



# The Pulse

JULY 2005

A quarterly publication  
for the Members of the  
Freeland Area Chamber  
of Commerce

*The Freeland Area Chamber of Commerce is  
dedicated to the promotion of the Freeland Area.*

## Your Executive Board:

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*Jim Shafley, Answer Heating & Cooling  
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## Upcoming Events:

### **Freeland Area Chamber**

#### **Business After Hours**

July 19, 2005

*Answer Heating & Cooling  
8490 Midland Rd., Freeland  
5pm - 7pm*

September 20, 2005

*Family First Credit Union  
6900 Midland Rd., Freeland  
5pm - 7pm*

### **Membership Meetings**

August 18, 2005

*Memorial Park Building  
7:30am Social  
8:00am Meeting  
Topic: To be announced*

October 20, 2005

*Memorial Park Building  
7:30am Social  
8:00am Meeting*

*Topic: Small Business HR Issues  
Beth Handley-McMall*

## It's a New Chamber

With the election of the new Executive Committee in January, comes a new look, a renewed purpose & exuberance, and basically, a new Chamber of Commerce in the Freeland Area.

Over the last several months, the new board has been meeting on a regular basis, putting into perspective, what we want to be. We canceled the membership meeting for June, and focused our energy on a marathon retreat where we discussed our mission, purpose, and goals.

Out of that meeting came a new Mission Statement, a logo revamping, and the knowledge that we want to make our community better, become an information resource for the community and business arena in Freeland, and provide networking opportunities as well as business promotions to our members.

This is NOT the old Chamber. We have a renewed sense of commitment and valor. You, as members, have a dynamic executive team that works well together with a matching vision. The ball is rolling, and we're running alongside. There's no stopping us now.

We have quality speakers scheduled for our August and October membership meetings that you are sure to enjoy. The July Business After Hours will be hosted by Answer Heating & Cooling, with the September event hosted by Family First Credit Union.

Enclosed in this first quarterly newsletter, is an application for membership. If you are not already a member, or were a member in the past, and would like to see what changes we have in store, we encourage you to join. If you're interested, but you would like to check us out first - please feel free to attend either our August or October membership meeting. All meetings are held at the Tittabawassee Township Memorial Building. Social time is from 7:30am to 8am, with the meeting starting promptly at 8am and ending at 9am. If you have any questions, contact Patti Bayne-Tomczak, membership director, at (989)695-6644.

**Check us out. It's a whole new Chamber!**

*Please patronize our members by  
shopping them first!*

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## Freeland Area Chamber of Commerce 2005 Membership Roster

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AFLAC	Freeland United Methodist Church
Allen Veenkant	Henslers Country Market
Answer Heating & Cooling	I Care Vision Center
Auburn Towing	Leigh Lewis
Bayne's Apple Valley Farm	ManPower
Bear's Carpet Cleaners	MBS Airport
Brewster Insurance Agency	McDonald's Restaurant
Buck Insurance Agency	Midland Academy
Burt Watson Chevrolet/Buick	Mike Goschka
Chemical Bank & Trust	New Heart Church of the Nazarine
Cunningham/Taylor Funeral Home	Padgett Business Services
Currie Kendall PLC	Pat's Food Center
Data & Survey Management	Paxson Oil Company
Dr. John Dee, DDS	Quality Storage
Easy Printing Center	Re/Max Valley Real Estate
Edward Jones	Saginaw Corrections Facility
Eudici's Pizza	Saint Agne Catholic Church
Family First Credit Union	Schauman Construction
Freeland Assembly of God	The Birdhouse
Freeland Chiropractic	The Township Times
Freeland Family Medicine	Tittabawassee Township
Freeland Foot & Ankle Clinic	Weinlander Fitzhugh
Freeland Lion's Club	Wilcox Professional
Freeland State Bank	Zion Lutheran Church

### New Members - Welcome

Bear's Carpet Cleaners  
Allen Veenkant  
Network Services Group

### *What's Next*

The Freeland Shop at Home Guide is scheduled to be printed and mailed this fall. Don't miss having your business listed in the Guide. The Guide will be mailed to all households in the Freeland Area. For more information regarding membership, contact us at (989)695-6620. Please leave a message and someone from the Chamber will get back to you as soon as possible.

### *Don't Forget*

The Freeland Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2005 from 5 - 7 pm at Answer Heating in Cooling. All members welcome. If you're not already a member but would like a Guest Pass, please contact Judy Wolgast @ Family First Credit Union at (989)759-1686 ext. 234. We would love to see you there.

## WISDOM

Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sales. Explore. *am. Discover.*

-Mark Twain

You win with people!

-W.W. Hayes

### Coming Soon!!!

Freeland Chamber members will soon be able to create their own web page on the Chamber's site.

In working with our new internet service provider, Network Services Group, we discovered a way to offer this benefit to all Freeland Area Chamber members.

The Chamber will provide you with a template to design your page. You can upload pictures, text, coupons, etc. If you would like to go beyond the provided template, Network Services Group will design your page for a nominal fee.

Just one more added benefit of being a Chamber member!

Not a member? Just fill in the enclosed application and mail it to the Chamber with your \$75 dues. You can start taking advantage of the benefits tomorrow.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Freeland Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the promotion of the Freeland Area.

APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Date Business Established (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/CEO \_\_\_\_\_ CHAMBER REP. (If other than owner) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PO BOX \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ WEB ADDRESS http://www. \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (If different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

EACH ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION LISTING @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES \_\_\_\_\_ FULL TIME \_\_\_\_\_ PART TIME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

Active involvement increases the effectiveness of your membership and advances the goals of the Chamber. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to participate.

Chamber Board

Membership

Volunteer

Committee

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Accountants
Agriculture
Airport/Service
Animal Care/Supplies
Appraisal Services
Attorney
Automobile Sales/Services
Business Services
Child Care
Carpet Cleaners
Church
Community Service
Convenience Store
Contractor
Custom Cabinets/Furniture
Dance Studio
Dentist/Physician
Distributor

Dry Cleaners
Engineering/Surveying
Exercise Facility
Financial Services
Funeral Home/Mausoleums
Garden Design
Gas Station
Gas Tank Repair
Golf Course
Governmental Services
Graphic Arts
Heating/Air Conditioning
Gymnastic Instruction
Industrial Service
Insurance Service
Mobile Home Park
Motel/Hotel
Newspaper

Pharmacy
Printing/Silk Screening
Plumbing
Real Estate
Restaurant
Retail Sales
Storage
Styling Salons
Tanning Salons
Taxidermy
Wrecker/Towing
Wholesale Manufacturing
Video Rental

Other
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MEMBERSHIP DUES \$75.00 per year

Dues must be paid in full at time of application. Partial fee may be collected mid-year. Subsequent renewals are billed at the beginning of each fiscal year. Dues include listing in Annual "Shop at Home" Guide and all general membership meetings. Dues are non-refundable and may be tax deductible as a business expense. Please make check payable to Freeland Area Chamber of Commerce

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