

PRESS RELEASE

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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.

Pattie Gatons has been selected as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2025 for her many hours of work with Pana Pride and the December to Remember Holiday event.

December to Remember is celebrating it's fifth year lighting up Kitchell Park. Through many donations from the community and many hours of work by the volunteers, they have over 200 displays and an animated light show. The lights begin on Saturday November 29 at 5:00 p.m. and continue through the month of December. Santa will be in his house at the Park from December 6th – 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. weekdays and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on the weekends. There will also be a live nativity on December 17th and 18th from 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

Pana Pride meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Pana Christian Church at 6:30 p.m. and they welcome everyone who may be interested in learning about the group.

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

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