

## **Consumers National Bank Fights Identity Theft With Free Community Secure Shred Events**

Minerva, Ohio—Consumers National Bank is helping neighbors protect themselves against identity theft and fraud by holding four free secure shred events throughout May. Members of the community are invited to bring up to five boxes of confidential material which will be securely shredded at four Consumers National Bank locations by Cintas, an industry leader in secure document destruction. The dates and locations for the May events are:

- Saturday, May 9—**Salem Office**, 141 South Ellsworth, 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, May 16—**Minerva Office**, 614 East Lincoln Way, 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, May 23—**Louisville Office**, 1111 North Chapel, 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, May 30—**Carrollton Office**, 1017 Canton Road NW, 9 a.m. to noon

Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States. More than 90 percent of identity fraud results from lost or stolen checkbooks, credit cards, wallets, and confidential information, but only 8.3 percent is a result of cyber crimes. People can reduce their risk of identity theft by more than 10 percent by reducing or eliminating their use of paper checks, statements, and bills, according to the *Identity Fraud Survey Report* conducted by Javelin Strategy and Research.

“As a financial institution committed to protecting the security and confidentiality of our customers’ information, Consumers National Bank is pleased to assist our customers and the community at large in the fight against identity theft and fraud,” said Ralph J. Lober, II, President and CEO of Consumers National Bank. “Secure shredding of documents such as old bank statements, canceled checks and check registers, credit card statements, legal documents, and other confidential documents at our secure shred event is a great way to reduce the chances that this information will fall into the wrong hands,” said Lober.

Consumers National Bank provides identity theft protection on all of its personal checking accounts, including Payment Card Protection and Personal Identity Protection, at no extra charge or for a small fee depending upon the account.

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Consumers National Bank is a local, 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, Carrollton, East Canton, Hanoverton, Lisbon, Louisville, Malvern, Salem, and Waynesburg, Ohio. More information about Consumers National Bank can be accessed online at [www.ConsumersBank.com](http://www.ConsumersBank.com).