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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.

Keith and Shannon Boston have been chosen as our current Volunteers of the Quarter.

Shannon started the Shadow Box Resale Store in 2006. It started with the goal and hope of helping Shadow House, the women's shelter in Taylorville. Within the first month, she realized that the store was going to help the community much more. In 2011, Shannon left the nursing field to focus on Shadow Box full time. Since then, they have been able to give financially to Shadow Home every month. Around the same time, they were also able to start giving to the Taylorville Food Pantry every month as well. Over the years, business has continued to increase and beginning in January 2023, they are now able to give monthly to the Midland Food Pantry in Kincaid and Edinburg Food Pantry also.

A few months back, Shannon and Keith became involved with a group, "My Community, My Family". It is a small non-profit group of local individuals concerned with and trying to promote environmental safety and health in our community. The former MGP site near the park, owned by Ameren, is something we are concerned with specifically in regards to the byproducts left buried years ago. They are currently conducting health surveys in an attempt to identify cancer and/or disease clusters in the area and when they might have occurred. The group also helped some cancer patients around Christmas time as well. Keith said their goal and hope is to help as many in our community as possible in any way we are able to. They greatly appreciated this honor and recognition.

In honor of Keith and Shannon Boston's volunteer services, Peoples Bank has made a donation to My Community, My Family and their names will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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