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## MEDIA ADVISORY: INFORMATION ON 2026 HALL OF FAME RIBS BURNOFF

**CANTON, OHIO** – The following information is being provided to present a broad picture of major events and features surrounding the 2026 Hall of Fame Ribs Burnoff from Friday, May 22, through Sunday, May 24.



Temporarily moving to Stadium Park's main parking lot this year – only a short walk from the front door of the Pro Football Hall of Fame – the event features award-winning ribs vendors, free concerts on the Roto-Rooter Music Stage and beverages for all ages available in Jerzee's Beer Garden, including Yuengling, the official Craft Beer of the Ribs Burnoff.

Guests also can enjoy family-friendly activities, free water and an enthralling fireworks show Sunday presented by Rice's Landscapes Redefined.

Admission is **FREE** all three days.

### CAMPUS MAP & EVENT TIMES

The 2026 Hall of Fame Ribs Burnoff will be hosted in Stadium Park's main parking lot along Fulton Road near Stadium Park Drive, about 200 yards below the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The three-day schedule for the event is:

Friday, May 22	3 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, May 24	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

To view the parking map, click [here](#).

To view an overall map of the campus, click [here](#).

## ROAD CLOSURES & GUEST PARKING

### Friday, May 22 through Sunday, May 24

Road closures will begin at 9 a.m. each morning of the event. The following roads will be closed at that time: Stadium Park Drive will be closed from Fulton Drive to Marion Motley Triangle. Harrison Avenue will be closed from 17th Street to the Hall of Fame parking lot. All roads will reopen at the conclusion of event activities each night.

Ribs Burnoff guests are invited to park for free in the Respect Lot and Honor Lot, courtesy of the Hall of Fame Village. Additional parking will be available in the Hall of Fame Upper Parking Lot after 4 p.m. Courtesy shuttles will be in service during event hours and will drop off guests at Marion Motley Triangle.

Guests visiting the museum will be able to park in the Hall of Fame's Upper Parking Lot all day, located along George Halas Drive NW. Overflow parking will be available in the Respect Lot and Honor Lot located in Hall of Fame Village.

## 2026 HALL OF FAME RIBS BURNOFF JUDGES

A panel of six judges will sample ribs and sauces on Saturday, May 23, to determine this year's award winners. This year's judges are:

**Kierra Cotton**, Cleveland Cavaliers in-game host  
**Jack Ham**, Pro Football Hall of Famer No. 143  
**Jordan Miller**, Independent news reporter  
**Bev Shaffer**, Food & Drink Reporter, USA TODAY  
**Guy Souheaver**, Head of Sustainability Management Group at Constellation  
**William Sherer II**, Mayor of Canton, Ohio

## HOURS FOR THE HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum is open daily. Summer hours will take effect and remain in place through Labor Day. They are: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The Hall of Fame Museum will be open at the following times during Ribs Burnoff:

Friday, May 22	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 24	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fans can plan a visit by going to [www.profootballhof.com/visit](http://www.profootballhof.com/visit)

## MUSICAL ACTS, ROTO-ROOTER MUSIC STAGE

Friday, May 22	Old Skool Cleveland	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	The Buck-Naked Band	3 to 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	The Shootouts	7 to 9 p.m.
Sunday, May 24	ZOSO The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience	7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

## 2026 HALL OF FAME RIBS BURNOFF RIBBERS

**Armadillo's BBQ**  
**Austin's Texas Lightning BBQ**  
**Chicago BBQ**  
**Fat Freddie's BBQ**  
**Off the Bone BBQ**  
**Uncle Bacon's BBQ**

## SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

Guests should be aware the Pro Football Hall of Fame has created a detailed plan for use in the event of inclement weather during Ribs Burnoff. In the case of severe weather, guests will be ushered inside of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum.

Should this occur, we ask the guest's utmost cooperation in following the instructions that will be relayed at that time.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### **Friday, May 22**

*Event hours: 3 to 10 p.m.*

### **Entertainment and Activities**

**3 – 10 PM** | Wreaths Across America

*Description:* An immersive, 48-foot traveling trailer designed to be a "museum on wheels" will be available for guests. The interactive technology features a 24-person screening room and an Education Wall detailing WAA's history.

**3 – 9 PM** | Safety Forces Touch-a-Truck

*Description:* Local safety forces will provide hands-on activities, allowing guests to interact with their state-of-the-art equipment and accessories.

**6 – 9 PM** | Old Skool Cleveland *on Roto-Rooter Music Stage*

*Description:* OLD SKOOL takes a fresh approach to the flow of the live show, often featuring hard-hitting songblocks, mashups and medleys featuring fan-favorite throwbacks. Their high-energy set will lead to an unforgettable night.

**9 – 10 PM** | Ohio Burn Unit Fire Performance

*Description:* Ohio Burn Unit performs a mind-blowing, jaw-dropping, comedy-packed show full of entertainment for all ages. Their shows may include fire jugglers, special effects, fire breathers, fire eating, dancers, stilt walkers, club & ball juggling, poi spinners and much more!

**Saturday, May 23**

*Event hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.*

**Entertainment & Activities**

**11 AM – 10 PM** | Wreaths Across America

*Description:* An immersive, 48-foot traveling trailer designed to be a “museum on wheels” to Remember, Honor and Teach. The interactive technology features a 24-person screening room and an Education Wall detailing WAA’s history.

**11 AM – 5 PM** | 720 Market Experience

*Description:* Walk through this specially curated vendor market with irresistible booths representing Canton’s vibrant culture. The consolidated street market features local businesses that the whole family can enjoy.

**11 AM – 5 PM** | Car Show

*Description:* Minerva Motor Club’s exclusive vehicle exhibition brings together an eclectic mix of standout builds, rare finds and conversation-starting machines that push the boundaries of automotive culture.

**2 – 3 PM** | Rib Judging (Best Ribs, Best Sauce & People’s Choice)

**3 – 5 PM** | The Buck Naked Band *on Roto-Rooter Music Stage*

*Description:* The Buck Naked Band, a four-time Fox 8 Hotlist winner and two-time recipient of the Beacon's Best award (2019, 2020) has made waves across Northeast Ohio's music scene. Guests can enjoy their iconic "haller'n and swaller'n" set before the Ribs Burnoff awards are announced.

**5:15 PM** | 2026 Hall of Fame Ribs Burnoff Awards Announcement featuring Hall of Famer Jack Ham

**7 – 9 PM** | The Shootouts *on Roto-Rooter Music Stage*

*Description:* Formed in Akron, Ohio, in October 2015, The Shootouts have grown into one of the most acclaimed roots-country bands in America, forging a sound that Rolling Stone hailed as "perfect rustbelt country." See them perform following the Ribs Burnoff awards announcement!

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## **Sunday, May 24**

*Event hours: 11 AM - 10 PM*

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**7:30 – 9:30 PM | ZOSO The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience on Roto-Rooter Music Stage**

*Description:* Celebrating 31 years of touring in 2026, Zoso has become one of the most iconic and respected Led Zeppelin tribute experiences in the world, having played over 4,900 shows in all 50 states and internationally. Don't miss the band the Los Angeles Times has called "head and shoulders above all other Led Zeppelin tributes!"

**9:30 PM | Fireworks Show presented by Rice's Landscapes Redefined**

*Description:* Finish the holiday weekend with an extraordinary fireworks show presented by Rice's Landscapes Redefined. The dazzling show will light up the Canton sky.

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**ABOUT THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**

Located in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution with the Mission to Honor the Greatest of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values & Celebrate Excellence Together.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. AAM accreditation is national recognition for the museum's commitment to excellence and the highest professional standards of museum operation and public service.

Hundreds of thousands of fans from across the globe travel to Canton annually to experience an inspirational, interactive museum that chronicles America's most popular sport. Fans can also enjoy the Hall of Fame Store at the Hall, and online at [shop.profootballhof.com](http://shop.profootballhof.com), for merchandise from all 32 NFL clubs plus the Hall of Fame. Proceeds from the Store support the Hall's Mission.