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Citizens Bank of West Virginia announces Becky Gower has been promoted to Vice President & Loan Operations Manager. With over 31 years of banking experience, she joined the bank as a loan accounting system specialist in 2008 before being promoted to manager of loan operation in 2009.

Gower is a graduate of Philip Barbour High School and has taken accounting courses through West Virginia Wesleyan College's Outreach Program. She has also been enrolled in numerous banking classes offered through Fairmont State College, American Banking Association and West Virginia Banking Association.

As loan operations manager, Gower is responsible for managing loan documentation for retail, mortgage and commercial credits, to ensure compliance with required regulations. Additionally, she manages the loan servicing team that provides pre and post loan documentation as well as training of the computerized loan software and servicing functions.

The new vice president is a member of the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church where she serves as a Sunday school teacher and trustee/assistant treasurer for the parsonage committee.

A resident of Buckhannon, Gower has three children, Jason and Erik Gower, and Brianne Allen, and a granddaughter, Isabella. She and fiancé, James (Mike) Sands, will marry on September 1, 2012.

"We are excited to add Becky as a member of our management team at Citizens and congratulate her on the promotion to vice president," said Thomas K. Derbyshire, President & CEO. "She is highly regarded for her work ethic in the loan department and will provide a positive contribution to the bank's vision. We all will benefit from her considerable financial and business banking experience."

Citizens Bank of West Virginia, with headquarters in Elkins, offers full service banking, trust, and investment services. The bank has \$208 million in consolidated assets and operates four banking offices and nine ATM facilities in Randolph, Tucker and Pocahontas counties.