



Steve Smith of Imperial submitted the winning photo in the fifth annual "Images of Nebraska" photo contest sponsored by the Chase County Hospital Foundation.

Smith, a native of Chase County, won the contest with his entry titled "Champion Mill After Rain," which featured the historic landmark located in Championa.

The grand champion award comes with a check for \$100, which Smith graciously donated back to the Hospital Foundation. Smith also received second place in the Nebraska Division and honorable mention on several other photos he entered.

Alice Dubs of Ashby, Neb., earned reserve xhampion with her entry titled "Fall Colors on Blue Creek," which provides a colorful image of Blue Creek as it flows through the prairie.

Director's Choice went to Stephanie Rau with her photo titled "Frosted," which displays a water hydrant, fence line and prairie grasses after a visit by Jack Frost.

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. The Hospital Foundation typically accepts entries during July of each year and then selects the winners in August.

"We received 100 entries from 18 photographers. I want to thank all individuals who submitted photos and helped us with another successful year," stated Randy Vlasin, executive director of the foundation.

There are three divisions in the contest: 1) Nebraska photos, 2) Chase County photos, and 3) 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 divisions were as follows:

Nebraska division—1st, Alice Dubs-Ashby, NE; 2nd, Steve Smith, Imperial. Honorable mention—Brooklyn Nordhausen, Wauneta; Margene Hayes, Imperial; Kayla Schilke, Imperial.

Chase County division—1st, Steve Smith, Imperial; 2nd, Dale Grosbach, Gladstone, MO.

Honorable mention—Steve Smith, Imperial; Brooklyn Nordhausen, Wauneta; Rhonda Smith, Champion.

Youth division—1st, Zachary Smith, Champion; 2nd, Zachary Smith, Champion.

The top two photographs, along with the honorable mention and Director's Choice, will be 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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