

Finalists announced for Citizen of Year,

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The top five finalists for the revamped Citizen of the Year and newly created Lifetime Achievement awards were announced during Friday's Homecoming opening ceremonies.

The five Citizen of the Year finalists are Anna Oehring, Joe Rys, Tim Mancell, and Homecoming co-chairs Brian Dales and Randy Weber.

"This was a very, very tough assignment for the judges, awards chair Don Leslie told the audience. "All of the nominees were exceptional people. It was extremely difficult to narrow the nominations down to five," he said.

Residents were invited to nominate deserving citizens until the end of May. A panel of five judges then narrowed the list to five in each category.

In announcing the five finalists in Lifetime Achievement, Herald-Times editor John McPhee noted it was a bittersweet moment as four of the five nominated had passed away. "There is a popular expression and a song that tells us that only the good die young," McPhee said. "Well, the good don't necessarily die young, but they do leave us too soon nonetheless."

Nominated for a Lifetime Achievement award are: Lloyd Cartwright, Gerry Cassidy, Dave Jacobi, Carl Larsen, and Ray Martin.

One winner from each category will be announced at a special awards banquet Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Community Centre. The awards are co-sponsored by the Herald-Times and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Chamber and WHT offices.



The finalists for the Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards were announced at Homecoming opening ceremonies. Awards chair, Don Leslie, above right, is seen with Citizen of Year nominees, from left, Brian Dales, Tim Mancell, Randy Weber, Anna Oehring, Joe Rys, and Lifetime Achievement nominee Gerry Cassidy. Below, are the four other Lifetime Achievement nominees.

John McPhee photo