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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.

Al Stupek has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter for his work with the Pana Sports Foundation and Tanner Sports Complex. The Pana Sports Foundation was formed in 1996 as a not for profit corporation to promote the sports of baseball, football, soccer and softball in the Pana community. In the Fall of 1996, the group took on the task of transforming the 10 acre tract that previously was home to the Tanner Drive in into a sports complex. The complex has a regulation size soccer field, a high school size baseball field and a multipurpose softball field. It is used by many area sports teams for practice and games.

Over the years a pavilion, concession stand and permanent bathrooms have been added with help from the Lions Club and others. Various other projects have been done by Eagle Scouts such as sidewalks, a flag pole and dugouts for the soccer field. All of the work that has been done on this complex has been provided through volunteer labor coordinated by the PSF. Funding has been provided via public donations or various fundraising events.

The Pana Sports Foundation Board officers are Al Stupek, President; Will Perkins, Vice-President; Tim Burris, Treasurer and Jodi Hay, Secretary.

In honor of Al's volunteer services, Peoples Bank will make a donation to the Pana Sports Foundation in his honor and his name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank. Stupek said the donation will be used for mowing and maintenance expenses.

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.