

## ***CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2012***

The 2012 Citizen of the Year Award is sponsored by Duke Energy. We thank them for their support of this award. This year's recipient will also serve as the Grand Marshal for the 2012 Christmas Parade which will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

Of the many nominations that were submitted for the 2012 Citizen of the Year there was one nomination that stood out as one who exemplifies the ideal of community involvement, service and compassion for those in need. Through their efforts they have unselfishly reached and contributed to a broad spectrum of needs that have improved the lives of many individuals as well as the community at large.

They have a dedicated passion for the children of Alexander County. Time and time again they have reached out to help ensure that children's needs are being fully met, and that they are being treated with compassion and fairness with the hopes that it will enable each child to reach their full potential in life.

They consistently demonstrate their dedication, vision and leadership to the community, local government, numerous civic clubs and to their church. The projects they have been involved in and often lead have been beneficial to the citizens of the county by creating services, recreational opportunities, jobs and fulfilling the needs of the handicapped and underprivileged.

This year's recipients have become legendary in their volunteerism efforts.

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2012 Citizens of the Year,  
Larry and Hazel Yoder.