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## **Consumers National Bank To Open First Office in Jefferson County**

*Minerva, Ohio*—Consumers National Bank announced today that it has received approval from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) for its application to operate a new full-service branch office at 256 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Bergholz, Ohio. The approval marks the bank’s first location in Jefferson County and its 13<sup>th</sup> branch in the bank’s network. Consumers National Bank anticipates that banking operations at the new Bergholz office will begin in May.

“Opening this new office in Bergholz will enable Consumers National Bank to serve new personal, business, and agricultural customers in northern Jefferson County, southern Columbiana and eastern Carroll counties. By expanding into Jefferson County, we are demonstrating our commitment to bring community banking to under-served, but viable markets,” said Ralph J. Lober, II, president and CEO of Consumers National Bank. “Bank management worked with the Village of Bergholz and the local business leaders to establish a lease agreement for the facility and a prospective customer base. The enthusiasm and commitment to a local banking option was impressive,” he added

Consumers National Bank was established by local business men in Minerva, Ohio, in 1965. Since that time, the bank has expanded beyond Stark to Carroll and Columbiana counties taking its philosophy of community banking and knowledgeable, personalized service to these markets. The bank, now at \$441 million in assets, is the largest community bank in Stark County and holds a five-star (superior) Bauer Financial bank rating.

“Consumers National Bank has grown primarily by investing back into the communities in which we do business. Local investors and depositors support local lending. In addition, we provide customers with direct access to local decision making and state-of-the-art technology. Bergholz and Jefferson County residents, businesses, and farmers share many of the characteristics of our current customer base. They have a strong work ethic and pride in their community. We believe that the entire region will welcome the kind of personalized service and account offerings we provide. We have locally-based service and offer all the technology that the regional and mega-banks offer. It is a win-win for Consumers and the community,” said Lober.

The new location will bring approximately 4 full and part-time jobs to the area, including a branch manager, customer service representative, and tellers. The facility will include a traditional bank lobby, two drive-up teller lanes, and a drive-up ATM. In addition to consumer lending, the office will also provide floating office space for the bank’s commercial and agricultural lenders.

“We look forward to building new personal and business banking relationships out of our Bergholz branch and to making a difference in Jefferson County,” said Lober.

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Consumers National Bank is an independent community bank that provides a comprehensive line of banking and other investment services to business and personal customers through its main office in Minerva, and branches in Alliance, Canton, Carrollton, East Canton, Hanoverton, Hartville, Lisbon, Louisville, Malvern, Salem, Waynesburg, and Business Lending offices in Stow and Wooster, Ohio. More information about Consumers National Bank can be accessed online at [www.ConsumersBank.com](http://www.ConsumersBank.com). Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.