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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.

Val Behl has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter. Val is a cosmetologist in Altamont. She owns her own business where she enjoys making people feel their best. Val graduated from Lakeland College in 1993. She is a board member of the Altamont Schuentzenfest to help continue the areas German Heritage. Val volunteers in any way possible to help her dad with the Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations in her home town of St. Elmo, Illinois.

Val has requested that the donation for Volunteer of the Quarter be given to the Altamont Sports Boosters. Val's name will also be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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