

Legend: Bob Fritz (1916 – 2007)



Bob Fritz was honored by being chosen the community's first Alpenfest Chairman as he helped plan the inaugural event in 1965. His involvement in the community is far-reaching.

Bob graduated from Gaylord High School in 1934, after moving north from his childhood home in the Ferndale area, near Detroit. After serving in World War II, Fritz returned to the area and worked several jobs before being appointed Gaylord's 13th Postmaster in 1966, a position he held until retiring in 1981.

Throughout his life, Fritz was involved in many aspects of the community, including serving on the Gaylord City Council, Otsego County Board of Commissioners, Airport Committee, Otsego-Emmet-Cheboygan Child Care District, Otsego county Building Authority, Otsego Memorial Hospital Board, Economic Development Commission, VFW and the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of

Commerce Board. He and his wife, Lucille, were also active in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, where Fritz was a member of the board of trustees.

Fritz and Lucille left Gaylord in 2005 to live closer to their daughter, Merry.

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