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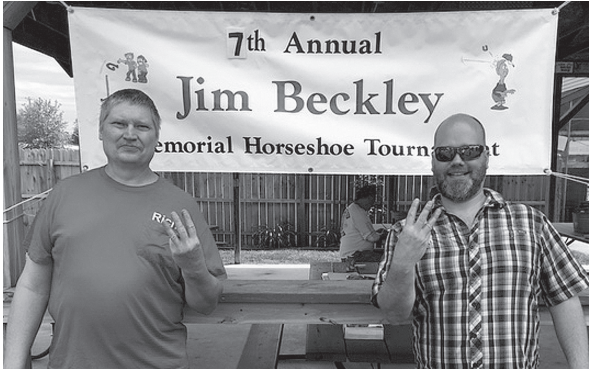


OFD 2017 Horseshoe Tournament winners

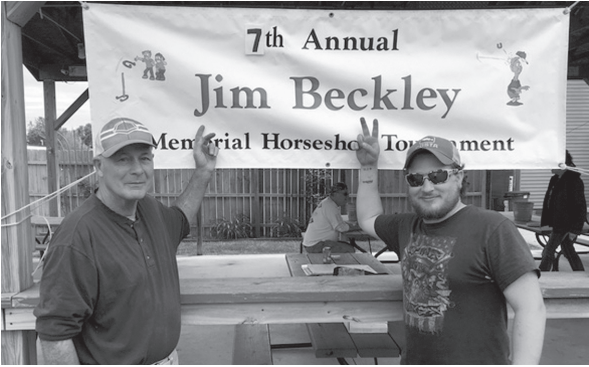
By DeVere Bendixen, Fruitport Lions Club



First Place Team: Peggy Stitt of Hesperia, Bob McAlinden of Nunica



Third Place: Rich Beckley of Muskegon and Rob Olmstead of Norton Shores



Second Place: Stan Jacobs of Ravenna and Mike Morrell of Twin Lake



Jim Beckley who is honored by the tournament

News from Fruitport Charter Township Treasurer

By Rose Dillon

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Fruitport Township is responsible for keeping the flag flying at the I-96 and US-31 intersection, and it is an expensive task. Since its inception we have relied on your donations to purchase the flags.

We would like to thank those who donated toward the flag fund. Fruitport Conservation Club was the largest donor with \$1,500, Port City Diesel at \$750 and many others came alongside with support to help keep the flag flying. You may not be aware that Fruitport's own Tim McFarland donates

hours of his time to switch out the flags and repair them so the life of a flag can last longer. Thank you, Tim!

FRUITPORT LIONS CLUB

Thank you to the Fruitport Lions Club for the donation to the fire department for the purchase of much needed emergency equipment.

WINTER 2017 TAX BILLS

We would not want to disappoint those of you who are excited to receive your winter tax bill. Be watching your mailbox around December 1st.

Fruitport Library News

By Rose Dillon

Thanks to those who donated the many books and other media as you helped us keep the library open until we began to purchase new books. The FDL Board hired Bethany Nettleton-Seeley as our Library Director. The Fruitport District Library (FDL) had a soft open January 2017 when our Librarian began to work directly from the library to keep the library open for those who wished to borrow donated materials and use the computers.

In order to open the library for full service the library would need to connect to the Lakeland Library Integrated Library System (ILS). Their requirement was for FDL to purchase 13,598 books, two years and newer, and have them entered into the ILS program. We asked for a waiver that would allow us to meet half of that requirement as soon as we could and the second half by February 2018. They granted us the waiver and our Library Director put the plan into action. Due to all the hard work the FDL was able to link the first half of the waiver of 6,800 books in order to offer ILS services by the first of April. In the interim library services was provided by Spring Lake Library during January, February and March.

Our Library Director has done amazing things for the library. The Board hired two new permanent part-time librarians, Ken and Beth to enhance children and teen/young adult programs. We contracted with Amy and Erica to help the librarian meet the second half of the ILS waiver requirement.

Thank you to the Fruitport Lions Club for sponsoring our August Magic Show Program held at the library.

Our Fruitport residents voted .75 mills for library operations for three years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Most of that funding has gone to build up the library from scratch. The Library Board has been watching the budget and are cautious with the funds you have entrusted us with to manage and

operate the library. We will work to have a proposal on the ballot in 2018 that will ask for a renewal for library funding.

Thank you Fruitport for your support and understanding as we continue to grow our library. Visit your Fruitport community library, FB and www.fruitport-districtlibrary.org. Please contact any Board members and/or the Library Director with questions. See FDL Board meeting schedule at the library and at Fruitport Township Hall.

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Mercy Health Appoints New President

Your chamber is excited that our former Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce Board Chair is now the President of Mercy Health. Gary's positive leadership style will be a great asset for our healthcare community and for the chamber. We look forward to working with Gary on new partnerships and collaborations.

Congratulations, Gary Allore!

