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Delegate Phelps commends Cameron Chapter for hosting the 9th Annual Cameron Community Celebration



PHOTO: Council Delegate Walter Phelps leading the parade during the 9th Annual Cameron Community Celebration in Cameron, Ariz. on Oct. 13, 2017.

CAMERON, Ariz. – On Friday, Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidi To ii) attended the 9th Annual Cameron Community Celebration hosted by the Cameron Chapter. The celebration was centered in the community of Cameron, located approximately 53-miles north of Flagstaff, Ariz.

During the welcoming remarks, Delegate Phelps who was also the grand marshal for the celebration's parade, welcomed families and visitors and expressed the importance of the celebration and the theme of the event, "Honoring our Elders through Tradition and Culture."

"The annual celebration marks a special day for Cameron families and neighbors of surrounding communities to share stories, participate in activities, and to enjoy each others' company. This event serves as an example of community togetherness," said Delegate Phelps.

The free celebration focused on bringing families, children, youth, elders, and veterans together to participate in activities, such as a fun walk and run, parade, volleyball, outdoor games, sheep butchering contest, elderly pageant, zumba, and cultural dances.

Cameron Chapter president Milton Tso stated that the annual celebration brings families and neighbors together at no expense.

"The Chapter hosts the free celebration during the Western Navajo Fair in Tuba City because not many families and elders can afford the expenses at the fair. Therefore, families and elders can enjoy the free event with many activities without any financial burdens," said Tso.

The celebration drew over 500 people throughout the day.

"I commend Cameron Chapter, volunteers, and sponsors for organizing the celebration. Many children, youth, elders, veterans, and visitors enjoyed all the activities throughout the day and we look forward to another successful year in Cameron," added Delegate Phelps.

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