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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 the Trojan Booster Club as its Volunteer of the Quarter. The Trojan Booster Club is a not-for-profit organization served solely by their volunteers who have supported Charleston Athletics for 44 years, since 1974.

Their purpose is to promote and encourage interscholastic athletics and associated activities of Charleston Unit School District #1. They do fundraising throughout the year to help fund boys and girls athletics at both Charleston High School and Charleston Middle School. The funds go directly to purchase uniforms, warm ups and miscellaneous equipment for the student athletes.

Some of their fundraising events include the Trojan Golf Outing, Red & Gold Bash, Grill on the Hill, their annual Spaghetti Supper, concession income and soliciting business sponsors from the community. The Booster Club has 15 Board Members and countless volunteers. In the past five years they have donated more than \$500,000 to athletics and other activities.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring the Trojan Booster Club 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 in Charleston for the past eight years and the Trojan Booster Club is the 32<sup>nd</sup> volunteer 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.