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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 an outstanding community member for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

The Pana Music Boosters has been chosen as our Volunteers of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 2023. The Pana Music Boosters is an organization that supports Pana Schools' music programs by providing needs such as materials, uniforms, music, trips, instruments, instrument repair, parental supervision, and many more extras that may not be provided by the school system. The Pana Music Boosters have had a great year thus far!

They started the year with a successful membership campaign that included generous donations from over 102 individuals, families and businesses. They have also conducted several successful fundraising events including Bundt cake sales, cup sales, yard sign sales, football tailgate, concessions and t-shirt sales. With the money raised this year, they have purchased the following items for Pana music students: 4 piccolos, \$3000 toward repair of Pana High School instruments, 4 youth tubas, 1 full size tuba, capos for the high school guitar class, 2 microphone systems, 2 spotlights, a keyboard case, music binders, food for music students at state event and breakfast for all Pana Jr High & High School music students on Fridays during March - Music in our Schools month. The members also have assisted the band during parades, cooked dinner for the high school band at the Oblong competition, hauled the trailer to events and fixed the trailer.

The Music Boosters are excited to announce that they are offering a \$1000 scholarship this year to a Pana senior that will be majoring in music. Next year the high school band is planning a trip to Nashville in May and the music boosters is giving students opportunities to earn money to help pay for their trip by fundraising and working concessions. The number of students in choir and band is increasing next year and we are looking forward to providing more opportunities for students.

In honor of the volunteer effort of the parents, teachers and friends that make up the Pana Music Boosters, Peoples Bank has made a monetary donation to the Pana Music Boosters and a plaque with their name will be placed on display at the bank.

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