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# **Basin Electric signs contract for wind energy**

### Associated Press

BISMARCK — Basin Electric has signed a power purchase agreement with a new wind project to be developed in South Dakota.

The project is co-owned by Fagen Inc. of Granite Falls, Minn., and the principals of Dakota Plains Energy in Aberdeen, S.D. It's scheduled to go online by

the end of 2015.

Dakota Plains Energy President Rob Johnson says the Campbell County wind farm will provide 98 megawatts of energy to

Upper Midwest. Basin's announcement follows its November an-

nouncement to enter into two power purchase agree-

nearly 30,000 homes in the ments for an additional ri says the projects will 278 megawatts of wind power from projects in North Dakota.

> Basin CEO and General Manager Andrew Ser

help bring the renewable portion of the company's generating portfolio up to more than 1,100 megawatts.

# Last-minute insurance shoppers get 1-day extension

### Associated Press

CHICAGO - Anticipating heavy traffic on the government's health care website, the Obama administration extended Monday's deadline for signing up for insurance by a day, giving Amer-

icans in 36 states more time to select a plan.

It was the latest in a series of pushed-back deadlines and delays that have marked the rollout of the health care law.

But federal officials urged buyers not to procrastinate.

'You should not wait until tomorrow. If you are aiming to get coverage Jan. 1, you should try to sign up today," said Julie Bataille, a spokeswoman for the federal agency in charge of the overhaul.

Bataille said the grace

period — which runs through Tuesday — was being offered to accommodate people from different time zones and to allow for any technical problems that might result from a last-minute rush of applicants.



## No Journal Wednesday; office will be closed

### Daily Journal

Along with many other businesses in Fergus Falls and Otter Tail County, in- The Daily Journal will not cluding government offices,

publish a paper on Wednesand many retail businesses, day, Christmas Day, and its

offices will also be closed. Regular business hours will resume on Thursday.

## Court: Man 'pursued' deer while in blind

### Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled Monday that a man who had a loaded weapon while he was concealed in a deer blind was "pursuing" deer under state law — and that he needed a hunting license.

The ruling stems from a 2011 case in which Roger Schmid was cited in Stearns County for hunting without a license, after a Department of Natural Resources officer found him sitting on an all-terrain vehicle in a camouflage deer blind during the hunting season armed with a load-

hunting involves entering the animal's habitat. anticipating when a deer will come, and waiting to take a shot. While the state statute doesn't define the word "pursuing," the judges said intentionally intercepting and awaiting prey constitutes pursuit under state law.

"Pursuit of course can mean physically chasing, but it would be silly to limit it to that meaning, especially in the deer-hunting context," Appeals Court Judge Kevin Ross wrote.

Schmid's attorney, John Neal, had no immediate comment on Monday's ruling, but said he hadn't yet talked with Schmid and wasn't sure whether they would appeal. The Appeals Court said the word "pursue" is nuanced in the context of hunting, and noted that hunting methods vary depending on the animal

being sought. In turkey hunting, for example, the hunter enters the woods and searches for markings, scares a flock so the turkeys flee. The hunter then doesn't chase the birds, but waits for hens as they return.

"In the hunting context, it would be absurdly literal to say that his initially entering the flock is 'pursuing' while his waiting under cover for a returning bird is not," Ross wrote.

The judges said they believe the Legislature understood the different methods of hunting when it created the law.

than overtakes it from behind does not disqualify the conduct as pursuit,' the ruling said.

At the time of the incident, Schmid told the DNR officer that he had shot a deer the night before, but the officer noted Schmid's license lacked a bonus permit to shoot a second deer. So the officer cited him. Schmid then offered other explanations, saying he was hunting in a party with others, that he was nature watching and that he was coyote hunting.

At trial, Schmid and his wife claimed he wasn't hunting, but was waiting to pick up the deer he shot the night before. The Appeals Court said the conflicting explanations created credibility issues, and Schmid's intent could be inferred from the circumstances.

ed 12-gauge, scoped shotgun.

Schmid appealed his conviction, claiming he wasn't "pursuing" deer because he wasn't directly chasing or tracking game.

But the Appeals Court disagreed, saying deer

"Fairly and reasonably applying the statute to deer hunting, pursuit occurs when the hunter has taken action to close the distance between himself and the deer by entering its habitat to shoot it; that the hunter intentionally intercepts his prey rather

### Library: Comment: enclosed space needed

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"My kids love to come to the library, but it is hard for them to be quiet when they are getting excited about their books," according to a community survey respondent. "With the children's area being open to all the other areas. I feel bad disturbing other groups so we do not come as often as they would like to."

Members of the Families with Young Children focus group discussed feeling uncomfortable when their children were noisy at the library and said they would get "looks" from people studying, reading or using computers.

"It can sometimes be a factor for people not wanting to bring their kids to the library," Krohn said. "We want it to be welcoming for everyone.'

Another member of that focus group noted that the library needs an enclosed activity space for children to "curl up with a book" or play with toys where they won't disturb others.

Some family-friendly amenities are not offered, including a family restroom near the children's area (69.5 percent of survey respondents indicated this is important for the library to provide), stroller parking (53.1 percent) and a nursing/carying room within the children's area (52.2 percent).

Another concern is safety. With a partially enclosed children's area, for example, children would be less likely to become separated from their caregivers.

"There's a lot going on at any given time," Krohn said. "The library's a destination for a lot of the families in the community.

And the space issues to be addressed don't just surround the children's area. The key is to have appropriate spaces for all users of H today's 21st century librar- HI ies, according to Library Director Erin Smith.



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