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## **A.J. Crawford Memorial Award Recipients Named**

Joe Stell to receive A.J. Crawford Humanitarian Award

**CARLSBAD, N.M., August 3, 2015** – The Carlsbad Community Foundation will present six individuals or organizations with its highest honors at its annual dinner on September 17. Following a community-wide nomination process, the Foundation is pleased to announce the following award recipients:

Humanitarian Award – Joe Stell

Special Recognition Award – Arch Slate

Pioneer Award – The Beard Family

Arts & Humanities Award – Julia Heaton

Community Service Organization Award – United Way of Carlsbad & South Eddy County

Legacy Award – The late John Mills

“This is a prestigious group of honorees,” said Foundation Board of Directors President Larry Henderson. “Our community has so many people who give their all to help others, it is so difficult to narrow it down to just a few. This year’s recipients are outstanding and we are looking forward to celebrating them with the community.”

A tradition since 1978, the A.J. Crawford Memorial Awards are named in recognition of a gift to the Carlsbad Memorial Hospital that was included in Mr. Crawford’s will when he passed away in 1969. Following a merger with St. Francis Hospital to form Carlsbad Regional Medical Center, the hospital was sold to a for-profit hospital and the assets were used to establish what is now the Carlsbad Community Foundation.

**About the Carlsbad Community Foundation**

The Carlsbad Community Foundation is a charitable, non-profit organization that exists to improve the quality of life for the people of our community and South Eddy County. The work of the Foundation is achieved by building and preserving permanent funds for the support of arts and humanities, community development, education, environmental needs, health and human services and law and protection.

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