

White Hall, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers and organizations that exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities. The recipients of these awards are chosen by the employees of the local branch.

Karen McGee and the many volunteers who coordinate the Back to School Bash have been chosen as Peoples Bank & Trusts Volunteer of the Quarter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter in 2021.

Karen McGee wanted to do something for school age children before they went back to school to make sure they had all the necessary supplies. Karen and other volunteers began the Back to School Bash in August of 2002. This program offers all necessary school supplies to North Greene students entering Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This event is held prior to the beginning of school with fun activities, face painting, lunch, snow cones, and popcorn!

Karen recalled the first years entertainment was provided by the puppet Elmo –performed by the late, City of White Hall worker, Eddie Lawson. Eddie would tell her “Don’t stop what you’re doing”. This event continues to be held and has been blessed with so many volunteers throughout the years. She would like to thank Ginny, Chris, Ashley and Pastor Carl Beck for all the heavy lifting. After looking back at the original records, Karen was overwhelmed when she realized that three of those original children who received school supplies are now volunteers! Although, she can’t begin to name everyone, Karen would like to thank ALL of the volunteers, businesses, churches, groups and individuals who have helped make this event so successful for so many years with their generous donations, because without them....This event would not be possible. THANK YOU!!

Peoples Bank and Trust will honor the Back to School Bash with a Volunteer of the Quarter \$250.00 award! Please join us in congratulating Karen and the other volunteers for their contribution to this program.

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 business and farmers in central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with the corporate office in Pana Illinois is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.