

40th Annual Freeland Walleye Festival

2026 Schedule of Events

Walleye Merchandise available at Pats Food Center, Super Cute, 7-11, Freeland Feed & Lawn and Baynes Apple Valley Farm

Thursday April 23rd

- 8am **Unofficial Opening** of the Rummage Sales in the Community
- 8am **Official Opening** of the Walleye Festival Welcome Center Locations:
Freeland Bean & Grain 1100 East Washington Road Freeland, MI 48623
7-Eleven 8975 Tittabawassee Rd (Corner of M-47 and Tittabawassee Rd.)
Stop by Either Welcome Center for Walleye Guides, Walleye Festival Information, Rummage Sale Maps, Walleye Merchandise, and Great In-Store Deals!
- 11:30am **Blood Drive** look for the Blood Bus at 5798 Midland Rd. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred (details on page 39). (ends at 4pm)
- 4pm **Anderson Midways Carnival Rides** opens at **NEW LOCATION 8600 GARFIELD AT MBS AIRPORT** (closes at 9pm)
- 6pm **Registration & Dinner for the \$300 High-Stakes Texas Hold'em** tournament at Burt Watson's Show Room
- 6pm **Duck Race Wave 1** (starts at Freeland Rd. Bridge and ends at the Memorial Park behind Taco Bell) Free Hot dogs & Popcorn available for kids 12 and under Courtesy of Family First Credit Union.
- 6pm **Beer Tent** opens Hosted by Burt Watson Chevrolet
- 7pm **Best-of-the-Best \$300 High-Stakes Texas Hold'em** tournament hosted by Burt Watson Chevrolet
- 7:30pm **Duck Race Wave 2**
- 7:30pm ****NEW EVENT** Live Music** by Whiskey Six at the Walleye Festival Beer tent hosted by Burt Watson Chevrolet
- 10:00pm **DJ** from Active Entertainment (closes at 11pm)

Friday April 24th

- 8am **Community Wide Rummage Sales Officially Open**
- 9am **Walleye Vendor Spaces Open** at the Freeland Learning Center (closes at 8pm)
- 1pm **Anderson Midway Carnival Rides** reopen at **NEW LOCATION 8600 GARFIELD AT MBS AIRPORT** (closed at 10pm)
- 5pm **Parade Line Up Begins** – at the Freeland Elementary School
- 6pm **Walleye Festival Parade Begins**
- 6pm **The Beer Tent Opens** at Burt Watson's
- 6pm **Third Annual Comedy** show starts at 6:30 **must be 21 to enter** Hosted by Burt Watson's
- 6:30pm **Line Dancing in the Beer Tent** featuring Kickin' in the Mitten Hosted by Burt Watson's
- 8pm **The Family Tradition Band** Starts at the Beer Tent at Burt Watson's, **DJ from Active Entertainment will take over from 11pm to close. (Tent closes at 12:30am)**

Saturday April 25th

- 12:01am **Official start of the Freeland Walleye Fishing Tournament**
- 9am **Kids' Trout Pond** Sponsored by Serenity Bay Health at Hayes Park
- 9am **Walleye Vendor Spaces re-open** at the Freeland Learning Center (ends at 8pm)
- 10am **Fishing Tournament Weigh-in** opens at Hayes Park (closes at 5pm)
- 11am **Anderson Midways Carnival Rides** reopen at **NEW LOCATION 8600 GARFIELD AT MBS AIRPORT** (closed at 10pm)
- 11am **Registration opens for the \$50 Texas Hold'em Tournament** at Burt Watson's
- 11am **Registration opens for the Phish Pong Tournament** at Burt Watson's
- 12pm **Beer Tent** opens
- 12pm **Texas Hold'em Tournament** Sponsored by Thumb Bank & Trust hosted by Burt Watson's
- 12pm **Phish Pong Tournament** begins Sponsored by Spherion Staffing & hosted by Burt Watson's
- 6pm **Casino Games *Saturday Only! *** hosted by Burt Watson's
- 7pm **The Band Hipakritz** perform at the Beer Tent at Burt Watson's, **DJ from Active Entertainment will take over from 11pm to close (Tent closes at 12:30am)**

Sunday April 26th

- 8am **Walleye Festival 5k/10k Run & Walk Events Start** at the Freeland Sports Zone
- 8am **Freeland Walleye Festival Car Show** Registration opens
- 8:30am **Registration opens for Disc Golf Tournament** at Tittabawassee Trails at Hayes Park
- 9am **2025 Walleye Festival Car Show** Sponsored by Fedewa Insurance Group and hosted by McDonald Ford and Quick Lane (ends at 2pm)
- 10am **Disc Golf Tournament** begins at Tittabawassee Trails
- 10am **Final Walleye Weigh-in** at Hayes Park (Ends 3pm)
- 12pm **Anderson Midway Carnival Rides** reopen at **NEW LOCATION 8600 GARFIELD AT MBS** (Closes at 5pm)
- 3:15pm(ish) **Awards for the Freeland Walleye Fishing Tournament**

#Final Day for Community Rummage Sales#

For more information on any event please visit www.freelandwalleyefestival.com or the Freeland Lions Club Facebook page.