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Omaha's Electoral Vote Up For Grabs

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OMAHA, Neb. — Four years after Democrat Barack Obama managed to win one of Nebraska's electoral votes, the president's campaign doesn't appear to have invested much in trying to repeat that feat.

The Obama campaign has only one office in Omaha this year instead of the three it had in 2008. And the president hasn't campaigned in the city, Nebraska's largest.

State Democratic Party Chairman-elect Vince Powers said that doesn't mean the campaign isn't pursuing Omaha's 2nd Congressional District.

"The Obama campaign is making a strong effort in the 2nd District," Powers said. "It's different than it was four years ago because they know how to do it now."

Omaha voters are seeing a flood of television ads, but they're mostly aimed at competitive Iowa. Both Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are advertising on Nebraska stations to reach voters in western Iowa.

So maybe it makes sense that an Omaha World-Herald poll published Sunday suggests Obama has a shot at winning the district. Both Obama and Romney received support from 44 percent of the people polled.

The margin of error for the poll, conducted Sept. 17-20, is 3.5 percentage points. Wiese Research Associates interviewed 800 registered Nebraska voters for the poll, including 400 in the 2nd District.

But Nebraska Republicans are working hard to keep Obama from winning the district, which was redrawn to include more Republicans after the census.

"I'm very confident that the 2nd District — and all of Nebraska — will vote for Mitt Romney," Nebraska GOP Chairman Mark Fahlson said.

In 2008, Obama's campaign conducted an intensive ground

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HAMMERING THE POINT HOME



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Taylor Eitemiller of Wagner works on straightening out a nail that got a bit crooked while competing in the women's nail-driving competition at the Menno Pioneer Power Show Sunday. The two-day festival drew large crowds thanks in part to seasonably mild weather. The power show celebrates the area's agricultural heritage. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

Planned USD Upgrade Sparks Lawsuit

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Massachusetts architectural firm has sued a competitor in South Dakota, accusing it of using the firm's copyrighted designs in a planned upgrade to the University of South Dakota's student center.

Charles Rose Architects of Somerville, Mass., contends that RSA Architects of Sioux Falls used its drawings and building plans for the Muenster University Center in Vermillion as a template for a 30,000-square-foot cafeteria addition that was scheduled to break ground this summer.

The Massachusetts firm filed a lawsuit last week in federal court in South Dakota. The lawsuit asks a jury to find that RSA Architects used the template in violation of federal copyright law. The firm seeks damages as well as any money paid to RSA for design work on the addition.

USD spokesman Phil Carter told the Argus Leader that no major work has commenced on the addition. He said the area has been fenced off, but nothing further has been done.

Carter declined to comment on the lawsuit. Officials with RSA Architects did not immediately return messages to the newspaper for comment.

Sioux Falls lawyer Steve Johnson, who's representing Charles Rose Architects, said there is little precedent in copyright law for infringement on a design, which makes the case unique. Few lawsuits of this nature have been opened and resolved, Johnson said.

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Changes In Voting To Be Reviewed At Meeting

County To Utilize Polling Centers
For The First Time In November

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With a couple of changes facing Yankton County voters this year, a meeting will be held Wednesday to familiarize them with new concepts and technology.

The Yankton County Auditor's Office, the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office and Hart InterCivic will host the public informational meeting at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers at the Yankton County Government Center, 321 West Third St., Yankton.

"We want to give the voter every opportunity to learn about the new technology and the concept of voting centers versus precincts," County Auditor Paula Jones said. "What we're going to do, because we're going to be learning along with everyone else at this point, is we're going to have some of the electronic poll books set up so that people attending will actually go through how the process works."

A question-and-answer period will follow the demonstrations.

Absentee voting for the Nov. 6 general election began Friday, and Jones said that, by mid-day, the traffic had been steady but there were no lines at her office.

She added that she is excited about the modifications Yankton

County will undergo this election season thanks to changes in state law and new technology.

The biggest change voters will notice is that they are no longer restricted to casting a ballot on election day at the polling place within their precinct. With the voting center system, a ballot can be cast at any polling station in the county.

The voting centers will be at Yankton City Hall, 416 Walnut St., Yankton; Yankton Middle School, 2000 Mulberry St., Yankton; JoDean's Steakhouse and Lounge, 2809

Broadway Ave., Yankton; the Rock House, 31120 Quarry Drive, Yankton; Gayville Community Center, 404 Washington St., Gayville; Broomtree Farm, Bishop Carlson Lodge, 29827 Ave. Irene; and the Lesterville Fire Hall, Lesterville.

"It's going to be new to all of us, but I think it's an exciting concept," Jones said. "I think voters will appreciate the ease with which they can vote."

"There are always people who come to a voting place at five minutes to 7 p.m. on election night only to discover they are in the wrong precinct," she continued. "They don't have time to drive to the precinct they are registered in. That will no longer be an issue."

Jones said the move could

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Sinclair Elected To Lead S.D. County Commissioner Association

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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Yankton County Commissioner Allen Sinclair is taking his leadership skills to the state level.

During last week's South Dakota County Convention in Sioux Falls, Sinclair was elected to a one-year term as president of the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners (SDACC). Previously, he served as first vice president and second vice president for the organization.

"It's an opportunity for me to learn and do some new things, and brag about Yankton County,"



Sinclair

Sinclair told local media recently. "I look forward to a year of going around the state and working with county commissions on their issues."

The SDACC seeks to keep county commissioners and officials informed on issues pertaining to county government and also lobbies the Legislature to address subjects important to its members.

"What we do as an association is try to find issues that affect the whole state," Sinclair said. "Then

it gets behind that issue and tries to drive a legislative change. You can't be out there with 25 issues. You've got to narrow it down and pick the ones that affect the most counties so you get legislative support."

Sinclair has been on the Yankton County Commission for a decade, and several of those years were spent as chairman.

"Allen is going to be a great leader," said Bob Wilcox, executive director of the SDACC. "He has been a strong commissioner. His foresight is above and beyond, and we're looking forward to his leadership during the next

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FIDDLING THE DAY AWAY



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

Jay Kelly (right) competed Sunday in the National Invitational Finals at the South Dakota Open Fiddle Contest and Jamboree. The 40th annual event was held at the Kiwanis 4-H Ice Center in Yankton and featured a mix of old and young fiddlers, as well as accompanying guitar and keyboard players.

Thousands To Gather For Buffalo Roundup

CUSTER (AP) — Thousands of spectators from across the world are expected to get a taste of the Old West when they descend on Custer State Park for the 47th annual Buffalo Roundup.

About 1,300 bison will thunder across the prairie early Monday to be herded into corrals. Organizers say the goal is to maintain a balance of bison and rangeland forage. Some of the herded animals will be sold at a November auction.

The 1,000 remaining buffalo will be sorted. Newcomers will be branded and vaccinated, and cows will be checked for pregnancy.

The event drew nearly 14,000 spectators in 2011. Organizers expect a similar turnout Monday. Entry to the park is free for the event.

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