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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 Diamonds Club has been chosen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter. The Pana Diamonds Club is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, that focuses on the “extras” for baseball and softball for Pana Jr. High and Senior High Schools. Their goal is to help offset the costs for individuals to play baseball and softball, as well as helping to improve the facilities and equipment that are used for these sports. They do not want any child to not play the sport due to financial difficulties. The club hopes to help grow the sport of baseball and softball in our community and offer opportunities to the players that were not available in the past. They recently were able to pay for Game Changer for parents to be able to follow the games live. They also purchased new bats for the seniors. The first big project that they are planning is a turf baseball field.

The Board members of the organization include President Blair Angel, Vice-President Adam Ladage, Secretary Bridgett Heinrich, Treasurer Bobbi Jo Jostes, CJ Cothorn, Ashley Jones and Aaron Mathis. Please contact any of the Board members to become a Pana Diamonds Club member, if you would like to make a donation or if you would like to volunteer.

In honor of the volunteer effort of the Pana Diamonds Club, Peoples Bank has made a monetary donation to them and a plaque with their name will be placed on display at the bank.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an independent Community Bank with ten offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Tower Hill, Charleston, Waverly, Morrisonville, Palmyra, White Hall and Springfield. 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.