

94th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival

July 20-27, 2024



Connie Landis
2024 Featured Venetian Artist

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM of the CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

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Artist of Venetian

After raising her four children in the Chicagoland area, Connie Landis moved Up North to pursue her art career. Since childhood, she has been coming to her family home on Lake Charlevoix where her mother, artist Martha Landis, resided for over 40 years. Her parents had a great appreciation for the arts and antiques, and the beauty of Northern Michigan. Her mother was a recognized landscape artist and provided much inspiration and motivation on her path to becoming an artist.



Working mainly in oils, Connie's work can best be described as contemporary impressionism. After a rough sketch, she paints quickly using loose, lush brush strokes, believing there is energy in the stroke that translates as motion and brings life to the painting.

One of the biggest challenges for an artist is simply arriving at one's own style. Connie took many classes in high school and college, and most of her training has been from numerous established artist workshops throughout the country. "Your personal style derives from a compilation of all that you have observed combined with a deep sense of self. There is an integrity in finding your own voice and sticking to it". "Flying Colors" portrays the excitement of the

annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival. Throughout history, nautical flags have been used at sea for communication between ships to convey short messages. In the case of this work of art, each flag represents a letter of the alphabet, spelling out "CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN". Connie's work can be found locally at the Crooked Tree Art Center, Mettlers Mercantile in Petoskey, and Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

NEW! Community Service & Volunteer Fair

Sunday, July 21, 2024 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Preceding this year's Worship on the Water, East Park will be hoppin' with hope! Hope to connect community resources with those in need and connect those of you who can offer service to organizations that need extra hands (volunteerism). Over 20 regional nonprofits from Charlevoix, Antrim, and Emmet counties will be present with information on services available including food pantries, emergency shelter, substance abuse, mental health, and veteran aid. Join us in

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highlighting these critical community resources, whether you or someone you know need help, or you are able to offer time and/or support otherwise. This is your hub of hope! For more information on this event, or how to locate community services, email info@venetianfestival.com.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Each year a multitude of volunteers ensure that the Festival runs smoothly. Venetian would simply not be possible without their hard work and dedication to our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please email info@venetianfestival.com.

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2023 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen - Karlee Eaton



The 2023 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen, Karlee Eaton, is the daughter of Kristin and Brad Eaton, and a 2023 graduate of Charlevoix High School. Throughout the past year, she remained impressively active in both academics, athletics, and community service. At school, Karlee was a valuable member of Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Track, Volleyball, National Honor Society, Student Council, and SAFE Northern Michigan, the latter through which Karlee was recognized by her peers as a substance-free student and athlete. In addition to her busy academic and athletic schedule, Karlee also volunteers at the Personal Products Pantry which offers household necessities to local families in need. Karlee does reserve some time for fun too - she loves

Queen Karlee even makes time for the Grinch!

spending time with her family and friends, and particularly enjoys being on the water. A natural with children, Karlee will focus her future energies on earning a degree in Elementary Education at North Central Michigan College. Queen Karlee will be "out and about" during the festival, likely participating in the many Venetian Games, playing with the children at Kid's Day, enjoying the water at Aquapalooza, you may even hear her squealing on a carnival ride! Wherever you may catch Karlee, be sure to join us in thanking her for being such a positive, hard-working role model for our community! Good luck on all your future endeavors, Karlee! We are so proud to call you a Rayder!

Fun Fact! Karlee was also a Venetian Princess in 2019



2024 Venetian Queen Court



(Back row left to right):
Trista Miller, Ellie Sullivan;
(3rd row): Avery Kita,
Queen Karlee Eaton,
Kaydence McPherson
(2nd row): Emma
Meadows, Dana Brown
(Front): Gemma Bonney

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Rhythms of Venetian



AQUAPALOOZA with Air Margaritaville

Saturday, July 20 • Ferry Beach • 2 p.m.

Calling all Parrotheads: This is your **Coconut Telegraph** - a **License to Chill** and escape to **St. Somewhere**. This summer's Charlevoix Venetian Festival will pay tribute to the late Jimmy Buffett with a "Margaritaville" theme. So put on your flip flops, the **Banana Wind** will begin blowing Saturday, July 20th, with three-time Detroit Music Award nominee, Air Margaritaville, offering the legendary "island escapism" at this year's Aquapalooza at Ferry Beach. Frank Bama and Air Margaritaville

will convince you that it doesn't have to be 5 o'clock anywhere to begin sipping your 'ritas and chomping your cheeseburger, because come Monday, we could all go insane.

WORSHIP ON THE WATER with Sanctus Real

Sunday, July 21 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

This year's Worship on the Water will have us all rising up Phoenix-style with Sanctus Real, a band that has literally risen from the ashes. While on tour in 2012, their bus

Community Service & Volunteer Fair at 5:30pm in East Park

burned to the ground, destroying all possessions inside, but they persevered,

faith on their side. What began as two Toledo 10th graders leading youth worship has grown to become an international sensation, even earning 2005's Modern Rock Album of the Year. Join us in East Park Sunday, July 21st, and rise up to sing praise!



VENETIAN TUESDAY with Charlevoix City Band

July 23 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Band, under the direction of Jake Bronson, Director of the Charlevoix Public Schools Bands, will warm up the Odmark Pavilion stage on Venetian Tuesday. The Band has earned the prestigious Centennial Award, as one of only ten community bands across the USA which have been playing concerts within their community for 100 consecutive years! The Charlevoix City Band is

made up of musicians from all over Northern Michigan, as well as summer residents that arrive in Charlevoix with their instruments in tow.

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VENETIAN WEDNESDAY

July 24 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

Pub Runners

It's been a few years, but come Venetian Wednesday, the familiar fiddled ballads of Irish lore will ring through East Park with the Pub Runners. The Michigan-based trio has long been entertaining crowds throughout the Great Lakes Region and far beyond, sharing folk music, humor and historical tales from the Emerald Isle. Get ready to jig with the Pub Runners, Wednesday, July 24th, and stick around after to sway with headliner, Frankie Ballard!



Frankie Ballard

A Bunch of Girls and a whole lot of guys will be rockin' to the heartland rhythms of Battle Creek-born Frankie Ballard on Wednesday, July 24th. Winner of Kenney Chesney's Next Big Star in Michigan, Ballard has shared the stage with such stars as Chesney, Lady Antebellum, Uncle Kracker, Taylor Swift, and Bob Seger. Although he didn't pick up a guitar until he was 18, Ballard rose to stardom with incredible speed in one **Helluva Life**. We trust that **You'll Accompany Me**, together with Frankie B., for a Venetian jamboree on Wednesday in East Park!



VENETIAN THURSDAY

July 25 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

Pinter Whitnick

Eager fans await the return of Pinter Whitnick, Venetian's opening act on Thursday, July 25th. Unlike most who spent 2020 isolated and bored, Kayleigh and Alex of Pinter Whitnick hunkered down in a Detroit studio and distilled their favorite 80s/90s classics down to duo-sized editions. The two have since taken their unique style on the road, turning back the clock and taking listeners on a sonic journey. Journey back with Pinter Whitnick on Thursday night, as the band warms the stage for headliner, the Gin Blossoms.



Rhythms of Venetian



VENETIAN THURSDAY (continued)

July 25 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

Gin Blossoms

Neighboring communities may be swaying with **Hey Jealousy**, upon word that Charlevoix is again hosting the premier jangle-pop band, the Gin Blossoms. Charlevoix **Found Out About You**, Gin Blossoms, with your first Venetian performance in 2019. Although the band had parted ways in 1997, seemingly as a New Year's gift in 2001, they regrouped and have since been one of

the busiest touring bands in the world. The Gin Blossoms promise to **Follow You Down** to East Park on Thursday, July 25th, with their return to Venetian.

VENETIAN FRIDAY

July 26 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

Ikons of Rock

Returning to enthusiastic fans, Ikons of Rock will take center stage on Friday, July 26th, with an opening set prior to the Venetian Air Show, and headlining afterwards. Having performed as Leather and Lace in 2022, and Snake Oil in 2023, Ikons of Rock will again grace Venetian with their uncanny ability to portray iconic rock stars from Alice Cooper to Stevie Nicks. Come rock the Harbor Venetian Friday with the energetic arena show experience of Ikons of Rock!



VENETIAN SATURDAY

July 27 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

Mac Watts

Kick off the Venetian concert finale set with Mac Watts – now hailing from Music City, he originated just North of Motown. His modern-country music includes Margari-taville-style tunes encouraging listeners to “live like a Castaway” where we enjoy no shoes, no problems, no plans. So tip your cowboy hat, brush the sand off your beer, and join us Saturday, July 27th as we welcome Mac Watts back to his Michigan homeland!



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VENETIAN SATURDAY (continued.)

July 27 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

Elton Rohn

Saturday Night's Alright, especially Venetian Saturday! Wrap up the week's festivities with Elton Rohn, a famed **Rocket Man** tribute hailing from Canada. **Don't Let the Sun Go Down** on the week without celebrating the Venetian finale, in tribute to one of the iconic super stars of rock on Saturday, July 27th. You just may catch **Your Song**!



Tiki Tent Rhythms

July 24-27 • North Side of East Park • 6pm-Midnight

WED - STRINGS ATTACHED - With quite the following, this high energy Classic Rock cover band will kick off the week's Tiki Tent fun
THU - GALACTIC SHERPAS - This Boyne City-based band will have you grooving with their sonic brand of high energy, improvised funk
FRI - 1 WAVE DJs - With an ear for the right song at the right time, this certified audio engineer will keep bodies rocking into the night
SAT - KENNY THOMPSON - A regional favorite, the country-blues-classic rock style keeps Kenny busy with fans all season long



Rhythms Seating Policy

When blankets outnumber residents, things can get a little crazy down in East Park. As a result, Venetian has established a seating policy to enable those in the Pavilion area and elsewhere in East Park, to enjoy the Venetian concert experience. This year the Pavilion seating areas will be opened for entry each morning at 8:00 a.m., including some stairwells, from Venetian Wednesday through Venetian Saturday, for those who wish to place blankets and chairs to reserve their individual seats. These arrangements will be overseen by security and law enforcement personnel. The prior "blanket zone," "tier seating," and "no standing" rules have been eliminated.

Please also note that if any chairs, blankets, coolers, etc., are left anywhere in East Park overnight, or are placed there prior to 8:00 a.m., they will be removed and discarded by the City Department of Public Works (DPW). Please make sure to grab all of your belongings at the end of the evening and clean up any trash around your area so we can give our hard working City DPW a little break at the end of the night. As a matter of safety and courtesy to others, Venetian requests your friendly cooperation so that all spectators may enjoy Venetian's free admission concerts.





2024 Event Schedule

Theme: **MARGARITAVILLE**



"pre-Venetian"

KLING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Stroud Park Courts

Begins: July 19, Finals: July 25

Singles & Doubles open to all ages

SATURDAY - 7/20

AQUAPALOOZA

Beach & Boating Party

Ferry Beach: 12-6 pm

Music Commences @ 2pm

AIR MARGARITAVILLE

Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Detroit

"CORNETIAN" CORN TOSS

Ferry Beach: 12 pm

\$20/person, no double needed

VOLLEYBALL

Ferry Beach: 12 pm

6 member co-ed, \$90/team

SUNDAY - 7/21

RAYDER ROUND BALL CLASSIC

Chx Middle-High School: 9 am

3-v-3 teams, \$100/team

DISC GOLF DOUBLES

Mt. McSaubia: 11 am

Bring a partner - best shot doubles

\$40 Rec Team ~ \$60 Advanced Team

COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER FAIR

NEW in 2024! ~ East Park: 5:30pm

"WORSHIP ON THE WATER"

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

SANCTUS REAL

Christian Rock - Toledo, OH

MONDAY - 7/22

KLING YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC

Stroud Park Courts, Shanahan Field: 9 am

Free for ages 6-17



Wastin' away again

(Monday continued)

COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY

East Park: 1:30 pm

BOCCE BALL - *NEW in 2024!*

Glass Baseball Diamond, Shanahan Field: 7 pm

TUESDAY - 7/23

TOMMY TROPIC WORLD RECORD BID

Waller Road - 6:30 am

JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA

Depot Beach - 10:30 am

Ages 8-19

BINGO

Castle Farms - 12 pm

Free & open to all ages

Hosted by American House Senior Living-Chx

CHX TWP FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE

Charlevoix Township Fire House, 4 pm

3-on-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Shanahan Field: 5:30 pm

Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35

\$50/team

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Pavilion: 7 pm

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

WEDNESDAY - 7/24

3 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Charlevoix Municipal Course: 1 pm

Youth - \$12/player; Adult - \$25/player

SAILING REGATTA

Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach

Many Fleets: Personal boats and crews

Spectator Viewing 5:30 pm - dusk

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by vendor

Daily: Wed 7/24 - Sat 7/27

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6-10 pm

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

STRINGS ATTACHED

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: 5-11 pm

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

PUB RUNNERS

Irish & Folk - Gaylord, MI

VENETIAN ART AUCTION

MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION

FRANKIE BALLARD

Country - Battle Creek, MI



THURSDAY - 7/25

CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET

Bridge Park: 8 am-1 pm

KID'S DAY

Downtown: 10 am - 2 pm

Free & armband activities for families

Armband: \$13 (scholarships available)

FREE MOVIE - THE LAND BEFORE TIME

Charlevoix Cinema III: 10:30 am

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: Noon - 11 pm

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6-10 pm

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

GALACTIC SHERPAS

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

PINTER WHITNICK

Classic Rock - Detroit, MI

GIN BLOSSOMS

Alternative Rock - Tempe, AZ

FRIDAY - 7/26

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: 12-11 pm

BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY

Bridge Street at noon

FAMILY FUN ZONE

Bridge St - North of the light, 1 - 4pm

Various family-friendly activities for all ages

CAR SHOW

Bridge St - South of light

Noon - 4 pm

"PEACHES 'N CREAM" CORN TOSS

Bridge Park - 1:30 pm

Cost: \$20/team

NEW! MEET THE AIRSHOW PILOTS!

Chx Airport: 1:30-3pm

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: Noon - 10 pm

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

1 WAVE Djs

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

IKONS OF ROCK

Rock - International

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Ferry Beach: 7-10 pm

PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND

Swing/Jazz - Charlevoix, MI



Blew Out my Flip Flop...



(Friday continued)

SCREAM 'N REBELS WAR BIRDS & REDLINE AIRSHOW with FLAG JUMP

Lake Charlevoix: 7:45 pm

"NIGHT SKY" WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS

Dusk on Lake Charlevoix

Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, East Park

SATURDAY - 7/27

DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE

Bridge St: 9 am (prior to Street Parade)

Family Mile, 5k & 10k - all ages

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 10-8 pm

RYAN SHAY MILE

Bridge St: 10:30 am

Championship competition by invitation only

STREET PARADE

Bridge St: 11 am

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: 12-11 pm

CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION

Inside Tiki Tent: 12:30-3 pm

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

"ROCKIN' THE TOWNHOUSE"

Nashville Style Street Concert

Bridge St, north of light: 3-6 pm

UNION GUNS

Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

KENNY THOMPSON

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

MAC WATTS

Country - Detroit, MI

ELTON ROHN

Elton John Tribute - Ontario, Canada

VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Dusk on Round Lake

SPECTACULAR HARBOR FIREWORKS

Immediately following the Boat Parade



Schedule is subject to change - check out our website & Facebook page for the most up-to-date information

To register for the Venetian Games, visit
www.venetianfestival.com/games

Kid's Day



Thursday, July 25 ~ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Downtown East Park & Bridge Street

On Venetian Thursday, downtown Charlevoix will transform into a kids' wonderland! Not only will East Park be brimming with activities, Bridge Street will be closed from Antrim St. to Park Ave. to allow for the amusements to overflow onto the pavement. Free admission activities include a petting zoo, clowns, jugglers, stilt walkers, cool science displays, and a big red fire truck. A \$13 armband offers access to additional activities including pony rides, keepsake craft activities, bounce houses, a corn maze, and

**Scholarships are available for
Kid's Day, contact Anell
Roach at (231) 881-3528 for
more information.**

Midway-style carnival games including a Lost Treasures Funhouse! If the kiddos have had enough bouncing, ballooning, and let's face it, bragging and bribing - take a breather at Charlevoix Cinema III for a free-admission viewing of *The Land Before Time* at 10:30 a.m. If you're not ready to relax, however, fur-



ther amusement abounds at Anderson's Midway with discounted carnival armbands. Unlimited rides will be offered from 12-5 p.m. for \$20 (discounted from \$25).

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1 Spy, in the Sky...

Look to the heavens Friday & Saturday nights!



NEW! See the planes & meet the pilots at Skydive Charlevoix, Friday 7/26 1:30-3pm

Venetian Airshow

Friday, July 26 • 7:45 p.m.

Upward entertainment has long been a highlight of Venetian. Opening the “sky-lights” this year will again be a patriotic flag jump, followed by Redline Airshows and Scream ‘N Rebels War Birds! Two RV8 planes will “scream down” the channel before twisting and turning in astonishing aerobatics followed by Scream ‘N Rebels War Birds that will perform four ceremonial fly-overs honoring the men and women that have fought and fallen for our country. This year’s Missing Man formation will honor Dave Juilleret who grew up and lived in Charlevoix, served in the Navy, and recently passed. Airshow sponsored by Skydive Charlevoix.

“Night Sky” Fireworks - over Lake Charlevoix

Friday, July 26 • Dusk

Mr. Loffredo is at it again! Nationally renowned master pyrotechnician, Frankie Loffredo, Jr., has been lighting up the Venetian night sky for over 20 years, and this year will bring no disappointments. Each year the colossal Night Sky display, launched from the Venetian barge in Lake Charlevoix, mesmerizes its audience with a labyrinthine exhibition. Returning this year will be the display’s “introduction” by a pyro stunt plane launching fireworks as it zooms by!



Harbor Fireworks - over Round Lake

Saturday, July 27 • Dusk

Immediately following the boat parade, keep your eyes on the Round Lake Harbor pyro-amphitheater for Venetian’s low aerial/high intensity Harbor Fireworks. Rivalled only by such displays as Thunder over Louisville, this pyrotechnic extravaganza shoots over 10,000 bursts from the Venetian barge in Round Lake. Unique pyrotechnic twists such as fireworks shells that originate under the lake and fly into the sky will have you in a phantasmagorical state!



Parades of Venetian



When it comes to parades, Venetian likes to serve the community “surf’n turf” style - one by sea, and one by land! That’s right, on Venetian Saturday you’ll get twice the fun - the annual Street Parade, sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of Charlevoix, will begin marching down Bridge Street at 11 a.m. This year’s theme “Margaritaville” is sure to attract upwards of our typical 75 (ish) entries, and is sure to include everything from

marching bands, clowns, horses, floats, antique cars, and royalty from area festivals, including our very own newly-crowned Miss Charlevoix and her court. After the parade concludes its route down Bridge Street from Carpenter to Clinton Street, stick around for continued entertainment both in the street and park, including the famous Lion’s Club grilled chicken!

Once the sun has sung its last lullaby, and entertainer Elton Rohn has rocked the last crocodile, turn your gaze to Round Lake, where the 94th Annual Boat Parade will light up the night with boats of all shapes and sizes adorned with lights, music, and animation. The boats will begin circling the harbor shortly after 10 p.m. Boats are judged in several categories including a People’s Choice Award for the best dockside decorated boat.

Both parade events require safety and presentation standards to meet in order to participate. To register, or for more information, visit our website at www.venetianfestival.com/streetparade, www.venetianfestival.com/boatparade.

Venetian Carnival

Parents, take your Dramamine - Anderson Midways is returning this year with its slew of exciting entertainment from wild rides like the Tornado, Sizzler, and Swinger, to rides with meeker movements such as the Carousel, Funhouse, and Super Slide. The carnival will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24 at its usual position on Mason Street and in the neighboring city parking lots to the north. Single tickets are \$1.50 each, a strip of 15 for \$20, and 50 for \$50.

Armbands (unlimited rides all day) can be purchased Wednesday through close on Saturday. From 12-5 p.m. on Thursday (Kid’s Day in East Park), armbands will be discounted to \$20. Family fun for all ages abounds with Anderson Midways - enjoy your elephant ears, try not to drop from dizziness, and be sure to get that perfect picture of the Harbor from the top of the Ferris Wheel!



CARNIVAL HOURS
Wed 7/24: 5-11pm
Thu 7/25: 12-11pm
Fri 7/26: 12-11pm
Sat 7/27: 12-11pm

Breaking World Records!

Tuesday 7/23



Northern Michigan's very own Tommy Tropic has been captivating crowds for decades! He already holds multiple world records related to his juggling prowess, but never enough - he wants to break his own record! Join him on Tuesday, July 23, as he attempts to break his record for "the farthest distance traveled on roller/inline skates whilst juggling three objects." His record as it stands is 5,000 meters. The event, sponsored by Ferguson & Chamberlain, will commence at 6:30 a.m. on Waller Road. Tropic will also be seen busking around downtown during Friday and Saturday activities. Tropic not only performs for fun and bragging rights, he often does so as a way to raise money for needy causes, including the Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center, the American Cancer Society, and ACT Katwe, a circus school in a large Ugandan slum that feeds, mentors and builds self-esteem in students.

Charlevoix Township Fire Department Open House

Tuesday 7/23

Enjoy free food, tour the fire house, and honor the brave blaze-busters of Charlevoix Township on Tuesday, July 23rd from 4-7 p.m. at the Township Fire House, 8977 Martin Road.



Free Movie at the Cinema

Thursday 7/25

Charlevoix Cinema III will again offer a free-admission movie as part of Kid's Day, Thursday, July 25th. The Land Before Time will begin at 10:30 a.m., and is sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

Charlevoix All Class Reunion

Saturday 7/27

The CHS All Class Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 27th, immediately following the Venetian Street Parade, until 3 p.m. in the Tiki Tent in East Park. Mingle with your mates, giggle at the gallery of old photos, and sip a sangria from the cash bar. If you have memorabilia to share, please bring it with you. The reunion is a private event for alumni and their significant others. For questions or offers to volunteer, please email Sherrel Bergmann at rayderberg@aol.com.



Venetian Block Party

Friday, July 26 • 12 Noon - 4pm • Bridge Street from Antrim - Park Ave

It's that time again - the cars are cleared, the weekend is upon us, let's party on the block! Bridge Street from Antrim to Park Avenue will come alive with a flurry of fun for all ages!



Venetian Car Show (South of light)

While the street may be cleared of operating vehicles, a particular group of Rads, Rods, Rats, Mods, Sports, Exotics, Vintage, and Classics will be welcome onto downtown Bridge Street for the third annual Venetian Car Show which will take place from noon to 4:00 p.m. Head downtown and check out these magnificent motors which mark an important part of our history. The Venetian Car Show is sponsored by Jim Riehl's Friendly Automotive Group featuring Jim Riehl's Friendly Ford of Charlevoix.

Family Fun Zone (North of light)

Boy Scout Troop 15 will host this year's Family Fun Zone (formerly "Kid's Zone") north of the Bridge/Clinton traffic light from 1 - 4 p.m. A host of family-friendly, free-admission activities include painting classes for youth, a group painting project for all ages, a bouncy obstacle course and games, a bounce house, a circus performance, a robotics exhibition, and more!



Venetian Games

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MUNSON HEALTHCARE
Charlevoix Hospital

Basketball

The 3-on-3 Rayder Roundball Classic draws hundreds of players from all age groups. Online pre-registration is required, cost is \$80/team. Event is held 7/21 at the Charlevoix Middle-High School.

Bingo

American House Senior Living hosts free bingo at Castle Farms at noon on 7/23. No registration required.

Bocce Ball *1st year!*

NEW in 2024 Bocce Ball at the Shanahan Field Glass Ball Diamond, 7/22, registration on-site at 6:30pm, no fee.



Corn Toss

Cornetian Corn Toss Tournament at Aquapalooza 7/20. Registration on-site at 10:30am, \$20/person. No double needed.

Peaches 'n Cream Corn Toss Tournament in Bridge Park 7/26 is \$20/team. On-site registration starts at noon, bags fly at 1:30pm.

Cottage Croquet Doubles

East Park hosts croquet 7/22 at 1:30pm, no fee or registration required.

Disc Golf

Both advanced and amateur teams welcome at Mt. McSaubia 7/21 at 10am. On-site registration, \$40 for a rec team; \$60 for advanced teams.



Foot Races

The Jeff Drenth Memorial Foot Races - 5k, 10k, and Family Mile - on 7/27. Registration online at venetianraces.com, or at the First Congregational Church from 4-6pm 7/26, and 6:30am-8:30am 7/27.

The Ryan Shay Mile, a championship competition by invitation only, begins just prior to the Street Parade on 7/27 at 10:30am. Shay is a Central Lake native and Olympic prospect who died in competition.

Golf

The municipal court hosts the 3-Club Tournament on 7/24 at 1pm. Online pre-registration required. Cost is \$12/youth, \$25/adult.



Sailing

The Junior Sailing Regatta will take place at Depot Beach 7/23. Visit sailcharlevoix.org for registration and more information.

Soccer

Shanahan Field hosts 3-on-3 soccer 7/23, and finals (if needed) on 7/24. Online pre-registration required, cost is \$50/team.

Tennis

All ages welcome at Stroud Park Courts 7/19, finals on 7/25. Online pre-registration is required, cost is \$10/person/event.

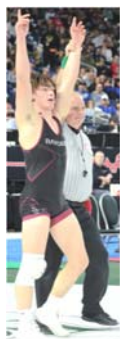
Volleyball

Ferry Beach sand courts host this co-ed tournament 7/20 during Aquapalooza. Online pre-registration is required, \$90/team.



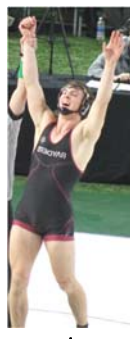
Pre-Registration for Games is
available on our website:
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2024 Venetian Grand Marshal - Charlevoix Wrestling Team

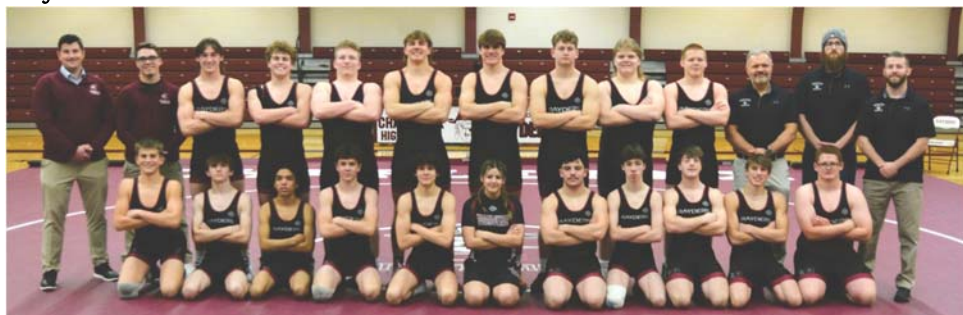


Brady
Jess

From outer space to the wrestling mat - Venetian recognizes its most honorable citizens each year with the title of Grand Marshal. This year we've really "pinned it" as we recognize the fantastic feats of the Charlevoix Wrestling Team, led by coach Mike Hinkle. This A-Team secured many school records - a whopping TEN individuals qualified for State Finals, including the first female (who had never wrestled before this season!), FOUR earned All State recognition, and two, that's right, TWO became **State Champions!** Long-time friends Brady Jess and Landon Swanson both triumphed as individual State Champions at Detroit's Ford Field in March. You will have the chance to cheer on the team Saturday, July 27, where they will be honored as this year's Charlevoix Venetian Grand Marshal in the annual Street Parade, commencing at 11 a.m. Congratulations on an incredible season, and thanks for making Charlevoix proud!



Landon
Swanson



(Back row, left to right): Coach Blatchford, Coach Noren, Brady Jess, Brady Warchol, Sawyer Blaszczyk, Landon Swanson, Josh Schultz, Ben Matter, Connor Ortiz, Trevor Streeter, Coach Hinkle, Coach Mitchell, Coach Funsch
(Front row, left to right): Ryan Glass, Robert Burge, James Kewagshken, Landen Whisler, Max Reynolds, Kate Matter, Justin Whisler, Jackson Fry, Jamie Parrish, Anthony Wise, Adam Streeter

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