

Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes Mick Howrey as Volunteer of the Quarter

Arcola, 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 Phillip Michael (Mick) Howrey, a longtime community leader and volunteer, as our “Volunteer of the Quarter” for his work across multiple organizations in the Arcola Area. Mick currently serves as Executive Director of Economic Development for the Arcola Chamber of Commerce, President of the Arcola Rotary Club, and is actively involved with the Small Business Development Center at Eastern Illinois University, where he supports local entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Through his leadership and service, Mick has played a key role in strengthening local economic development, supporting small business growth, and enhancing quality of life for residents in Arcola and the surrounding communities. His involvement also extends to organizations such as the First Christian Church of Arcola, the Coles County Council on Aging, and community events like the Raggedy Ann Rally, reflecting a deep and ongoing commitment to service.

Mick’s dedication to volunteerism spans decades and reflects a true passion for giving back. Whether mentoring business owners, leading community initiatives, or serving in local organizations, his efforts continue to make a lasting impact in the community.

In honor of his services, Peoples Bank & Trust is making a donation of \$250 to the Arcola Chamber of Commerce in honor of Mick Howrey. His name will also be added to a plaque displayed at the bank recognizing past volunteers.

Peoples Bank & Trust is an Independent Community Bank with thirteen offices located in Pana, Taylorville, Altamont, Tower Hill, Waverly, White Hall, Palmyra, Morrisonville, Charleston, 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. Arcola Branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Recognizes

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Pana, Ill. – March 2, 2026 – The Arcola branch of Peoples Bank & Trust is proud to recognize Phillip Michael (Mick) Howrey as their Volunteer of the Quarter. Mick is being honored for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the Arcola community.

“Those who have a longstanding commitment to volunteerism, like Mick, help bring out the very best of everyone in our communities.” said John Gardner, President and CEO of Peoples Bank & Trust. “For years, he’s shown up, stepped in, and thus has made a lasting difference in the lives of so many.”

We are excited to recognize Mick for his work across multiple organizations in the Arcola Area. Currently serves as Executive Director of Economic Development for the Arcola Chamber of Commerce, President of the Arcola Rotary Club, and is actively involved with the Small Business Development Center at Eastern Illinois University, where he supports local entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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