

2006 Citizen of the Year

The 2006 Citizen of the Year has a long history of service to the people of Alexander County. Throughout his 50+ years of service to others, he has become known as a person who gives unselfishly of his talents, time, and energies to help his fellow man.

Our winner has been a valuable asset in his own community, as he has helped to secure funds for both the community building and the fire department. Furthermore, he has worked diligently to help all of the citizens of Alexander County and the state of North Carolina. He has shown a true commitment to children through his service as a member of the Blue Ribbon Study Committee for Schools. During his tenure as president of the Brushy Mountain Shrine Club, the club raised over \$30,000 for the Shriner's Hospital for severely burned children, the most money that the club has raised in one year.

Our winner has served others through his leadership and participation in the Taylorsville Jaycees, the Gwaltney Ruritans, the Lee Masonic Lodge, the Brushy Mountain Shrine Club, and Stony Point United Methodist Church. Additionally, he has served on numerous local and state boards and organizations.

While serving on the North Carolina Board of Transportation, our winner returned millions of dollars in improvements to Alexander County. The Oxford Dam, Alspaugh Dam and Millersville Bridges, various road improvements, and the construction of new drivers' license and highway

patrol buildings were projects that this person worked very hard to bring to Alexander County. This person was instrumental in the construction of the 64/90 bypass, a road that is a major asset to transportation in the county. His efforts were recognized by the naming of this road for him.

The 2006 winner is married to the former Mary Meadows and has one daughter Jill and one granddaughter Kara. He is a graduate of Stony Point High School. He has earned various awards for his service: being named Gwaltney Ruritan of the Year, lifetime membership in the Taylorsville Jaycees, and one of only three Alexander County winners of the Long Leaf Pine Award. Tonight we honor him with another award.

It is my pleasure to present the 2006 Citizen of the Year Award to Mr. Harry Robertson.