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Preliminary results released on state quarter voting

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale released preliminary results from the nonbinding public vote on 25 designs for the Nebraska commemorative state quarter.

As of 3 p.m. (CDT) Monday, Aug. 30, 38,649 total votes had been recorded on the secretary of state's website. The top ten designs ranked in order were: 6, 4, 10, 16, 11, 21, 1, 5, 22 and 17 (numbers listed on the website). Votes for designs in the top ten ranged from 1,631 to 4,791.

The designs may be downloaded from the website (www.sos.state.ne.us). It is recommended that the large images of designs be downloaded, rather than thumbnail images.

Concepts represented in the top ten designs include Chimney Rock and westward migration, Standing Bear, the State Capitol, the Sower, the state outline, agriculture, sandhill cranes, frontier travel, transportation and communication, and homesteading.

"We're delighted that we've received such a great response. We hope that Nebraskans have had a good time discussing Nebraska's history and icons and voting for their design choices," said Gale, chairperson of the Nebraska Quarter Design Committee.

"Due to the excellent response, the committee will be able to made good use of the poll," he said.

Gale noted that because several of the top voting-getting designs had similar concepts, the committee is likely to consider those designs together as a reflection of public opinion.

Voting on the designs started on Aug. 20 and will continue until 11:59 p.m. Sept. 1.

By Sept. 30, the committee is to submit five design proposals for consideration by the U.S. Mint. Gov. Mike Johanns will make the final selection of the quarter in spring 2005, and the U.S. Mint will issue the Nebraska quarter in spring 2006.

The Nebraska Quarter Design Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 2 in Room 1525 of the State Capitol.

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