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Taylorville, 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.

Larry Kemner has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter. Larry has donated his time and services to many organizations in the Taylorville community. He said that Volunteering is a job that he would highly recommend.

After retiring from the Illinois State Police, Larry was interested in getting involved more with the community and volunteering, in some capacity. As a new retiree, his first volunteer job was driving the bus for St. Mary's School. He said, "To now see those little ones, who were barely tall enough to climb the bus steps, graduating from college, makes you realize how quickly time passes. Larry also began helping with the Taylorville Food Pantry. He noted that the community is fortunate to have the program expanded to include the completion of a new building. Many years ago he was recruited by the late Merle Micenheimer to be a member of the United Methodist Church group volunteering at St. John's Breadline in Springfield. He served eighteen years on that project. Larry achieved the goal of being a ten gallon blood donor with the American Red Cross last November. He has also worked with Taylorville Meals on Wheels for fifteen years delivering meals. He said, "It is gratifying to see how much a small lunch can mean for someone who is homebound.

Larry attended a Kiwanis meeting in 1993 and after learning about their commitment to children, he eagerly joined the organization. The Kiwanis Club is dedicated to serving children in the community and internationally through fund raising projects. There are many avenues where Kiwanis members can choose to devote time. The diverse projects made it difficult to select just one. Over the years, Larry has participated in a number of projects such as Christmas in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Peanut Days, Interclub, Child Safety Seat Project, Member of Park Committee to maintain Kiwanis Park at Lake Taylorville. Larry has the distinction of being named the Kiwanian of the Year five times.

In honor of Larry's volunteer services to the community, Peoples Bank has made a donation to Taylorville Food Pantry and his name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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