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## Spring Fever at Iris Valley

**Time:** 4-8 p.m.  
Thurs., March 15

**Location:** IRIS VALLEY  
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110 Eldorado Dr., Jordan

**Cost:** FREE!

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### New preschool at St. John's

St. John's Lutheran Church & School, in downtown Chaska, has a new Early Learning Center called "Time to Grow." The center offers programs for preschool students and meets full-time or part-time between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

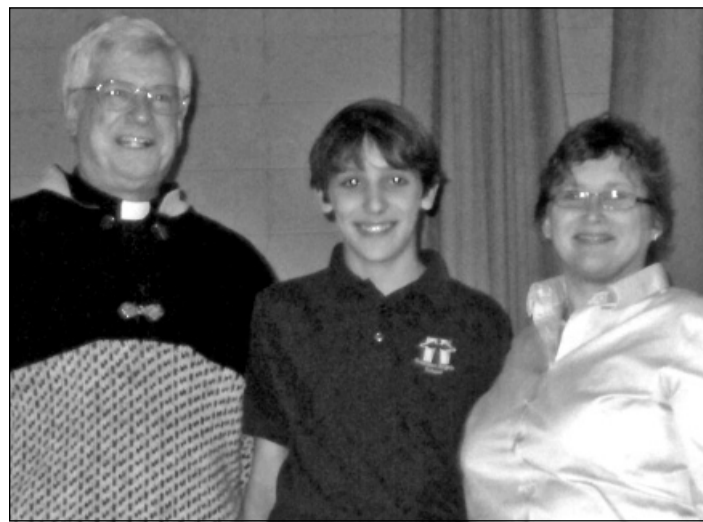
The new program is "rooted in faith, nurtured in excellence and cared for in love," according to a St. John's press release.

The preschool program, directed by Deanne Hoffer and Denise Adler, works on language development, personal and social development, and gross/fine motor skills.

The program fine-tunes the child's skills including kindergarten readiness; personal and social development; and motor skills. The "Time to Grow" schedule involves story time/Jesus time, gym time, art/science, computer time, music, recess, snacks and lunch, according to a release.

"Our daughter has been enrolled in the Time to Grow program since its beginning last fall, and it has been an enriching experience. She has developed some great friendships while continuing to strengthen her development and motor skills," stated Nathan Messer.

For more information about the program, contact Hofer at (952) 448-2526 or deanne.hofer@stjohns-chaska.org.



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### Geography Bee winner

Seventh-grader David Zugar finished first at Guardian Angel School's Geography Bee on Jan. 12. Zugar is pictured with the Rev. Doug Ebert, spokesperson of the event, and social studies teacher Lynn Girard.

grade, Chaska Middle School East; second place: Noah Hawke, eighth grade, Chaska Middle School East; third place, Bailey Van Eyll, eighth grade, Pioneer Ridge Middle School.

Finalist Medal Awards went to: Matthew Ewanika, sixth grade, Chaska Middle School East; Levi Kovic, fifth grade, Chanhassen Elementary; Dylan Marske, fifth grade, Victoria Elementary; Emma Ristau, seventh grade, Chaska Middle School West; and Thomas Rodgers, eighth grade, Pioneer Ridge Middle School. The fifth-grade trophy for the highest score from a fifth-grader went to Levi Kovic, Chanhassen Elementary.

school students and requires "close reading and analysis of many different kinds of prose and poetry" according to a press release.

In the year's second meet, in December, senior Shane Dirks earned a perfect score - an honor shared by only 27 other 12th graders nationwide. Junior Luke Walters earned a near-perfect score at the same time, placing among the 77 highest-scoring 11th graders nationwide. More than 54,000 students entered the meet. Another SWCHS senior, Christine Stevens, won honors in the first meet of the match.

The premise behind the WordMasters Challenge is that attentive reading and sensitivity to language are among the most important skills students acquire in school, the release stated.

Students analyze texts ranging from short fiction to poetry to magazine essays as part of the challenge.

### WordMasters at SouthWest

Two Southwest Christian High School students recently won honors in the WordMasters Challenge.

The competition is for high

### 31 finalists in Spelling Bee

Thirty-one finalists, from 10 schools across the district, recently participated in the 12th annual District 112 Spelling Bee, according to a District 112 newsletter.

Finalists included: first place, Vanessa Robbin, eighth

## BUSINESS

### Ridgeview gives over \$27 million

In 2010, Ridgeview Medical Center's physicians and medical and support staff gave more than \$27 million in services and in-kind contributions to the communities it serves, according to a report recently released by the Minnesota Hospital Association.

Ridgeview's free and reduced-cost programs and services ranged from charity care, free health screenings, health education, community health programs, in-kind donations to other nonprofit community health initiatives and more, according to a Ridgeview press release.

"One of the many ways Ridgeview demonstrates our mission is through our community benefit program," stated Robert Stevens, president and CEO, Ridgeview Medical Center. "We continually assess the needs of our five-county service area, identify service gaps and issues, use our resources, and work with other community groups to impact the health and wellness of the communities we serve."

In 2010, Ridgeview's community benefit contributions included offering reduced-cost mammograms to eligible women, free lactation consultations to new mothers, discounts to the uninsured and underinsured, free prostate and skin cancer screenings, financial support to the Carver County Health Partnership and Weststonka WeCAN service, and contributions due to the underfunding of Medicare/Medicaid.

In addition, Ridgeview provided free blood pressure checks to hundreds of people at health fairs, staffed community events with its ambulance and paramedic support, and sponsored initiatives to promote healthy lifestyle and family activities, such as the Walk on Waconia and city of Chaska 10K/5K run/walk event.

Ridgeview's contributions are included in the statewide Minnesota Hospital Association report, which highlights the \$3.4 billion in community benefit contributed in 2010 by Minnesota hospitals and health systems. According to the Minnesota Hospital Association:

■ The most significant growth in hospitals' community contributions is in the form of uncompensated care, which includes both "charity care" and "bad debt." Charity care increased by 27 percent from 2009 to 2010, to \$226.5 million. Uncompensated care increased by 4 percent to \$496.5 million.

■ Another driver of community contribution expenses is the actual cost of treating patients that exceed the payments hospitals receive from

Medicare and Medicaid.

Ridgeview Medical Center is an independent, regional health care network serving the west-metro area. Its award-winning network includes the Waconia-based acute care hospital, numerous primary and specialty care clinics, emergency services, specialty programs and Two Twelve Medical Center in Chaska. For more information, visit www.ridgeviewmedical.org or www.twotwelvemedical.org.

### Bremer joins Chaska Family

Dr. Angela J. Bremer, a chiropractor, recently joined Chaska Family Chiropractic.

Bremer is a 2005 graduate from Northwestern Health Science University.

She owned and operated Explore Chiropractic in Bemidji. After six years she decided to move her family back to the metro area.

She was a chiropractic intern for Dr. Chandra Miller at Chaska Family Chiropractic in 2004-2005. She recently returned from completing the last 25 hours of a six-month training program in advanced clinical nutrition.

Bremer is one of only 405 health practitioners who have graduated a very extensive Advanced Clinical Training program in Nutrition Response Testing, according to a press release. "I found the training to be invaluable as an upgrade of my clinical nutrition skills and abilities to help those who have had or are having physical difficulties which may well have a nutrition-related cause," Bremer stated.

Chaska Family Chiropractic is located at 103 West Second Street and has been serving the community for 13 years. For more information, call (952) 368-9958 or visit chaskafamilychiro.com.

### Mahone promoted to Allianz CAO

Chaska resident Cathy Mahone was promoted to the post of Chief Administrative Officer for Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, where she will be responsible for Enterprise Operations, IT, Compliance and other strategic initiatives.

Mahone also joins the company's Executive Leadership Group and will report directly to Allianz Life President and CEO Walter White.

"Cathy has had a tremendous positive impact since joining our organization in 2008. She has fostered a culture of continuous improvement and of always doing what is right for Allianz Life customers," stated White, in a press release. "Her leadership has generated increased customer satisfaction, stronger relationships with our partners, improved employee engagement, and significant gains in efficiency and productivity."

During her tenure as Allianz Life senior vice president of Enterprise Operations, departments under her leadership received several awards for service quality, including Dalbar's 2011 Financial Intermediary Service Quality Award and the 2011 Allianz Life Department of the Year award. Beyond leading several key initiatives for Allianz Life, Mahone also was instrumental in creating a partnership with Lifeworks, a nonprofit serving people with disabilities. Allianz Life has since employed eight Lifeworks clients and is a key business partner for the organization.

Prior to joining Allianz Life, Mahone held several leadership positions during her 20-year tenure at Ameriprise Financial. Mahone holds a master's degree in Business Communications from the University of St. Thomas and a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from the University of Minnesota. She also holds her FINRA Series 7 and 24 licenses.

Allianz Life is part of Allianz SE, a global business in the financial services industry with 150,000 employees worldwide and more than 75 million private and corporate customers.

### Staffing business moves in Chaska

The Work Connection has moved to a new location at 1580 White Oak Drive, Suite 150. The phone number will remain the same at (952) 368-4898.

The office is staffed by staffing professionals Amy Heitzman and Erin Raser, area manager Tara Korson, and business consultant Naomi Dahl.

The Work Connection provides recruiting, staffing, screening, and a variety of human resources services to its clients. Family-owned, and celebrating its 26th year in business in 2012, The Work Connection is based in St. Paul.

For more info, visit www.theworkconnection.com.



Naomi Dahl



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### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on April 5, 2012 at 10:00AM at Acorn Mini Storage, 149 N Jonathan Blvd., city of Chaska, county of Carver, state of Minnesota, the undersigned Acorn Mini Storage will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Unit # 419 Starr Green BBQ grills aquarium exercise equip. bicycle fishing equip. television power tools furniture boxes of unknown content # 4678170

Location: Chaska  
Sent Letters: 2/15/2012  
Cut Locks: 2/15/2012  
Auction: 4/5/2012

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**PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT ON THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012, A PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT WILL BE HELD FOR THE PRECINCTS LISTED BELOW. THE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CARVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 2:00 PM.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WITNESS THIS DEMONSTRATION, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DO SO AT THE ABOVE MENTIONED LOCATION.

PARTICIPATING PRECINCTS:  
SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSHIP  
WACONIA TOWNSHIP  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CARVER COUNTY TAXPAYER SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 952-361-1910 OR elections@co.carver.mn.us  
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### Legal Notice

Scott County has released a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Draft

Scoping Decision Document (SDD) for public comment on a proposed silica sand mining operation called Merriam Junction Sands Mining and Processing Facility. The project site is located in Section 16, 20, 21, 28, and 29 of Louisvill Township, Scott County. Copies of the scoping EAW and Draft SDD are available at the Shakopee and Jordan Library.

Copies are also available for review during County Courthouse office hours in the Environmental Health and Inspections Department. This EAW is also presented on the Scott County Web site (www.co.scott.mn.us). The comment period will be open from February 20, 2012 through March 21, 2012, as noted in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's newsletter, the EQB Monitor. Publication of the EQB Monitor is scheduled for February 20, 2012. Comments must be received before 4:30 P.M., March 21, 2012, for consideration. A public hearing will be held on March 13, 2012, at approximately 9:30 in the Scott County Courthouse Boardroom. Comments or questions regarding the Scoping EAW and draft SDD should be directed to Kate Sedlacek, Environmental Health at (952) 496-8351 or mailed to: Kate Sedlacek, Environmental Health Office, 200 Fourth Avenue West, Shakopee, MN 55379-1393. E-mailed responses will also be accepted at (ksedlacek@co.scott.mn.us) which is also accessible by link from the County Web site.  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CARVER CHASKA, MINNESOTA

Appeal for a Variance  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday the 7th day of March, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Social Services Wing in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Carver County Government Center, Chaska, Minnesota, the Carver County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the ap-

plication of Charles Wickenhauser for a variance pursuant to Chapter 152 of the County Code.

The application is being made for the following described property (full legal description is on file with the application):

Approx. 1.5 acres in the NW1/4 of NE1/4 Section 3, Benton Township

Address: 11405 110th St  
If approved, this variance would allow Mr. Wickenhauser to construct a second driveway off of 110th St, on the above described property, for access to a proposed accessory structure with sidewalls of approximately 14 feet in height. The ordinance limits one driveway access per property and a maximum sidewalk height of 12 feet on accessory structures on properties of less than or equal to two acres in size.

All persons interested are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter. Written comment may be mailed to:

Dept. of Land Management  
600 East Fourth Street  
Carver County Government Center

Chaska, MN 55318-2102  
Carver County Board of Adjustment  
By: Steve Just  
Land Management Department Manager  
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**The Public Notice deadline for the Chaska Herald is at 4 p.m. Thursday for the following week's issue. Faxes are not accepted.**