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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 an outstanding community member for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

Brittany Bentley has been chosen as our current Peoples Bank & Trust Volunteer of the Quarter. Throughout her high school career, Brittany has been involved in many activities. The one activity she dedicated the majority of her time to during high school was Key Club. She held several office positions such as Personal Relations Officer, Sophomore Representative, Statistical Secretary and Vice President. From these positions, she received multiple awards and top community service awards each year. Through Key Club, Brittany was able to run the canned food drive three times, start the Beads of Hope Project and be in charge of the school's recycling program. Along with Key Club, she has spent a lot of time helping with the Senior Mentor Program. During her study halls, Brittany would talk to other student to help them with their homework and to be their friend. Brittany's volunteer work did not stop there. When she was a Junior, she was inducted into the National Honor Society, which motivated her to do various community service activities outside of school. Some of the events were Vacation Bible School, Quest (a overnight church camp), and the Annual Ernie Langheim Hospice Memorial Ride fundraiser for St. John's Hospice. Brittany has also participated in dance, Spanish Honor Society and Prom Committee.

In honor of her service, Peoples Bank & Trust is very proud to make a donation to St. John's Hospice program in honor of Brittany and her name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Charleston, Tower Hill, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Springfield, Waverly and White Hall. Peoples is a full service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small business, and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.