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Urban Selected as 2005 UNL ARDC Employee of the Year

Near Mead, NE – Ruby Urban has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Employee of the Year Award at the University of Nebraska Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead.

Sponsored by the ARDC/UNL Extension in Saunders County Social Committee, fellow employees nominate candidates and supervisors, employees and the social committee then submit scoring forms.

Urban is the Administrative Team Manager of the ASSIST Business Center, which provides business services for not only the ARDC, but also fifteen other departments within the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Also nominated were Bryon Chvatal, Fred Proskovec, and Jon Swanson.

Nominations for Urban state that she is an excellent role model through her work at the ARDC and her community activities. Also noted is that she has an excellent understanding of what and how things need to be accomplished in her area as well as a good understanding of what needs to happen in other areas.

Urban and her husband, Ray Jr., live near Malmo.

In addition to receiving a plaque, Urban was also honored with prizes solicited and organized by the ARDC/UNL Extension in Saunders County Social Committee. This includes: 2 (one-day) passes to the Champions Club; four 18-hole rounds of golf with carts at the Hilltop Country Club at Wahoo; \$20 Gift Certificate to the Barn Door Restaurant of Ceresco; and recognition on a plaque to be displayed indefinitely at the ARDC August N. Christenson Research and Education Building.

Marnie Cihal, a clerical assistant at the ARDC received the Outstanding Employee Award for office/service staff for January 2006. This award is presented by the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR).

This is a very high honor as recipients are selected from the statewide pool of University employees. Letters of nomination were submitted in support of the candidate's qualifications by staff and faculty that work closely with the candidate.

Comments taken directly from nomination letters state that she is the champion of multi-tasking who is always willing to take on a new project. Another says, "She always keeps what is best for the university, our programs, and our clientele in mind."

Cihal and her husband, Dan, live near Valparaiso. They have three children.

The Agricultural Research and Development Center and UNL Extension are divisions of the University's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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