

# Hometown Express

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## Thanks for Choosing Community Bank of Pickens County

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your response to the Cove Road location opening. We had many visitors during the day of the grand opening and the crowd at the ribbon cutting was tremendous.

We at CBOPC appreciate every single one of you who choose to bank with us. Notice that I said the word "choose." We never forget that when it comes to your banking needs, you do have choices. Whether it be another local choice, or even someone out of town or state that you've never seen, options are available. This is why our staff works hard every day to earn your trust, your confidence and your business.

Customers tell me they appreciate being recognized and spoken to. They appreciate our staff trying hard to meet their needs and paying attention to the details when it comes to their banking business. It's our goal that when you choose to develop a relationship with CBOPC, you can rest assured that over the "long haul" you'll always come out a winner. We believe people get tired of chasing "deals" everywhere.

You want a hometown bank that's going to take care of you year in and year out. Whether it be a certificate of deposit, a checking account, on-line banking or that loan you need for a very good reason, we want to be there to help you.

We also believe people want to be a part of a bank that has "Hometown Commitment." This is something we strive for every day. Our Cove location addition is just one way to say, "We're committed to Pickens County and the people who live here!" ●●●

John

Grand opening  
ribbon cutting  
at our new Cove  
Road location.



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## Staff Announcements

### Community Bank of Pickens County Welcomes New Additions to the Staff



Whitney Johnson

**Whitney Johnson** has joined the team as a Teller. She was born and raised in Pickens County and graduated from Pickens High School. She attended Appalachian Technical College and received a Medical Assistant diploma. She brings strong computer skills to her job and focuses on great customer service. When asked why she chose Community Bank of Pickens County she stated, "They are a great 'hometown' bank and project that personal touch. I love the people here and many were already friends." In her free time Whitney enjoys spending time with her husband of one year, Rusty and their dog Lilly. She also enjoys shopping with friends.



Courtney Phillips

**Courtney Phillips** has also joined the team as a Teller. She was born in Stockbridge, Georgia and moved to Pickens County in 2000. She graduated from Pickens High School and took classes at Appalachian Technical College in Early Childhood Development. She brings great people skills and patience to her job, having worked as a cashier and in day care. When asked why she chose Community Bank of Pickens County she stated, "We've banked here since it opened. I love the people and they always made me feel like a member of the family." In her free time, Courtney enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, friends and family. She likes to bowl, go to the movies and shop with friends.



Ainoa Silva

**Ainoa Silva** has also joined the team as a Teller. She was born in Brazil and then moved every year and a half until she was 18. Her father was a professional soccer player and in her senior year in high school they moved to Pickens County. She graduated from Pickens High School and then spent a year at North Georgia College studying Biology. When asked why she chose CBOPC she stated, "I was drawn to banking and the customer service aspect but did not want to work for a big corporate bank. I like the homey, friendly feel of Community Bank and have friends here." In her free time Ainoa enjoys spending time with her boyfriend Chase, her family and friends. She likes going to the movies and shopping at the mall and really loves playing Soduko. ●●●

**Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.**

~ Harold R. McAlindon



## Electronic Statements Offer Security & Convenience



**E**lectronic Statements or E-Statements are now available and offer several advantages. One is the convenience of not having to file or store paper copies. Once you are set up to receive E-Statements, an email is sent to you each month alerting you that your current statement is available via our website. All you have to do is logon and download your statement. The system automatically saves up to 18 statements in your file for your reference. Another advantage is they are eco-friendly in that there is no paper going into the landfill or that you have to cart to the recycle center. Still another advantage is the added security of not having your statement lost in the mail or sitting vulnerable in your mailbox. With identity theft on the rise, E-Statements can bring you piece of mind. Stop by today and sign up for E-Statements. One more way we strive to make a difference in your banking relationship! ●●●

### Travelers Club Meetings for 2008

Held at Appalachian Tech from 6 to 8 pm

- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

**Mark Your Calendars. You Won't Want to Miss the Fun!**

## Team Spotlight on Kathy Westbrook



**Kathy Westbrook**  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Cove Road Location

The spotlight is on Kathy Westbrook. Kathy joined the Community Bank team in April of 2007. She is currently serving as Assistant Branch Manager of the Cove Road location. Kathy has been in the banking industry since 1981. She was born in Gadsden, AL and moved to Pickens County when she was four years old. She has lived in Pickens County most of her life. She graduated from Pickens High School and attended Reinhardt College for her American Institute of Banking Certificate. She has been in a supervisory role for many years and comes to Community Bank with extensive training and management experience. Kathy has always been active in our community and serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Library, and is Secretary of the Pickens High School Tip Off Club.

Kathy chose to join the Community Bank team because she felt it was a great opportunity for growth and advancement. She admires CBOPC's community involvement and stated, "There is an energy of excitement at Community Bank that is fresh and infectious. I look forward to growing here." Kathy is a recent graduate of Leadership Pickens.

In her free time, Kathy enjoys spending time with Michael, her husband of 25 years, her son Brian, age 20, who attends UGA and her son Andrew, age 16, who will be a junior at Pickens High School and on the basketball team and runs track. She also enjoys getting together with her friends for a day of shopping, and she likes to read and enjoys working in her flower garden. Kathy is an active member of First Baptist Church in Jasper. ●●●

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## Chicken Parmesan

This is one of Susan Wright's favorite recipes. When Susan first moved away from home she could only cook a couple of things. This one was a big pleaser on date night if she was trying to impress. It is very easy but tastes like you've been cooking all day!

4 chicken breasts, skinned and boneless  
1 large jar of RAGU garden vegetable pasta sauce  
¾ cup of Italian bread crumbs  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 lb. mozzarella cheese sliced  
2 Tbsp. butter

1 large package of fresh sliced mushrooms  
Fresh garlic minced  
Parmesan cheese  
Salt  
Pepper

Sauté mushrooms and garlic in 2 tbsp. butter until brown. Set aside. Pound chicken breasts until about ½" thick and even. Season with salt and pepper. Dip the breast in the beaten egg and then in the bread crumbs, coating evenly. Brown in frying pan with olive oil. Season with garlic salt once brown. When browned on both sides, place in 13 x 9 roaster pan that has half of the RAGU sauce spread evenly in bottom. Layer sliced mozzarella cheese on top of browned chicken then spoon the rest of the pasta sauce over the top of the mozzarella until covered. Then spoon the mushrooms evenly over the top of each piece of chicken. Sprinkle all with generous amount of Parmesan cheese. Bake in 400°F oven approximately 20 to 25 minutes until cheese is melted. I always serve with angel hair pasta, a salad and fresh garlic bread. A feast for a King! ●●●



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](mailto:susan.wright@cbopc.com) and you may see it published here.

Nothing can stop the person with the right mental attitude from achieving their goal; nothing on earth can help the person with the wrong mental attitude.

~ Thomas Jefferson



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