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The purpose of this paper is to be beneficial to the community it serves in every way possible.

Across three centuries!

By Jim Parker

Trinity Baptist Church, on the corner of Sheridan and Emens in Fruitport Township, is celebrating 120 years of serving our faithful Lord and Savior. Trinity Baptist Church, formerly known as Muskegon Heights Baptist Church, will celebrate the goodness of the Lord's blessings over the centuries on July 15 and July 22, 2012.

In July, 1891, Reverend J.C. Jacobs began with a vision that has continued to this year and will continue as the Lord leads. The history of the church includes the ministry of 27 pastors and the faithful ministry of laypersons as well. Senior Pastor Scott Church and assistant Pastor Daniel VanderVelde are currently serving the Lord at the church.

On each of the special Sundays, speakers will be reviewing God's blessings and looking to the Lord's leading for our future. Former pastor, Reverend Don Long, and Reverend Maynard Belt, former state representative of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches (MARBC), will be speaking on Sunday, July 15. On Sunday, July 22, Reverend Ken Floyd, state representative of MARBC, and Dr. John Greening, national representative for the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) will be speaking.

For a more detailed history and information about the church, please visit our website at trinitymuskegon.org.



Schultz family celebrates new arrival

Mason Lee Schultz was born Friday, April 13. He was 21 inches long; weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces; and made his appearance at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon.

Mason is the son of Joshua and Andrea Schultz and is the grandson of Bryan and Deanna Medendorp and Randy and Julie Schultz, all of Fruitport. •



Safety tips around horses

By Clara Carr (15 years old)

Every year at the end of July, the Muskegon County Fair opens to the public offering entertainment such as games for kids throughout the week; late night DJ's and dancing for teens; a motor derby and racing for motorheads; and a view of animals such as sheep, cows, pigs, goats, poultry, rabbits, dogs, and horses — all 4-H kids and teens strutting their stuff in show. I should notify you that the fair still has and shows horses, but the horses have been moved to farther barns as of last year. We call them the "Racing Barns." They are placed to the right of the horse show arena, down a gravel two-track.

People are still welcome to come, view, and maybe pet the horses. For the kids and teens who show horses, we do decorate and have stall themes for the different 4-H groups. This year's theme is "Planning to Exceed." Each group will plan ideas and themes for their own group, based upon this theme, although the individual group themes are secret until opening day.

Around horses, people must keep in mind that they have a variety of personalities, like people. Some horses spook easily and tend to be a little hard to handle for owners. People as visitors should understand that an animal nearly five or more times our size is a lot to handle for minors. To help keep clear of injuries and accidents, it is suggested to keep away from horses' back feet. If the horses have a ribbon in their tail, the owner is warning you to keep away: Their horses can be short tempered or irritable. The safe distance recommended from a horse's back feet is three to four feet, depending on how tall the horse is. Horses have very long legs to kick with if spooked or irritable.

Also, try to avoid having your hand too close to a horse's mouth. Horses are unable to see directly in front of them or in back, unless turning their head. Horses have strong smell and may think you have food in your hand, and the horse might nip or bite. A horse may also bite if irritable.

Every minor who shows horses works very hard at home and at open shows or group meets. They sacrifice a lot of time and have unconditional love for their horses, insuring that their horse is ready to take a huge step into fair. Reasons for that love are having a strong connection with their horse throughout the years and they care for each other. Myself and all 4-H people welcome all people to the Muskegon County Fair to have an enjoyable summer for all. •



Shelby Thurston and her horse, Thunder.



Morgan with her horse, Stormy (left); Clara and her horse, Louie (center) and Arica with her horse, Amber.



Kaitlyn and Sugar spend some time with their instructor, Shelby.

Muskegon County Youth Fair

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