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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.

Jodi Heberling has been chosen as our Volunteer for the 3rd quarter of 2026 for her work with the Christian County Historical Society.

Jodi has a lifelong passion for volunteering and serving her community. She spent 25 years as a 4-H leader and has been involved with the Christian County Historical Society for even longer. Her connection to the Historical Society began as a child, volunteering alongside her parents and grandparents. Years later, she continued that tradition with her 4-H club, whose members provided the labor for the Lemonade Shake-Ups at many of the Society's events.

After several years of volunteering, Jodi was invited to join the Christian County Historical Society's Board of Directors. She eventually stepped into the role of President and has served in a leadership role with the organization for nearly 20 years. While she jokes that staying in that role for so long might not be a good thing, it reflects a reality many organizations face—finding dedicated volunteers is becoming increasingly difficult.

Today, Jodi serves as Co-President, Food Manager, and, as she likes to say, the "lawn boy" for the Historical Society. If there's an event happening, chances are you'll find her behind the scenes helping make it happen. Whether she's preparing her homemade chicken and noodles, roasting pulled pork, assisting with the roast pork for the annual Tidings of Joy meal, organizing volunteers, mowing the grounds, or simply doing whatever needs to be done, she believes no job is too small when it comes to serving the community.

For Jodi, volunteering has never been about recognition. It's about preserving local history, supporting community traditions, and giving back to the place she has always called home.

Jodi is grateful to People's Bank for recognizing the importance of volunteers and the countless hours they contribute to strengthening communities. She is honored by this recognition and hopes it serves as a reminder that every volunteer, no matter the role, helps make a difference.

In honor of Jodi's many hours of volunteer services, Peoples Bank has made a donation to the Christian County Historical Society and her name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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