Alaska USA Federal Credit Union has announced Natalie Slaymaker as 2005 Employee of the Year. Slaymaker began her Alaska USA career in 2001 as a receptionist in the Special Credits department. Since then her self-motivation, desire to learn, and enthusiastic attitude has led her to roles of greater responsibility. She was recently promoted to Enforcement Officer with responsibilities in the areas of small claims, bankruptcy overview and civil court cases.

Slaymaker commented that she takes great pride in her work and wants to understand the credit union “from A to Z.” She emphasized that she is particularly impressed with the positive way the credit union treats its members and notes that it treats employees the same way.

Alaska USA Federal Credit Union has named John Combs as the 2005 Manager of the Year. In his role as Alaska USA’s Facilities and Administrative Services Manager over the last nine years, he has been responsible for coordinating over 30 branch openings and several branch moves, in addition to day-to-day facilities management for all Alaska USA locations.

“Alaska USA is a great organization,” said Combs. “We’re growing and there’s a lot of opportunity here. Everyday you can see something different, exciting and challenging. That’s what keeps me motivated.”

Award recipients are chosen based on their proficiency, professionalism, dedication, consistency of performance, initiative, and their contribution to the credit union’s member service and financial goals.

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