

1977 Salute for DNR

The Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) was honored at the annual Alpenfest Honors Luncheon at Hidden Valley.

According to the Thursday, July 21 edition of the Herald Times, "Beautiful large steins and the Herr Gessler doll were presented to the DNR officials as gifts from the Alpenfest.

Earlier the same day, DNR officials dedicated a new \$250,000 District 5 headquarters building on M-32 West.

Various body parts were featured at Alpenfest, with an ankle contest, a knee contest, and a ladies' arm wrestling contest.

The City Barber Shop won the Class A division of the Great Alpenfest Raft Race, with the six-man, two-woman crew of the Herald Times splashing its way to first in Class B.

More than 100 runners took part in the first annual Alpine Village Festival Run. Top Gaylord finisher was David Thomas, third, who covered the eight-mile course in 42:05.

Deni Kujat, daughter of Dan and Betty Kujat, was crowned queen of Alpenfest, and Lisa Koenigsknecht was the first runner-up.

The Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce (now the Gaylord / Otsego County Chamber of Commerce) won the prize for best overall float in the Alpenfest Grand Parade, with Gaylord Rotary the runner-up.

Robert Libke served as parade marshal for the grand parade.

Herald Times photographers consumed 22 rolls of film in taking around 750 pictures of Alpenfest activities.



Bicycle parade adds color.



Deni (Kujat) Mahlmeister

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