



Lori Stehman



Pie-eating (right) is just one of the many contests that young and old enjoy on the Alpenstrasse.



1971

First Slo-Pitch Tournament featured; open house at old Gaylord State Home

The first annual Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament was a featured attraction at the 1971 Alpenfest. The Kendall Bar team from Highland Park won the tournament championship, defeating runner-up Petoskey's Omega Construction 13-1.

Gaylord's best effort in the toumey was put forth by the U.S. Plywood team, which finished fourth.

Lori Stehman, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stehman of Gaylord, was chosen Alpenfest Queen. Stehman was sponsored by the Gaylord Rotary Club. She was graduated from Gaylord High School in 1971.

The Caldwells, a nationally known singing group, performed at Community Night. Herr Gessler made his appearance, and many of the community's troubles and worries were consumed in flames at the "Burning of the Boogg."

The annual Alpenfest Costume Walking Parade was held on Main Street, followed by "The World's Largest Coffee Break" on the Alpenstrasse.

On Friday, July 16, the Gaylord State Home (now the Alpine Center) held its annual open house and the Gaylord High Jazz Band performed on the Alpenstrasse.

At the parade on Saturday, July 17, grand prize honors for best float went to an entry by U.S. Plywood - Champion Papers, Gaylord Division. The runner-up prize went to an entry by the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce.

After the parade, the Scottville Clown Band performed on the Alpenstrasse, followed by a Gospel Folk Rock concert in the Gaylord High School gym.

Schlang's Bavarian Festival, complete with beer tent, was ongoing next to Schlang's Bavarian Inn on Old 27 South during the Alpenfest.

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