



## BRIEFS

### Lake Crystal man hurt in fall from bin

**LAKE CRYSTAL** — A 40-year-old rural Lake Crystal man is in satisfactory condition after being airlifted to the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis when he fell from a grain bin on his farm in Lincoln Township. Robert Schroeder was working on the grain bin when he fell to the ground, a Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department report said. No one witnessed the fall, but Schroeder was able to holler for help. One of his children called 911 at 8:11 a.m.

The Mayo One air ambulance was sent to the scene and transported Schroeder to the hospital. How far Schroeder fell was not known, the report said.

### MSU students finish walk to Capitol

**MANKATO** — Two Minnesota State University students finished their 95-mile walk to the state Capitol to highlight concerns over rising tuition. Brett Anderson and Tom Williams, who are leaders of the MSU Student Association, left MSU last Friday and arrived on the Capitol steps Monday.

While lawmakers were wrapping up a special session, the two did get to talk with some legislators. Anderson and Williams had contacted gubernatorial candidates and lawmakers about their trek and are hoping to get candidates to come to MSU this fall for a forum with students.

They said increasingly shifting more higher education costs onto students breaks a commitment made by the state to fund 50 percent of college costs.

### Group ride planned for today

**MANKATO** — In honor of National Ride Your Bike to Work Day, Flying Penguin Outdoor Sports is organizing a group ride at 6 p.m. today. Riders will meet at the bike shop, located in the Galleria East Mall, 624 N. Victory Drive, and will cruise downtown together.

For more information, call the Flying Penguin at 345-4754.

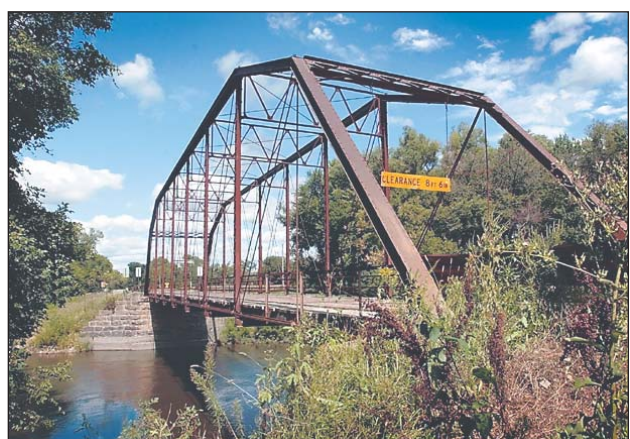
### East hosting last planetarium show

**MANKATO** — The Mankato East High School Planetarium, 2600 Hoffman Road, will host its end of the year show at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 28.

The show features mythological Greek and Roman stories about several of our current seasonal constellations. In addition, guests will view the edges of the known universe and look at stars found in the Mankato skies.

The public is invited to attend this no cost event. Because of limited seating, reservations are required. To make a reservation, call 507-387-5671.

# Amboy bridge on 'endangered' list



File photo

The Dodd Ford Bridge in Amboy is included on the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's list of 10 most endangered historic places.

Dodd Ford Bridge, built in 1901, has been threatened with replacement since 1970s

**AMBOY** — A historic bridge in Amboy, which has been closed to traffic for about a year, has joined a county courthouse, Minnesota's oldest Dairy Queen and a concourse overlooking one of Minnesota's largest lakes on a list of the state's most endangered historic places.

The Dodd Ford Bridge in Amboy is believed to be one

of only a few remaining camelback truss bridges in the state. It was built in 1901 and has been threatened with replacement since 1970s. Its use had declined in the 1940s and 1950s after a new Highway 30 bridge was built a few miles north to accommodate heavier traffic.

The bridge was included on the Preservation Alliance

of Minnesota's list of 10 most endangered historic places, which was released Thursday. The list has been compiled for the past 17 years through a nomination process. A jury, including representatives from the Minnesota Historical Society and Society of Architectural Historians, selected this year's list in February.

"The Dodd Ford Bridge Preservation society has submitted a rehabilitation proposal to the Blue Earth

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## Betsy and Tacy Houses dedication inspires

# RETURN TO PAST



Pat Christman

Children listen to Barb Dunker (left) and Susan Hynes' portrayal of literary friends Maud Hart Lovelace and Frances Kenney Kirch from the Betsy-Tacy books during a ceremony Thursday dedicating the Betsy and Tacy Houses as National Literary Landmarks.

## Wide gap in Minn., national unemployment

State rate is 7.2 percent compared to 9.9 national rate

Minnesota employers added 10,200 jobs in April, according to figures released Thursday by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.2 percent in April, down from a revised 7.3 percent in the previous

month. The U.S. unemployment rate is 9.9 percent.

City and county unemployment rates will be released in a few days.

Meanwhile, new claims for unemployment benefits in Minnesota were down nearly 11,000 or 31 percent in April compared with a year ago.

Six of the state's 11

major industry sectors added jobs in April, including manufacturing, which posted gains for the fourth consecutive month with 1,500 new positions. Other gains occurred in trade, transportation and utilities (up 5,700), government (up 2,200), education and health care (up 1,600), leisure and hospitality (up

700), and information (up 300). Logging and mining held steady in April.

Job losses occurred in other services (down 900), financial activities (down 500), professional and business services (down 300), and construction (down 100).

— Tim Krohn

## Anthony Hauser taking cancer diagnosis 'one day at a time'

The Associated Press

**SLEEPY EYE** — A Minnesota man whose son fled the state because his parents wanted to avoid court-ordered chemotherapy said that he has cancer but isn't ruling out chemotherapy.

Anthony Hauser, 55, of Sleepy Eye told reporters at his

farm this week that he was diagnosed last month with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia. For now, he is treating the disease with blood transfusions and dietary therapies, similar to what he and his wife first wanted for their 14-year-old son, Daniel.

But Hauser said he isn't rul-

ing out later chemotherapy or radiation.

"It's up to God, I guess, what happens, but I'm just going to take it one day at a time, one step at a time."

His wife fled to California with Daniel early last year after a judge ordered the boy to undergo chemotherapy for

Hodgkin's lymphoma, which his doctors said was highly curable but would likely be fatal without treatment. His parents wanted to use alternative therapies.

The case made national headlines and triggered a

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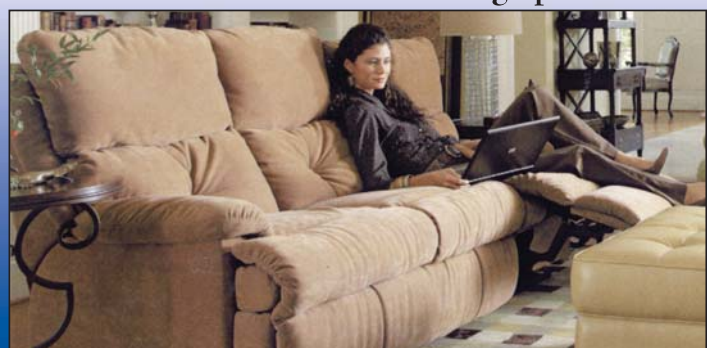


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