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Champaign wind farm can proceed

Ohio Supreme Court again sides with developers, Power Siting Board, against project's opponents.

By Matt Sanctis
Staff Writer

A controversial wind farm in Champaign County took another step forward Wednesday after the

Ohio Supreme Court ruled 5 to 2 to uphold a state board's decision to grant a permit for the project. It was the second time the wind farm's fate came down to a decision by the court. The justices

issued a similar ruling in 2012, after opponents raised concerns about the project's safety, and whether the Ohio Power Siting Board followed proper procedures when granting a certificate for the project. In both cases, the court sided with the OPSB and the wind farm's developers, arguing opponents

did not provide sufficient evidence to overturn the state's initial decision. Champaign County prosecutors did not return a call seeking comment Wednesday. Officials from Everpower, the developer of the proposed wind

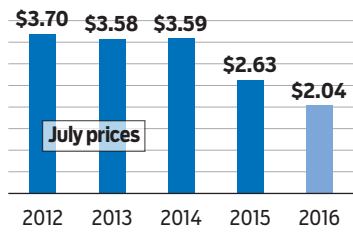
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The News-Sun has provided award-winning coverage of the Buckeye Wind Farm in Champaign County, from the earliest stages of its development to disputes in Ohio's highest court.

GAS PRICES

Gas prices expected to be lowest since 2004

The price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline is expected to drop to an average of \$2.04 nationally this July.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
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U.S. drivers can expect to gasoline prices this summer to average about 22 percent less than last year. The U.S. Energy Information Administration on Tuesday said it expects the average summer price for a gallon to be \$2.04. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

U.S. summer gas prices expected to hit 12-year low; Ohio about \$2.50

June is seen as good month for drivers in southwest Ohio.

By Brian Kollars
Staff Writer

Summer vacation stops at the gas pump likely will cost less this

year, although one expert says fuel prices in southwest Ohio will hover above the national average for the next several months. The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline nationally is expected to average \$2.04 this summer, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That's a 22-percent drop

from 2015, and would be the lowest average since 2004. Two years ago, the average price per gallon was \$3.59. Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com, expects the price of gas in the region to be in the \$2.50 range

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COLUMBUS BUREAU

Bill sets rules for use of marijuana

Ohio House may introduce legislation to legalize medical use this week.

By Laura A. Bischoff
Columbus bureau

COLUMBUS — Ohio lawmakers Wednesday proposed a medical marijuana program that would let doctors recommend pot to their patients, give employers the right to fire workers who use it and grant wide regulatory authority to a nine-member agency. The Ohio House is expected to introduce the bill this week and begin hearings in a special committee headed by state Rep. Kirk Schuring, R-Canton. The plan is skimpy on details about how medical marijuana

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Speaker of the Ohio House Cliff Rosenberger announces plans for legislation that would legalize marijuana in Ohio for medical use. CONTRIBUTED

CONTINUING COVERAGE

'No longer any doubt' Zika causes birth defects, director of CDC says

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There is now enough evidence to definitively say that the Zika virus can cause unusually small

heads, brain damage and other neurological problems in infants born to infected mothers, officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday. The conclusion should settle

months of debate about the connection between the infection and the birth defects, called microcephaly, the officials said. "There is no longer any doubt that Zika causes microcephaly," said CDC director Dr. Thomas R. Frieden.

He said the conclusion, reached after evaluating "mounting evidence from many studies," signifies "an unprecedented association" in medicine. Among the evidence: Signs of

the Zika virus, which is spread primarily through mosquito bites, have been found in the brain tissue, spinal fluid and amniotic fluid of microcephalic babies.

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NATION & WORLD, A3
Regulators reject plans of 5 major banks

Five big U.S. banks lack credible plans to wind down operations if they start to fail, regulators say.

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Wright State cancels men's spring tennis

LOCAL & STATE, B2
Congressman objects to removal of Bible

Mike Turner writes a letter taking issue with the change to a display at Wright-Patterson.



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Springfield Symphony to feature violinist

A Russian-American guest musician will help set the mood for "Russian Passion."



LIFE, D1
Springfield university to hold 'Spelling Bee'

Wittenberg's Department of Theatre and Dance will feature a musical comedy starting tonight.

LOCAL & STATE, B2
Springfield woman indicted in jail inmate's death

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