



# Multiple options for marriages in Northeast Polk

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Weddings are cherished, joyous celebrations for loving couples and their families and friends. But weddings have a lot of moving parts that take careful research and planning.

As the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce, we are happy to recommend our Members for any currently engaged couples' special day.

Deciding where a wedding will be is an important part of the planning process. There are several options in Northeast Polk County. In Haines City, there's the city's grand Lake Eva Event Center, the newly opened and modern Balmoral Event Center, or the more rustic and spacious Florida FFA Leadership Training Center. The city of Davenport will soon be able to host weddings when their Tom Fellows Community Center opens this fall. Winter Haven offers elegant wedding options at The Country Club of Winter Haven. These venue options can accommodate a variety of wedding types and budgets.

For some couples, their wedding cake is a main focus. A bakery that specializes in making wedding cakes is Cake and Bake, run by a mother and daughter duo who showcase stunning creations. A new arrival to Haines City who has gained quick popularity is Sweet Enid. Although not open yet, Colon Bakery is planning to open soon in Haines City.

Catering is often a big portion of a wedding budget, so it's important to choose the perfect caterer. Delicious, formal and informal options are offered by John Michael Exquisite Weddings & Catering, The Catering Company of Central Florida, Terrie Lobb Catering, and Cam's Catering. Unique catering can be provided by Beef 'O' Brady's Davenport, Cracker Barrel - Davenport and The Hotel Tea Room & Flower Corner. For mouthwatering barbecue options, contact GFS Restaurant & Catering and Sonny's BBQ - Haines City.

What about all of the small details that often get forgotten? Well, we have Members that can help with multiple areas of wedding planning. For beautiful, fresh flowers, check out Lindvall Florist in Haines City. If a couple wants to include balloon decor, All Aired Up can help with that. For custom gifts and favors, try Webb's Candies in Davenport or Cielo Gift Baskets. Custom shirts for festivities before and after the wedding can be ordered from 1 Touch Printing. Professional, quality save the dates, invites, thank you cards, and more can be provided by Cromer International Press. Extreme Airborne Entertainment can help couples take their reception to the next level by offering LED performers to entertain and interact with guests.

After the excitement of the wedding is over, couples will want to enjoy a memorable honeymoon. For those wanting to vacation in

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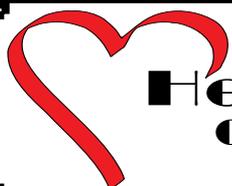
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# July 4th fun in Frostproof

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The city of Frostproof held the Lights on the Lake fireworks show on July 4. The day started out relatively dry but afternoon storms wet things up a bit for around three hours. Food trucks included Smokin' OX Premium BBQ, WTF Concessions, Cuppa Joe on the GO, and DonutNV for desert. The fireworks were fired over Lake

Clinch and residents lined the beach to watch. Some of the donors to the celebration include: Citizens Bank, Bryant & Smith Insurance, Big Sur Technologies, JQXCONCEPTS Signs/Graphics, Duke Energy, Family Life Church, Kelley Buick GMC, CivilSurv, Hungry Howie's, Anchor Mobile Home Service, Republic Services, Cricket Wireless, KimeyHorn, Universal Shooting Academy and G & G Site Development.



Bentley Buck, 2, is rad, white, blue and a little wet.



Emily and Elayna surround sister IvoryAnn, while cousin, Madison, waves in glasses.



From left, William Tingley, Kage Moss and Brodie Tingley make sand castles on Lake Clinch.



Isabella Skains, 6, of Frostproof, enjoys life.



James Glenn gets Tyler Sherill up on his shoulders as friend Kaleb Smith tries to knock Tyler into Lake Clinch.



The "F and Palm Golf Cart Crew" poses for a photo.

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Looking to put some Hollywood glitz and glam into your special day? Then take a look at The Ritz Theatre in downtown Winter Haven. Not a traditional historic theatre with fixed seating, this space offers the flexibility you need to configure your guests and dance floor into an old Hollywood red carpet gala. ([ritzwinterhaven.com](http://ritzwinterhaven.com))

Winter Haven also has more traditional venues such as the Courtyard by Marriott on the stunning shores of Lake Dexter, two spaces at the brand new AdventHealth Fieldhouse and Conference Center, Nora Mayo Hall in downtown and the aforementioned Woman's Club on Lake Howard.

And these are just a handful of the venues you can find at [WinterHavenChamber.com](http://WinterHavenChamber.com)!

There is also no need to go outside of the area to find your vendors. Within Winter Haven we have numerous locally owned and operated companies that will not only make your day magical, but who also reinvest in the community you call home! From florists to caterers to restaurants, bars and breweries for rehearsal dinners, to party supply companies, to bakeries, to photographers, to the perfect photo booths, to accommodations for your guests, you can find every local vendor you could need at [WinterHavenChamber.com](http://WinterHavenChamber.com)

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Central Florida, there are several great lodging options. Balmoral Resort Florida (where Balmoral Event Center is located) offers affordable vacation rentals with close access to U.S. Highway 27, Interstate 4, and the Orlando area. Woodspring Suites Davenport boasts quality, affordable hotel rooms, located near the ChampionsGate area. Florida FFA Leadership Training Center and Jennings Resort, both located in Haines City, cater to those looking for a relaxing outdoor-centered vacation. If Central Florida isn't on a couple's honeymoon itinerary, they can contact Dream Vacations to plan their destination honeymoon.

We hope that any Central Florida soon-to-be newlyweds are able to use some of the above recommendations to plan their once-in-a-lifetime dream day.

For more information on any of the vendors and businesses mentioned in this article, search their names on our online directory - [www.northeastpolkchamber.com/directory.html](http://www.northeastpolkchamber.com/directory.html). We have more vendors listed in our directory and more are added as we continue to receive new Chamber members. Please contact us at 863-422-3751 or [info@northeastpolkchamber.com](mailto:info@northeastpolkchamber.com) for any recommendations or additional help with finding wedding vendors.