Penny Zadina of Enders submitted the winning photo in the fourth annual “Images of Nebraska” photo contest sponsored by the Chase County Hospital Foundation.

Zadina, a native of Chase County, won the contest with her entry titled “Reflections,” which features a yearling calf drinking from a reflective pool of water. Zadina also received honorable mention on several other photos she entered.

Rhonda Smith of Champion earned reserve champion honors with her entry titled “Storm Coming at Sunset,” which provides a colorful view of an oncoming storm mixed with light from a setting sun.

The “Images of Nebraska” photo contest was developed to promote Nebraska and southwest Nebraska in general, along with providing an activity to involve the hospital with the community. The Hospital Foundation typically accepts entries during July of each year and then selects the winners in August.

“We received 106 entries from 26 photographers. I want to thank all individuals who submitted photos and helped us with another successful year,” stated Vlasin.

There are four divisions in the 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, Penny Zadina, Imperial; 2nd, Jessamyn Kostman, Ogallala. Honorable mention—Lindsey Tomaso, Imperial; Karen Beveridge, Wauneta; Amanda McGreer, Big Springs; Penny Zadina, Enders.

Chase County division—1st, Rhonda Smith, Champion; 2nd, Penny Zadina, Enders. Honorable mention—Dale Grosbach, Gladstone, Mo.; Melda Musick, Champion; Brooklyn Nordhausen, Wauneta; Penny Zadina, Enders.

Youth division—1st, Kayla Schilke, Imperial; 2nd, Kayla Schilke, Imperial.

There were no entries in the vintage division this year.

Each division winner not chosen as grand or reserve champion received $50. Grand champion received $100 and reserve champion received $75.

The top two photographs along with the honorable mention choices are currently on display in the Chase Clinic in Imperial and will remain there throughout the coming year.

“We also keep some of the past year’s winners and display them throughout the hospital and clinic in Wauneta,” said Vlasin.

The public can also view the top photos by going to www.chasecountyhospital.com, selecting the Foundation link and then selecting the Images of Nebraska Link.

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