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A Message from President & CEO Mike Hudnall

Welcome to Spring and Summer! Finally the weather has broken. To most of us, this time of year is known as the time for a new beginning, a fresh start after a tough winter. In this edition of our newsletter I wanted to take time to mention the people who have been instrumental in driving our bank toward new and higher levels of achievement. Of course our officers and employees have played a significant role in making it happen. Without them, we couldn't get it done.

We want you to get to know our Board of Directors a little better. They are the folks who help us set our goals, who oversee us to be sure we are accomplishing those things that allow us to serve our various constituencies, namely, shareholders, employees and the community.

Tom Pitsenberger is the Chairman of our holding company, Freedom Bancshares, Inc. He is a native of Barbour County and graduated from WVU as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He retired from that profession in 2000 and, in the past, has been quite active in many community organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions, Mountain State Forest Festival. He and his wife Donna are actively involved with their church and grandchildren.

Craig Hott is Chairman of our bank board. He serves as President of Hott's Ag Services and Vice President of

Franklin Oil, both located in Pendleton County. Craig is a member of the WV Farm Bureau and the WV Poultry Association. He is actively involved in the Pendleton County Committee for the Arts and the Tri-County Bowling Association. Craig and his wife, Paula, are active with their church where he currently serves as Chairman of their Pastor/Parish Relations Committee. Both are also involved extensively with their grandchildren.

Linda Wellings, owner of MPL Corporation, is Chairperson of our Audit Committee this year. Linda is very heavily involved in the High Tech industry and has been a long-time proponent of various technology companies within West Virginia. She currently serves as Chair of the WV Chamber of Commerce and is the first and only woman to be elected to this significant position. Linda is active with the Small Business Development Center, WV High Tech Consortium and is a Trustee of WV Wesleyan College. She and her husband, Bud, are also involved in church activities and enjoy paying special attention to their grandchildren.

John Jenkins recently served as Chairman of Freedom Bank. He currently serves as District Director for the WV Automobile Dealers Association and is an active member of Tennerton Public Service District. John is active in various community activities and is the fundraising chair of the Buckhannon-Upshur HS Turf

Director Emeritus Booth Receives Honorary Doctorate

As a part of the May 12 Commencement exercises at Alderson Broaddus College, A. Houston Booth, Director Emeritus, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service degree. Mr. Booth was recognized for his many contributions over the years to the business world and his commitment to the youth of Barbour County.

Committee. He is also a Trustee of the West Virginia Methodist Foundation. He and his wife, Shelia, are owners of Jenkins Ford-Mercury.

Jane Helmick is also active in her community. She serves as Treasurer for the Buckhannon Chamber of Commerce, the WV Livestock Markets Association and the Upshur Arts Alliance. She is also active in the local Board of Realtors, Upshur Co. Livestock Association, WV Cattlemen's Association, National Cattlemen's Association and the WV Farm Bureau. Along with being a realtor, Jane and her husband, Charlie, are co-owners of Buckhannon Stockyards.

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