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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.

Joe Luchtefeld has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for his “Every Kid Needs a Bike” project.

Joe told us that when he was a kid, his bike was the best thing to have. Of course, he usually had to modify his bike and make it unique. Times have changed and parents may go through a tough time financially trying to make ends meet. New bikes can be very expensive. Garage sales are a great place to find good bikes too, but even then parents or grandparents may just not have that “extra” cash for one or more bikes. Joes said he was not sure how he came up with the idea. He put a shout out to Facebook friends for used, old bikes and fixed, painted or whatever they would need. Joe never thought he would receive the response he did. “I want to thank the many, many generous friends that brought bikes to my shop. If not for their generosity, this program wouldn’t be what it is today,” said Joe. He never realized how many kids were in need of bikes until now. His employees, Cody Miller and Tim Hein have helped so much and they all really have a good time working on the bikes. It brings the kid out in us, too,

Joe and his wife, Julie are parents to twin sons, who are now 29 years old. They will be welcoming their first grandchild very soon. Of course, Joe will add something to their bikes also. Joe has owned Joe’s Car Care since 1981. He still enjoys making cars and trucks look like new again.

Joe has requested that his donation for Volunteer of the Quarter go to the Shop with a Cop program. Joe’s name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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