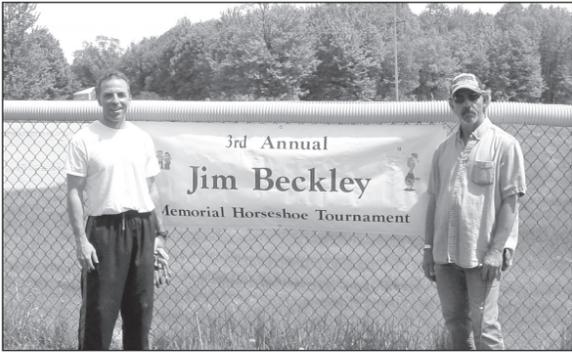


## Winners for Lions OFD 2013 Third Annual Jim Beckley Horseshoe Tournament



1st Place Team: Steve Pfeiffer, Muskegon and Sean Brisson, Marshall



2nd Place Team: Bob McAlinden, Nunica and Rich Peterson, Muskegon



3rd Place Team: Rich Beckley, Muskegon and Jim Tuttle

A special thanks to Rich Beckley and his son, RJ of Muskegon, for laying out and constructing the 18 pits used for the competition! **HEY FOLKS, WE COULD USE MORE HELP SETTING UP THIS YEAR!** To volunteer call 231-865-1108 around May 15th. Thanks also to Paul Schultz Trucking for providing sand. See everyone this year!

**Jim Beckley**, for whom the tournament was named, placed 2nd in 2010.



### Fruitport's Tractor Supply Company store opens

by Rob Hoskins

The Fruitport Tractor Supply Company store held its grand opening on Saturday, March 8, with specially-priced merchandise March 6 through 9. The store officially opened for business on March 1.



### Assistant Manager, T.J. Snider (L) and Manager, Ben Gillette (R) on opening day

The Fruitport location is Tractor Supply's 74th store in Michigan and employs 12 team members. The facility has 20,800 square feet, including sales floor and support service space.

Tractor Supply is the largest retail farm and ranch supply store chain in the United States and has been operating in Michigan since 1960.

"Fruitport is a great location for Tractor Supply Company because the area is full of 4-H groups, urban farmers and traditional farmers," said Store Manager Ben Gillette. "Area residents who visit us will have an outstanding experience. Our friendly, knowledgeable team will give our neighbors the attention they deserve and provide Tractor Supply's legendary customer service."

Gillette joined Tractor Supply in October, 2013 as a manager-in-training at the North Muskegon location. Prior to joining Tractor Supply, he was a store manager at Office Max for 11 years. The Fruitport native is an elected official on the Board of Education.

Regular operating hours for the Fruitport store, located in the former Lappo Lumber space at 6435 Airline Road, are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

### Fruitport golfer crowned grand champion

by Fan staff

Fruitport resident Bryan Mathis was crowned grand champion in February at the 2014 Las Vegas world amateur golf championship.

Bryan, the owner of the 46 Bar in Muskegon, placed first in his age group (50 to 59 years old). There were 42 golfers in his flight; the top five in each flight played for the grand champion on the fourth day of the championship.

There were 175 participants from around the world with just three golfers from Michigan in the four-day event. The cumulative score from four different courses, with an adjusted handicap, determined the winner of the event.

All four courses played 6600+ yards with professional USGA rules applied.

During the course of play, Bryan made two putts from over 25 feet to save bogey in the final round in addition to avoiding three water hazards. He was in fourth place on the last day and shot low round of the day to come back and win overall.



### FMS assistant principal is a good sport

By Sandy Kriger

Fruitport Middle School Assistant Principal Courtney Shahl took a pie in the face during all four lunch periods on April 3. As part of a fundraiser at the end of Spirit Week, coin jars were set out for students to "vote" for the event they wanted to take place.

Three different choices were offered to the students: Teacher Kristin Olson, an ardent fan of Michigan State University, would wear University of Michigan clothing **Fruitport Area News • May 2014 • Page 39**

to school if she "won" the vote; Principal Wendy Somers would allow students to dye her hair; or Assistant Principal Shahl would get a pie in the face.

Students were also given the opportunity to be the student to "apply the pie," so the feat was accomplished by four different students.

Although entertaining, the event raised money for Habitat for Humanity, the charity of the month at the middle school.

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