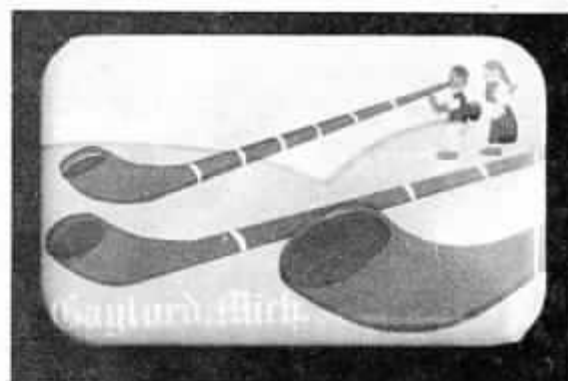




Gayle Wegmeyer



Young spectators don't want to miss a second of bands, floats and other entries marching in the Grand Parade.



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## *Replica of Alpine mountain marches in costume parade*

**P**eople came from all over to attend the eighth annual Alpenfest, including from halfway around the world.

An unnamed University of Michigan student from Tokyo, Japan was awarded an 1881 silver dollar for being the Alpenfest guest from the farthest point on the planet. In 1881 Gaylord was incorporated as a village.

A replica of an Alpine Mountain made a showing at the Alpenfest Costume Walking Parade. Over 1,000 residents and visitors joined in the parade.

An article appearing in the Ju-

ly 27 edition of the Herald Times said, "Alpenfest has grown from a simple village event to a happening of national recognition."

The Gaylord Arts Council, under the leadership of its president, Sam Titus, attracted many artists to the Alpenstrasse.

The Herald Times reported in its July 27 edition that one artist, a potter, couldn't come to Alpenfest for unexpected reasons. The home-built potter's wheel he intended to use for demonstrations on the Alpenstrasse was, like the proverbial basement-built sailboat, too large to get out of his cellar.

Gayle Wegmeyer, 17, daughter

of Willis and Lydia Wegmeyer of Gaylord, was crowned the Alpenfest queen at Community Night.

More than 100 entries were in the grand parade. Champion International won top honors for the best overall float. The Gaylord chapter of the National Association of Homebuilders won the prize for the most humorous float with their outhouse entry.

John Woodford, deputy director-chief engineer of the Michigan Highway Dept., spoke at the Alpenfest Honors Luncheon on Saturday, July 22 at Hidden Valley.

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