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New Employee Announcements and Promotions

G. Timothy Cooper has joined Arthur State Bank as Vice President & Commercial Lender at our new Loan Production Office in Myrtle Beach, SC. Timmy will be originating both commercial and consumer loans in the Myrtle Beach area. He has a BS degree in Business/Finance from The Citadel and has 15 years of banking experience in the Grand Strand area. Timmy can be reached at 843-626-5602 or tcooper@arthurstatebank.com.

Promotions

Cynthia C. Pike was recently promoted to Vice President & Branch Manager of the Roebuck office. Cindy has been the Branch Manager for eight years at the Roebuck office. She also serves as a mortgage lender for the Spartanburg area. Cindy has almost 30 years of banking experience and is a member of the Uptown Sertoma Club. She can be reached at 864-574-6555 or cpike@arthurstatebank.com.

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