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**Sharon Jones of RE/MAX Realty Centre  
Recognized as Local REALTOR® of the Year**

Glen Carbon, IL—Sharon Jones, ABR, GRI of RE/MAX Realty Centre in Maryville was named 2006 REALTOR® of the Year by the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR) and will receive special recognition and a prestigious award during the Illinois Association of REALTORS® (IAR) state banquet in September.

Sharon became a licensed REALTOR® in 1978 and is currently a salesperson with RE/MAX Realty Centre in Maryville. She is the 2004 past president of GGAR and has chaired and served on numerous state and local committees. Sharon is always willing to serve where she is needed. She is very dependable and brings a great deal of enthusiasm to everything she does.

The REALTOR® of the Year award is presented annually to one member of the Association who best exemplifies the professional qualities of a REALTOR®. It is based on a person's service and leadership in community and civic affairs as well as activities within the Association. Proceeds for the banquet benefit the work of the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that promotes research and academic advancement in real estate subjects through a series of grants and scholarships.

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