

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite announces Office of the Year**

Bank of Granite recently announced its Wilkesboro location as Office of the Year for 2007. Senior Vice President and Office Administrator W. C. "Corky" Upchurch presented the award during a recent employee gathering. "The results the Wilkesboro office achieved in 2007 are a reflection of the efforts of the entire team to find the right blend of profitability, quality and growth," said Upchurch. "We're pleased to recognize their accomplishments."

Each year Bank of Granite names an Office of the Year based on criteria including profitability and loan and deposit growth. The Wilkesboro office achieved excellent growth and profitability while maintaining a high level of efficiency.

"Our team is proud to receive this honor," said Matthew B. Daye, vice president and Wilkes County regional executive. "We work hard to provide our customers with banking services in a quick, efficient manner and with the highest standard of quality that is Bank of Granite's legacy."

Bank of Granite first entered Wilkes County in April 2003 opening a lending office and by April of that year offered full-service banking. In October 2005, its newly constructed permanent location was opened at 2841 Hwy. 421 West. Office hours are from 9 a.m.

until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 6 p.m. Friday. The drive through opens daily at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Matthew Daye at 336-667-8684.

*Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties, and a lending office in Guilford County. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville and Salisbury, N.C.*

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