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JONATHAN MONTESSORI AND WORLD LEARNER SCHOOL EXPANSIONS

At the Monday, November 21st City Council meeting, approval was given to authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds by the City to support the purchase of the building and expansion of the charter World Learner School (WLS) on Hundertmark Road. The World Learner School shares the building with the Jonathan Montessori School, which originally opened in 1972 and serves children age 2 years 9 months

to six years of age. The World Learner School serves children ages 6-14. It opened in 1995 with one class of children between the ages of six and eight. At that time the World Learner School was housed in the lower level of the building. Both schools have continued to grow, with the most recent building renovation taking place in January 2003. In 2004-2005 the middle school program was added and the first eighth grade class graduated in June 2006.

The World Learner School intends to purchase the entire building on Hundertmark Road with proceeds from the lease revenue bonds. Both schools have continued to grow, making the space too small for both of them to utilize. The WLS school intends to occupy all of the space for their 2012-2013 school year.

The City has been working with Jonathan Montessori to find a new location in the community. The Montessori school offers alternative learning choices to children in the southwest metro area. It is our hope that we will be able to find a new permanent location for Jonathan Montessori and be able to house both of these expanding learning institutions in the City of Chaska.

It should be noted that with the issuance of the lease revenue bonds, the City of Chaska is not generally obligated with any tax levy for these bonds. All revenue for payback of the bonds is generated from The World Learner School.

The City of Chaska is excited about this project and looks forward to continued partnerships with both schools into the future!



**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
OFFICE SCHEDULE**



All Chaska City Offices, including the Community Center, will be closed on Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holiday!

City Hall and the Municipal Services Building will also be closed on Friday, November 25th. The Community Center will observe its regular hours of 5:00 am to 10:00 pm on Friday.



Everyone is welcome to attend a free Thanksgiving dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church gymnasium at 4th and Oak Streets in Chaska from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Come enjoy a festive meal with great conversation and fellowship.

HOW BAZAAR IS THAT?

Talheim Apartments is holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Talheim dining room at 407 North Oak Street, Chaska. Shop from a selection of handmade crafts and baked goodies. The Garden Cafe is also open.



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY



This is a reminder of the Hometown Holiday celebration next Saturday, December 3rd in downtown Chaska. Local merchants are spreading holiday cheer with great deals and fun bargains.

Events include a Farmer's Market, horse drawn wagon rides, new History Center exhibit, tree lighting ceremony, and spaghetti dinner.

Watch for more details in the City Hall Bulletin next week.

AWWWKKK!

THERE ARE NO SPECIAL EVENTS GOING ON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER NEXT WEEK! GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WALK OFF YOUR TURKEY ON THE TREADMILL WITHOUT SUPERVISION.



HOW DID YOUR THANKSGIVING MEAL ORIGINATE?

Last year, the U.S. raised a whopping 244 million turkeys, according to the National Turkey Foundation. Of those birds, approximately 46 million found themselves roasting in ovens across the country last Thanksgiving. That means that almost 20% of the turkeys eaten in America are gobbled up on Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving probably did not include turkey however, but rather venison and some other types of fowl.



The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for "large melon" which is "pepon." "Pepon" was changed by the French into "pompon." The English termed it "pumpion" or "pompion."

Early American settlers of Plimoth Plantation (1620-1692), the first permanent European settlement in southern New England, might have made pumpkin pies (of sorts) by making stewed pumpkins or by filling a hollowed out shell with milk, honey and spices, and then baking it in hot ashes. An actual present-day pumpkin pie with crust is a myth, as ovens to bake pies were not available in the colony at that stage.



The Pilgrims learned all about cranberries from the Native Americans, who recognized the natural preservative power (benzoic acid) in the berries and often mixed them into pemmican (dried meat mixture) to extend its shelf life. Cranberry sauce came into the picture via General Ulysses S. Grant who ordered it served to the troops during the siege of Petersburg in 1864.

Stuffing in the middle ages was known as *farce*, from the Latin *farcire* (and French *farcir*) meaning to stuff. The term *stuffing* first appears in English print in 1538. After 1880, it seems the term *stuffing* did not appeal to the propriety of the Victorian upper crust, who began referring to it as *dressing*. Nowadays, the terms stuffing and dressing are used interchangeably, with *stuffing* being the term of preference in the South and East portions of the United States.



The green bean casserole was first created in 1955 by the Campbell Soup Company. Dorcas Reilly

led the team that created the recipe while working as a staff member in the home economics department. The inspiration for the dish was "to create a quick and easy recipe around two things most Americans always had on hand in the 1950s: green

beans and Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup."

Pecans have their origins in prehistory. The discovery of fossil remains along with millions of native pecan trees found along most major streams and irrigation canals in Texas and the northern part of Mexico indicate that this is the original home of the pecan, and that it spread north and east from this area. This also indicates that the pecan was here and producing long before Native Americans came there. The French created the PECAN PIE after settling in New Orleans and being introduced to the pecan by the Natives. Today, Southern orchards produce 250 million pounds in an average year with four-fifths of the pecan harvest sold as shelled nuts. The nuts ripen from mid-September until December and are harvested after they fall to the ground. No nuts are produced until trees are five or six years old.



In 1845, Peter Cooper obtained the first patent for a gelatin dessert. In 1895 Pearl B. Wait, a cough syrup manufacturer from New York bought the patent from Peter Cooper and turned the dessert into a prepackaged commercial product. His wife, May David Wait, renamed the dessert Jell-O. They were unsuccessful in selling the product. Frank Woodward, a school dropout who by the age of 20 had his own business, bought the rights to Jell-O for \$450. Among the products Woodward marketed were several patent medicines, Raccoon Corn Plaster, and a roasted coffee substitute called Grain-O. (Perhaps a precursor to Drain-O?) Sales were still slow so he offered to sell the rights to his plant superintendent for \$35. However, before the final sale, intensive advertising paid off and by 1906 sales reached \$1 million.



Josephine Cochrane invented a new advanced, hand-powered dishwasher in 1887. Cochrane was quite wealthy and was the granddaughter of John Fitch, the inventor of the steamboat. She never washed dishes herself and only invented the dishwasher because her servants were chipping her fine china.