



Credits

Literally hundreds of volunteers have made Alpenfest a success during its long life. It would be impossible to name them all.

This commemorative publication by Alpenfest, Inc. and the Herald Times was intended to provide a keepsake history including many of the people behind the celebration, as well as vignettes on some of the festival's components and a review of many highlights of the past 24 festivals.

Source material came from Herald Times archives and festival volunteers. A number of old photos from the collection of Harold Elgas were used. Arnold Mackowiak, HT editor, edited the publication. HT assistant editor Vicki Naegele and reporters Dennis Powell and Dan Heaton wrote the articles.

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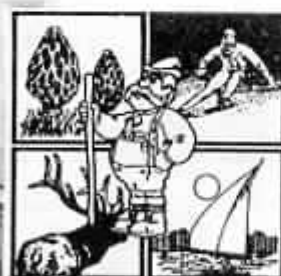
The "Come Home to Alpenfest" logo above was voluntarily designed for the 25th festival by Craig Friend of Gaylord.

Cover

Family fun has been a mainstay of Alpenfest. Andy and Anne Driver grew up with the festival, each graduating from Gaylord High School and attending Central Michigan University before marrying in Gaylord.

Today, both are in business in the Alpine Village. Andy also is president of the Alpenfest Board of Directors.

They are shown with sons Christopher, 5, and Drew, 7, and niece Brie Lanouette, 6.



Pontresina

A world of fantasy and enjoyment greets Alpenfest-goers each July. The logo of the Gaylord / Otsego County Chamber of Commerce prominently features Herr Gessler in the center of the four-season art. At right is a symbol of Gaylord's Swiss sister city.

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