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Taylorville, 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.

Missions for Taylorville has been chosen as our current Volunteer of the Quarter. Missions for Taylorville is an all-volunteer group of community-minded individuals who are interested in improving the appearance of our community while helping others. Missions for Taylorville became the reality of a few individuals about 12 years ago. They are under the umbrella of the Taylorville Ministerial Association, which allows them to operate as a 501c3.

Their mission is to assist those who are unable to make their own repairs or who cannot afford to have repairs done for them. The total amount of each of projects is funded by Mission for Taylorville. Their team is funded primarily by donations, which allows them to do the work with no obligation to the homeowner. Their most recent workday (June 2, 2023) expenses totaled almost \$7,000 and they assisted 25 homeowners.

In order for a homeowner to be granted repairs, an application must be submitted to Missions for Taylorville. That application is reviewed and prioritized by their team. The homeowner is notified if the application has been approved or why it was denied. Each job is limited to the availability of volunteers and their skills. More complex jobs, such as building a ramp, require volunteers with carpentry skills, whereas doing landscape work does not.

Missions for Taylorville desires to increase its efforts to assist those who cannot afford or do not have the ability to do the work for themselves. The number of volunteers we need is sometimes a challenge. All skill levels are necessary for the projects to be successful. Please consider volunteering for this extremely rewarding experience!

In honor of Missions for Taylorville volunteer services, Peoples Bank has made a donation to the group and their name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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