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Peoples Bank & Trust Welcomes
New AVP Business Banking to Altamont Branch

Pana, Ill. – February 26, 2026 – Peoples Bank & Trust is proud to announce that Justin Richards has joined the Altamont branch as Assistant Vice President of Business Banking. With more than 17 years of banking experience, Richards brings his vast experience in building relationships and customer commitment to his new position.

John Gardner, President and CEO of Peoples Bank & Trust shared his enthusiasm for the addition, stating, “We’re proud to welcome Justin to the Peoples team. His background and passion for building strong business relationships make him a great fit for us, and more importantly, our customers.”

In his new position, Richards will serve customers at the Altamont branch and partner closely with local businesses to understand their goals and deliver exceptional financial solutions, while continuing Peoples Bank & Trust’s tradition of outstanding service.

A lifelong resident of Cowden, Justin and his wife enjoy working on their family farm while raising their four sons and being involved in their activities.

Gardner concluded, “Justin brings firsthand experience in the business and Ag areas that will certainly be a benefit to our customers. We are excited to have him join the Peoples Bank & Trust team.”

Peoples Bank & Trust is a locally owned and managed, independent community bank with thirteen offices located in Charleston, Altamont, Arcola, Arthur, Tower Hill, Pana, Taylorville, Tuscola, Morrisonville, Springfield, Waverly, Palmyra and White Hall.

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Altamont
511 S. Main Street
Altamont, IL 62411

Arcola
127 S. Oak Street
Arcola, IL 61910

Arthur
201 S. Vine Street
Arthur, IL 61911

Charleston
1810 Lincoln Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920

Morrisonville
409 Carlin Street
Morrisonville, IL 62546

Palmyra
142 W. State Street
Palmyra, IL 62674

Pana
200 S. Locust Street
Pana, IL 62557

Springfield
2840 Mansion Road
Springfield, IL 62711

Taylorville
1221 Springfield Road
Taylorville, IL 62568

Tower Hill
209 State Highway 16
Tower Hill, IL 62571

Tuscola
504 S. Main Street
Tuscola, IL 61953

Waverly
197 W. State Street
Waverly, IL 62692

White Hall
102 S. Main Street
White Hall, IL 62092

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Peoples Bank & Trust 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.

For more information on Peoples Bank & Trust and their available banking services or how they can help with consumer or business lending needs, contact the bank at 888-728-1954 or visit www.BankPBT.com.



Justin Richards – Peoples Bank & Trust, AVP, Business Banking