

White Hall, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend, promote, and encourage volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community members for their volunteer efforts to improve our community.

Peoples Bank & Trust would like to recognize Karen McGee, as our Volunteer of the Quarter for Q3 2025, for her work with the Back to School Bash. The Back to School Bash is a program that was started in August of 2002 and offers all necessary school supplies to North Greene students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. The event is held prior to the beginning of school with fun activities, face painting, lunch, snow cones, popcorn, and whatever else they can think of adding!

The first event's entertainment was Elmo, performed by the late Eddie Lawson. Eddie always loved this event and had encouraged Karen to keep this program going. The event has grown into a community supported event, full of so many volunteers who have all made this event so successful with their generous donations of items, support, and time. Without all of the community help received, this program would not have grown to be the success it has become.

This year's event was held on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 at Whiteside Park, White Hall.

In honor of Karen McGee's services, Peoples Bank & Trust is making a \$250 donation to Back to School Bash, in her name. Karen's name will also be added to a plaque on display at the bank, recognizing past volunteers.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an Independent Community Bank with thirteen offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Charleston, Tower Hill, Springfield, Morrisonville, Palmyra, Waverly, White Hall, Arcola, Arthur, and Tuscola. Peoples is a full service bank, offering outstanding customer service to consumers, small businesses, and farmers in central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana, Illinois, is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust.