

Gaylord High School Band donned Alpine costumes for one of first Grand Parades.

## 1968

## Alpenfest becomes official name; drum and bugle corps teams perform

F or the first time, Gaylord's fast-growing summer celebration was titled Alpenfest instead of the Alpine Festival.

The county's active serviceman were honored at the annual Honors Luncheon at Hidden Valley. Bruce T. Lundin, a NASA official, was the featured speaker.

Lundin was also invited to serve as honorary parade marshal at the Grand Parade.

The Angels of Ohio Drum and Bugle Corps were featured performers during Alpenfest. The Angels were Ohio State American Legion Champions in 1966 and 1967.

Lynda Bergquist, daughter of Evans and Marilys Bergquist, became queen of the fourth annual Alpenfest.

In the July 24, 1968 edition of the Herald Times, it was reported that at least 20,000 people watched the Grand Parade.

"The fourth annual Alpenfest has added another glowing page to the history of The Alpine Village," said the paper.

Vanderbilt won first prize for its float in the Grand Parade. The theme was patriotic.

Biff Audrain won the award for the best costume worn by a man in the Alpenfest Costume Parade.

The most handsomely costumed family award was given to Ernest and Ann Grocock and their three children.



Lynda Bergquist

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