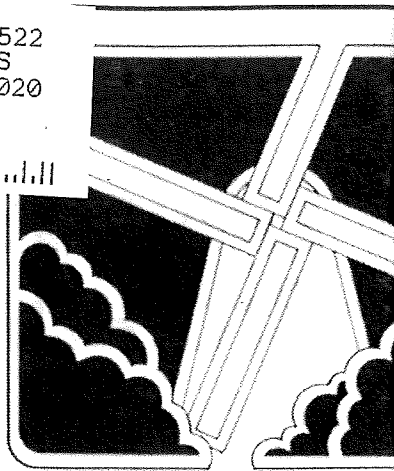


*****ALL FOR ADC 55522
 2623 10-01-09 7P 2S
 DENALI ENERGY INC **R020
 13954 CYPRESS DR STE 100
 BAXTER MN 56425-8812

Mus

*top seed in Section 6
 baseball tournament*

see story on page 2



First phase of wind farm construction planned for Berthold and Carpio areas

By Caroline Downs

Momentum and interest in the Hartland Wind Farm project continue to grow, especially with recent announcements about transmission line development from American Electric Power and ITC Holdings.

Now, locations for turbines will be selected for the first 500 megawatt phase of the project, and the time has come for landowners situated within those townships to make their final decisions about signing on with Hartland Wind Farm if they have not already done so.

"We've been out here over a year and given everybody an opportunity," said Craig Swenson, principal with Denali Energy based in Baxter, Minnesota. He ticked off a list of project tasks currently underway that includes archaeological, avian and environmental studies, wetland delineation, permitting and engineering, as well as ongoing communication with state and federal officials and agencies.

"So many people want to see a shovel in the ground or a turbine being lifted before they decided," Swenson said, "but we can't promise if we'll be able to sign them up after a future date."

He explained that a team of project engineers will spend a few weeks in the area beginning in late August to match data taken from maps, GPS and other sources with the realities on the ground. "They'll be pounding stakes for potential turbine sites," he said. Factors such as missile silo and oil well locations will be taken into account along with distances from homesteads, towns and cities, railroads and other infrastructure.

161-88				
Kenmare				
160-89	160-88	160-87		
159-89	159-88	159-87		
White Ash				
158-87	158-86 Renville Co.			
Carpio		Mayland		
157-87	157-86	157-85	157-84	157-83
Berthold		Foxholm		
156-87	156-86	156-85	156-84	156-83
155-87	155-86	155-85	155-84	155-83
154-87	154-86	154-85	154-84	154-83

First on the list . . . The townships of Carpio, Berthold, Mayland, Foxholm, and White Ash as the most likely to see the first construction of wind towers in the area.

struction process of the first phase, which will include more than 300 wind turbines, as a large-scale effort. "They're going to come in and excavate 300 sites at a time," he said. "Then, they're going to come in with concrete and rebar enough for 300 sites at a time. These are not going to go up turbine-by-turbine."

formation shared."

Project overview and contact information

Hartland Wind Farm proposes to build and maintain a wind project in Ward, Mountrail, Burke and Renville counties capable of generating 2,000 MW of electricity firmed with power from natural

constructed in Foxholm, Carpio, White Ash, Berthold and Mayland townships. Several landowners in those townships have already signed option agreements to allow the study of their property for placement of turbines, cables and other associated infrastructure. Once favorable turbine sites have been chosen, those landowners will discuss easements with the Denali staff.

Next phase to be driven by landowner commitment

Jon Dostal, project manager with Denali Energy, advised other landowners within the entire project area, which extends north to the Canadian border and west into Burke and Mountrail counties, to decide soon about joining the project. In fact, the location and construction of the second 500 MW phase of the project will be determined by the landowners' participation.

"We're going to go to where we've got the land," Dostal said. "Once we get out here with construction, we don't want to stop at 500 megawatts. If everybody just waits until Phase I is done, that will jeopardize how quickly we get to the next phase."

Dostal, Swenson and other principals and project managers from Denali have sent thousands of letters, held numerous public meetings and made countless individual visits during the past 14 months to talk about Hartland Wind Farm, and they remain excited about the potential for wind development in the region. "Nobody's considered this area seriously for wind energy because of [the lack of] transmission," Swenson said. "Now, we've got the leading companies in the field working to get this done with the state's blessing [and goal] to be the number one energy exporter in the United States."

He continued, "The opportunity is right here to meet renewable energy demand. We will be putting the equivalent of [power from] six nuclear plants through a transmission line to the East. The last thing I want is for anyone to come up later and say they wished they'd signed on."

Time is of the essence at this point, however, with the project engineers expecting a final list of landowners for consideration in Phase I by the end of July. "We're not going to publicize who has signed and who has not," Swenson said. "This is private information. But we want to keep on going, and the landowners will dictate where our path will be going."

He described the actual con-

scope of the project. "It's go-big-or-go-home," he said. "We can act as an anchor here and let [other energy generation projects] get hooked up."

While the turbines go up, transmission lines will be under construction. "ITC and others are looking at a time frame to get this done between here and Illinois," Swenson said. "We've got to keep moving to stay on schedule with the many people who are involved in this. We should be flicking on a switch for that first 500 megawatts sometime in the second quarter of 2011."

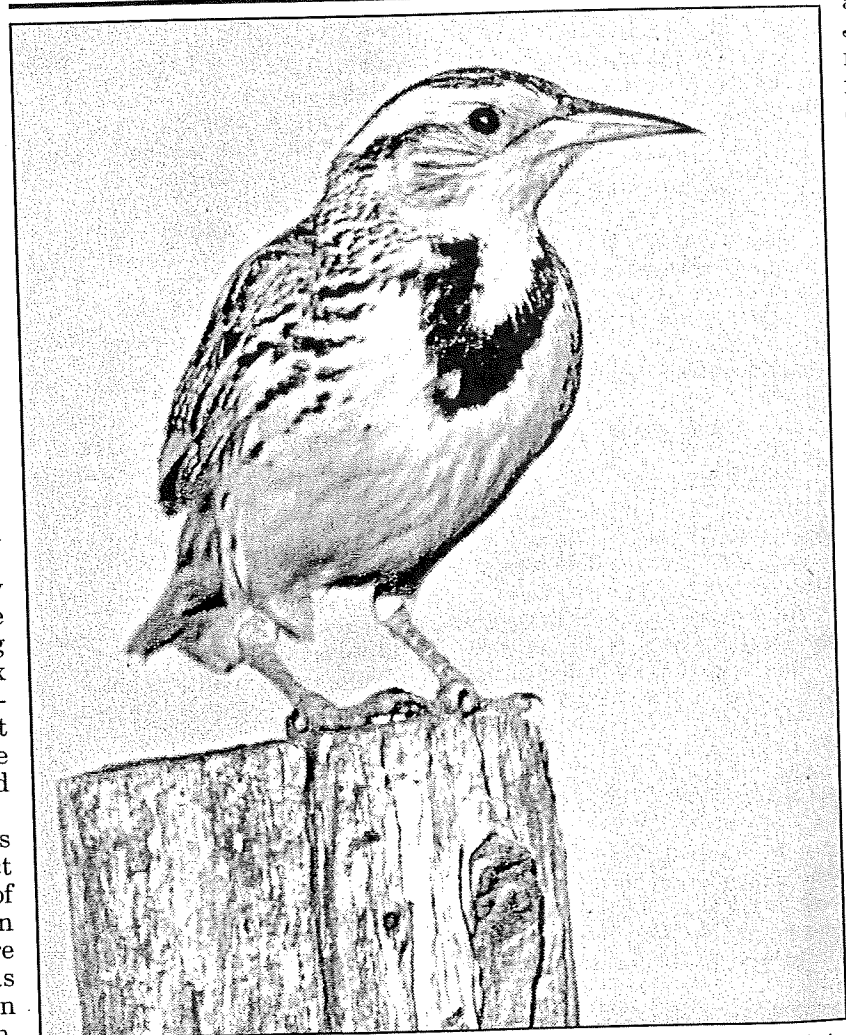
He repeated Denali's commitment to maintaining optimum agricultural production and wildlife habitat within the project area. "We've got the talent and the people to get this done," he said.

Swenson emphasized that persons with questions about the option and easement agreements should feel free to call him. "We will lay out any of that information at any time," he said. "I keep a blank copy of the option agreement next to my phone. We don't want misin-

Michigan, has proposed the Green Power Express transmission network to provide grid access for many of the highest efficiency wind farms in the upper Midwest, traversing portions of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana to connect with existing extra high-voltage 765 kV lines to transport that energy to markets throughout the eastern United States.

American Electric Power, of Columbus, Ohio, has announced intentions to build a multi-state, extra-high voltage transmission project across the Upper Midwest to support the development of renewable energy, and would collaborate with Hartland Wind Farm regarding the western terminus of that transmission line.

Landowners and other individuals with further questions about the proposed development of Hartland Wind Farm are invited to contact Swenson at Denali Energy by calling 1-877-557-1031 or 218-824-6802. He can also be reached by email at craigs@denalicompanies.com.



State bird . . . They are seldom seen in town, but North Dakota's state bird can be seen, and heard, in many areas once you leave the city limits. Area wildlife photographer, Chester Nelson, snapped this shot of a meadowlark this past week near Kenmare.

It doesn't pay to get thinking much about time because it's depressing. You can't put your finger on it. Time has no beginning we can imagine and no end we can conceive of. Time is endless in both directions--behind us and in

ing overweight. The funny thing about that is I'm a nut about having my watch accurate to the second. I guess I want to know exactly how late I am. It's interesting to consider whether, in the 21st century, we're

concerning the passage of time. While it's certainly true that we're usually reluctant to have it pass by too fast, there are times--when we're in some unpleasant situations--that it can't go past fast enough to suit us.

Time passes too slowly for me

sleep faster.

The little poem I first read when I was about 10 often comes to mind:

*Backward, turn backward, O
Time in your flight*

*Make me a child again just for
tonight.*

spent the night and Cecelia R. This past home of John bauer were B Lewis from B here to attend reunion.

Maureen M and Ellen Stein



FRESH EYES

Caroline Downs

Don't be late . . .

Two times in my life when I've been nearly too late for an opportunity still haunt me.

The first came in second grade, when someone decided to start a Brownie troop in our little South Dakota town.

All the proper announcements were made at school weeks ahead, but I don't recall any of my friends talking about it. I do remember insisting to my mother that I wasn't really interested. By then, we'd camped along the Missouri River several times, and I figured I was already doing what the Brownies did.

So I didn't think too much about it until the day of the first actual meeting, when I was walking home from school. Suddenly I felt just

dreadful about missing it. I still can't name a specific reason--only that by the time I reached the front door I was frantic. I doubt I said anything coherent to my mother, but she let me go, by myself, and I remember this next part vividly: tears pooling and heart pounding as I walked and then ran all the way back, afraid of being late and turned away from the group.

Of course, I wasn't rejected and I stayed in Girl Scouts through 6th grade, selling cookies and earning badges.

The second time I almost missed an opportunity occurred in the late 1990s, when a friend and I were dithering about graduate school. We both worked as teachers and had taken the dreaded GRE. A

new program in Vermont focused on writing for children appealed to us, but I couldn't see myself in the role of a writer.

Finally, my friend took the plunge and sent her application, then casually mentioned it one day. I responded viscerally, my stomach roiling and heart again pounding. The two of us had written and taught writing together for years. I didn't want to be left behind.

I committed myself in record time, complete with a student loan and plane ticket to New England. There's not enough space here to list all the ways I benefited from that program, but experiences at Vermont College have had a direct impact on my career at *The Kenmare News*.

Those are two small examples, but the opportunity now presenting itself to folks in this area is huge, perhaps so large we have trouble envisioning the changes it will bring. Engineers for Hartland Wind Farm will make their first visit to the region in late August, with intentions of marking exactly where they think wind turbines should be built in the five townships designated as Phase I. Land-

owners in that area need to decide very soon, like this week, if they're in or out of the project.

And landowners in the rest of the project area, which spans hundreds of square miles, also need to determine if they're going to grab the brass ring of this opportunity. When I spoke with Jon and Craig last week during their visit from the Denali Energy offices, they were clear that they weren't going to pressure people or hold a "no" decision against someone.

They were also clear in saying the next phases of the wind farm will be built where adjoining tracts of land can be considered. And they were *most* clear when they talked about the difficulty of adding someone who waits until the towers are under construction before coming forward to say, "But what about me?"

This opportunity is here and happening. Whether landowners choose to join the project or not is entirely their own decision, as it should be.

Sitting on the fence, however, waiting to see what happens at the neighbor's place, is not an option much longer.

Fri.,
Class of 1950
Ernie and Pat
3rd Ave NE). I
snacks.

Sat.,
Class of 1950
Afterwards I
school; 6 pm, m
a catered meal

Mon.
Humdinge
at Mouse River

Mon.
Lakeview
pm at the Jar
attend this imp

Mo
Public Hea
in the First Di

of the Finnish community. Services are on display in the pres- ings are on display in the pres- ervices were conducted in Finnish ent church. Most of the original

Summer
Sample