

Peoples Bank & Trust Volunteer of the Quarter Donna McNeely

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.

Donna McNeely has been chosen as the Peoples Bank & Trust Volunteer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2023 for her many years of service helping the community as an EMT.

Donna said, "I had a neighbor who called me for help one day. I did not know what to do except sit by her until the ambulance arrived. That is when I said I didn't want to ever feel so helpless again." When the Northwestern Ambulance offered a class in January of 1989, Donna enrolled and received her EMT-B license in May 1989. Donna said that many things have changed through the years and a lot of good EMT's have come and gone. There have been many changes in what they now can do, that were not available 35 years ago when she started. The AED, better meds and bigger rigs. Donna loves helping out the community. As long as they have EMT's and 1st responders, they will be there to help the community.

Donna requested her monetary donation go to the Northwestern School District's Project 3rd Day Wildcat Way program. This program sends food bags home with elementary school students over long weekends. This allows kids, who have parents who work on those long weekend holidays, to have food and snacks that they can prepare themselves. Such items as canned soup/stew, canned ravioli/spaghetti, ramen noodles, oatmeal cups, beef sticks, fruit cups, nutria-grain bars, pop tarts, veggie straws, goldfish crackers, etc. are included in the bags. Donna's name will also be placed on a plaque 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.