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Graham Awarded Eagle Scout at New Prospect

Barry Gerard Graham, 16, of Pembroke was awarded the distinction of Eagle Scout in a recent ceremony held at New Prospect Methodist Church, Route 1, Pembroke. Barry is the son of Sandra Graham of Pembroke and Brawleigh Graham of Lumberton.

Barry did maintenance work for seniors citizens for his project in earning his Eagle Scout Award. He is the first Eagle Scout in his troop and also in the community.

Graham is a sophomore at Purnell Swett High School where he has served with distinction as president of the Beta Club, Who's Who Among High School Students, the Honor Roll, National Honor Society. His Scoutmaster is Delton Waltman.

NASF Awards Scholarships

Albuquerque, NM--The Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. announced it has awarded 11 new scholarships for the Spring 1995 semester. The scholarships were awarded to the following:

Sheila E. Billy, Choctaw, San Francisco State University; Alician A. Carson, Creek/Seminole, Eastern Oregon State College; Michelle Concha, Taos Pueblo, New Mexico Highlands University; Daniel Dickerson, Eskimo, Long Beach City College; Brandon Dunson, Muscogee Creek, University of Tulsa; Marcella Gachupin, Zia Pueblo, Harvard University; Joe Graham, Laguna Pueblo, University of Arizona; Taylor, Keen, Omaha, Harvard University; Jaileen Kookesh, Athabaskan, Stanford University; Pablo Padilla, Jr., Zuni Pueblo, Harvard University; LeAndrea Thomas, Navajo, Northern Arizona University.

Amounts of the scholarships ranged

from a low 41000 to as high as \$2,000.

"We are currently accepting applications for the Fall 1995 semester," said Ms. Lynnette Charlie, NASF Director of Recruiting.

The Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. was chartered in 1986 to provide scholarships to American Indians based on academic merit and on the basis of the students NASF thinks will most likely improve the lives of Indian people.

Students who wish to apply may contact the NASF office at: 8200 Mountain Road NE, Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Any enrolled member of a federally recognized, state recognized, or terminated tribe and who is at least 1/4 blood quantum of that tribe is eligible to apply. NASF priorities are Math, Engineering, Science, Business, Education and Computers (MESBEC). The Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a non profit organization.

"Clean Up Week" Designated in Town of Pembroke by Officials

The Town of Pembroke has passed a resolution designating April 17, 1995-April 22, 1995, as "Clean Up Week in the Town of Pembroke. The Resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, the Town Council for the Town of Pembroke recognizes the benefits of a clean town; and

"Whereas a clean town will promote pride in the town by its citizens, attract tourism, invite industry, create jobs and promote a more positive image of the town; and

"Whereas the Town Council for the Town of Pembroke realizes that it takes the efforts of town employees, town citizens, civic clubs, youth organiza-

tions and others to clean up the town.

"Now therefore be it and it is hereby resolved by the town of Pembroke as follows:

"A. That the town of Pembroke hereby designates April 17, 1995 through April 22, 1995 as "Clean-Up Week in the Town of Pembroke.

"B. That the Town of Pembroke, through the Town Manager, shall solicit town employees, town citizens, civic clubs and others to participate in "Clean-Up Week.

"Adopted at a duly constituted meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Pembroke, on the 6th day of March, 1995."

Presbyterian Church to Present Musical

The Adult Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, 10th and Chestnut Streets in Lumberton, NC presents "Alleluia! The Praise Continues," created by Bill and Gloria Gaither and Ron Huff. This exciting Easter musical celebrates the resurrection of Christ. Performances will be held on April 9th and April 11th at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the church sanctuary.

Gospel Sing Planned at Union Chapel

A gospel sing will be held at Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church on Sunday, April 1 at 7 p.m. The pastor, Rev. S. Dufrene Cummings, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Lumbee Elders Council Holds Traditional New Year's Gathering

by Wendy Moore Ledwell

Neither brisk winds nor cold temperatures could hamper Sunrise ceremonial activities for those in attendance at the annual Lumbee Traditional New Year's Celebration Saturday, March 18th. Traditionally, the new year is celebrated on the appearance of the first full moon before the onset of Spring. The gathering signifies the Native American's celebration of the new beginning that the Spring brings to the earth and their thankfulness to the Creator for the newness of life.

Visiting tribes in attendance included Ojibway, Delaware, Choctaw, Iroquois, Cherokee, Catawba, Seneca and Seminole. Participants came from areas as far away as Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Not only were thanks given, but dialogue between tribes took place to help bridge the gap that exists between recognized and non-recognized tribes.

Ceremonies were a very emotional experience to some who came with the hope of rediscovering heritage all but lost. Tears of joy flowed as cultural identity was reborn.

Activities included youth group singings, drumming and dancing. Tony Clark graced the event with flute selections and his rendition of the "Sun Dance" song. All participants joined hands in the sun-set ceremony to give thanks to the Creator for the day that the Creator had given. Good tidings and well wishes for a safe journey home were given by each elder. Ashes from the fire were taken to insure an ongoing and cyclical process with each gathering. The gatherings give participants freedom to express themselves verbally and spiritually. Non money is ever exchanged during a gathering. Riches are abundant in spiritual awareness and inter-tribal fellowship.

For those who have never attended a spiritual gathering, it is a holistic adventure into the world of Native American spirituality and one this Lumbee intends to frequent at every opportunity. The next Lumbee gathering is scheduled for June 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1995. Additional information will be forthcoming in future issues of the Carolina Indian Voice.

The gathering was sponsored by the Lumbee Council of Elders. Members in attendance included Pauline Locklear, Prospect; Carolyn Coronado, Deep Branch; Mary Dickson, Lumberton; Earl Carter, Waxhaw; Pete Clark, Pembroke and Wild Turkey, Pembroke.



Prospect Student win art awards



Harold Warriax Jr.



Prospect School art students participated in the North Carolina Indian Unity Conference Art Contest. Kateland Locklear, fourth grader in Mrs. Carmichael's classroom won first place in wood carving. Harold Warriax Jr. won Honorable Mention. Art teacher is Mr. Harold B. Locklear and Mr. Johnny Hunt is principal.

Union Chapel Spelling Champs



Following a tradition in her family, Miss Katrina McRae again has brought the top prize to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lamorris McRae. Recently the school spelling bee was held. Participants in grades 3-6 competed to represent Union Chapel School in the county wide spelling bee. The winner was Katrina with runner up Brent Chavis, son of Dr. Herman and Connie Chavis. Shown are Herman Brent Chavis and Katrina McRae.

PSU to host math competition for high school students

Pembroke State University will host the regional mathematics competition for the 15th consecutive year.

Approximately 500 students from more than 50 public and private high schools from all over North Carolina will participate in the competition on April 13, 1995 at the Givens Performing Arts center.

The students will be tested in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.

All students will receive a certificate of participation. Those students who score in the top 15 percent of their section in the competition will receive a certificate of achievement. Students and school teams who earn the highest scores in the competition will receive trophies and plaques.

Five professors in PSU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science are responsible for the mathematics competition. They are Carol Brewer, Dr. Leonard Casciotti, Dr. Oscar Jones, Dr. Clifford Tremblay and Dr. William Truman.