

Freedom Bank Newsletter

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A Message from the President

I often get asked, "Why are you so proud to be a "community bank"? After all, a bank is a bank, isn't it? When you think in terms of taking deposits, making loans and offering competitive products, there isn't much difference in any bank, regardless of its size, number of offices and so on. However, being a "community bank" is what really makes the difference.

What do I mean by that, you might ask? A community bank does more than offer the standard banking products. At Freedom Bank, we are heavily involved in our various markets with monetary support and,

more importantly, employee involvement. Many of our employees have personally committed their time to helping others. In this issue, you will see just a few examples of the many projects our people take on. That is what makes a community bank different.

At Freedom Bank, we are always proud to voice our involvements, whether it is a 4-H or FFA group, education, or the local Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Authorities. We do more than talk about it, we actually live it. The larger regional banks talk the talk, but walking the walk is much

harder for them. After all, the "powers to be" of their organizations are often located out of state and truly have no feel for what is needed locally. When taking all of this into consideration, you might ask yourself, which is the better value? We would argue that community banks are, by far, the best value. At Freedom Bank, we openly boast that community banking is our creed!



Mike

Current Events



Over the last couple of months our branches have been involved with many events. Freedom Bank participated in the 3 mile Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk held in Elkins in May 2005. Our team received second place for raising a total of \$1,705.00!

At our Bridgeport office in April, Johnson Elementary School's 3rd grade visited for a field trip where they learned about the concepts of banking and saw the inner-workings of the branch. Staff at the office

entertained the group and supplied them with friendly coloring books about banking.

At Philippi, our branch had a "Customer Appreciation Party" on May 18th. Approximately 250 customers and guests attended the outside event for an evening of fun, food, and prizes. Employees worked hard in preparing for the party but all agree that it was well worth it. Branch Manager Carla Skidmore said, "It was rewarding to have the opportunity to do something



nice for our customers."

Our very own staff member, Alicia Witt, graduated Summa Cum Laude in May from AB College. She has been accepted into Medical School at Marshall University starting this fall. In addition, Alicia will be married on July 2nd to Mike Maddix. The entire Freedom Bank staff wishes the best for Alicia in the years ahead!



Don't Forget Father's Day June 18th!

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it."

Clarence Kelland

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