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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.

Peoples Bank & Trust is proud to recognize Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy as its current Volunteers of the Quarter.

The Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy is a grassroots charitable organization incorporated on March 10, 2017. Since then they have worked hard on the repair, maintenance, promotion, enhancement and expansion of the Lincoln Prairie Trail that currently runs between Pana and Taylorville. Their current project involves building a 12' x 16' rain shelter at the Pana trailhead area. They plan to use an existing concrete pad to save on the cost. In the future, the group would like to expand the trail further into the City of Pana. This will improve access for the city residents as well as providing a safer way to access the trail. Vice-Chairman, Bud Altman, said the group has several ideas for this, one of which has been submitted to the State for possible inclusion of a bike lane as part of the current Route 29 resurfacing project.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the Conservancy are Terry Baker, Chairman, Debbie Jordan, Treasurer and Bud Altman, Vice-Chairman and Founder. Anyone wishing to get involved may email volunteers@lincolnprietrailsconservancy.com or call 217-820-0849. Information on the group's efforts can be found on the Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy Facebook page.

Peoples Bank and Trust is honoring the Lincoln Prairie Trail Conservancy with a donation and have placed their name on a plaque, displayed in the bank's lobby.

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.