



Face coloring is one of the perennial favorites on the Alpenstrasse.

In 25 years, Alpenstatistics staggering

After 25 years, Alpenfest has compiled some impressive statistics.

A sampling follows.

Parade marshals and the Buergermeister each year at the Honors Luncheon have been awarded a very special black Swiss jacket.

When awards are distributed in 1989, there will have been 29 of these jackets presented.

Recipients include the parade marshal, selected each year by the Alpenfest Committee; and Buergermeister, chosen annually by the Herald Times.

The Alpenfest budget has grown from an estimated \$2,400 to \$30,000 annually.

About 660,000 people have viewed the Grand Parade since it began in 1966.

The Honors Luncheon at Hid-

den Valley has been attended by 6,000 people over the past 25 Alpenfest celebrations.

Only twice was the luncheon held at a location other than Hidden Valley: at U.S. Plywood in 1965, and at the new Gaylord Middle School in 1982.

There have been at least 250 contestants in the Alpenfest Queen's Pageant.

The free pancake and sausage breakfast has served over 28,000 pancakes through the years.

Two Alpenfest Queens, Marlene Polus and Kim Broom; and one runner-up, Angel Dunn; went on to become National Cherry Festival Queens in Traverse City.

The Alpenfest float attends around 17 parades in other communities each year.

The first float was designed by Don Morgridge, and the current float by Warren VanPutten.

Nearly 5,000 volunteers, or 200 each year over the past 25 years, have helped make Alpenfest the success it is.

The first female Boogg appeared in 1988.

The Boogg, whether male or female, is decorated each year by the Gaylord chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Former Alpenfest Queens reside around the nation and the state.

Two live in California, two in Florida, two in Georgia, one in Indiana, one in Illinois, one in Montana, and one in Missouri.

Four still live in Gaylord and the remaining 10 are scattered throughout Michigan.

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