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Altamont, 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.

Gary White has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for his support efforts towards veterans. He noted that there can never be too much support for our veterans both past and present.

Gary was commander of the local Grobengieser-Fischer American Legion Post 512 for 6 years and presently serves as finance officer. He has done a lot of volunteer work with the American Legion Post. Gary serves on the Honor Guard for parades and veterans burials. He assists with visits to our veterans who are homebound and in area nursing homes, letting them know they are not forgotten especially during the holidays. Gary is a member of the Altamont Veterans Memorial Committee. Gary also assists with the Altamont Golden Circle Nutrition Center staff when needed. He was a member of the Safe Routes to School Team, which has improved on route safety for children in grade K thru 8.

Gary is a lifelong resident of the Altamont community. He volunteered and was on active duty in the United States Army from 1977-1988. He and his wife, Sandra, have one daughter, Danielle, who is currently a senior at Concordia University in Chicago. Gary has been employed by the City of Altamont for 28 years and presently works with zoning, GIS, mapping and computer systems.

In honor of Gary's services to the community, Peoples Bank has made a donation to American Legion Post 512 and his name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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