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## **Carolyn Estes honored for community contributions**

**OOLOGAH, OK** – Carolyn Estes, marketing director for the *Oologah Lake Leader*, received a service award Wednesday, Aug. 12 from Lakeside State Bank and the Oklahoma Bankers Association (OBA) for her exemplary spirit of volunteerism and community service.

“Carolyn Estes is always there to jump in and organize any event that will promote our town,” said nominator Debi Hoffman, SVP at Lakeside State Bank. “She has gone above and beyond in donating her time and resources to the benefit of others. We are very lucky to have her in our community!”

The Oklahoma Bankers Association started the “Heart of the Community Award” to help recognize those outstanding individuals who are willing to make the type of personal sacrifices that make our communities whole. The OBA has asked their member banks to help find these wonderful volunteers in their communities that they see meeting unmet needs all across the state.

“The Heart of the Community Award recognizes Ms. Estes’ enthusiastic spirit to make her community a better place,” said Roger Beverage, OBA president and CEO. “We’re fortunate to live in a state where a great deal of importance is placed on volunteerism and personal contribution to each other and our community.”

“When you say ‘Heart of the Community’ there’s one person’s name that comes freely off the tongue, Carolyn Estes,” said Amos Berry, Oologah Area Chamber of Commerce President. “What separates Carolyn from the rest of us are three things; her ability to say “yes” to anything that needs to be done to enhance the quality of life for everyone in Oologah, her positive spirit that permeates any event that she’s a part of and her vast knowledge of the inner workings of anything that happens in Oologah.”

Like the dedicated work ethic of Carolyn Estes, the banks of Oklahoma have been an integral part of Oklahoma life long before statehood. Beverage noted that these banks and bankers have been investing in the hearts of our communities and “the measurement of time and money is not as important as the fact that banks have played a central role in making Oklahoma a wonderful place to live and work.”

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Margo Ward, Carolyn Estes and Debi Hoffman!  
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