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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.

Christian County Relay for Life has been chosen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter. Amy Booker is the PROUD Captain of the Ladies Night Out, Relay for Life Team.

Ladies Night Out, a Relay for Life Team for the American Cancer Society began its journey for the cure in 2008. So far this year, they have donated \$8,000 to the American Cancer Society. Ladies Night Out has been the top fundraising team in Christian County for the past four years. They began their fight to take action against cancer. Cancer has affected so many people they know and love. The Relay event on the track signifies that cancer never sleeps. Cancer patients don't stop because they are tired, and for one night, neither do the member of this team. However, Ladies Night Out works weekly, throughout the entire year, donating their time and energy raising awareness and money to become a voice for the American Cancer Society in our community.

This Ladies Night Out team continues to grow. They currently have 16 members. The members are residents of Kincaid, Tovey, Jeisyville, Taylorville and Edinburg. They also have team members from Springfield and Smithfield. Their ages range from 37 to 73 years! Relay for Life has made them FAMILY! They are especially proud of the FOUR Cancer Survivors on their team. These survivors inspire this team to keep reaching for a cure! Ladies Night Out enjoys the competition and recognition from Relay for Life. Each participant and team is awarded for the amount of money raised. There is a traveling trophy with a plaque of each past year's winners. Ladies Night Out displays the traveling trophy at the Kincaid American Legion, where most of their fundraising takes place.

Amy told us that each year more than 4 million people in over 20 countries raise funds and awareness to save lives from cancer through the Relay for Life movement. Ladies Night Out remains passionate about this cause. They raise money for the American Cancer Society to remember loved ones lost, celebrate our survivors and fight back! Because of our donations, Relay for Life is able to help thousands of people with lifesaving cancer research studies, crucial patient care programs and education and prevention initiatives. By being a part of Relay for Life, Ladies Night Out is helping to save lives.

This year Relay for Life is Friday, June 15 at Taylorville High School. Ladies Night Out encourages and challenges others to join Relay for Life. Relay for Life is open to the public! To learn more visit www.relayforlife.org/christianil or the Facebook page Relay for Life of Christian County IL.

Team members include Raylene Benson, Anna Durbin, Cynthia Harrison, Helen Beck, Barbara Mulvaney, Dena Lancaster, Cathy Lumb, Amy Booker, Robin Kirchhoff, Muffy Alberts, Jamie Durbin, Kathy Wallman, Angela Durbin, Margaret Hall, Lisa Sims and Renee Basil.

In honor of the members of Ladies Night Out volunteer services to the community, Peoples Bank has made a donation to Christian County Relay for Life and their name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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