

Hometown Express

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John Trammell, President/CEO
Community Bank of Pickens County

A Little This... A Little That

I want to start out by commending our staff. They have continued this year with their "Blue Jean Friday" program. Those choosing to participate donate a couple of bucks to "buy their privilege" to wear jeans on Friday. They pool this money and then select a local charity to donate to each month. This is their idea and program. Just goes to show that even in tough times, people are generous and appreciate their community.

We've started a new program and restarted another one recently. The program just started is our "Make the Switch Program." Often people want to move their accounts, for whatever reason, and they find it difficult to go through the process. Our staff has devised a plan to make it as pleasant and easy as possible. Moving direct deposits and direct payment drafts can take some effort. Our folks decided we could help make this easier by assigning each new customer to a personal banker to help fill out forms, make calls or whatever is needed to assist the move. Our staff even collected forms from local companies and utilities to have on hand to speed the process. Since our checks are made locally, we can get you started right away! If you, or a friend, have been thinking about a "switch," we would love to help you make it painless. Call, or better yet come in, and see how easy it can be to bank with a locally owned, community bank who can answer your questions and help you immediately. It's all about service!

A program that is getting a restart is our "Refer a Friend Program." Here's how it works; you refer a friend to our bank for a new account. If they open one, both you and the friend are entered into a quarterly drawing for a \$200 gas card. With gas prices like they are today, who couldn't use free gas? So, refer a friend because of our great products and services and both of you get a chance to win BIG.

An economic comment: "When will they learn in Washington and Atlanta that it's all about jobs?" Who creates jobs? Small businesses create the major portion. Who helps small businesses? Community banks around our country. Wouldn't it make sense then to allow Community banks access to capital to help fund small business, thus create jobs? Just a thought, but I suppose the folks in Washington are much smarter than us regular folks.

Thanks to our customers who choose a "Hometown Bank" who invests and pays taxes in that "Hometown." ...

John

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"We can make a difference"



Come Travel the World with Us!

At Community Bank of Pickens County, we take pride in providing customers the best banking experience possible. We are pleased to offer our customers 50 years of age or older an exclusive charter membership in a club which blends a multitude of economical travel opportunities with preferred banking services.

Join us for our Travelers Club Meetings. You will partake in an enjoyable social outlet, catch up with friends and meet some new ones. Our enthusiastic and very experienced

travel hosts will share the most current information on all of the upcoming trips that have been planned. You can choose an interesting day trip where we travel on first class motor coaches or an extended trip to various U.S. locations. We also have many affordable trips to countries all around the world. You can be assured they are all well planned and organized and offer a much safer alternative to traveling alone.

Our meetings are held every two months at the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce Community Room located at 500 Stegall Dr. in Jasper. They start at 6:00pm with dinner provided for a nominal fee. We also have many great raffle prizes and you receive Travel Bucks, that can be redeemed towards the cost of any trip, just for attending!

If you would like more information about our Community Travelers Club or if you are interested in a trip or have an idea for a trip, please give us a call at (706) 253-9600. ●●●



2011 Travelers Club Meeting Dates
April 18, June 20, August 15,
October 17, & December 19

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Refer A Friend to Open A New Account!

& Become Eligible for A Drawing!

\$200 Gas Card

Our way of saying thank you! Refer as many friends as possible. Both your name and the person(s) you refer will be entered into separate drawings to be held quarterly. Each of you could win!

See a customer service representative for more information.

Community Bank of Pickens County
"We can make a difference"

"Making A Difference Thru Hometown Commitment"

Team Member Spotlight on G. Mark Mitton



G. Mark Mitton
Vice President Loan Officer

The spotlight is on G. Mark Mitton. Mark has 22 years experience in the banking industry and currently holds the position of Vice President Loan Officer.

Mark was born in Chattanooga, TN. When he was two weeks old, his family moved to Jefferson, GA, where he grew up and graduated from Athens Christian School. He attended Gainesville College and received an Associates Degree in Computer Science. Mark is currently attending Georgia Bankers Association Banking Management School.

In 1988 he joined the staff of a local bank in the IT Department and has been involved with the Information Technology side of banking for 22 years. He joined the team of Community Bank of Pickens County in 2005 in the position of IT Specialist/Loan Officer and currently concentrates his efforts in the loan department.

He chose CBOPC because he had worked with many of the people at other banks and at the time he was commuting long distance to Cleveland, GA. By joining the CBOPC team he was able to become more involved in the community and concentrate his efforts close to home with a hometown bank in which he believes. Mark has served on the Pickens Board of Education Board of Directors for the past eight years and is a past Chairman of the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

In his free time he enjoys spending time with his wife of 30 years, Amy, his son Tyler age 28, daughter Lindsay age 24, and son Alex age 18. He also very much enjoys refereeing basketball games and fishing. (By the way, the G. stands for Gerald!). •••

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In each issue of our newsletter we would like to share family recipes that have been around for many years and make family gatherings special.

Sugar & Spice Pecans

This recipe was submitted by Mindi Craig

- 3 Cups of Pecans
- 1 Cup of Sugar
- 1/3 Cup Water
- 1 Tbsp. Cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. Vanilla Extract



Directions: Preheat oven to 275°F. Lightly spray cookie sheet with non-stick spray. Place pecans on cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes.

In a sauce pan, mix water, sugar, and salt and bring to a boil for 2 minutes. Remove sauce pan from stove and add vanilla, cinnamon, and pecans. Completely coat pecans in mixture and remove with a slotted spoon. Lay finished pecans on wax paper or aluminum foil to allow for cooling. Enjoy! ●●●



Note: If you have a favorite family recipe you would like to share, drop it off at the bank or email it to susan.wright@cbopc.com and you may see it published here.

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude..."

~ Thomas Jefferson



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