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The "Spirit of America" was found in the Chase County Fair Parade in many of the 49 entries on display Saturday morning, Aug. 17.

But this year's theme was judged as best depicted by the entry from the Imperial Girl Scouts. It was picked for the grand prize in the parade.

Entries competed in five divisions for Chamber Bucks and the honor of displaying a blue or red first or second place ribbon.

The Girl Scout float, ridden on by many of the young Scouts, featured red, white and blue colors, balloons and a bald eagle riding atop the Liberty Bell.

In addition to the \$75 in Chamber Bucks for the grand prize, the Girl Scouts also won \$50 for first place in the organizations division.

All second place winners in the five divisions received \$25 in Chamber Bucks.

A special part of this year's parade was its Grand Marshals, five Chase County veterans who served in five different U.S. wars or conflicts.

The grand marshals and the wars/conflicts in which they served were Vincent Marvin of Imperial, WWII; Robert Fanning of Wauneta, Korean War; Dave Oxford of Enders, Vietnam War; Pastor David Kahle of Imperial, Desert Storm; and Kerry Shinn of Imperial, Iraqi Freedom.

The parade is coordinated each year by the Imperial Chamber of Commerce for the fair board.

Here is the complete list of winners.

Organizations—1st and grand prize, Imperial Girl Scouts; 2nd Imperial FFA.

Religious—1st Zion Lutheran Church Little Longhorns Daycare; 2nd St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Business—1st Crop Production Services; 2nd Imperial Manor Daycare.

Equestrian—1st Brandon, Penny and Odessa Zadina family. No second awarded.

Open class—1st 1970 VW van with Mason Fanning, Mike Fanning and Joe Cox; 2nd Chase County Schools Class of 2014.