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Arthur, 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.

Marty Yeakel has been chosen as the current Arthur Volunteer of the Quarter for her many years of volunteer work in the Arthur community. Marty volunteers in many different organizations including the District #305 Education Foundation.

The Education Foundation was established in 1998 as a tax-exempt corporation. The District #305 is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are dedicated to educational excellence for this communities children. The Foundation's Board of Directors operates independently of the Arthur District #305 and is responsible for the financial management of the Foundation's funds. The mission of the CUSD #305 Education Foundation is to acquire and distribute resources for the schools in the communities of Arthur, Atwood, Hammond and Lovington in order to enrich learning opportunities for students, staff and communities. The Foundation strives to achieve its mission through direct support for student development, staff excellence and creativity and greater school/community partnerships.

Marty is also involved in the Arthur Women's Club, volunteers at the Arthur Welcome Center, serves on the Arthur Public Library Board, sings in the Arthur Methodist Church Choir and helps out at the Great Pumpkin Patch in the fall.

In honor of the Marty Yeakel's many years volunteer service, Peoples Bank has made a monetary donation to the District #305 Education Foundation and a plaque with her name will be placed on display at the bank.

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