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Altamont, 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 Waymoth has been chosen as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the 3rd qtr. of 2026 for work with Fear Nothing.

Jodi Waymoth was diagnosed with stage three colorectal cancer at the young age of 30, then stage two Triple Negative Breast Cancer at age 32. Jodi's children were just one and three upon her initial diagnoses, and she was unsure of whether she would be here to see them grow up.

Jodi recently celebrated the twenty-year mark since that original diagnosis, and her kids are now young adults. She attributes her success to God first and also credits the incredible medical professionals right here in Effingham County.

Jodi runs a successful, non-profit, Fear Nothing, to give back to the local community who blessed her family so much when she was enduring her battle. Fear Nothing has become a beacon of hope for cancer patients in Effingham, Fayette, Shelby, Clay, Cumberland and Jasper counties. Fear Nothing provides roughly \$50,000-\$75,000 annually in gift cards, to lighten the burden cancer takes on a family. Fear Nothing is run solely by volunteer board members, and every dollar raised stays local. If you would like to support Fear Nothing in their mission, or know a cancer patient in these counties who could use a blessing, please visit <http://www.fearnothing.life>.

Jodi recently stepped down from serving on the Effingham Sports Booster board of directors to focus more on their business, The Black Dog (gaming and bar) here in Altamont and Fear Nothing!

Peoples Bank & Trust will be honoring Jodi Waymoth with a monetary donation to Fear Nothing and her name will also be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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