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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.

Lisa Bland has been selected as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter of 2025 for her many hours of work helping to make Pana a more welcoming and beautiful community.

Lisa has been an active member of Pana Pride since October 2016. She has served as both a past president and continues to give her time as a current board member. Lisa is an active member of the Beautification Committee, where she can be found watering and weeding flowers, caring for the downtown hanging baskets or helping keep public spaces updated and beautiful. Lisa also lends her efforts to the Yard of the Month committee and has played a vital role in the ongoing cleanup of the “wall” at the corner of First and Cedar streets. Lisa wants to give credit to her husband, Ken “Moose” Bland for his behind-the-scenes support. Together they have made a lasting impact on the community by designing and constructing the Route 29 “Welcome to Pana” sign, maintaining its landscaping and caring for the Route 51 Welcome sign.

In honor of the Lisa’s volunteer service to make our town a better place, Peoples Bank will award a monetary donation to Pana Pride and a plaque with Lisa’s name will be placed on display at the bank.

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