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Dexter Pruitt honored for community contributions

ADA, OK – Dexter Pruitt, president of Pruitt Company of Ada, Inc., received a service award Tuesday, July 21 from First United Bank and Trust Company in Ada and the Oklahoma Bankers Association (OBA) for his exemplary spirit of volunteerism and community service.

“The Heart of the Community Award recognizes Mr. Pruitt’s enthusiastic spirit to make his 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.”

“Dexter’s involvement in community projects and serving on countless boards is done without fanfare and with the only agenda being to make Ada a better place to live and make a decent living,” said nominator Letha Wood, AVP at First United Bank. “He gives unselfishly of his time and talents.”

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.

“There are so many Ada businesses and individuals who have been helped by Dexter Pruitt working quietly in the background,” said Carlene Hill, past CEO of Ada Jobs Foundation. “When Dexter sees a need, he takes care of it. He is one of the most tireless, smart and ethical people you will ever know.”

Nearly 75 people gathered at First United Bank for an afternoon surprise tribute and presentation of the service award to Pruitt. Pruitt was definitely surprised by the reception in his honor and thought he was arriving for a regular board meeting. Even one of his daughters from California flew in for the special occasion. It was made clear by the number in attendance just how loved and respected Mr. Pruitt is by the Ada community.

Like the dedicated work ethic of Dexter Pruitt, 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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First United Bank in Ada
Dexter Pruitt honored by Letha Wood and First United Bank!**