

# CHAMBERLINES

## Horace Mann Ins. Has Grand Opening Ceremony!

Horace Mann Insurance Company held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on February 17th.

Lewis Evans, Chamber Board Chairman, Wadesboro Mayor, Bill Thacker, County Commissioner Chairwoman, Anna Baucom and Chamber Executive Director, Lynn Edwards welcomed Robin and Danny Gilmore to Anson County and wished them much success for the future.

"Horace Mann is the largest multiline insurance company dedicated to the education market," franchise owner Robin Gilmore said. The company sells automotive, home and life insurance, as well as annuities. Non-teachers also purchase their products but certain lines and offerings are tailored to educators.

For example, under certain circumstances, teachers might pay a lower deductible or be eligible for coverage that other customers could not receive.



**Pictured at random: Robin & Danny Gilmore, Owners & Operators, Crystal Burch Office, Manager, Donny Brown, Western Carolina District FSL, Counts Childers, Horace Mann Ins. Agent, Lewis Evans, Chamber Board Chair and Lynn Edwards Chamber Executive Director.**

Horace Mann participates in local communities through initiatives like the Pass Program, which aims to increase attendance, and Donors Choose, a website that helps donors deliver classroom materials to schools.

After a ribbon cutting in front of the Carpenter & Flake building on Martin Street in Wadesboro, attendees went to the office at Suite 300 and enjoyed refreshments.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Chamber's Annual "Captain's Choice" Golf Tournament!

Friday, April 8th, at the Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their Eleventh Annual "Captain's Choice" Golf Tournament.

Registration forms will be mailed out very soon and registration forms will be available at the Chamber office. There will be 44 teams with 22 teams in the a.m. and 22 teams in the p.m. Afternoon golfers eat at 11:30 a.m. and morning golfers eat at 1:00 p.m. Register early to confirm your tee time. Sponsorship levels are Corporate-\$1000, Platinum-\$500, Gold-\$320, Silver-\$150.

For detailed information please call 704-694-4181.

Prizes will be awarded for both morning and afternoon golfers, split the pot will also be available again this year as well as a new game that is being considered. Prizes include closest to the pin, longest putt, longest drive, hole-in-one, and lots of door prizes.

Goody bags will be given out to each player. If you are looking to have a great day golfing, chances to win some prizes and enjoy a great lunch, this is the "Premier Golf" event for you. See you there!



## Gibson named as Gov. Perdue's senior advisor!



Rep. Pryor Gibson, who represents Anson and Union counties in the N.C. General Assembly, will be giving up his seat in the House of Representatives to serve as Governor Bev Perdue's senior adviser for governmental



Rep Pryor Gibson

affairs. The announcement was made by Gov. Perdue.

Gibson is in his eighth term and has held a variety of leadership posts, including co-chair of the House Finance Committee. He has a longstanding reputation for building relationships with all members of the General Assembly.

"I am excited by the opportunity and humbled by it," Gibson said in a phone interview. "I look forward to helping transition the process for my replacement, whomever that may be." Gibson, who is a native of Anson County, released the following statement: "Representing this community has been and always will be the most important part of my public service life. I am honored, challenged and humbled by the new opportunity.

There is a standard process for finding a replacement for an outgoing member's House seat, he said. Committees within the Democratic parties in Anson and Union counties will meet and decide on a nominee, who will then be appointed by the governor.

Gibson will move into his new role when a successor has been named for his House seat.

## Third annual Carolinas Writers Conference

The third annual Carolinas Writers Conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St., Wadesboro.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The event is free — made possible in part by a grant from the NC Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project is also funded by grants from the William A. Smith Trust, the Effie Allen Little Foundation and the Elizabeth Yost Burns Trust.

Featured presenters include internationally recognized award-winning author Robert Macomber and Omar Tyree, recipient of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literature in Fiction.

Macomber, a featured presenter at the inaugural conference in 2009, is the author of the "Honor Series" of naval intelligence novels that features protagonist Peter Wake. His ninth book in the series, "Honor Bound," will be on bookshelves March 25.

Tyree is the author of 19 books and founder of the Urban Literacy Project

that is dedicated to teaching the importance and key strategies to help young people become more excited about reading. He has been a lecturer at the HOLLA! Literary Festival, held each year at the Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro.

The Carolinas Writers Conference is sponsored by SPCC, the Hampton B. Allen Library and the Anson County Writers Club. For more information e-mail

[info@ansoncountywritersclub.org](mailto:info@ansoncountywritersclub.org).

### New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for Calendar Year 2011

**Salon 52**, Kim Pugh, 1353 Hwy 74-W., Wadesboro, N.C. 28170, Phone: 704-694-0158

**Boy Scouts of America**, Bryon Jones, 32252 Hwy 24/27., Albemarle, N.C. 28002, Phone: 704-982-0141, Fax: 704-982-0262, [www.centralnccouncilbsa.com](http://www.centralnccouncilbsa.com)

**Tyson Insurance Agency, LLC**, Becky Tyson, 1736 Morven Rd., Wadesboro, N.C. 28170, Phone: 704-694-9321, Fax: 704-694-6988

### CY 2011 Renewals

The following have renewed their Calendar Year 2011 membership:



Allied Waste  
Anson County Domestic Violence  
Anson County Writers Club  
Anson Mechanical Piping  
Anson Regional Medical Services  
Anson Tractor Equipment  
Anna Baucom  
Crider & Crider Properties  
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# **NC Main Street Champion!**

On Thursday, January 27, employees of the Town of Wadesboro's Street Department were honored as 2010 Main Street Champions at the NC Main Street Annual Awards Dinner in Shelby, N.C. They were selected for this special recognition by Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. in appreciation of their exceptional contributions to the downtown revitalization process.

"Main Street Champions are those individuals in our communities who step out in front, lead by example, defend and support our downtown vision and mission, and advocate for change," said Parham. "They are board members and volunteers, elected officials and government staff, business leaders, property owners and citizens who care," she said.

In recommending the Town of Wadesboro's Street Department staff for this honor, Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. offered the following: From special events to day-to-day maintenance, the Town of Wadesboro Street Department does an exceptional job ensuring that uptown is clean and attractive. With the



The members of the Street Department who were able to attend included **Kenneth Dutton, James Britt, Robin Gatewood and John Willoughby**

strong support of the Street Department, many events are made possible. Fall Festivals, Summer Jams, and 5K run/walks go off without a hitch with department employees there to handle set up and clean up. After an event, Wadesboro is back to its daily appearance in no time.

Another important contribution that the department makes is in the day-to-day maintenance of the uptown area. Re-

placing lights, cleaning the streets and pruning trees are just a few of the many tasks required to keep uptown looking its best. Wadesboro Street Department employees are the greatest keepers of uptown's appearance.

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. applauds the Town of Wadesboro Street Department for all of the unacknowledged time and effort they give to make uptown Wadesboro such a great place to work and visit. We are proud to recognize them as our 2010 N.C. Main Street Champions.

In 1980, North Carolina was one of six original states, selected from 38 that applied, to launch the work of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center. The North Carolina Main Street program began with five participating cities – New Bern, Salisbury, Shelby, Tarboro and Washington – in September 1980 and has since grown to include 61 communities across the state.

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## CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Upcoming Calendar Events

**March 13** — Daylight Savings Time, move clocks one hour ahead!

**March 13** — The Anson County Arts Council's 2nd SUNDAY RECEPTION will be held.

**March 17** — St. Patrick's Day!

**March 18** — HOLLA! will hold a TEEN DANCE from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the HOLLA! Zone, located at Harvest Ministries (behind Pizza Hut). Admission is \$5 per person.

**March 20** — HOLLA! will hold an EVENT of PRAISE," beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of God of Prophecy in Morven. Afterwards, the HOLLA! Community Center, 229 E. Main St., Morven, will be the site for a reception and open house.

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**March 20** — Spring Begins!

**March 23** — "A Look at What Drug Dealers Know That You Don't and How It Can Help Your Business" FREE SEMINAR will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Lockhart-Taylor Center, Wadesboro. For more information and/or to register, call Lois Crumpler at 704.272.5463 or 704.242.4847. The seminar is co-sponsored by New Ventures, SPCC and the A. C. Chamber of Commerce.

*March is a very busy month! Please check out our web calendar for more about these events*  
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