

PRESS RELEASE

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Pana, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote the volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize an outstanding community member for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

The Pana Elk's Cares Committee has been chosen as our Volunteers of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2023. Elk's Cares Committee was formed in 2020 in an effort to provide immediate relief to working members of our community experiencing a hardship due to sickness, injury or loss. The committee supports Pana residents by means of grocery and gas cards purchased locally. The members consist of Jackie Epley, who is the Exalted Ruler of Lodge #1261, Kathy Lynch, Holly Slayback, Kim Orange, Beth Miller, Abby DeBrun, Chris Burris, Nadine Vaughn and Denean Etchison.

Their main fundraiser will be held June 8, 2024. During the event, they will have a beanbag tournament, food and two bands-The Warren Commission and Money Shot. The event is open to the public, 21 & older. They also receive donations from organizations, memorials and individuals that they have previously helped. Approximately \$15,000 was given to families in need this year.

Elk's Cares provides a holiday meal to homebound and elderly residents every December. Anyone wishing to sign up for the homebound meal (need your name, address, phone number and how many are in your household) or wishing to make a donation, please mail to Pana Elks Lodge 107 E. 2nd Pana, IL 62557.

In honor of the volunteer efforts of the Pana Elk's Cares Committee, Peoples Bank has made a monetary donation to them and a plaque with their names will be placed on display at the bank.

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