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Taylorville, 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 outstanding community members for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

Jamesly Jesse has been chosen as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the 2nd Qtr. of 2026.

Jamesly Jesse is a senior at Central A&M High School. In 2023, he completed his Eagle Scout Project of organizing a Meal Packathon for Milot Haiti. This included raising \$35,400 to pay for the supplies for 100,080 meals of rice, beans, dehydrated vegetables, and nutrients that were then packed by over 400 volunteers in less than four hours.

As a survivor of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, this project had special meaning to Jamesly as the food was distributed by the hospital that took care of him in the year following the earthquake. Although he participates in many activities at school and through youth groups, he wants to give back once more by holding a second Packathon on April 12, 2026. The goal for this is to raise \$22,000 for 50,00 meals that will once again help a critical need for children in Milot.

In honor of Jamesly's many hours of volunteer services, Peoples Bank has made a donation to the Haiti Health Promise and his name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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