

CONSUMERS NATIONAL BANK RECEIVES “TOP COMMUNITY BANK LENDER AWARD” FROM SBA

MINERVA, Ohio—Consumers National Bank has received the Top Community Bank Lender Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Cleveland District Office. The award recognizes the bank’s outstanding performance making SBA 7(a) and SBA Express loans during SBA fiscal year 2016, ranking first among community banks in the 28 northern Ohio counties served by the Cleveland SBA Office.

Over the 2016 fiscal year, Consumers National Bank lent \$4.3 million to small businesses through 19 SBA loans. The bank ranked 5th in dollars and 10th in volume out of all banks in the SBA’s Cleveland District.

“Community banks play a vital role in providing capital to small businesses, especially those located in rural America,” said Gil Goldberg, District Director of the SBA’s Cleveland District Office. “It has been quite a few years since we have been able to recognize a community bank for its leadership in this area. In fact, in dollars lent, Consumers National surpassed two larger financial institutions.

“SBA commends Consumers National Bank for its strong commitment to providing access to capital to northern Ohio’s small business community. Consumers National Bank has proven its responsiveness to small business, and SBA is proud to count the bank among its top lending partners,” added Mr. Goldberg.

“As small businesses provide 55% of all jobs and 66% of all net new jobs, supporting local manufacturers and entrepreneurs is critical to our regions’ economic success. Providing the small business community with local access to capital has been a cornerstone of the bank’s mission for over 50 years. The top Community Bank Lender Award reflects our continued commitment to that mission and honors our lenders, credit, and loan processing staff who make our SBA lending program possible. I thank the SBA for acknowledging the bank’s efforts,” said Ralph Lober, the Bank’s President and CEO.

Consumers National Bank has nine commercial lenders serving business clients from the bank’s 12 branches in Carroll, Columbiana and Stark counties, plus two loan production offices in Stow and Wooster. In addition to small business loans, the bank has a history of agriculture lending which supports the rural communities that make up a large part of its markets.

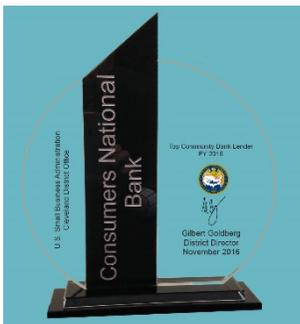
Consumers’ Senior Loan Officer Scott Dodds said, “We are pleased with this recognition as it is a direct reflection of our strategic plan to be the community bank focused on small business lending in the markets we serve.”

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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. Member FDIC.



(L to R): Consumers National Bank's Executive Vice President Scott Dodds, and President & CEO Ralph Lober, accept the U.S. Small Business Administration Cleveland District Office's Top Community Bank Lender FY 2016 Award from Mark Hansel, SBA Lender Relations Specialist.



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