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John R. Hale honored for community contributions

DAVIS, OK – John R. Hale, owner of Hale’s Funeral Home and the Turner Falls curio shop, received a service award Wednesday, October 7 from Community Bank of the Arbuckles and the Oklahoma Bankers Association (OBA) for his exemplary spirit of volunteerism and community service.

“John Hale is a true asset to the Davis community,” said nominator James Taliaferro, vice president at Community Bank of the Arbuckles. “John has proven himself to be a great friend, citizen and businessman. He’s a man who sincerely cares about others and is truly deserving of this honor!”

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 Mr. Hale’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.”

Like the dedicated work ethic of John R. Hale, 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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John Hale receives his award Oct. 7, 2009 in Davis at the Kiwanis Club meeting.