



WHAT'S HAPPENING

...in Polk County

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WELCOME CENTER



The Welcome Center has information on all the fun things to do here, in Polk County! Come by and pick up travel guides, attraction brochures, local magazines, newspapers, and more. You can sample fresh squeezed orange juice from Ridge Island Groves, watch the fish in the fishpond, and enjoy our beautiful mural. We also sell discounted tickets to local attractions, like LEGOLAND, Bok Tower Gardens, and more. We are home to the Water Ski and Wake Sports Hall of Fame, where you can stroll through the museum and see the first pair of water skis and more! We hope to see you soon!
Open daily 8AM-5PM.



SPORTS

June 10 | 7AM

Summer Watermelon Series Race 5k

929 Lake Hollingsworth Dr. Lakeland
Born out of a desire to have low-cost local races during the hot summer months when it can be hard to stay motivated.

June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30, 31

Lakeland Flying Tigers

Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium- 2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Lakeland | Minor League Baseball team of the Low-A Southeast and the Low-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers.

June 16-18

Streamsong Family Cup Golf Tournament

Streamsong Resort- 1000 Streamsong Dr. Bowling Green | Treat Dad & spend Father's Day Weekend. Families of all varieties are welcome to participate and will compete on two of Streamsong's nationally-ranked courses for the coveted Streamsong Family Cup.

June 17 | 5PM

Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show

MLK Jr. Park- 300 Ave. M NW, Winter Haven
Watch the legacy of water ski and Cypress Gardens. Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs for seating. Enjoy concessions with food and drinks. Free!

June 24-25 | 8AM-8PM

Southern Regional Ski Show Tournaments

MLK Jr. Park- 300 Ave. M NW, Winter Haven
Southern Regional Ski Show Tournament will be held at Lake Silver. Bring a blanket or chair for seating.



FAMILY FUN

June 1 | 6PM

Cookies n Convo's at Florida Air Museum

Florida Air Museum- 4175 Medulla Rd. Lakeland
Join the Aerospace Center for Excellence for an innovative, aviation-career-focused speaker series built specifically for youth and their parents. \$5.

June 2 | 6PM

Lakeland First Friday-Family Fun Night

117 N. Kentucky Ave. Lakeland
Downtown shops and restaurants will be open late featuring local businesses in a block party atmosphere.

June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 7:30PM

Saturday Night Rodeo

Westgate River Ranch Resort- 3200 River Ranch Blvd. River Ranch | 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.

June 18

Free Admission to Father's at Bok Tower Gardens

Bok Tower Gardens- 1156 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales
Free admission is offered to all dads on Father's Day! Spend Father's Day relaxing with a day at Bok Tower Gardens. Live carillon concerts at 1PM & 3PM.

June 24 | 7PM

Rock for Paws 2023

Bonnet Springs Park- 400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland
A benefit concert event for SPCA Florida. Join us for a fun evening of delicious food, cash bar, raffles, concert T-shirts, dancing. Hope to see you there!

June 29 & 30

Free Wawa Summer Fun Day at Bok Tower Gardens

Bok Tower Gardens- 1156 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales
In association with Wawa is offering complimentary admission on the last Thursday and Friday of each month of June-September 2023. Registration required.



FOOD

June 8 | 6PM

Lakeland Food Truck Rally

201 E Main St. Lakeland
Everyone in your group will be able to order the food they love, eat and enjoy each other's company.

June 23

Bartow Uncorked Wine Walk & Tiny Bites

100 East Main St. Bartow
The first Bartow Uncorked - Wine Walk. Downtown shops, businesses & restaurants for a sampling of wines paired with bites at each. Must be 21+

June 23-24

3rd Annual Fire on the Lake Chili Cook-Off

Camp Mack- 14900 Camp Mack Rd. Lake Wales
This year the sanctioned ICS Chili Cook-off Competition expands to include a JEEP Rally with a 7 Slot Show & Shine for the Most Patriotic jeep, among others.





FESTIVALS & EXPOS

June 4 | 6PM

Florida Wedding and Bridal Expo

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland

This expo has something for every bride-to-be with finding perfect dress, looking to book a DJ, or the perfect venue for your special day, this expo has it all. \$10

June 16 | 6PM

Bartow Friday Fest

100 E Main St. Bartow

A block party featuring live music, a beer, wine and soda tent, and lots and lots of vendors. Free!

June 21-24

Miss Florida's Paegnant

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland

The annual Miss Florida Scholarship Program and Miss Florida's Outstanding Teen Program will be held at the RP Funding Center's Youkey Theatre.

June 22-24

Collectorama Coin Show

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland

The Collectorama Coin and Paper Money Show features some of the best Coin, Paper Money, Gold, Silver, and more.

June 23-24 | 6PM

StampFest Summer 2023

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland

We will once again have our Cropping & Stamping Getaway weekend event.. If you need any supplies, just go into the show and get what you need.



COMEDY

June 3

Dustin Sims at Laugh Out Loud Lounge

19 3rd St. NW, Winter Haven

Oxford, Alabama comedian is best known for his unique style of storytelling and Snapchat videos and 'Talking to Myself' series.

June 23 | 7PM

Out of the Box Improv

Ritz Theatre- 263 W Central Ave. Winter Haven

Two Winter Haven originals, are teaming together to bring improv comedy back to downtown Winter Haven!



ARTS & CULTURE

Now - June 30 | M-F 9AM-5PM

Big Show of Miniatures

Florida Wildflower Studios- 12 E Wall St. Frostproof

A fun free exhibit featuring artworks no larger than 5x5 in.

Now | Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM

From Krypton to Bone Valley: The Works of Ed Fortner

Polk County History Center- 100 E Main St. Bartow

This new exhibit features scenes from Old Florida from artist and occasional Superman Movie. FREE

Now - July 15 | Tues-Sat 10AM-4PM, Sun 1PM-4PM

Seen & Unseen: Photographs by Imogen Cunningham

Polk Museum of Art- 800 E Palmetto St. Lakeland

60 photographs from one of the most celebrated

photographers in the history of art. FREE

Now - Aug 6 | Tues-Sat 10AM-4PM, Sun 1PM-4PM

In the Eye of the Mind: The Fantastic Realities of Steven Kelly

Polk Museum of Art- 800 E Palmetto St. Lakeland

A star in the art world for evoking the manners of the past with Surrealist themes marking them as artworks decidedly of the present. FREE



MUSIC & THEATRE

Jun 3 | 9:30AM-10:30AM or 11AM-12PM

Symphony Story Time: Carnival of the Animals

Bok Tower Gardens- 1151 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales

Orlando Philharmonic concert designed for families.

June 3 | 6:30PM

Oaklee Album Release Party & Concert

Ritz Theatre- 263 W Central Ave. Winter Haven

Join the amazing, award-winning local country rock band for their album release party and concert with special guest musician, Derrick Flowers. \$20

June 3, 9, 16, 17, 24

Gem Theater Movie Series

Gem Theater- 118 NW 1st Ave. Mulberry

This historic theater is hosting movie days, everything from Star Wars to the Sandlot. Please check schedule.

Jun 9-18

Not Your Average Zombie Apocalypse

Lake Wales Little Theatre- 411 N 3rd St. Lake Wales

Teen production of teen romance, zombies, and hilarious characters.

Jun 10 | 9:30AM-10:30AM or 11AM-12PM

Symphony Story Time: Peter Rabbit

Bok Tower Gardens- 1151 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales

Orlando Philharmonic concert designed for families.

June 10 | 7:30PM - 9:30PM

Elvis '68 Comeback Special

Ramon Theatre- 15 E Wall St. Frostproof

Fifty-five years later, one of Graceland's Top Ten Elvis Tribute Artists in the world, Matt Stone, is recreating those iconic moments in the most authentic production of the '68 Comeback Special the world has ever seen!

June 15 | 6PM - 9PM

Blues Brothers Dinner Show

Balmoral Resort- 116 Kenny Blvd. Haines City

The best Blues Brothers tribute in the country: You've seen these guys on TV, seen them on stage in Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach, and on cruise ships around the world. \$45

June 15, 22, 29

Film Series: Indiana Jones

Ritz Theatre- 263 W. Central Ave. Winter Haven

Catch one of the iconic movies at the historic theatre. \$5

Jun 16-25

Disney's Finding Nemo Jr.

LKLD Community Theatre- 121 S Lake Ave. Lakeland

An hour-long musical adaptation of the beloved movie.

June 16-18 | 6PM

Mughal-E-Azam The Musical

RP Funding Center- 701 W. Lime St. Lakeland

India's most spectacular musical play showcases India's rich culture of Kathak dances and classical music intertwined in a legendary love story.

June 24 | 7PM

Fil Lorenz Orchestra at Historical Ritz Theatre

Ritz Theatre- 263 W Central Ave. Winter Haven

The Fil Lorenz Orchestra is a big band jazz and swing show featuring vocalist, Walt Andrus. Join us for this high-voltage, crowd-pleasing big band born of the blues.

June 24

Laid Back County Picker Concert

1149 First St. S, Winter Haven

Laid Back Country Picker! Join us for an evening of music, games, and excitement!! \$25



MARKETS & CRAFTS

Artisan Market: Every second Sunday at Lakeside

Village, Lakeland | 12PM-5PM

Bartow Antique Market: Every second Saturday in

Downtown Bartow | 8AM-1PM

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

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

Dixieland Night Market: Every 2nd Friday | Union Hall,

Lakeland | 6PM-11PM |

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

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

Lake Wales Third Thursday Market: Every third

Thursday in Downtown Lake Wales | 4PM-7PM

Lakeland Farmers' Curb Market: Every Saturday in

Munn Park, Downtown Lakeland | 8:30AM-1PM

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

Winter Haven Farmers Market: Every Saturday in

Downtown Winter Haven | 8:30AM-11AM



REOCCURRING EVENTS

TUESDAYS

Story Time at the Florida Air Museum | Every Tuesday 10AM

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

| Every 3rd Tuesday

Trivia Tuesdays: Grove Roots Brewing Co. Winter

Haven | 6:30PM- 8:00PM | Every Tuesday

THURSDAYS

After Hours at the Museum & Curator Tour: Polk

Museum of Art | 4PM-8PM | The museum hosts a curator tour | Every first Thursday

Lakeland Food Truck Rally: Munn Park, Lakeland |

6PM | Every 2nd Thursday

FRIDAYS

First Fridays: Munn Park, Lakeland | 6PM-9PM | 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

Bartow Friday Fest: Downtown Bartow Main St. | 6PM-

9PM | Every third Friday

SATURDAYS

Cypress Gardens Water Ski Team Show: Lake Silver,

Winter Haven | 5:00PM | Every third Saturday

Docent Led Tours: Polk Museum of Art | 11AM-12PM |

Get a fresh look into the museum's featured exhibition

through engaging conversation with a docent.

Registration is required. | Every first & third Saturday

Downtown Lake Wales History Walking Tour: Lake

Wales History Museum | 10AM [90 Minute Tour |

Reservations Required | Every third Saturday

Family Nature Walks: Bonnet Springs Park | 9:30AM |

Mile long guided hike. | Every first 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

Lake Wales History Bus Tour: Lake Wales History

Museum | 10AM [90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required

| Every first Saturday

Nature Narrator: Bonnet Springs Park | 10AM | Outdoor

story time | Every second Saturday

Saturday Night Rodeo: Westgate River Ranch Lake

Wales | 7:30PM | Every Saturday

**Events are subject to change.
Please check event organizers' websites
for more information and updates.**