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Citizens Bank of West Virginia has been named to *American Banker* magazine's Top 200 Publicly Traded Community Banks and Thrifts in the nation. In its May 2015 issue, *American Banker* ranked Citizens 169<sup>th</sup> on its prestigious nationwide list as of 12/31/14. Citizens is the only regionally based bank to make the list.

"We are humbled and honored to be listed in the highly respected *American Banker's* Top 200," said Thomas K. Derbyshire, President & CEO. "To be ranked among the best community banks in the country, especially in a historically low rate environment, validates our business strategy and the commitment we've made to provide our customers with outstanding products and gold standard service. As well it is a testament to the dedication of our employees who take great pride in their work and team up to drive quality, innovation and best practices within our organization. We are grateful to our many loyal customers and will continue to serve their financial needs while we enhance our tradition of supporting the communities we serve."

The study examined 750 well-capitalized publicly traded banks with \$2 billion or less in assets. Only two other West Virginia institutions made the list: First Sentry Bancshares of Huntington (ranked 108) and Allegheny Bancshares of Franklin (ranked 173).

Citizens Bank of West Virginia operates four full-service banking offices in Elkins, Parsons, Beverly and Snowshoe, and a home lending office in Buckhannon. Founded in 1924, Citizens is one of the few community banks in West Virginia that provides comprehensive financial services including consumer, mortgage and commercial lending; deposit and savings products; professional trust services; and specialized investment services. Citizens successfully combines the personality of small town banking with an array of technology products. The products are backed by world-class service and include Mobile Banking, Online Banking, Bill Pay, Telebanking, Debit Cards & ATMs.

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