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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 VFW Easter Egg Hunt Committee has been chosen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter for their dedication and work to preserve a Pana tradition.

For many years, the VFW provided the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Pana area. In 2016, they didn't have the funds to cover the egg hunt anymore and it was cancelled. A group of Pana women, Blair Angel, Paula Broux, Kathy Lynch and Angie Jones, decided that they did not want this tradition to fade away and began to raise the money themselves to carry on the Easter Egg Hunt. In 2017, thanks to the donations of local citizens and businesses, they were able to continue the tradition. As soon as the hunt was over in 2017, they began to plan fundraisers in order to raise the money themselves and not have to rely solely on the businesses and local people. Thanks to the support of the community, they will be able to have a successful Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

Their next fundraiser is an Angelo's Drive Thru Dinner on March 5.

In honor of their volunteer services, Peoples Bank will make a donation to Pana VFW Easter Egg Hunt and their names will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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