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Pana, 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.

Ron Sims has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for his many years of coaching for the Pana Panthers Junior Football League (JFL).

Ron has served as the Head Coach for 14 years. Children in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to participate in JFL. Ron stated that there are usually 90 to 100 kids each year that play. The Pana JFL plays other teams in the South Central Conference. The JFL operates on a volunteer basis and Ron wanted to express his appreciation to all the Volunteer coaches, concession operators and ticket sellers that help each season. The JFL's main fundraiser is the annual Cake Auction that is held before the Orange and Blue Game at the start of the football season.

In honor of Ron's services, Peoples Bank will make a donation to the Junior Football League in his honor and Ron's name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Tower Hill, Charleston, 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.