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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.

The Pana Boy Scout Troop 99 has been chosen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter. Mike Burdzilauskas is the Scoutmaster of Troop 99. He is assisted by Nathaniel Moss and James Moon, Assistant Scoutmasters. There are currently 18 scouts in the troop. The Charter sponsor for the troop is the Methodist Men group of United Methodist Church.

The Scouts do a number of volunteer services for the Pana community. Their main focus during February will be the Annual Food Drive for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. The boys go all over the city one weekend, placing bags on doors asking for donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to the Food Pantry. They return the next week, to collect all the donations. They will also be helping with the United Methodist Men's Breakfast in February. Other activities that the Troop participates in during the year include helping the Lions Club pick sweet corn, assisting the United Way during the Labor Day parade, the Pana Community Hospital bazaar, area cemetery cleanups, Veterans and Memorial Day celebrations and the Flag Burning ceremony held at Peoples Bank & Trust. There have also been numerous Eagle Scout projects that have benefitted the City of Pana and Tanner's Park.

Boys who are Cub Scouts join the Boy Scouts in the spring of their 5th grade year and can continue until they are 18, when they can move to the Venturing scout program. The new scouting year begins on March 1st.

In honor of their volunteer services, Peoples Bank will make a donation to Pana Troop 99 Boys Scouts and their 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.