Rd. Lakeland
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club - You will learn and see the AKC breeds and athletes compete in Conformation, Dock Diving, Barn Hunt, Agility, and more.

Feb 25 | 7:30PM

Rodeo at Westgate River Ranch

3200 River Ranch Blvd. River Ranch
The Saturday Night Rodeo at Westgate River Ranch Resort near Lake Wales is a long-standing tradition for many families visiting Central Florida. This real-life rodeo features trick riding, bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, and rodeo clown antics.



Feb 4 | 9:30AM

Family Nature Walks

Bonnet Springs Park- 400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland
Every 1st Saturday join a family friendly mile-long guided hike.

Feb 5 | 5:45PM

Guided Full Moon Hike

Colt Creek State Park- 16000 St. Route 471 Lakeland
Join for a ranger guided night hike. Bug spray, closed toed shoes, and a flashlight are recommended. Reservation required.

Feb 11 | 10AM

Nature Narrator

Bonnet Springs Park- 400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland
Every second Saturday enjoy outdoor story time.



Feb 3-4

The Annual Budweiser Smoke of the Water BBQ Festival

2400 Havendale Blvd. NW, Winter Haven
This is the Florida BBQ Association's State Championship. Funds raised benefit the Citrus Center Boys & Girls Clubs. More than 80 teams from across the country will compete for the Florida State Grand Champion title. Unique entertainment includes live music and a Cypress Water Sports Ski Show on beautiful Lake Cannon. Entry Cost \$2

Feb 4 | 2PM

Spring Wine Walk

Bok Tower Gardens- 1156 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales
Sip, sample and stroll through the Gardens while sampling different wines. Ticket includes wine samples, nibbles at each stop and a souvenir tasting glass. \$55. Registration required.

Feb 12 | 6PM

Lakeland Food Truck Rally

Munn Park- 201 E Main St. Lakeland | Everyone gets to pick and choose their favorite food to enjoy!

Feb 16 | 6PM

Taste of Winter Haven 2023

650 6th St. SW, Winter Haven
Taste of Winter Haven is an evening event to taste local cuisine and enjoy live music. You must be 21 or older to attend. <https://centralfloridatix.com/>

Feb 18 | 10AM-9PM

Ribs on the Ridge- Brews & BBQ

Lake Eva Park- 555 Ledwith Ave. Haines City
Sanctioned through the Florida BBQ Association, this event will bring professional and backyard BBQ competition teams from across Florida and the southeast to compete for cash prizes, trophies, and bragging rights for the best BBQ in town.

Feb 22 | 6PM

Tiger BBQ- Publix Field at Joker Merchant Stadium

2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Lakeland
Join us at Publix Field at Joker Merchant Stadium, Florida's most magnificent spring training facility for the Tiger BBQ. The outlook may be cloudy, but the BBQ is going ahead! Cost: \$40

Feb 11 | 7AM

Lakeland Pancake Festival

2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Lakeland
All you can eat pancakes and sausage, orange juice and coffee. Soda milk and water available for purchase. Entertainment, inflatables, costumers, balloon twisters, etc. \$10 admission.

Feb 28 | 6PM

Top Chef Polk County

Bonnet Springs Park- 400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland
This will be a night of delicious food and fellowship while raising much-needed funds for children from birth through age five with special needs or who are at risk for developmental delays. Cost: \$150



Feb 2 | 3PM

Steve Hytner at Laugh Out Loud Lounge

19 3rd St. NW, Winter Haven
Don't miss Steve Hytner as seen on "Seinfeld" "Modern Family" and a whole lot more! Tickets: \$25

Feb 11 | 8PM

Kevin Farley Live at Laugh out Lounge

19 3rd St. NW, Winter Haven
Yes, THAT Farley! Kevin brings his hilarious stories and anecdotes. Tickets: \$25

Feb 17, 18 | 8PM

Alex Elkin at Laugh out Loud Lounge

19 3rd St. NW, Winter Haven
"Career's on Fire Tour!" Don't miss this fast paced, hilarious comedian! Tickets: \$25



REOCCURRING EVENTS

TUESDAYS

Trivia Tuesdays: Grove Roots Brewing Co. Winter Haven | 6:30PM- 8:00PM | Every Tuesday

Tasty Tuesdays: Downtown Lakeland | 4:30PM-9:00PM | Each month.

THURSDAYS

After Hours at the Museum & Curator Tour: Polk Museum of Art | 4PM-8PM | The museum hosts a curator tour | Every first Thursday

FRIDAYS

First Fridays: Munn Park, Lakeland | 6:00PM-9:00PM | The first Friday of the month

Point of View Gallery Talk: Polk Museum of Art | 12PM-1PM | An expert gives an in-depth overview of one of the current exhibitions. | Every second Friday

SATURDAYS

Saturday Night Rodeo: Westgate River Ranch Lake Wales | 7:30PM | Every Saturday

Docent Led Tours: Polk Museum of Art: | 11AM-12PM | Get a fresh look into the museum's featured exhibition through informative and engaging conversation with a docent. Registration is required. | Every first and third Saturday

Cypress Gardens Water Ski Team Show: Lake Silver, Winter Haven | 4:00PM | Every third Saturday

Lake Wales History Bus Tour: Lake Wales History Museum | 10AM | 90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required | Every first Saturday

Downtown Lake Wales History Walking Tour: Lake Wales History Museum | 10AM | 90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required | Every third Saturday

History Center Architectural Tour: Polk County History Center | 11AM | Learn about neoclassical architecture, the construction of the building and stories behind the iconic Old Polk County Courthouse. | Every third Saturday

Oak Hill Cemetery Tour: Polk County History Center | 11AM | walking tour of the cemetery, awash with the memory of Polk pioneers beneath a canopy of live oak trees. | Every first Saturday

Family Nature Walks: Bonnet Springs Park | 9:30AM | Mile long guided hike. | Every first Saturday

Nature Narrator: Bonnet Springs Park | 10AM | Outdoor story time | Every second Saturday



MARKETS & CRAFTS

The Market at the Welcome Center: Every Thursday at the Welcome Center, Davenport | 9:00AM-2:00PM

Lake Wales Third Thursday Market: Every third Thursday in Downtown Lake Wales | 4:00PM-7:00PM

Bartow Antique Market: Every second Saturday in Downtown Bartow | 8:00AM-1:00PM

Winter Haven Farmers Market: Every Saturday in Downtown Winter Haven | 8:30AM-11AM

Lakeland Farmers' Curb Market: Every Saturday in Munn Park, Downtown Lakeland | 8:30AM-1:00PM

Lake Wales Downtown Farmers Market: Every second and fourth Saturday | 9:00AM-1:00PM

International Market World: Every Friday-Sunday in Auburndale | 8:00AM-4:00PM

Artisan Market: Every second Sunday at Lakeside Village, Lakeland | 12PM-5PM

Moonlight Market at Grove Roots Brewing Co.: Winter Haven | 6:00PM | Check site for dates

Brew Hub Night Market: Lakeland | (Monthly, check site for dates) | 6:00PM

Buena Market: Lakeland pop up market | Check site for more information



ENGINE & CARS

Feb 5-11 | 7PM

Winter Showdown at Auburndale Speedway
5640 E. County Rd. 542, Winter Haven
Winter showdown at Auburndale Speedway for Legends and Bandoleros.

Feb 6 | 10AM-1PM

Exotic & Sports Car Show

Bonnet Springs Park- 400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland
Great opportunity to see some presented exotic and sports cars and support a great foundation!

Feb 10-11 | 10AM-1PM

Carlisle Winter Collector Car Auction

Sun 'N Fun Expo Campus- 4075 James C. Ray Dr. Lakeland

Live auctions of collector cars, classic cars, corvettes, hot rods!

Feb 22-25 | 8AM-4PM

Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine & Tractor Show

7000 Avon Park Cutoff Rd. Fort Meade
Achievements Annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show will feature antique tractors and cars, hit and miss engines, food, a flea market, parades, and the antique village.

Feb 25 | 8AM-4PM

25th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs...Legends Havin' Fun

Lakeside Village- 1479 Town Center Dr. Lakeland
Cars, Shopping, and Music.



SPORTS

Feb 4 & 18 | 4PM

Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show

MLK Jr. Park- 300 Ave. M NW. Winter Haven
Cypress Gardens water ski team performs two shows this month. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating. Free!

Feb 5, 10, 11 | 7PM

Lakeland Magic

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland
Catch a home game with the NBA G League developmental affiliate of the NBA's Orlando Magic..

Feb 12, 26 | 2PM-3PM

Lakeland Water Ski Club Show

Lake Hollingsworth- 920 Lake Hollingsworth Dr. Lakeland | Come see these shows as it takes shape with some great Rock and Roll music, jumping, barefooting, ballet, and more!

Feb 19, 26 | 3PM

Lakeland Tropics

RP Funding Center- 701 W Lime St. Lakeland
Florida Tropics SC is a professional soccer club

Feb 25-Mar 11

2023 Polk Senior Games

401 Ave. B, NW, Winter Haven,
An annual two-week series of Olympic-style sports and games for men and women 50 years of age and over. Events are held at various locations throughout Polk County. Registration begins the first week of January. Cost: is \$10 for the first event and \$3 for each additional event up to a maximum of \$28.



FEATURED

Feb 25-26

Detroit Tigers Spring Training at Publix Field

Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium- 2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Lakeland

The Detroit Tigers winter home is Lakeland!

The 2023 MLB season won't be long coming around and Tigertown in Lakeland, Florida, is gearing up for the Detroit Tigers Spring Training against some of the biggest hitters in baseball.

2023 Spring Training Home Schedule

- Friday, February 25 vs. Philadelphia Phillies, 1:05
- Saturday, February 26 vs. Baltimore Orioles, 1:05
- Wednesday, March 1 v Pittsburgh Pirates, 1:05
- Thursday, March 2 vs. Baltimore Orioles, 1:05
- Saturday, March 4 vs. Toronto Blue Jay, 1:05
- Tuesday, March 7 vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 1:05
- Wednesday, March 8 vs. Washington, 1:05
- Friday, March 10 vs. New York Yankees, 1:05
- Sunday, March 12 vs. Minnesota Twins, 1:05
- Tuesday, March 14 vs. Boston Red Sox, 1:05
- Thursday, March 16 vs Philadelphia Phillies, 6:05
- Friday, March 17 vs New York Yankees, 1:05
- Monday, March 20, vs Toronto Blue Jays, 1:05
- Wednesday, March 22 vs Atlanta Braves, 1:05
- Friday, March 24 vs Pittsburgh Pirates, 6:05
- Sunday March 26, vs Tampa Bay Rays, 1:05

*Schedule subject to change.

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Please check event organizers' websites for more information and updates.

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