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Charleston, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers who personally exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities.

Peoples Bank & Trust has chosen Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation as its Volunteer of the Quarter. The Lincoln Log Cabin site was established in 1936 and honors our 16th President's family who lived and farmed in southern Coles County. In 1984 the nonprofit, Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation, was organized. The site sees over 80,000 visitors a year and has a positive economic impact on the local communities. Many area school children visit the site each year and get to experience different aspects of pioneer living. It is a memory many students never forget.

The Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation has 30-40 regular volunteers who work very hard. The Foundation coordinates the volunteers, pays for all educational programming, all preservation projects, special events, exhibits, presenters and performers and for the care of the livestock. The Foundation also runs a gift shop with all volunteers, management and sales, so that all sales revenue goes right back to the site. The success of our beloved Lincoln Log Cabin site is because of its wonderful volunteers.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring the Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation with a donation and have placed its name on a plaque which is displayed in the bank's lobby. Peoples Bank and Trust has honored area volunteers in Charleston for the past eight and a half years and the Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation is the 35th volunteer recognized by the Charleston Branch of Peoples Bank and Trust.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Waverly and White Hall. Peoples Bank & Trust is a full-service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small businesses and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.