

## Employees Honored For Their Years Of Service To The Tribe



**Service To The Tribe** — On Friday, March 4, employees were recognized for their years of service at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. From left — Dan Ham, Dodie McKenzie, Bob McElderry, Jesse Bran and Kim D'Aquila were all honored for eight years of service as employees for the Tribe.



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**Commitment** — Tribal Council members (from left) Chris Mercier, Jack Giffen, Jr., Valorie Sheker-Robertson, Angie Blackwell and Reyn Leno take time to personally show their appreciation. Interim Procurement Manager Kevin Mueller shakes hands with Blackwell as he receives his five-year certificate.

## COMMITTEE SUMMIT



**Gathering** — On Monday, March 14, Spirit Mountain Casino hosted the 2nd Annual Committee Summit in the Kalapuya rooms. The meeting gave an opportunity for members of the numerous committees to meet and speak about issues concerning their specific committee. Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl Kennedy (left) and council member Angie Blackwell (below) spoke on the positive effects of the Tribal Committees.



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## Grand Ronde And Siletz Tribal Council Meet



**Two Tribes** — On Friday, February 24, 2005, Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribal Council met with Indian Health Services Director and Cherokee Tribal member Dr. Charles Grim (left) at the Tribe's Education Department to discuss the impact of budget cuts on health services.

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## Tribe's Planned Cedar Plankhouse Is Coming To Life



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**"Day" Labor** — Community members gathered together to split cedar logs on Thursday, March 10. After the logs have been split, the planks that were made will help build a traditional plankhouse in Grand Ronde. Plankhouses were the traditional way of living for the Grand Ronde people and other Northwest Natives. Plankhouses vary in size but are usually about eight feet wide, six feet tall and about 20 feet long. Many Tribes have become interested in building a plankhouse and the U.S. Forest Service has offered to donate cedar for these projects.