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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006  
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OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 0-50529

CHEVIOT FINANCIAL CORP.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Federal	56-2423720
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

3723 Glenmore Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

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(Address of principal executive office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 661-0457

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one.)

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

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Yes [ ] No [X]

As of May 12, 2006, the latest practicable date, 9,550,907 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$.01 par value, were issued and outstanding.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

(In thousands, except share data)

ASSETS	March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)
Cash and due from banks	\$ 2,1
Federal funds sold	6
Interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions	3,0
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Cash and cash equivalents	5,8
Investment securities held to maturity - at cost, approximate market value of \$26,422 and \$26,509 at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively	27,0
Mortgage-backed securities available for sale - at fair value	1,2
Mortgage-backed securities held to maturity - at cost, approximate market value of \$18,838 and \$20,193 at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively	18,8
Loans receivable - net	228,3
Loans held for sale - at lower of cost or market	1
Real estate acquired through foreclosure - net	
Office premises and equipment - at depreciated cost	4,0
Federal Home Loan Bank stock - at cost	3,1
Accrued interest receivable on loans	9
Accrued interest receivable on mortgage-backed securities	
Accrued interest receivable on investments and interest-earning deposits	2
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4
Bank-owned life insurance	3,1
Prepaid federal income taxes	
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Total assets	\$293,5
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Deposits	\$183,3
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	33,8
Advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance	6
Accounts payable and other liabilities	1,0
Accrued federal income taxes	2
Deferred federal income taxes	3
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Total liabilities	219,5
Shareholders' equity	
Preferred stock - authorized 5,000,000 shares, \$.01 par value; none issued	
Common stock - authorized 30,000,000 shares, \$.01 par value; 9,918,751 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005	42,8
Additional paid-in capital	(5,0
Shares acquired by stock benefit plans	(3,5
Treasury stock - at cost, 301,595 and 216,208 shares at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005	39,6
Retained earnings - restricted	(
Accumulated comprehensive loss, unrealized losses on securities available for sale, net of tax benefits	(
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Total shareholders' equity	74,0
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$293,5
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005  
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Interest income		20
Loans		\$3,3
Mortgage-backed securities		2
Investment securities		2
Interest-earning deposits and other		
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Total interest income		3,8
Interest expense		
Deposits		1,2
Borrowings		3
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Total interest expense		1,6
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Net interest income		2,2
Other income		
Gain on sale of loans		
Loss on sale of real estate acquired through foreclosure		
Earnings on bank-owned life insurance		
Other operating		
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Total other income		1
General, administrative and other expense		
Employee compensation and benefits		1,0
Occupancy and equipment		1
Data processing		
Property, payroll and other taxes		2
Legal and professional		1
Advertising		
Other operating		1
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Total general, administrative and other expense		1,6
	-----	
Earnings before federal income taxes		6
Federal income taxes		
Current		2
Deferred		
	-----	
Total federal income taxes		2
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NET EARNINGS		\$ 4
	=====	
EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Basic		\$ .
	=====	
Diluted		\$ .
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Dividends declared per share		\$ .
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

(In thousands)

Net earnings for the period

Other comprehensive gain (loss), net of tax (benefits):

Unrealized holding losses on securities during the period, net of taxes (benefits) of \$(2) and \$2 for the periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

Comprehensive income

Accumulated comprehensive loss

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

(In thousands)

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net earnings for the period

\$

Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:

Amortization of premiums and discounts on investment and mortgage-backed securities, net

Depreciation

Amortization of deferred loan origination fees - net

Proceeds from sale of loans in the secondary market

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Loans originated for sale in the secondary market

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Amortization of expense related to stock benefit plans

Gain on sale of loans

Loss on sale of real estate acquired through foreclosure

Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends

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Net increase in cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance	(
Increase (decrease) in cash due to changes in:	
Accrued interest receivable on loans	(
Accrued interest receivable on mortgage-backed securities	
Accrued interest receivable on investments and interest-earning deposits	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(2
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(
Federal income taxes	
Current	3
Deferred	
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Net cash flows provided by operating activities	2
Cash flows used in investing activities:	
Principal repayments on loans	7,0
Loan disbursements	(12,7
Principal repayments on mortgage-backed securities	1,4
Proceeds from sale of real estate acquired through foreclosure	
Purchase of office premises and equipment	(4
Purchase of bank-owned life insurance	
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Net cash flows used in investing activities	(4,7
Cash flows provided by financing activities:	
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	2,0
Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank advances	2,0
Repayments on Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(1,3
Advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(4
Stock option expense, net	
Treasury stock repurchases	(1,0
Dividends paid on common stock	(2
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Net cash flows provided by financing activities	1,1
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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,2
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,1
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 5,8
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005  
(In thousands)

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

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Federal income taxes	\$ 2
Interest on deposits and borrowings	\$ 1,6
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:	
Recognition of mortgage servicing rights in accordance with SFAS No. 140	\$

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

In January 2004, Cheviot Financial Corp. ("Cheviot Financial" or the "Corporation") completed a Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan" or the "Reorganization") pursuant to which Cheviot Savings Bank (the "Savings Bank") reorganized into a two-tier mutual holding company structure with the establishment of Cheviot Financial, as parent of the Savings Bank, with the Savings Bank converting to stock form and issuing all the Savings Bank's outstanding stock to Cheviot Financial. Pursuant to the Plan, Cheviot Financial Corp. sold 4,388,438 common shares in a minority stock offering, representing approximately 44% of its outstanding common stock at \$10.00 per share to the Savings Bank's depositors and a newly formed Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP"). The net proceeds of the offering totaled approximately \$39.3 million. In addition, 75,000 shares, or approximately one percent of its outstanding shares, were issued to a charitable foundation established by Cheviot Savings Bank. The remaining 5,455,313 shares of common stock of Cheviot Financial were issued to Cheviot Mutual Holding Company, the federally chartered mutual holding company of Cheviot Financial Corp.

The accompanying unaudited financial statements were prepared in accordance with instructions for Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include information or footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Cheviot Financial included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. However, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) which are necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2006, are not necessarily indicative of the results which may be expected for the entire year.

#### 2. Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006, include the accounts of the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Savings Bank. All significant intercompany items have been eliminated.

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### 3. Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity describes our ability to meet the financial obligations that arise in the ordinary course of business. Liquidity is primarily needed to meet the borrowing and deposit withdrawal requirements of our customers and to fund current and planned expenditures. Our primary sources of funds are deposits, scheduled amortization and prepayments of loan principal and mortgage-backed securities, maturities and calls of securities and funds provided by our operations. In addition, we may borrow from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. At March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, we had \$33.9 million and \$33.2 million, respectively, in outstanding borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati and had the capacity to increase such borrowings at those dates by approximately \$98.6 million.

Loan repayments and maturing securities are a relatively predictable source of funds. However, deposit flows, calls of securities and prepayments of loans and mortgage-backed securities are strongly influenced by interest rates, general and local economic conditions and competition in the marketplace. These factors reduce the predictability of these sources of funds.

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#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

### 3. Liquidity and Capital Resources (continued)

Our primary investing activities are the origination of one- to four-family real estate loans, commercial real estate, construction and consumer loans, and, to a lesser extent, the purchase of securities. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, loan originations totaled \$13.6 million, compared to \$9.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

Total deposits increased \$2.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2006, while total deposits decreased \$54,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2005. Deposit flows are affected by the level of interest rates, the interest rates and products offered by competitors and other factors.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Corporation's obligations and commitments to make future payments under contract as of March 31, 2006.

	Less than 1 year	Payments due by period More than 1-3 years	More than 4-5 years (In thousands)
Contractual obligations:			
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
Certificates of deposit	82,034	32,741	395
Construction of branch (1)	307	-	-



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Amount of loan commitments and expiration per period:

Commitments to originate one- to four-family loans	2,527	-	-
Home equity lines of credit	10,660	-	-
Undisbursed loans in process	5,494	-	-
Lease obligations	4	1	-
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 Total contractual obligations	 \$103,026	 \$32,742	 \$ 395
	=====	=====	=====

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 (1) The total commitment related to the branch was \$794,000 of which \$487,000 has been disbursed. In addition, at March 31, 2006, we were in contract negotiations for the construction of an additional new branch.

We are committed to maintaining a strong liquidity position. We monitor our liquidity position on a daily basis. We anticipate that we will have sufficient funds to meet our current funding commitments. Based on our deposit retention experience and current pricing strategy, we anticipate that a significant portion of maturing time deposits will be retained.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

3. Liquidity and Capital Resources (continued)

At March 31, 2006 and 2005, we exceeded all of the applicable regulatory capital requirements. Our core (Tier 1) capital was \$49.2 million and \$59.2 million, or 16.8% and 21.1% of total assets at March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. In order to be classified as "well-capitalized" under federal banking regulations, we were required to have core capital of at least \$17.6 million, or 6.0% of assets as of March 31, 2006. To be classified as a well-capitalized bank, we must also have a ratio of total risk-based capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 10.0%. At March 31, 2006 and 2005, we had a total risk-based capital ratio of 34.4% and 44.7%, respectively.

4. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed based upon the weighted-average common shares outstanding during the period, less shares in the ESOP that are unallocated and not committed to be released plus shares in the ESOP that have been allocated. Weighted-average common shares deemed outstanding gives effect to 285,661 and 321,368 unallocated shares held by the ESOP for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Weighted-average common shares

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outstanding (basic)  
Dilutive effect of assumed exercise  
of stock options

Weighted-average common shares  
outstanding (diluted)

### 5. Stock Option Plan

On April 26, 2005, the Corporation approved a Stock Incentive Plan that provides for grants of up to 486,018 stock options. On May 5, 2005, approximately 384,000 option shares were granted subject to five year vesting.

Prior to January 1, 2006, the Corporation utilized APB Opinion No. 25 and related Interpretations in accounting for its stock option plan. Accordingly, no compensation cost had been recognized for the plan. As the Stock Incentive Plan was approved subsequent to March 31, 2005, no pro-forma disclosures were required for the three months then ended.

In 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment," which revises SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," and supersedes Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." SFAS No. 123(R) requires that cost related to the fair value of all equity-based awards to employees, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized in the financial statements.

The Corporation adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) effective January 1, 2006, using the modified prospective transition method, and therefore has not restated its financial statements for prior periods. Under this method, the Corporation will apply the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) to new equity-based awards and to equity-based awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after January 1, 2006. In addition, the Corporation will recognize compensation cost for the portion of equity-based awards for which the requisite service period

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 5. Stock Option Plan (continued)

has not been rendered ("unvested equity-based awards") that are outstanding as of January 1, 2006. The compensation cost recorded for unvested equity-based awards is based on their grant-date fair value. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company recorded \$59,000 in after-tax compensation cost for equity-based awards that vested during the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Corporation has \$1.0 million unrecognized pre-tax compensation cost related to non-vested equity-based awards granted under its stock incentive plan as of March 31, 2006, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average vesting period of approximately 4 years.

A summary of the status of the Corporation's stock option plan as of March 31,

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2006, and changes during the period then ended is presented below:

	Three months ended March 31, 2006	Weighted- average exercise price
	Shares	
Outstanding at beginning of period	383,700	\$11.15
Granted	-	-
Exercised	-	-
Forfeited	-	-
	-----	-----
Outstanding at end of period	383,700	\$11.15
	=====	=====
Options exercisable at period-end	-	\$ -
	=====	=====
Options expected to be exercisable at year-end	76,740	
	=====	
Fair value of options granted		\$ -
		=====

The following information applies to options outstanding at March 31, 2006:

Number outstanding  
 Exercise price  
 Weighted-average exercise price  
 Weighted-average remaining contractual life

The expected term of options is based on evaluations of historical and expected future employee exercise behavior. The risk free interest rate is based upon the U.S. Treasury rates at the date of grant with maturity dates approximately equal to the expected life at grant date. Volatility is based upon the historical volatility of the Corporation's stock.

The fair value of each option was estimated on the date of grant using the modified Black-Scholes options pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions used for grants in 2005: dividend yield of 2.15%, expected volatility of 22.5% risk-free interest rate of 4.19% and an expected life of 10 years for each grant.

The effects of expensing stock options is reported in the cash provided by financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 6. Effects of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, "Accounting for Certain Hybrid

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Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140," to simplify and make more consistent the accounting for certain financial instruments. Specifically, SFAS No. 155 amends SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," to permit fair value remeasurement for any hybrid financial instrument with an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation, provided that the whole instrument is accounted for on a fair value basis. SFAS No. 155 amends SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities," to allow a qualifying special purpose entity to hold a derivative instrument that pertains to a beneficial interest other than another derivative financial instrument.

SFAS No. 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006, or January 1, 2007 as to the Corporation, with earlier application allowed. The Corporation is currently evaluating SFAS No. 155, but does not expect it to have a material effect on the Corporation's financial position or results of operations.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, "Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets - an amendment of SFAS No. 140," to simplify the accounting for separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. Specifically, SFAS No. 156 amends SFAS No. 140 to require an entity to take the following steps:

- o Separately recognize financial assets as servicing assets or servicing liabilities, each time it undertakes an obligation to service a financial asset by entering into certain kinds of servicing contracts;
- o Initially measure all separately recognized servicing assets and liabilities at fair value, if practicable, and;
- o Separately present servicing assets and liabilities subsequently measured at fair value in the statement of financial position and additional disclosures for all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities.

Additionally, SFAS No. 156 permits, but does not require, an entity to choose either the amortization method or the fair value measurement method for measuring each class of separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. SFAS No. 156 also permits a servicer that uses derivative financial instruments to offset risks on servicing to use fair value measurement when reporting both the derivative financial instrument and related servicing asset or liability.

SFAS No. 156 applies to all separately recognized servicing assets and liabilities acquired or issued after the beginning of an entity's fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006, or January 1, 2007 as to the Corporation, with earlier application permitted. The Corporation is currently evaluating SFAS No. 156, but does not expect it to have a material effect on the Corporation's financial position or results of operations.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Forward Looking Statements  
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This report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of such words as estimate, project, believe, intend, anticipate, plan, seek, expect and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks, assumptions and uncertainties that could affect the actual outcome of future events. Because of these uncertainties, our actual future results may be materially different from the results indicated by these forward-looking statements.

### Discussion of Financial Condition Changes from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006

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Total assets increased \$1.8 million, or 0.6%, to \$293.6 million at March 31, 2006, from \$291.8 million at December 31, 2005. The increase in total assets reflects an increase in loans receivable and office premises and equipment, which were partially offset by a decrease in cash and cash equivalents and mortgage-backed securities.

Cash, federal funds sold and interest-earning deposits decreased \$3.2 million, or 35.6%, to \$5.9 million at March 31, 2006, from \$9.1 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents was due to a \$1.1 million decrease in federal funds sold and a decrease in interest-earning deposits of \$1.9 million, and a decrease in cash and cash due from banks of \$279,000, or 11.5%, at March 31, 2006. Investment securities increased \$4,000 to \$27.1 million at March 31, 2006. All investment securities are classified as held to maturity.

Mortgage-backed securities decreased \$1.5 million, or 6.7%, to \$20.1 million at March 31, 2006, from \$21.6 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease in mortgage-backed securities was due primarily to principal prepayments and repayments totaling \$1.4 million. At March 31, 2006, \$18.9 million of mortgage-backed securities were classified as held to maturity, while \$1.2 million were classified as available for sale. Since June 2004, management has focused on investing in shorter term investments in an effort to further enhance the Corporation's interest rate risk position in a rising interest rate environment.

Loans receivable increased \$5.8 million, or 2.6%, to \$228.5 million at March 31, 2006, from \$222.7 million at December 31, 2005. The increase reflects loan originations totaling \$13.6 million and sales of \$737,000, partially offset by loan principal repayments of \$7.1 million.

The allowance for loan losses totaled \$808,000 at both March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. In determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses at any point in time, management and the board of directors apply a systematic process focusing on the risk of loss in the portfolio. First, the loan portfolio is segregated by loan types to be evaluated collectively and loan types to be evaluated individually. Delinquent multi-family and commercial loans are evaluated individually for potential impairments in their carrying value.

Second, the allowance for loan losses entails utilizing our historic loss experience by applying such loss percentage to the loan types to be collectively evaluated in the portfolio. This segment of the loss analysis resulted in no addition to the provision for loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. The analysis of the allowance for loan losses requires an element of judgment and is subject to the possibility that the allowance may need to be increased, with a corresponding reduction in earnings. To the best of management's knowledge, all known and inherent losses that are probable and that can be reasonably estimated have been recorded at March 31, 2006.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Discussion of Financial Condition Changes from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006 (continued)

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Non-performing and impaired loans totaled \$149,000 at both March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. At March 31, 2006, non-performing and impaired loans were comprised of loans secured by one- to four-family residential real estate totaling \$14,000 and by multi-family residential real estate totaling \$135,000. The allowance for loan losses represented 542.3% of non-performing and impaired loans at both March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. Although management believes that its allowance for loan losses conforms with generally accepted accounting principles based upon the available facts and circumstances, there can be no assurance that additions to the allowance will not be necessary in future periods, which would adversely affect our results of operations.

Deposits increased \$2.1 million, or 1.2%, to \$183.3 million at March 31, 2006, from \$181.2 million at December 31, 2005. Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati increased by \$682,000, or 2.1%, to \$33.9 million at March 31, 2006, from \$33.2 million at December 31, 2004. The Corporation utilized the advance proceeds as the primary funding source for growth in the loan portfolio.

Shareholders' equity decreased \$766,000, or 1.0%, to \$74.0 million at March 31, 2006, from \$74.8 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease primarily resulted from the repurchase of treasury shares of \$1.0 million and dividends paid of \$292,000, which were partially offset by net earnings of \$461,000.

Comparison of Operating Results for the Three-Month Periods Ended  
March 31, 2006 and 2005

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General

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Net earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2006 totaled \$461,000, a \$178,000 decrease from the \$639,000 net earnings reported in the March 2005 period. The decrease in net earnings reflects a \$204,000 increase in general and administrative expense in 2006 and a decrease in net interest income of \$126,000, which was partially offset by an increase in other income of \$41,000 and a decrease of \$111,000 in federal income taxes for the 2006 quarter.

Net Interest Income

Total interest income increased \$415,000, or 12.1%, to \$3.8 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2006, from the comparable quarter in 2005. Interest income on loans increased \$370,000, or 12.5%, to \$3.3 million during the 2006 period from \$3.0 million for the 2005 period. This increase was due primarily to a \$23.2 million, or 11.5%, increase in the average balance of loans outstanding, and a 5 basis point increase in the weighted-average yield on loans to 5.88% for 2006 quarter from 5.83% for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Comparison of Operating Results for the Three-Month Periods Ended  
March 31, 2006 and 2005 (continued)

### Net Interest Income (continued)

Interest income on mortgage-backed securities decreased \$3,000, or 1.4%, to \$214,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, from \$217,000 for the 2005 quarter, due primarily to a \$7.3 million decrease in the average balance of securities outstanding, which was partially offset by a 105 basis point increase in the average yield period to period. Interest income on investment securities increased \$47,000, or 21.6%, to \$265,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$218,000 for the same quarter in 2005, due primarily to a 101 basis point increase in the average yield to 3.91% in the 2006 quarter, which was partially offset by a \$2.9 million, or 9.8% decrease in the average balance of investment securities outstanding. Interest income on other interest-earning deposits increased \$1,000, or 2.4%, to \$42,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, due primarily to a 237 basis point increase in the weighted-average yield, to 5.10% for the three months ended March 31, 2006, which was partially offset by a \$2.7 million decrease in the average balance of interest-earning deposits.

Interest expense increased \$541,000, or 50.7%, to \$1.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, from \$1.1 million for the same period in 2005. Interest expense on deposits increased by \$356,000, or 41.2%, to \$1.2 million from \$865,000 due primarily to a 78 basis point increase in the weighted average costs of deposits to 2.74% during the 2006 period and a \$1.6 million increase in the weighted-average balance outstanding. Interest expense on borrowings increased by \$185,000, or 91.6%, due primarily to a \$14.9 million, or 81.8%, increase in the average balance outstanding and a 24 basis point increase in the average cost of borrowings. The increase in the yields on interest-earning assets and costs of interest-bearing liabilities were due primarily to the overall increase in market rates in the March 2006 quarter.

As a result of the foregoing changes in interest income and interest expense, net interest income decreased by \$126,000, or 5.3%, to \$2.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The average interest rate spread decreased to 2.51% for the three months ended March 31, 2006 from 2.96% for the three months ended March 31, 2005. The net interest margin decreased to 3.23% for the three months ended March 31, 2006 from 3.54% for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

### Provision for Losses on Loans

As a result of the allowance for loan losses analysis described elsewhere in this document, management concluded that the allowance for loan loss was adequate, and therefore, elected not to record a provision for losses on loans for the three-months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. There can be no assurance that the loan loss allowance will be sufficient to cover losses on non-performing loans in the future.

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### Other Income

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Other income increased \$41,000, or 51.9%, to \$120,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to the same quarter in 2005, due primarily to an increase of \$26,000 in the surrender value of life insurance, an increase in the gain on sale of loans of \$6,000, an increase in other operating income of \$3,000 and the absence of a \$6,000 loss on sale of real estate acquired through foreclosure.

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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

#### Comparison of Operating Results for the Three-Month Periods Ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 (continued)

#### ----- General, Administrative and Other Expense

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General, administrative and other expense increased \$204,000, or 13.8%, to \$1.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, from \$1.5 million for the comparable quarter in 2005. This increase is a result of an increase of \$194,000 in employee compensation and benefits, an increase of \$37,000 in property, payroll, and other taxes and a \$6,000 increase in other operating expenses. The increase in employee compensation and benefits is due primarily to an increase in expense related to stock benefit plans and an increase in the number of employees as a result of the Corporation's growth. The increase in property, payroll, and other taxes is due primarily to an increase in the scale of the Corporation's operations year over year. The increase in other operating expenses was due primarily to services provided to identify and improve branch operations.

#### Federal Income Taxes

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The provision for federal income taxes decreased \$111,000, or 34.0%, to \$215,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, from \$326,000 for the same quarter in 2005, due primarily to a \$289,000, or 29.9%, decrease in pre-tax earnings. The effective tax rate was 31.8% and 33.8% for the three month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. The difference between the Corporation's 31.8% effective tax rate in the 2006 period and the 34% statutory corporate rate is due primarily to the tax exempt earnings on bank-owned life insurance.

#### ITEM 3 QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There has been no material change in the Corporation's market risk since the Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended December 31, 2005.

#### ITEM 4 CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined under Rules 13a-15(e) and



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15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

There were no significant changes in the Corporation's internal controls or in other factors that could materially affect, or could reasonably be likely to materially affect, these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation by the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

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### PART II

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings  
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None.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors  
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There have been no changes to the Corporation's risk factors since the filing of the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities  
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The Corporation announced a repurchase plan on March 29, 2005 which provides for the repurchase of 5% or 495,937 of our common stock. As of March 31, 2006, the Corporation had purchased 301,595 shares pursuant to the program, leaving 194,342 common shares available for repurchase.

Period -----	Total # of shares purchased -----	Average price paid per share -----
January 1-31, 2006	39,472	\$11.67
February 1-28 2006	35,131	\$11.79
March 1-31, 2006	10,784	\$11.77

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities  
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Not applicable.

ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

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None.

ITEM 5. Other Information  
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None.

ITEM 6. Exhibits  
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- 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 12, 2006  
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By: /s/ Thomas J. Linneman  
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Thomas J. Linneman  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 12, 2006  
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By: /s/ Scott T. Smith  
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Scott T. Smith  
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 31.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE

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SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Thomas J. Linneman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Cheviot Financial Corp.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report based on such evaluation; and
  - c. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 12, 2006

/s/Thomas J. Linneman

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Thomas J. Linneman  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Scott T. Smith, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Cheviot Financial Corp.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report based on such evaluation; and
  - c. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to

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- record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 12, 2006

/s/Scott T. Smith

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Scott T. Smith  
Chief Financial Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Exhibit 32.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Cheviot Financial Corp. (the "Company"), on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2006, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date of this Certification (the "Report"), I, Thomas J. Linneman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Cheviot Financial Corporation and will be retained by Cheviot Financial Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/Thomas J. Linneman

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Thomas J. Linneman  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 12, 2006

Exhibit 32.2

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

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In connection with the Quarterly Report of Cheviot Financial Corp. (the "Company"), on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2006, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date of this Certification (the "Report"), I, Scott T. Smith, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Cheviot Financial Corporation and will be retained by Cheviot Financial Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/ Scott T. Smith

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Scott T. Smith  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 12, 2006