Key dates in city's history

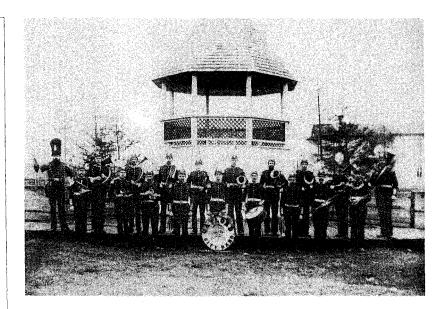
March 20, 1874...The law firm of Gaylord and Hanchett receive a patent from the US Government for 40 acres of land in what is now Hayes Township. The patent was received as work was being completed on an eight-mile stretch of the Detroit to Mackinac Railroad that ended near the patented property.

Dec. 2, 1874...The plat of the village of Barnes is recorded.

Nov. 10, 1877...The State Supreme Court issues a mandate compelling supervisors of Otsego County to recognize Gaylord as the county seat. Dr. William Parmater, a supervisor, reccomends that a courthouse be built on property deeded to the county by O.M. Barnes.

March 18,1881...The village of Gaylord is incorporated and the village council holds its first meeting.

January, 1922...By a 21-vote margin, citizens of Gaylord grant approval to a measure making Gaylord a city. John P. Hamilton becomes the first mayor.



Entertainment, 1880's style

THE GAYLORD CITY BAND was a regular attraction at many of the public events citizens attended in the late 1800s. Formed during Gaylord's first summer, in 1881, the band performed locally, as well as elsewhere in the state, even winning a first place award in a state band tournament in 1884.

Ed Jansen purchases franchise

GAYLORD — Ed Jansen Unlimited, Inc. opened business in January 1981 at 103 W. Main Street.

The real estate firm recently purchased the Real Estate One from Lois Grisso, and will operate it from the Jansen downtown office

Handling a wide range of real estate, including commercial and residential, plus marketing and rental management services, the business has three full-time sales persons.

Ed Jansen is president.

Big D fills contracting needs

GAYLORD — Founded as a family-owned business in 1972, Big D Electrical and Mechanical Contractors, Inc., serves the electrical, mechanical and plumbing contracting needs of Gaylord and Otsego County.

Based at 1540 Old 27 South, the firm is in-

volved in industrial, commercial, residential and institutional construction.

Big D also provides troubleshooting and general maintenance services and is licensed for hot water boiler system service.

The firm is owned by C.M. Dickinson, of

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