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Jello jump and model aircraft

Temperatures in the 80s and greater participation in traditional events marked the 1979 celebration of Alpenfest.

Champion Building Products was the honored industry at the annual Alpenfest Honors Luncheon at Hidden Valley.

Cheryl Nephew, daughter of Frank and Joan Nephew of Gaylord, was chosen the new Alpenfest Queen and the first runner-up was Sherry Lynn Jasinski.

Chet Szymanski took the bedroom knees category in the Alpenfest men's knee contest, with Chris Collins winning the hairiest knees division.

Parade Marshal was Harold Elgas. Hidden Valley and Arby's shared the top float prize and Gaylord Rotary captured the prize for best Alpine theme.

A clown booth on the Alpenstrasse offered clown face makeovers for \$2. The booth was sponsored by Keith Dressel Realty.

Other Alpenfest activities included a barber shop quartet concert, a piano concert on the Alpenstrasse, a jello jump and radio controlled model aircraft flying among others.

Out of more than 500 entrants for the Alpine Festival Run, 476 toughed it out in the 80-degree heat to finish the 7.5 mile course. Dan Shamyeh, 18, from Freeland, won the race in 39:13. Larry Fisher of Gaylord placed ninth at 42:21.

Herald Times publisher Jim Grisso finished 365th.



476 runners tough it out to complete 7.5 mile Alpenfest Run, a hilly course heated up by 80-degree temperatures.



Cheryl Nephew

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