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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.

Gale Cole has been chosen as our current volunteer of the Quarter for his work with the Silver Strands Senior Center in Palmyra. Gale averages 20 hours per week volunteering at Silver Strands. He has served as a van driver, delivered meals-on-wheels, was a substitute cook, dish washer and currently enjoys playing cards and working on puzzles. Gale has served as President of the Senior Center for the past 15 years.

Gale served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1957 and is a member of American Legion Post #225. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Greenfield, where he has served as a past Sunday school teacher and Chairman of Deacons. He has been past President of the National Southdown Sheep Association, Illinois Lamb and Wool Producers, and was on the Macoupin County Fair Board, Northwestern School Board and was a former 4-H Club leader.

Gale is a retired area farmer and has been married to his wife, Joy, since 1954. They are the parents of Mark (Julie) Cole, Michael (Bonnie) Cole, Betsy (Brad) Meisenheimer and Roger (Ruth) Cole. They have 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In honor of Gale's extensive volunteer services, Peoples Bank & Trust has made a donation of \$250.00 to the Palmyra Silver Strands Senior Center.

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