

**Police Honor 12-Year-Old After Burglary**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police have honored a 12-year-old girl who kept her cool when a burglar broke into her house while she was home alone.

The Omaha World-Herald reports police gave Katelyn Allen an award for bravery and courage during an all-school assembly before 450 students at Westbrook Elementary.

Katelyn, a sixth grader, was home on spring break April 15 when she heard a bang at the back door. She took a cell-phone into a bathroom, locked the door and called 911. When the burglar tried to break into the bathroom, she climbed out a window.

Officer Brian Vanderheiden, who responded to Katelyn's call, says she responded perfectly. He called her the calmest person he's come across when responding to a burglary call.

The burglar managed to run off.

**Gov. Appoints Transport Commissioner**

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a new member to the state's transportation commission.

The Department of Transportation announced Wednesday that Kathy Zander of Pierre has been chosen to serve a four-year term. She will succeed Sam Tidball who served for 20 years on the commission.

Zander is the executive director of the South Dakota Agri-business Association and the South Dakota Grain and Feed Association in Pierre. She has a degree in agronomy from South Dakota State University.

Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist says Zander's understanding of the transportation challenges in a rural state will benefit the commission.

The commission has eight other members.

**Police Investigate Armed Bank Robbery**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police are investigating an armed bank robbery in northwest Omaha.

Police say in a news release that officers were called to a U.S. Bank branch at 89th and Maple streets late Wednesday morning.

Bank employees told police that three people entered the bank, displayed firearms and demanded money. Witnesses say one of the suspects assaulted two bank employees during the robbery. Police say after getting an undetermined amount of cash, the suspects fled on foot to the south.

No arrests have been made.

Omaha Crime Stoppers, in partnership with the local bankers association, offers up to a \$25,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of bank robbery suspects.

**Man Accused Of Killing Gets Life**

CHAMBERLAIN (AP) — A man accused of fatally shooting his fiancée in rural Chamberlain has been sentenced to life in prison without parole after changing his plea to guilty.

The 37-year-old Kent Davidson pleaded guilty to first-degree murder on Wednesday at the Brule County Courthouse. Authorities contend Davidson shot Crystal Schulz in the head on March 11, 2013. Her body was found three days later in a shed at her mother's place.

He was arrested in Sioux Falls hours later after a standoff with police.

Davidson and Schulz were engaged, but court documents say Schulz was ending their relationship.

**GFP Wants To Rebuild Deer Herds By Allowing Hunters Fewer Does**

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Trying to rebuild South Dakota's deer populations, state wildlife biologists want fewer does taken by hunters during the 2014 rifle seasons this fall.

Their plan calls for greatly reducing two-tag and three-tag licenses, especially those that can be used only for taking antler-less deer.

Those reductions would be partially offset by offering more single-tag licenses that can be used for any deer including bucks.

The overall effect of the Wildlife Division's plan would be tens of thousands fewer does killed by hunters this autumn and therefore many more does available to bear fawns next year.

Their recommendations for all of the 2014 deer seasons will be presented and discussed during the state Game, Fish and Parks Commission meeting today (Thursday) and Friday at Sylvan Lake Resort Lodge in Custer State Park.

The commission will formally decide what to propose and then hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. CDT on June 5 in Yankton at the commission's next meeting.

Another effect of the changes being considered could be fewer hunters taking multiple deer.

One of the observations made by GFP biologists and managers in recent years is that South Dakota's deer populations have faced increasing pressures because hunters can participate in so many different deer seasons.

Drought has contributed in various ways to fewer deer, too, by reducing natural cover and making deer more susceptible to localized disease outbreaks.

Strong returns on crops in recent years have also led farmers to more intensively clear tree belts and drain wetlands.

For the East River season, the Wildlife Division recommends dropping the total tags from 50,635 in 2013 to 30,075 this year.

Nearly all of that reduction would come in antler-less tags. The any-deer tags would be cut from 21,465 to 19,375.

The West River season would see an increase of 13,825 one-tag licenses and elimination of 13,855 two-tag and 3,745 three-tag licenses for South Dakota residents. Similar shifts are recommended for the licenses for non-residents.

Does would be especially protected under the West River recommendations. The total any-deer tags would decrease from 17,750 in 2013 to 16,075 this year, while the antler-less tags would be slashed from 27,000 in 2013 to 3,855 this year.

The one change for the Black Hills season would be no antler-less whitetail licenses this year. There were 100 for residents and eight for non-residents in 2013.

Otherwise, the Black Hills recommendations call for 3,000 resident and 240 non-resident any-whitetail licenses again for 2014, along with 200 resident and 16 non-resident any-deer licenses again.

For archery hunters the plan calls for unlimited any-deer licenses and unlimited one-tag antler-less whitetail licenses.

Hunters who use muzzle-loaders would see some changes under the recommendations. There would be the same 1,000 any-deer licenses available, but the unlimited any-deer antlerless licenses are to be changed to unlimited antlerless whitetails.

Muzzle-loader hunters also would be limited to no more than two muzzle-loader licenses, and only one could be an antlerless whitetail license.

The youth deer-hunting season would have a new restriction. The biologists recommend youth be limited to one single-tag any-antlerless license apiece.

The recommendations also call for closing the landowner free-antlerless deer license program for 2014.

Hunters overall took about 17,800 fewer deer in 2013 than in 2012.

**Panel Puts Edgemont Uranium Mine On Hold**

BY CARSON WALKER  
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A federal panel on Wednesday put a temporary hold on the operating license for a proposed uranium mine near Edgemont to ensure historic and cultural sites in the Black Hills aren't damaged.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued the stay on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission license granted in April to Powertech Uranium Corp. The decision was in response to motions filed by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and other groups.

"This temporary stay is intended to prevent any immediate and irreparable

harm to any cultural or historic resources caused by earthwork or ground disturbance within the Dewey-Burdock sites," the order states.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, comprised of three administrative judges, said it will decide whether to lift or continue the stay after hearing oral arguments. That hearing has not been scheduled.

The board, which is in the NRC, hears complaints regarding nuclear safety issues.

Powertech's project manager, Mark Hollenbeck, said the stay is not a surprise and doesn't affect the operation because the company still needs other agency approval before starting construction.

"The opposition's plan has always been death by delay. They haven't won anything on science or the merits yet," he said. "We expect that and we're ready for it."

One of the tribe's attorneys, Jeffrey Parsons of the Western Mining Action Project, said a credible scientific study must be done to make sure the mining process doesn't destroy historic and prehistoric sites.

"We're talking about everything from camps to gravesites out there," he said from his office in Lyons, Colorado. The stay "demonstrates the seriousness of these issues."

Powertech still needs approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The state Board of Minerals and Environment and state Water Management Board suspended hearings late last year until the federal agencies make decisions.

The company plans to use a method known as in-situ recovery, which would pump groundwater fortified with oxygen and carbon dioxide into the underground ore deposits to dissolve the uranium. The water would be pumped back to the surface, where the uranium would be extracted and sold to nuclear power plants.

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