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## Tribal Council disenrolls 13 for violating dual enrollment

By Dean Rhodes  
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The first 30 cases resulting from the Tribe's ongoing enrollment audit were heard by Tribal Council during a 2.5-hour meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, and eventually 13 Tribal members were disenrolled for having been a member of another Native American Tribe when they enrolled in the Grand Ronde Tribe.

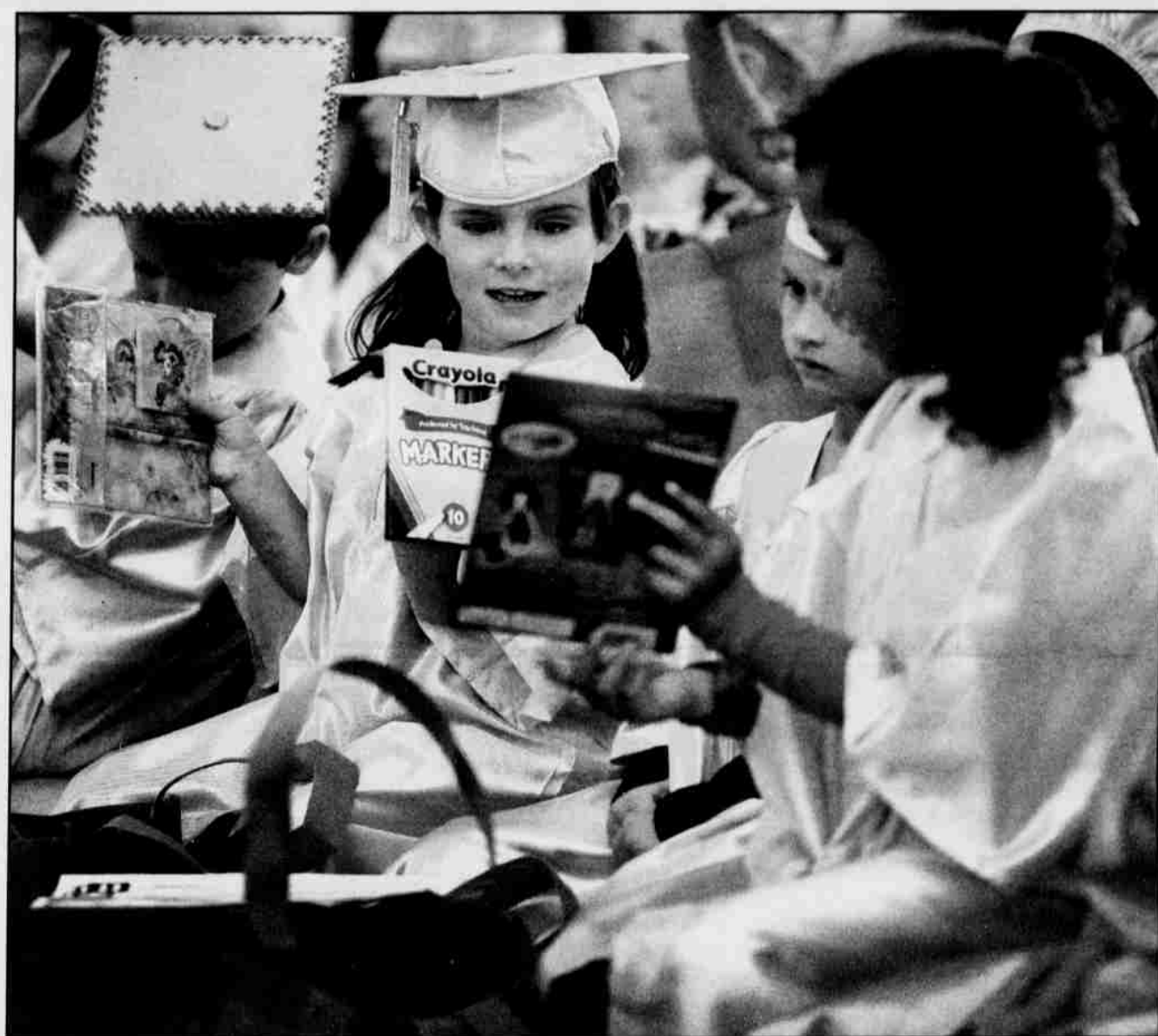
Being dually enrolled violates the Tribal Constitution.

Seventeen cases were sent back to the Tribal Enrollment Committee for re-examination.

The Aug. 14 meeting started with Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, on the phone from Michigan, moving to suspend the disenrollment process until the Tribe could find a way to help those facing disenrollment.

"I believe that some of these people can be helped if we look at possible amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance," Mercier said. "Because we should do that, I think we should suspend these disenroll-

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Chenoa Freeman, left, holds up her graduation gifts to show Gracee Allen as Gracee does the same, during the 2013 Preschool Graduation Powwow.

## Preschool graduation

Jayden LaBonte looks for the pull tab to zip up his graduation gown before the 2013 Preschool Graduation Powwow at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, Aug. 15. Twenty-two students graduated.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo



## April Campbell hired by state as new Indian education specialist

Grand Ronde member will join Department of Education on Sept. 16

By Dean Rhodes  
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Dallas resident April Campbell, Education Department manager with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, has been hired as the new

Indian education specialist by the state Department of Education. Campbell, 39, will leave Tribal employment on Sept. 9 after al-

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## From employee to councilor

Transition can be 'eye-opening,' Tribal Council members say

By Ron Karten

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It's not that unusual for former or current Tribal employees to be elected to Tribal Council.

Seven of nine current Tribal Council members were Tribal employees before being elected and at least seven of the 12 candidates on this year's ballot are current or former Tribal employees.

Sometimes, the elevation from employee to leader can be immediate.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George went from being a Tribal employee in early September 2012 to being a Tribal Council member by the middle of the month.

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