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Peoples Bank & Trust Volunteer of the Quarter

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

Ernie Cleveland has been chosen as Peoples Bank & Trust 4th Quarter Volunteer of the Quarter. Ernie and his wife, Marcia, are mainstays of Waverly. They can be seen any time the community has a need.

Ernie was born and raised in Waverly, served our country in the US Army for 15 years and served as the Mayor of Waverly from 1989 – 2008. He is a member of the Waverly American Legion Post #262 and has served as a member of the Honor Guard as Chaplin.

Ernie is an integral member of the Waverly Lion's Club. He hosts monthly meetings at Poppie's Coffee Corner, the restaurant Ernie and Marcia own. This is also the location for the annual Lion's Club pancake breakfast. Ernie also offers his support to the Waverly Boy Scouts fund raising breakfast, donating his restaurant and time for the benefit of the Scouts.

Every year at Thanksgiving, Ernie and Marcia host a Thanksgiving meal for those who are alone and have nowhere to go. In addition, they have hosted numerous funeral meals and benefits.

Ernie and Marcia have five adult children and fourteen grandbabies.

In honor of Ernie's extensive volunteer services, Peoples Bank & Trust donated \$250.00 to the Waverly Lion's Club and Ernie'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, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Waverly, and White Hall. Peoples is a full service bank offering outstanding customer service to customers, small businesses, and farmers in Central Illinois. Peoples First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.