

Data Center Is Resistant To Storms

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SIoux FALLS — An \$8 million building north-west of Sioux Falls that's designed to withstand tornadoes, floods, fires and other disasters is nearing completion.

SDN Communications' new data center at 5300 N. La Mesa Drive was unveiled recently at a ribbon-cutting event.

The 25,000-square-foot facility has 10,000-square-feet of raised floor for data space and also features 12-inch thick concrete walls, three layers of roofing and no windows, SDN CEO Mark Shlanta said. SDN plans to use some of the data space for its own equipment and lease the rest to tenants. Construction on SDN's portion is expected to be completed later this month.

"SDN remains on an evolution as a growing company in the area and this facility is a step up for us, in terms of different products we can offer, different business we can attract," he said. "I like to think over time it will become a demand center for access to our network."

Sioux Falls also is home to Automated Data Processing and Coventry — two of the state's largest data centers. And the state and Sioux Falls have been working for a few years to recruit more of them. Data Centers are one of eight targeted industries for Forward Sioux Falls, said Slater Barr, president of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation.

South Dakota is pursuing the IT industry because it provides solid job opportunities that often pay more than the average wage in South Dakota, said Pat Costello, commissioner for the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

"The demand for data centers is expected to continue to grow, providing a job growth oppor-

tunity for South Dakota," he said. "And, generally, IT jobs require skilled workers helping us continue to build a knowledge-based economy."

A recent study showed that South Dakota has some of the lowest operating costs in the nation, making it a good place for new data centers to locate. Electrical costs — one of a data center's largest expenses — are particularly low here.

SDN's new facility is a positive step for Sioux Falls, Barr said.

"It provides more options in the community with data center type services, but I also think it adds to this growing cluster of data centers that we currently have, and as you get more and more of an industry in a community, typically what happens, is those companies that service that industry start to grow and thrive and it just continues to build on itself, making the community more attractive to other industries," he said.

Shlanta said the company spent about a decade identifying and evaluating needs for the data center, and since 2006 has been planning for the building, including finding a location and touring facilities across the country to determine the best way to build. The total project cost was \$10 million, which includes land and other items. The building also will be outfitted with an additional \$4 million in SDN telecommunications equipment.

Mike Jamison, principal at TSP Architects, said SDN's data center is unique and was designed to meet the sophisticated process of data storage.

"It was quite a process to make sure we did our due diligence research to make sure the facility was designed and built not only to meet their needs, but matched up with the needs of a data center that size," he said.

The purpose of building a data center five miles away from SDN's current site is to mitigate the risk for both SDN and its customers by reducing the risks associated with natural disasters and also to strengthen the company by diversifying the network core in case there is an issue at their other locations, Shlanta said. The network diversity will allow customers greater uptime in their network availability and the company can respond more quickly to issues, Shlanta said.

"Certainly anyone could contract with us for space, and I think over time all of our customers will see a benefit from this building through that diversification of our network ..., that any issues within the network will hopefully be minimized and time to respond reduced by having diversity in the network," he said.

Shlanta said society's reliance on instant access to data, broadband speeds and wireless broadband has made data centers more important. He said often, businesses find it more economical to contract out to put their data and network servers in a facility that's designed to house the equipment rather than doing it on their own.

Shlanta plans to lease about 6,500-square-feet of data space to tenants locally and around the world. The master plan calls for the data center to eventually expand to 100,000-square-feet, Shlanta said. SDN currently serves clients in eight states across the region, including contracting with the state of South Dakota.

Shlanta plans to move SDN's equipment into the new facility in December and expects it to become part of the network early next year. He expects construction to be completed on the rest of the facility for tenants to move in by March.

Neb. Man Sets New Paddlefish Record

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A central Nebraska man has shattered Nebraska's hook-and-line paddlefish record by catching a 107-pound, 12-ounce paddlefish.

Louis Maring of Merna, Neb., snagged the fish on Oct. 6 from the Missouri River's Gavins Point Dam tailwaters. Maring's catch topped the old record set in 1998 by more than 14 pounds.

Daryl Bauer with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says he believes the fish, which was tagged June 2, 1992, spent the last 19 years in Lewis and Clark Reservoir before escaping during the high water releases last summer.

Bauer says that since being tagged, the fish grew nearly 10 inches in length and added almost 59 pounds. Bauer says the fish may have been 40 years old when it was snagged by Maring.

Judge OKs Lawsuit Against Millard Schools

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A federal judge says a jury will hear a lawsuit against an Omaha school district, alleging high school administrators violated students' free speech rights.

The Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union sued on behalf of Jeanne Kuhr (KOR) and her children, who were among those suspended in 2008 by Millard Public Schools.

The case stems from the suspension of more than two dozen Millard South High students for wearing T-shirts honoring a slain friend, Julius Robinson. Administrators say the shirts bearing the phrase "Julius RIP" violated the school's policy against gang-related apparel.

The Kuhrs say Robinson was not in a gang and the shirts were in no way gang-related.

Trial is set for Jan. 24.

SD Artist's Painting On Company's Gift Cards

WATERTOWN (AP) — A painting by South Dakota artist Joshua Spies has been chosen to appear on a gift card issued by Cabela's, a company that sells hunting, fishing and other outdoors merchandise.

The gift cards will feature a painting of a mule deer by Spies, who is from Watertown.

Colleen Dorwart of Cabela's says the company based in Sidney, Neb., decided to use the painting because its customers relate well to images of deer. Spies is an outdoorsman, conservationist and hunter.

Spies has been a finalist in the federal duck stamp competition five times, winning it in 2008.

Neb. Trooper Hurt In Crash Near Silver Creek

SILVER CREEK, Neb. (AP) — A state trooper remains hospitalized in serious condition after his patrol car collided with another vehicle near Silver Creek.

A statement from the Nebraska State Patrol says 40-year-old Jonathan Kroeger, of Dannebrog, was being treated for a fractured pelvis Saturday at a Lincoln hospital.

The patrol says Kroeger and the other vehicle collided just before 11 p.m. Friday as the trooper was attempting a U-turn to catch up with a speeding motorist. The crash is under investigation by the Merrick County sheriff.

The driver of the other vehicle, identified by the patrol as 32-year-old Jeremie Finke, of Milligan, was treated at a hospital and released. Kroeger is an 11-year veteran of the patrol.

Man Dies In Cass Country Auto Accident

WEEPING WATER, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln man has died in a single-vehicle crash in Cass County.

The county sheriff's office told the *Lincoln Journal Star* that 27-year-old Ryan Furry overcorrected when his pickup crossed the center line northwest of Weeping Water about 2 a.m. Saturday. That caused the truck to slide and roll several times.

Furry was the only person in the truck. He died at the scene.

Concealment Key To Thwarting Thieves

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Trail cameras are popular among hunters who want to scout for game and those who just like to see what animals are roaming their property.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has some suggestions on how to keep the cameras safe from vandals and thieves. Among them are:

- Conceal the camera to keep it out of plain view of those who would take it.
- Consider putting the camera on private property that has limited access.
- Use steel cables and paddle locks to secure the camera.
- Mount it high and angle it downward.
- Install two cameras in one spot and conceal one of them. That will increase the likelihood of getting a photo of a person trying to vandalize or steal the other camera.

Victims Identified In Fatal S.D. Crash

CHAMBERLAIN (AP) — Authorities say an Iowa man died and another man suffered life-threatening injuries in a crash on Interstate 90 near Chamberlain, in southeast South Dakota.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 54-year-old Leon Escutia Contreras of Estherville, Iowa, died at the scene about 1 a.m. Friday. Troopers say he was the passenger in car that left the interstate and rolled.

The patrol says Contreras and the driver, 37-year-old Ramon Castillo of Estherville, Iowa, were thrown from the vehicle. Neither was wearing a seatbelt.

Chamberlain police were responding to a report of a possible drunk driver. Authorities say the accident occurred during a police pursuit.

OBITUARIES

Jerome Uhing

BOW VALLEY, Neb. — Jerome Uhing, age 77 of Bow Valley, Nebraska, died on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Sts. Peter and Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley with Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bow Valley with military services conducted by the Wynot American Legion Post 31.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Nate Daily, Leah Uhing, Tessa Uhing, Ty Uhing, Adam Lund, Anthony Lund, Aaron Lund, Taylor Vollmer, Turner Vollmer, Tommie Vollmer, Jason Wilcox and Marcus Wilcox.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Jerome was born on February 22, 1934 in Bow Valley, Nebraska to Joseph and Ida (Thoen) Uhing.



Uhing

Bernard's Catholic Church in Lindsay, Nebraska. Jerome served in the National Guard from 1958 to 1964. He was activated during the Berlin Crisis and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas from 1961 to 1962. He was the owner of Uhing Custom Cabinets since 1964 and also farmed southeast of Bow Valley until the late 1980's. He and Alice moved into Bow Valley in 1998. He built both their home on the farm as well as their present home in town.

Jerome was a member of the Holy Family (Sts. Peter and Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley, a member of the Wynot American Legion Post 31, and a lifelong member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, serving as Chief Ranger for many years. Jerome was a member of the Bow Valley

Park Association and crafted several of the birds used at the Schuetzenfest celebration. He derived many blessings as a member of the Oblates of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Norfolk and was active in Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) since 1975.

Jerome is admired by so many as a beautiful example of a Christian man, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a gentle man, with endless patience and a wonderful example of how we all should live life. Jerome always saw the good in people, treasured his family, and had a remarkable artistic talent. He was an extraordinary craftsman whose workmanship can be seen in homes, churches and businesses for miles around. He was loved by all who knew him. Heaven is blessed with his presence.

Jerome is survived by his wife Alice of Bow Valley; 6 children and their spouses, Ann and David Lund of Norfolk; Mike and Kathy Uhing of Bow Valley; Barb and Dennis Vollmer of Omaha; Cindy Uhing of Lady Lake, Florida; Linda and Ken Wilcox of Norfolk; Danny and Karla Uhing

of Norfolk, 16 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother, Francis and Gail Uhing of Wynot; 4 sisters, Rita and Stanley Varilek of Tabor, South Dakota; Margaret and Charlie Bares of Tyndall, South Dakota; Irene and Leo Koemich of Avon, South Dakota; Rosemary and David Folkers of Bow Valley and a sister in law, Sandy Uhing of Fordyce, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Ida Uhing, step mother, Ann Uhing, an infant daughter, Mary Uhing, a grandson Aaron Lund, 2 brothers Leonard and Andrew Uhing, a sister, MaryAnn Uhing, and 3 infant grandchildren, Jamie Wilcox, Amanda Uhing, and Casey Vollmer.

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John Wolff Jr.

ABERDEEN — Funeral service for John George Wolff, Jr., 75, of Aberdeen and formerly of Tabor, SD will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. The Rev. Deb Grismer will officiate.



Wolff

Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. with military graveside rites by Fred Weller American Legion Post #186 in Hoffnungstal Cemetery near Eureka, SD.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. with the family present from 7-8 p.m. for a time of sharing memories at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

John died Friday, November 11, 2011 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

John George Wolff, Jr., son of John George and Christina (Reich) Wolff, Sr. was born December 20, 1935 on the family homestead in McPherson County, SD. He started country school and graduated from Leola High School with the class of 1954. He then attended college at Rapid City School of Business studying accounting. He entered the United States Army on January 6, 1955, serving in Germany as a personnel sergeant with the 35th Field Artillery Battalion. Following his honorable discharge on December 10, 1957, he returned to Aberdeen and began employment with the Ford Dealership.

He married Caroline Artz in November of 1959 in Aberdeen. They soon moved to Pierre in February of 1960 where he worked as the Business Office Manager at Schimkat Construction. In 1964, he opened an accounting firm, Wolff Bookkeeping. In 1968, they moved to Springfield, SD where they owned and operated the Marina and Wolff's Den Bar. In 1972, he moved to Tabor, SD and operated Wolff's Construction, working in South Dakota and Nebraska. John retired in 1995. He kept busy during retirement making handmade wooden toys and selling them at craft shows. In 2008, he moved to Whitewood, SD and in May of 2010, he moved to Aberdeen.

John loved to fish and play pinocle.

John attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was a life member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign War.

Survivors include one daughter, Kim (Randy) Tramp of Yankton, SD, one son, Brian Wolff of Aberdeen, special friend and caregiver, Darlene Hoon of Aberdeen, nine grandchildren, Cory (Dani) Wolff, and Kristina, Alicia, Danielle, Brooke, Alisha Dawn, Austin, Noah and Kalli Tramp, two great-grandchildren, Cody and Maddie and many nieces and nephews.

His parents, two brothers, Leonard and Elmer and four sisters, Esther (in infancy), Irene Bosanko, Ann Paul and Hulda Oster preceded him in death.

Honorary Casketbearers will be John's friends at the VFW and American Legion Club.

Casketbearers will be Brad Paul, Cory Wolff, Rick Wolff, Gary Bosanko, Eddie Bosanko, Austin Tramp, Kristina Tramp, Alicia Tramp and Danielle Tramp.

Carlsen Funeral Home and Crematory of Aberdeen has been en-

trusted with arrangements.
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Joan Stroup

VERMILLION — Joan Marie Stroup, 80, of Vermillion died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Paul Berka

SIoux FALLS — Paul Raymond Berka, 60, of Sioux Falls

died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Della Kostel

TABOR — Della Kostel, 90, of Tabor died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

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