



Marlene Polus

Youngster (left) takes a turn dancing on Alpenfest stage.

1978

Tiger pitcher misses dunk tank mark

Higgins Industries of Vanderbilt was honored at the annual Alpenfest Honors Luncheon at Hidden Valley. Higgins was saluted for its contributions to the area.

Marlene Polus, daughter of Larry and Donna Polus, began her reign as Alpenfest Queen. First runner-up was a tie between Karen Ann Beachnau and Michelle Denise Champine.

John Hiller, Detroit Tiger relief pitcher, tested his skills at Alpenfest. Hiller missed the target at the Gaylord Jaycee Dunk Tank three times in a row.

Patrick Murray won the prize for "Most sophisticated knees" in the

annual men's knee contest.

First National Bank of Gaylord took the prize for the "most beautiful" float in the Grand Parade, with Glen's Market winning the "most original" prize.

Carey Clement was the winner of the hoola hoop contest in the six and under age group.

Overall winner of the Otsego Lake raft race in the Class E Unlimited Division was Arthur's Recycled Speed Buggy, beating all comers, including the state police sponsored entry "Black Mariah", the defending champs.

A record of 36:57 was set in the 7.5 mile Alpine Festival Run by



Rob Cool of Grand Rapids. Cool was one of nearly 500 participants in the race.

An editorial in the July 27 edition of the Herald Times said, "The 1978 Alpenfest was one of the best in the annual celebration's 14-year history. There were very few complaints. And when you consider estimates of 30,000 or more people alone attending Saturday's grand parade, that's quite a statement."

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