



THE FREELAND LIONS CLUB PRESENTS  
**THE 37TH ANNUAL**



*Freeland*  
**WALLEYE FESTIVAL**

**2023**



**April 27th - 30th**

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# 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREELAND WALLEYE FESTIVAL

## Schedule

★ 2023 EVENTS ★

### THURSDAY APRIL 27TH

#### Unofficial Opening of the Rummage Sales in the Community

- 8am Official Opening of the Walleye Festival Welcome Centers  
Freeland Bean & Grain - 1100 East Washington Road  
7-Eleven - 8975 Tittabawassee Road (Corner of M-47)  
Stop by Either Welcome Center for Shirts, Walleye Guides,  
Walleye Festival Information, Rummage Sale Maps,  
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- 5pm Registration for the \$200 High-Stakes Texas Hold'em Tournament  
*Burt Watson's Show Room* (info pg 28)
- 6pm Duck Race (info pg 9)  
*Starts at Freeland Bridge & ends at Memorial Park behind Taco Bell*
- 6pm Best-of-the-Best \$200 High-Stakes Texas Hold'em Tournament  
*Burt Watson's Show Room* (info pg 28)
- 6pm Cornhole Tournament Registration  
*Beer Tent at Burt Watson's* (info pg 45)
- 7pm Cornhole Tournament Begins  
*Beer Tent at Burt Watson's* (info pg 45)

### FRIDAY APRIL 28TH

- 8am Community Wide Rummage Sales Officially Open
- 9am-5pm Walleye Vendor Spaces Open - *Freeland Learning Center*
- 1-10pm Anderson Midways Carnival Rides Open (info pg 60)
- 5pm Parade Line Up Begins  
*Freeland Elementary School*
- 6pm Walleye Festival Parade Begins (info pg 56)  
Keep your eye on the sky too, you never know what may happen.
- 6pm The Beer Tent and Casino at *Burt Watson's* (info pg 28 & 31)
- 6pm Fish Fry – TBA  
Visit [www.freelandwalleyefestival.com](http://www.freelandwalleyefestival.com) for information.
- 7pm Burt Watson's Beer Tent (info pg 31)
- 12:30am The Stone Street Revival Band Plays Live from 7-11pm  
Active Entertainment will DJ from 11pm to close
- Dusk Festival Opening Fireworks  
*Near the Freeland Elementary School Parking Lot* (info pg 17)
- Midnight Official start of the Freeland Walleye Fishing Tournament  
(info pg 43)

### SATURDAY APRIL 29TH

- 7am Pancake Breakfast – TBA  
Please visit [www.freelandwalleyefestival.com](http://www.freelandwalleyefestival.com) for information
- 8am Registration for Freeland Walleye Festival Car Show opens  
(info pg 19)
- 9am-12pm Kids' Trout Pond at Hayes Park (info pg 11)
- 9am-5pm Walleye Vendor Spaces re-open at the Freeland Learning Center
- 9am-2pm 2023 Walleye Festival Car Show  
*McDonald Ford and Quick Lane* (info pg 19)
- 10am Registration for Youth Cornhole Tournament at *2nd Street Pub*
- 11am Youth Cornhole Tournament begins at *2nd Street Pub* (info pg 44)
- 10am-5pm Fishing Tournament Weigh-in opens
- 11am-10pm Anderson Midways Amusement Carnival Rides Reopen
- 11am Registration opens for the \$50 Texas Hold'em Tournament  
*Burt Watson's Show Room* (info pg 28)
- 11am Registration opens for the Phish Pong Tournament  
*Burt Watson's* (info pg 34)
- 12pm Beer Tent opens (info pg 31)
- 12pm Texas Hold'em Tournament begins at *Burt Watson's* (info pg 28)
- 12pm Phish Pong Tournament begins at *Burt Watson's* (info pg 34)
- 5pm Walleye Fishing Seminars hosted by Eagle One Bait Company  
*The bandshell in Hayes Park*
- 6pm Casino Opens at *Burt Watson's* (info pg 28)
- 7pm Burt Watson's Beer Tent (info pg 31)
- 12:30am Hypakritz Band Plays Live from 7-11pm  
Active Entertainment will DJ from 11pm to close

### SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

- 7am Check In & Registration for 5k/10k Run & Walk  
*The Freeland Sports Zone* (info pg 37)
- 8am Registration Opens for Disc Golf Tournament  
*Tittabawassee Trails at Hayes Park* (info pg 27)
- 10am Disc Golf Tournament begins at *Tittabawassee Trails*
- 10am-3pm Final Walleye Weigh-in at *Hayes Park*
- 12-5pm Anderson Midways Amusement Carnival Rides Open
- 1pm Bingo at the *Memorial Park Building* (Behind Taco Bell)
- 3:15pm(ish) Awards for the Freeland Walleye Fishing Tournament
- After Weigh-In Walleye Fishing Seminars hosted by Eagle One Bait Company  
*The bandshell in Hayes Park*

#Final Day for Community Rummage Sales#

For more information on any event please visit  
[www.freelandwalleyefestival.com](http://www.freelandwalleyefestival.com)  
or The Freeland Lions Club Facebook page.



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to meet for carpooling  
to the garage sales!!**

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the Freeland High School  
Parking Lot on Webster Road**

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Thank You All



# Welcome

Hello, Walleye Festival Goers! My name is Jason Swartz, 2nd year as Chairman. I would like to personally welcome everyone back to the 37th annual Freeland Walleye Festival in 2023. Last year's festival was a huge success and once again, I wish to thank everyone that made this possible. Your Freeland Lions Club has been working hard to organize this festival, to ensure a fun event for all to enjoy over the long weekend.

Our festival is one of the first major festivals of the calendar year in Freeland and around the area, and a great kick off to our local spring and summer activities. Make sure to check out the festival guide and the web site for the big schedule of events for the weekend. We encourage you to try and check out the events that you haven't attended before.

Back Again this year, the Walleye Festival Duck Races which is set to take place Thursday. After completion of the Duck Races, the Corn Hole Tournament (in the Beer Tent) and our High stakes Texas Hold'em tournament (in Burt Watson's new car showroom) will be underway.

On Friday, the Vendors at the Learning Center will open and the Carnival begins. After enjoying those events and rummage sales, we invite you to watch the annual Walleye Festival Parade. Stick around town and watch the fireworks at dusk near the Elementary School. Come on down to the

beer tent and enjoy the music of Stone Street Revival as they blow the roof off the tent again this year. At 11:00 p.m. Active Entertainment our DJ will wind down the beer tent, which will close at 12:30 A.M. At Midnight the Walleye Fishing Tournament kicks off, which is why the festival exists.

Saturday morning kicks off with the Kids Trout pond at Hayes Park. There will be more vendors at the Learning center along with a car and bike show at McDonald Ford and Quick Lane oil change parking lot. At noon we will host the very popular beer pong (phish pong) tournament at the beer tent along with a Texas Hold'em tournament. Please don't forget about the community wide rummage sales and the carnival. If you are hungry, please stop in and see our sponsors or try out one of the many food trucks that will be around town. At 3p.m. we will begin the first day of weigh-ins for the Walleye Tournament. The Hipakritz will be our Saturday Night entertainment in the beer tent and once again Active Entertainment will close the tent at 12:30 A.M with his DJ skills.

Sunday concludes the festival but not before United Financial Walleye Fest Races, Disc Golf Tournament and Bingo (back again this year). The final weigh-in and trophy presentation at Hayes Park wraps up a busy Walleye Festival weekend. The closing of the Carnival may vary, for specific details we recommend you visit [FreelandWalleyeFestival.com](http://FreelandWalleyeFestival.com) for up-to-date information.

In closing, our town grows well beyond its normal capacity for Walleye Festival weekend. The best advice that I can offer is to be patient, so we can all safely enjoy the events and have fun.

## WE SERVE

Jason Swartz

2023 Freeland Walleye Festival Chairman and Lions Club member

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I would like to personally welcome everyone to the 2023 Freeland Walleye Festival presented by the Freeland Lions Club. This is an extremely busy time for our little town but also a very special one. The festival brings visitors to Freeland from all over Michigan and even some from out of state. It is estimated that our little town will see tens of thousands of guests at the different events over the four day festival. So many people come to town just to partake in the rummage sales that schools are even closed.

Putting on an event like this is not an easy task. It takes a lot of planning, that begins the minute the previous festival ends. The Freeland Lions Club works hard to not only put on this festival, but also many other events throughout the year. Some of the events include: an annual Wild Game Dinner, The Paul Rickman Memorial Golf Outing, Las Vegas Night Casino, Community Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt and many other activities throughout the year. These events take an enormous number of volunteers and of course we could not do any of this without the support of many generous sponsors from within our great little town and outside as well. Planning events and getting volunteers for all the activities is not an easy task. Somehow, the members of the Freeland Lions Club always find a way.

All the events that the Freeland Lions Club hosts or co-hosts are done with the cooperation from all the town's businesses and organizations. These events raise money for our club to give back to our community and a few other special causes. Money that is raised by the club stays

primarily in Freeland and helps local families in need. Specifically, families that may be experiencing difficulties due to an illness of a family member. Money raised also goes to two annual scholarships that are awarded through the school, eyeglasses and exams for anyone who needs assistance and to our many food drops. Also some of the money raised goes to new or established organizations. For example, the Freeland Little League, the Freeland Boy Scouts, the Freeland Robotics Club, and the Exceptional Horseback Riders Association. Even though our focus is primarily on Freeland, there are Lions Club programs that we donate to as well. The Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Special Needs Vision Clinic are just a couple of examples.

I am very humbled to have an opportunity to lead such a fine organization comprised of dedicated individuals. All volunteers who put other people's needs in front of their own and then step up to help our community when there is a need. Again, I welcome you to Freeland and I hope you enjoy all it has to offer during this, the 37th Annual Freeland Walleye Festival. Please enjoy the activities and all our little town has to offer. I hope that you will patronize our local businesses during your time here in Freeland. Enjoy yourself and thank you for coming!

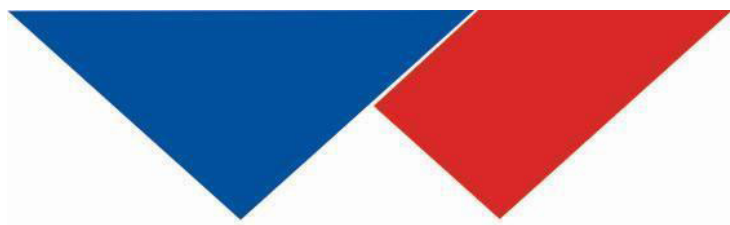
If you would like to know more about the Freeland Lions Club, our events, or the programs we donate to please visit our website at [www.freelandlionsclub.org](http://www.freelandlionsclub.org).

Thank you,

Chad Wurtzel

Freeland Lions Club President





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Due to the success of the Freeland Walleye Festival, this event has seen exponential growth. As a result, traffic and parking issues have become problematic for the festival committee and local businesses. In response to this, the Freeland Walleye Festival committee and the Freeland Community Schools devised a plan to develop a piece of property off of 3rd Street (see map below). Hopefully, creating a helpful and much needed solution to parking issues in and around the festival's main events. The parking area will offer space for up to 80 vehicles and will have portable restrooms available. Volunteer students wearing high vis vests will be working the new parking area and offering shuttle services to and from the carnival and tent/casino areas.

The Freeland Lions Clubs' Walleye Festival is the largest fundraiser for the organization. Monies raised by this event are typically earmarked for scholarships and community development. The club spent approximately \$40,000 on this project. A good investment for the benefit of the festival and the community. Additionally, the Freeland Little League will benefit from the extra parking area in the spring and summer.

A huge thank you to American Excavating for providing the labor and equipment at a discounted rate to construct the parking lot, and the Wirt Stone Dock family for their donation of aggregate at a discounted rate for this project. The Tittabawassee township also provided support for the project.



THE FREELAND LIONS CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HELP MAKE FREELAND A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE



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<b>JULY 19TH</b> <b>Lawson Brothers</b> Country	<b>JULY 26TH</b> <b>Empty Pockets</b> Acoustic Variety
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<b>JUNE 28th</b> <b>SPORTS DAY</b>	<b>JULY 12th</b> <b>COUNTRY DAY</b>
<b>JULY 19th</b> <b>BEACH DAY</b> bring swimwear!	<b>JULY 26th</b> <b>CARNIVAL DAY</b>
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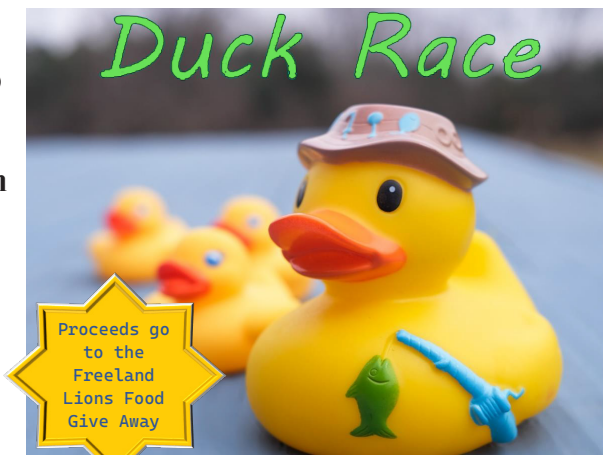
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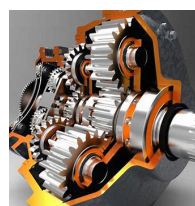
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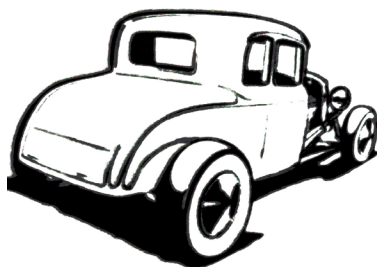
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The place was home to Native Americans long before the arrival of European settlers. In the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw, in which the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawatomie ceded a large portion of land including Saginaw County, to the United States Federal Government. In that treaty, within the ceded territory, several tracts were reserved for specific groups of Chippewa. One such tract, Chief Black Birds Village, consisted of approximately 6,000 acres on the Tittabawassee (named as the Tetabawasink River in the text of the treaty), very near to the present location of Freeland. Chief Black Birds village itself was a "bit" north of the current town of Freeland, the best of recollections place it the vicinity of the now abandoned Bailey Bridge. It was also, this "Neck of the Woods" that had the greatest concentration of the now extinct "Tetabawasink Whooley Raccoon". Once a fierce adversary to the Michigan Wolverine, it was hunted mercilessly by transient lumbermen, who only wanted it for the silken throat fur to line their mittens and cod pieces. The Ottawa, as well as the Pottawatomie, petitioned what government that was available, but to no satisfaction. The slaughter continued. The wolverine, with it's ecosystem disappearing, migrated to the far north. Never to be seen again. As for our whooley Raccoon, it's population dwindled and slowly diminished until only one descendant survived. The locals called him "Ol Bandy". Bigger than most, Bandy probably weighed in at



close to 136 lbs. A vibrant healthy looking specimen, he preferred to stay away from the ever encroaching civilization, living mostly on berries, tubers, leaves, and the occasional obnoxious rodent or small bird, and sometimes an unlucky lizard would fulfill his diet. Unfortunately, local recreational facilities were declared, and a certain Park Ranger was commissioned to maintain the grounds. Within days of accepting this position, Ranger Durwood Neff (grandfather of

Mort Neff, Future Mr. doors) shot, killed "Ol Bandy". The "perfectly preserved" Bandi hung around for years in what was affectionately known as the "Ranger Cabin", until lightning struck and it burned to the ground in 1848. Only one photo remains of our "Tetabawsink Whooley Raccoon. It would be 100 years to the day, that the Freeland Lion's Club would be chartered.

In the 1850's, Lumbering outposts developed in the area. One of which was called "Loretta". Named after the first female lumberjack in these parts that also attended by an Ox of a man named "Blue", that she claimed kept her "warm" during our frigid cold winter nights. Nobody said a word about the arraignment for several years, until Loretta and Blue disappeared during a summer solstice. Their mystery disappearance will not be exposed for many years, and the meaning of "Pushin da Lumber" will finally surface. In April of 1856, the Loretta Outpost Post Office name was changed to "Jay". The office was so named for the first postmaster, Jefferson Jaqruth. The post office was then moved very nearly to the geographical center of what is now known as "Tittabawassee Township. In 1867, the Jay Settlement, with the instigation of local resident and fruit salesman, George Truesdale, to the current location of what is now, Freeland. However, the settlement retained the name of "Jay" for several years afterwards.

The name Freeland comes from "Mammy Freeland" who operated a popular "Tavern" on the river, frequented by Lumbermen and Rivermen, who came to refer to the entire settlement as "Freeland". The name of the post office was changed to Freeland in January of 1879. It was also a new station of the Pere Marquette Railroad.

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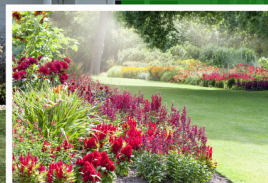
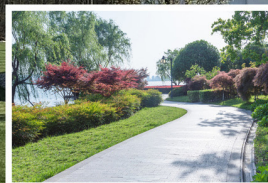
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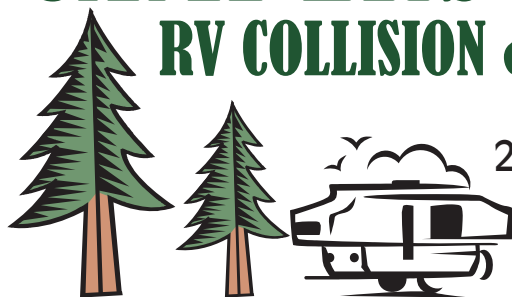
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**2. TOURNAMENT DATES & TIMES:** The Tournament begins at 12:01 AM on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and runs thru 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**3. ELIGIBLE FISH:** All fish entered in the contest must be Walleyes and must be caught under the legal rules set down by the State of Michigan. Any fish that has been tampered with or foul hooked will be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. All entered fish must be caught on the Tournament Dates. Contestants may submit up to 4 legal fish per day.

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**5. PRIZE CATEGORIES:** **A.** Most pounds for 8 fish (Limit of 4 fish per day). Tiebreaker will be earliest time entered. Top (15) fifteen places receive prize packages. **B.** Largest Walleye (by weight & time entered); one prize.

**C. Entrants weighing in one or more legal fish will qualify for a drawing of the remaining prize packages.**

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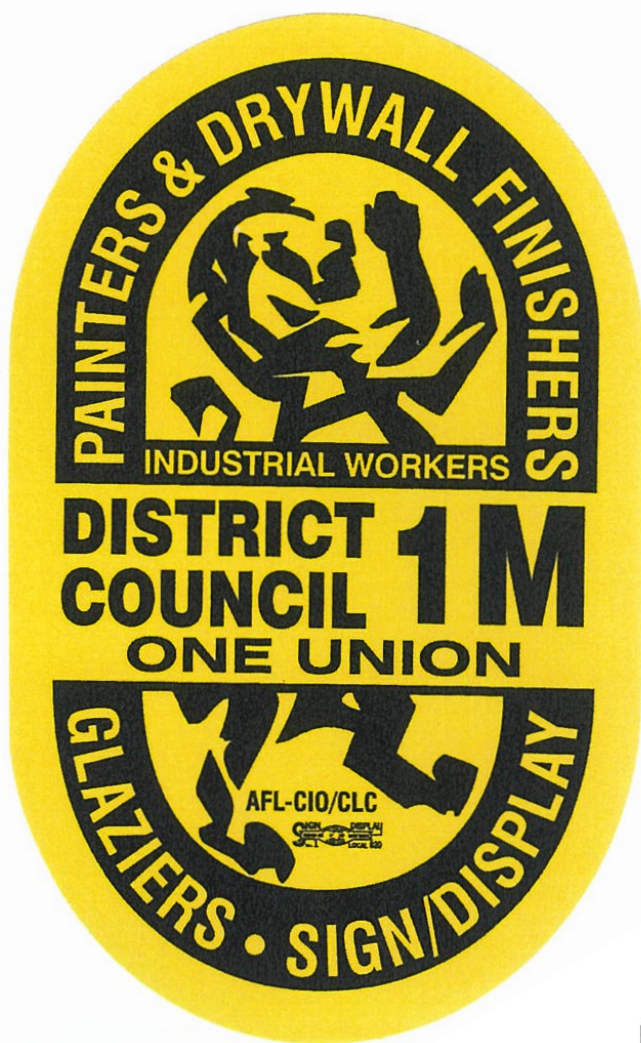
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With all their hard work and dedication, the students still find time to volunteer. The Robotics Club is currently in the process of restoring the bingo board used at the Walleye Festival Bingo on Sundays. The Robotics Club and their parents also provide aid at the Lions Club monthly Food Giveaways. Collectively the students have logged over 300 hours of volunteer time at these events. The Freeland Lions Club is proud to sponsor the Robotics Club and with their assistance we are able to help others in need. This relationship is one of the many reasons that make the Freeland community a great place to live.

The Freeland Lions Club would like to say Good Luck and Domo Arigato to all the Freeland Robotics Teams!

The Freeland Lions Club has had the pleasure of working with the Freeland Robotics Club over the last few years. The Freeland Lions Club hosts numerous fundraising activities throughout the year, the Freeland Walleye Festival being the largest, allowing the club the financial ability to give back to the community in many ways. One of the Club's favorite recipients is the Freeland Robotics Club. The Robotics Club visits the Lions Clubs general membership meeting once or twice a year, gives a verbal presentation and a demonstration featuring one of the amazing machines they have built.



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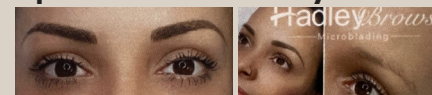
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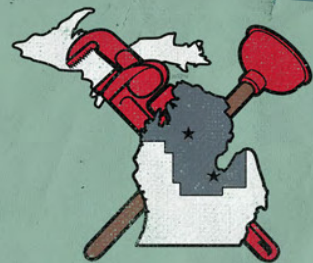
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