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Morrisonville, 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.

Ron Lowe has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for his work with the Salvation Army. Ron is a life-long resident of Morrisonville, Illinois. His parents, Robert "Bob" and Beulah Lowe opened Lowes Hardware in Morrisonville before Ron was born. He took over the business in 1981 and continues to operate it today.

Ron has been the Chairman of the Morrisonville Extension Unit for the Salvation Army since 1972. In the past 12 months, that organization has helped approximately 30 families including Morrisonville/Palmer residents and travelers who have experienced a recent fire or are just down on their luck. The Salvation Army helps by providing clothing, groceries, gasoline or a hot meal when needed. Over the past 44 years, they have positively affected the lives of hundreds of families. The Morrisonville Extension Unit also makes annual donations to the Peoples Bank & Trust sponsored "Fill the Bus" program, which helps supply Morrisonville Grade School students with school supplies, if their families cannot afford these items.

In honor of Ron's services, Peoples Bank & Trust has proudly made a donation in his honor to the Salvation Army and Ron's name is placed on a plaque displayed at the bank in Taylorville.

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 is a full service bank offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small business, and farmers in Central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.