



# Weddings & Engagements



Holly Taff and Steve Kettler were married on March 8, 2009, at the Sandbar restaurant on Anna Maria Island. The couple resides in St. Louis, Mo.

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Lindsey Kidder and Barry Leskis were married at the Sandbar restaurant on February 28, 2009. The couple honeymooned at the Tortuga Inn on Anna Maria Island. They reside in Winter Park, Fla.

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Taryn Quesenberry and Robert Rath were married at the BeachHouse restaurant on Valentine's Day Feb. 14, 2009. They Reside in Ocala, Fla.

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Vanessa Ciarlone and Francesco Lembo were married on Feb. 22, 2009, at the Hilton on Longboat Key. The couple honeymooned in Italy, and reside in Valrico, Fla.

Samantha Shepherd and Ryan Ahern were married on Saturday, May 30, 2009 on the beach at The Sun House restaurant. They live in Denver, Colo.



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