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Charleston, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers who personally exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities.

Peoples Bank & Trust has chosen Coles County Farm Bureau Young Leaders as its Volunteer of the Quarter. The Coles County Farm Bureau Young Leaders is a group of young adults with a vested interest in agriculture.

The group provides awards every year at the 4-H fair for livestock exhibitors. Last year, every 4-H livestock exhibitor was given a gift valued at \$50. The Young Leaders give awards for the top 5 of each species, junior and senior showmanship winners, and awards for all of Master Showmanship. The group also hosts the Kiddie Tractor Pull.

Outside of the fair, the group has been active in raising non-perishable food items and money for the local food pantries. The Young Leaders hosted two "Fill-A-Ford" food drives last October, one in Mattoon and one in Charleston, and raised over 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food for the local food pantries.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring Coles County Farm Bureau Young Leaders with a donation and have placed its name on a plaque which is displayed in the bank's lobby. Peoples Bank and Trust has honored area volunteers and groups in Charleston for the past 13 years and Coles County Farm Bureau Young Leaders is the 52nd volunteer group to be recognized by the Charleston Branch of Peoples Bank and Trust.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Waverly and White Hall. Peoples Bank & Trust is a full-service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small businesses and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.