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Some of our winners of the contest who attended the ceremony (left to right): Kate Thomas, Tyler Lamkin, Daniele DeVore, Pam Kutz, Natalie Lane, Shelbi Fleener, Alexandria Clark, Brooke Clark, and Deb Young.

County Museum's Photography Contest

By Kendra Hennis

On November 1, The Douglas County Museum began their fifth annual photography contest. The contest was open to all students and amateur adults. There were four different age categories for judging: elementary, junior high, high school, and amateur adult. Each contestant paid a five dollar fee and could submit up to six photos for judging. The categories were color, black and white, and local history. All photos had to be taken in Douglas County. There were roughly 140 photographs entered into the contest, the biggest year yet. People entered from Arthur, Arcola, Camargo, Champaign, Oakland, Philo, Tuscola, and Villa Grove.

The awards ceremony took place on Saturday, November 23. Photos were judged anonymously by a panel of judges, including: Arcola School District Art Teacher Alex Lugo, Professional Photographer Whitney Heredia, and Artist/Tattoo Artist at Vintage Karma Tash Gardewine. The fourth judging position was left open in memory of Kent Stock, who previously judged the con-

test.

Winners of the 2019 Contest at the Elementary level included: Sutton Kerns (Tuscola), Jacob Miller (Champaign), Adrianna Peck (Arthur), and Lex Peck (Arthur). At the Junior High level: Alexandria Clark (Arthur), Elle Jones (Tuscola), Natalie Lane (Tuscola), Jacob Thomas (Philo), and Kate Thomas (Philo). In the High School category, winners included: Brooke Clark (Arthur), Shelbi Fleener (Tuscola), Tyler Lamin (Camargo), Sam Pickett (Tuscola), and Susie Pickett (Tuscola). Winners in the amateur adult category were Matthew Davis (Oakland), Daniele DeVore (Tuscola), Jessica Hays (Villa Grove), Pam Kutz (Arcola), Tricia Scott (Tuscola), Jackson Vandevender (Villa Grove), and Deb Young (Newman).

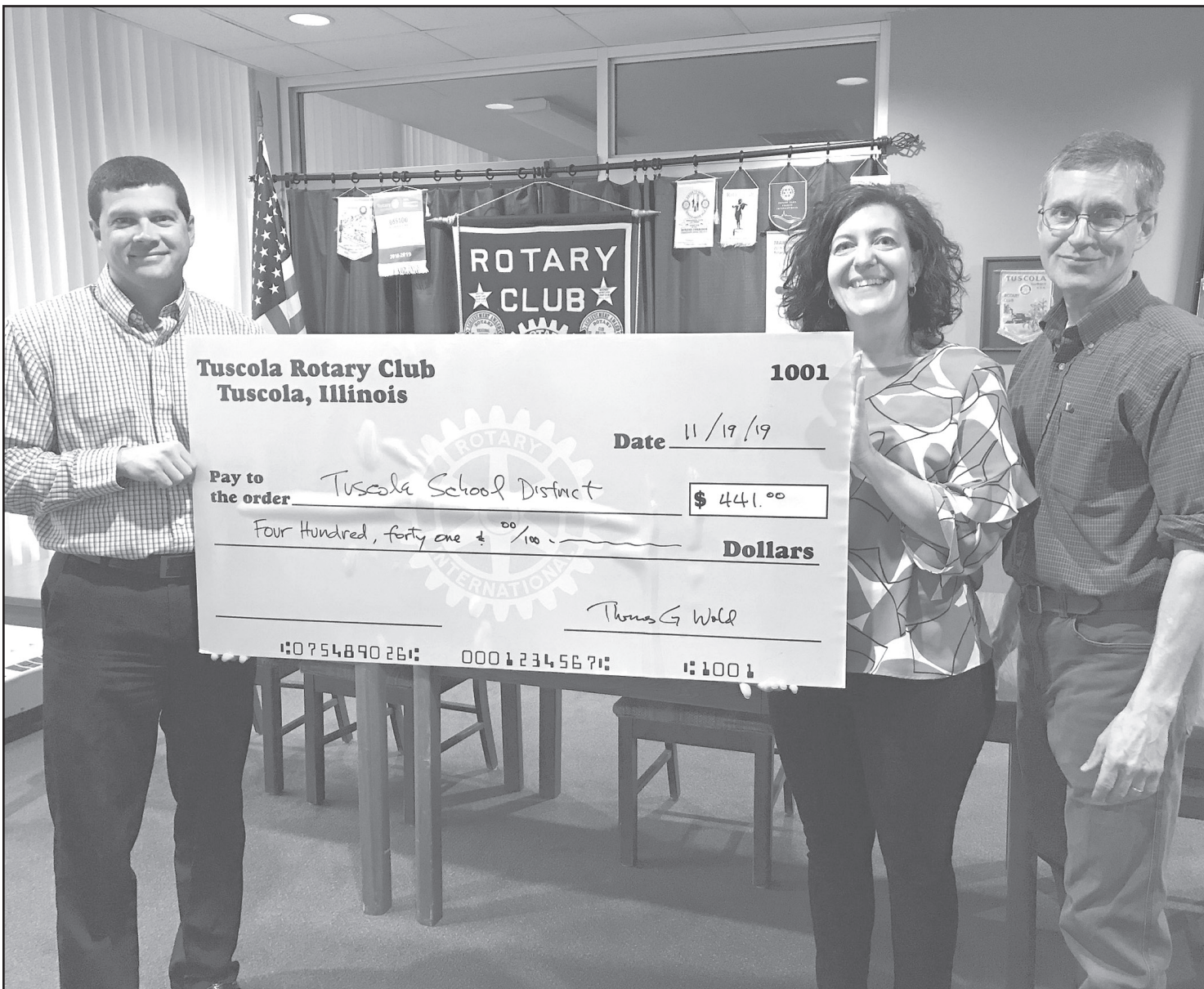
A big thank you to the sponsors for the contest. At the Silver Level: Tuscola Kiwanis, Tuscola Rotary, JBH, Inc. And for the Bronze Level winners: Dr. Robert & Priscilla Arrol, Vintage Karma, Newman Library and Camargo Township Library.



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Pictured are Best in Show winners: Daniele DeVore (Adult), Shelbi Fleener (High School), Alexandria Clark (Junior High), and Jacob Miller (Elementary).

Kathy Fair supported to build on speech therapy students' progress



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Speech Therapist, Kathy Fair received support from Tuscola Rotary Club (members pictured, Kris Clodfelder and Tom Wold).

The Tuscola School district, Tuscola Rotary Club, and the Tuscola Community Foundation supported Kathy Fair to build on speech therapy students' progress into this past summer. By working with students during the summer, some reach their goals earlier with less backsliding, and this potentially saves the school district from longer-term total cost of the service.

This program is offered free of charge for students with a variety of speech, lan-

guage and communication needs. Benefits to student's families include the opportunity for parents and caregivers to observe weekly sessions to learn how to help children at home, which can lead to more efficient progress. In addition, this program offers a local opportunity for students to access speech-language services from an experienced speech pathologist rather than driving to Champaign, Urbana, Mattoon or Charleston on a weekly basis.

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