



The first annual "Images of Nebraska" photo contest sponsored by the Chase County Hospital Foundation was considered a successful event, according to Randy Vlasin, director of the Foundation.

"We received 124 photos from 31 photographers. We were pleased not only with the level of participation but the quality of photos submitted. I want to thank all individuals who submitted photos and helped make this first year a success," Vlasin said.

The "Images of Nebraska" photo contest was developed for the purpose of promoting Nebraska and southwest Nebraska in general, along with providing an activity to involve the hospital with the community.

There were four divisions in this year's contest: 1) Nebraska photos, 2) Chase County photos, 3) vintage photos and 4) youth division for participants 12 years of age and under.

The subject matter for each division was to come from one of the following categories—agriculture, wildlife, landmarks, architecture, landscapes or scenery. All photos must have been taken in Nebraska.

Winners in each of the division were as follows:

Nebraska division—1st, Shelbi Brandt of Imperial; 2nd, Dani Gilsdorf of Kearney; 3rd, Mindi Goings of Wauneta. Honorable Mention—Dani Gilsdorf, Vikki Robinson, Libby Jensen, Shelbi Brandt

Chase County division—1st, Dale Grosbach of Gladstone, Mo.; 2nd, Lori Sis of Imperial; 3rd, Lori Sis. Honorable Mention—Jonathan Beverly, Brenda Thayer, Dollene Muths, Brooklyn Nordhausen, Julie Sharp, Del Lawson, Lori Sis.

Vintage division—1st, Arlene Kunnemann of Imperial. (Special note: This photo is of historical significance as it is of the first hospital in Chase County.)

Youth division—1st, Kayla Schilke of Imperial; 2nd, Ashton Robinson of Imperial; 3rd, Tanner Roenfeldt of Imperial.

The overall grand champion went to Shelbi Brandt for her photograph titled "Coming in for Feed." The Overall Reserve Grand Champion went to Dale Grosbach for his entry titled "Sunset on the Divide."

Each division winner not chosen as grand or reserve champion received \$50. Grand champion received \$100 and reserve champion received \$75. Second place in each division received \$20 in Chamber Bucks and third place received \$10 in Chamber Bucks.

The top three photographs along with the honorable mention choices will be on display in the Chase County Hospital throughout the coming year.

"We hope to have the framed pictures displayed in the hospital by Labor Day for the public to view," said Vlasin.

For the next few weeks, the public can view the top photos by going to <http://cchfoundation.dotphoto.com>.

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