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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 outstanding community members for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

The Pana Midfielders Club has been chosen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter for their dedication and support to the sport of soccer for the Pana High School students.

The Pana Midfielders Club is a not for profit organization that was founded in 2008, with a sole purpose of establishing soccer as a high school sport. Then in 2012, their goal was achieved when the Pana School Board voted to approve soccer as a high school sport, with the stipulation that the soccer program be 100% privately funded. Since then, the Pana Midfielders Club has become the financial organization that solely supports the PHS boys and girls soccer program. It takes approximately \$12,000 a year to fund both the girls and boys program. Costs include coach salaries, referee fees, equipment, uniforms, programs, award banquet and senior night. Players rely on parent transportation to all away games. The Midfielders Club is community supported with donations from local businesses, Panther fans, dedicated soccer parents and their families. All high school players participate in fundraising events. PMC appreciates all the support they receive from the community. PMC can be reached at: P.O. Box 273, Pana, IL and can also be found on Facebook.

In honor of their volunteer services, Peoples Bank made a donation to the Pana Midfielders Club and their names will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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