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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.

Jessi Scholes has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter. Jessi owns and operates Homemade Happiness Baked Goods out of her home. She offers a program called "Cupcakes for Kids" that allows teachers to reach out to her for free cupcakes for the entire class to celebrate a child's birthday that normally wouldn't be able to bring a birthday treat. Jessi has also spearheaded several local bake sales to raise funds for those battling cancer. Most recently for Elizabeth Weidner from Teutopolis. Jessi considers herself blessed to be asked to help with benefits. Some of those benefits have been held for her Dad, her brother, Adam, Tiffany Dunaway and Haylee Wilhour. She has given time, gift certificates to her business and baked auction items. She has also donated baked goods for auctions for the Altamont Garden Club and ALIS dinner auction.

Jessi is excited to see what future volunteer work is in store for her.

Jessi has lived in Altamont since 1992 and has worked at the Firefly Grill for over 10 years. Jessi is married to Sean Scholes. Sean is a foreman at Petco Petroleum, volunteer firefighter for Altamont and assistant volunteer fire chief in St. Elmo. Jessi noted that he supports her on any volunteer venture that she sets out to do and she couldn't do it without him. Jessi and Sean are the parents of three children: Jackson, Liberty and Riley.

Jessi has requested that the donation for Volunteer of the Quarter be given to the Hunter Barns Memorial. Jessi's name will also be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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