



Sam Titus



Edward Calkins



Curtis Toms

Variety of volunteering marks honorees

Sam Titus became the first Frau Buergermeister in 1984. Titus, a former dress designer, is a consistent supporter of the Pigeon River Country State Forest and the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts.

She was also recognized for her work with the historical society, blood bank and 4-H.

In 1985, Gaylord businessman Ed Calkins was honored as top citizen.

Calkins has been instrumental in the industrial development of the community, as well as promoting the linking of US 131 through Gaylord.

Curtis Toms, Otsego Memorial Hospital supporter and court volunteer, was the honoree in 1986.

Toms helped organize the citizens' probation authority, served on the county's board of appeals and canvassers and was Otsego Lake Township supervisor.

In 1987, it was Jack Deming's turn to be honored.

The Otsego County Fair promoter, small business owner and gourmet cook was complimented for his service to Vanderbilt and the county and his spreading of goodwill.

The most recent buergermeister was Shirley Bates, who received the honor in 1988.

Bates' involvement in the Otsego County Fair, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Eastern Star and music were reasons behind the honor.



Jack Deming



Shirley Bates

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