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Altamont, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our community. To recognize, commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize an outstanding community member for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

Jerry Jones of Altamont has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter. Jerry has volunteered many hours of service of the past few years. He is currently serving as President of the Altamont Rodeo Committee for the 2015 IHSRA State Finals. He is also a member of the IHSRA Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors, serving as President. He was a member of the former Altamont Chamber Rodeo Committee, where he served as Vice-Chairman for many years. Over the past several years, Jerry has been a parent volunteer at the Altamont Grade School, member of the Parent-Teacher-Student Advisory Board, serving as president. He has also volunteered as a coach of T-Ball, PeeWee league, Girls Softball and Khoury League during the summers his children were growing up. Jerry was also a past member and past president of the Altamont Lions Club.

Jerry said he saw several examples of volunteerism in the Altamont community when he was growing up and he is proud to live in a community that has so many volunteers, young and old; helping Altamont stay a strong community.

Jerry is been a lifelong resident of Altamont, where he resides with his wife, Mona. They have a daughter, Danielle, and a son, Justin, who also live in Altamont.

In honor of Jerry's years of service, Peoples Bank & Trust is making a donation in Jerry's behalf, to the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department Volunteerism Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded yearly to an Altamont High School Senior by the AVFD. Jerry looks at this donation as a "paying forward" and hopes the winner will continue to volunteer to make their community strong. Jerry said, "Thank you again for this honor. I have always said the best thing you can do for a volunteer is to say "Thank you" and tell them their work has been appreciated.

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