Mul-Chu-Tha 2015: Celebrating Our Water Rights through Dance, Music and Art

By GRIN staff
Gila River Indian News

The 53rd Annual Mul-Chu-Tha was presented under the theme: “Celebrating our Water Rights through Dance, Music and Art.” From the parade to the chicken scratch, the rodeo to the thoka, the Mul-Chu-Tha had a little bit of everything for everyone.

During parade Saturday morning, March 14, Randy Ruiz from District 1 kept things moving as emcee.

“It was great. I always have fun doing these parades. [There were] a lot of good floats...very colorful, the performances were great. I really enjoyed the crowd...a lot of people really just taking it all in.”

Traditional water symbols adorned nearly all the floats.

“It’s great for our young people,” said Ruiz, “you know, carrying on that tradition. And I think it’s an exposure, too, to some of the young people about the water rights.”

After the parade, the crowd lining Bluebird Road shuffled over to the fairgrounds about a quarter mile away where the fry bread popped and the kids on the zipper tried not to get sick.

The fairgrounds hosted the Battle of the Bands, the Mul-Chu-Tha Rodeo, a powwow, a horseshoe-throwing contest and plenty of live waila music for dancing. Across town, Community members participated in a basketball tournament at the Sacaton Wellness Center.

Saturday night highlights included shows from comedy troupe The 1491s and a performance by hip-hop artist Baby Bash.

On Sunday, several teams took part in a thoka tournament just south of the fairgrounds. April Crawford is the captain of a newly formed team called Hemake E-p, which means One More in English.

“I was taught that it’s a recreational game, you know, just to have fun, and that’s what my thing is, to make sure that all my girls have fun,” she said.

When asked why she plays, Crawford compares thoka, a traditional sport played by O’otham ancestors to another favorite, more modern sport.

“It’s just like basketball. It’s just fun. To me it’s the running and jumping and cheering with your cultural performances.”

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Sienna Whittington crowned Miss Gila River, Charisma Quiroz Junior Miss Gila River

By Christopher Lomahquahu
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The Gila River Indian Community was treated to an evening of fashion and cultural heritage at the 52nd Annual Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River Pageant March 7 at the District 1 Blackwater Vuh-Ich Ha-Ke Multipurpose Building.

People gathered to witness the crowning of the new Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington (D5) and Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz (D1). Cheyenne Jackson (D6) was named Miss Gila River First Attendant. Ashley Thompson (D3) and Siaieck Lucero (D1) were named Jr. Miss Gila River First and Second Attendant, respectively.

The Miss Gila River competition consisted of two contestants. Whittington and Jackson, and both gave noteworthy presentations in the Time Honored category.

Whittington expounded upon the agricultural history of the Community, showing the audience plants grown in Gila River. Jackson shared her interest for the game of Thoka, a traditional O’otham women’s sport similar to field hockey. She explained the selection of the stick (u’us-aga), which is made of mesquite branches, and the puck (ola) used for the game.

This year’s pageant also marked the return of the Jr. Miss Gila River, which has been absent since 2010. Quiroz, Thompson and Lucero impressed the audience.

“I’m really proud of these girls,” said Williams. “They did a really excellent job this week, being comfortable speaking to a large group of people.”

She said, “In rehearsal it’s just [you] up there on stage, but we encourage them to be themselves, to have fun [and] to help each other out.”

Even though the contestants were in competition for the title, the committee liked seeing the girls enjoy the pageant and take away new friendships from the experience.


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MEMORIAL AIRFIELD LANDOWNERS
A small team of landowners is organizing a meeting and taking on the task of addressing the numerous concerns on the developments of the Memorial Airfield. All Gila River Indian Community landowners and elected officials are welcome to attend.

Vah Ki Multipurpose Building/Service Center, District 5
April 4, 2015
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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March 23rd
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March 27th
Attendance Incentive for Good & Perfect Attendance
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Telecommunications also employs 65 internet services as well. Gila River has a number of members receiving DSL to over 80% of the community, with the company providing telephone services and an upgraded infrastructure network, the telecommunication infrastructure was outdated and in poor condition, resulting in a low quality of service. Today, with a new network, including fiber optic broadband, the Community had telephone services and "only 10% of the Gila River Indian Community" according to a press release.

In the press release, Gary Davis, President and CEO of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, said, "Gila River Telecommunications exemplifies everything that the National Center stands for – a firm devotion to enhancing economic development in Indian Country." He said, "Successful Native American businesses like Gila River Telecommunications are critically important to improving the economy and creating good jobs in Indian Country. The National Center is truly honored to recognize them for their achievements in business."

According to the press release, prior to the establishment of GRTI in 1988, "only 10% of the Gila River Indian Community had telephone services and telecommunication infrastructure was outdated and in poor condition, resulting in a low quality of service. Today, with a new network, including fiber optic broadband, the Community had telephone services and "only 10% of the Gila River Indian Community" according to a press release."

The Community will evaluate the Record of Decision in the coming weeks to determine the most appropriate action in light of the short-comings that the Community has identified in ADOT’s and FHWA’s EIS. The Community’s comments also stressed the need for a South Mountain avoidance alternative does not excuse ADOT’s obligation to study – and its failure to study cultural properties and to protect the Community’s Cultural Properties and to protect the Community’s refusal to permit an on-Reservation alternative – and its failure to study cultural properties and to protect the Community’s refusal to permit an on-Reservation alternative – and its failure to study cultural properties and to protect the Community’s refusal to permit an on-Reservation alternative – and its failure to study cultural properties and to protect the Community’s refusal to permit an on-Reservation alternative.
Kautaq Construction Building Houses in Gila River

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Tucked away behind the District 5 Veterans Memorial Building rests the Kautaq Construction Services, LLC central field office, which busily manages the high rate of housing development in the Gila River Indian Community. Kautaq is a Native American-owned construction business that is part of the Upequagik Inupiat Corporation Family of Companies based out of Anchorage, Alaska. Kautaq means “hammer” in the Inupiat language.

In 2013, Kautaq opened an office in Tempe, but it also operates smaller offices in areas where it is involved with construction. The firm isn’t new to working in tribal communities. Kautaq has experience working with the Navajo Nation and Hopi tribe. Its first project in Gila River was for the Pee-Posh Community Housing development in District 7. Working along with architects Irvine Design Studios, Kautaq completed the project last winter. The two companies have teamed up again with a goal to build 417 homes in Districts 1 – 7, including eight in the George Webb Housing Division, under the direction of the Gila River Home Owners Team. Kautaq sub-contracts some of the construction work to Pimmex Contracting, a Gila River Community member-owned construction company.

Housing development in the Community has increased rapidly in recent years. Some of the homes Kautaq is working on will be finished within months. The pace of construction has hastened because there are many more to be built throughout the Community. Holguin said the progress they have made is in the spirit of cooperation we have with the Community. We are happy to be a consistent builder here.

The momentum in building homes is just getting started. Kautaq hopes to construct 20 to 30 homes a month.

For two Community members, working for Kautaq is an opportunity to add to their experience in construction, but most of all they see it as a way to give back to the Community.

Gabrielle Martinez, District 7, was happy to be part of the construction of homes in Gila River. “It’s been great, I can’t say enough about the company,” said Martinez at the District 5 Kautaq office. “I started as a laborer last year, and then [moved up] to operator and went to Assistant Superintendent this year.”

Eric Donahue, also from District 5, expressed his satisfaction working with the company. “It’s been great because of all the homes that we’ve been building. I like that they are Native owned too,” he said.

Martinez and Donahue both feel that they can help build relationships with their fellow Community members and keep them updated on the construction of their homes. “They’re more relaxed [when they] talk with us,” said Martinez.

Martinez and Donahue said seeing homes go from the ground up is an exciting part of being involved with the project.

Inside one of the homes under construction in the George Webb housing division, Holguin described how the homes will utilize the latest in incorporating building techniques that reduce the cost of utilities.

Donahue pointed out some of the features that are part of the building process, such as reinforced walls that are integrated into the foundation for a much sturdier house.

Holguin described the insulation process in the walls, with insulating foam is injected into the ribs of the bricks. It is a technique that helps keep the house warm in the winter and cool in the summer, further reducing utility expenses.

GRICUA Linemen Recognized for Heroism

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Linemen Samuel Jimenez and Reynaldo Rascon were recognized at the City of Coolidge Council meeting March 9 for their outstanding act of heroism in a tragic event.

On Feb. 25, the GRICUA linemen were working in the Coolidge area when they witnessed a three-vehicle collision on Kenworthy Road and State Route 87. The two GRICUA linemen sprang into action and removed an injured man from a wrecked pick-up and quickly performed CPR and first-aid.

“To me it didn’t seem real. It was graphic and just an unfortunate accident,” said Rascon. “It’s been great, I can’t say enough about the company.” Rascon and Martinez both expressed their satisfaction working with the company.

“We were comfortable with the tools we were using to help the individual. It’s unfortunate the individual didn’t make it but we gave him a fighting chance.”

At the Coolidge Council meeting, Coolidge Fire Chief Robert Jarvis and Police Chief Jim Malinski presented them with a certificate of heroism for their selfless act. The two were later presented with certificates from GRICUA.

As much as they appreciate the recognition, Jimenez and Rascon remain humble for their bravery.

“The kudos to the fire department and paramedics,” said Jimenez. “They put themselves in a spot that most of us don’t...but they don’t get the recognition like this. We didn’t do it one time but they do it day in and day out.”

GRICUA Linemen Samuel Jimenez (left) and Reynaldo Rascon (right) hold up the certificates they received from the City of Coolidge and GRICUA in recognition of their act of heroism, performing first-aid and CPR for a stranger in a collision Feb. 25.
Roadrunner Club Food Drive

Submitted by Mary Tatum
Community Nutrition Program

The Tadai U’uego Roadrunner Leaders Club from Casa Blanca Community School held a food drive in which goods were donated to the Commodity Food Distribution Program. The donated food will be used to supplement the program’s emergency food boxes. We very much appreciate the efforts and donations of the students!

ATTENTION ALL
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Gila River Indian Community is creating a public bus system for the Community.

We are looking for creative ideas from the community for a name, design and a logo that will be used on our NEW fleet and related media.

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the competition and the spirit,” she said. “Plus, on top of that, it’s one of our natural games. This is all natural equipment. It’s not something you can go to the store and buy. You got to make it."

Thoka is like field hockey but the sticks (u’us-agah) and puck (ola) are made from mesquite wood. The Mul-Chu-Tha had a lot of other fun competitions throughout the weekend. Parade winners included Oasis Elementary School for best school/club, Arizona Compass Prep Dance for best dance and Gila River Casinos for best GRIC department/entity float. The Pickup Kings from Sells, Ariz., won the Battle of the Bands competition. Native Creed came in second and Gurdy Lopez and the T.O. Boys came in third.

More information on winners can be found at www.mul-chu-tha.com

The cultural circle at the Mul-Chu-Tha brought together men and women young and old to perform traditional songs and dances. Groups like the Desert Butterflies and the Achem A’al basket dancers shared with the audience the culture of the Community.

There were a variety of songs performed like the bird song, one about eagle man, and about the flowers in bloom during the springtime.

Taras Johns from District 3 is the Desert Butterflies’ main singer; he’s been performing traditional songs for twenty years. He said, “It’s a good way to share our himdag with the visitors.”

When asked about the meanings he said they are about a variety of social encounters, but are special to the O’otham people.

He said, “Performing here gives us an opportunity to show what is here, what our songs and dances are.”

Yolanda Elias of District 6 was out at the cultural circle with her group the Achem A’al (We Children). Elias says “Because the theme this year is celebrating our water rights, the art is in our dresses, the history is in our songs.”

She takes pride in her participation, knowing that as time goes on, more and more girls are becoming interested in dancing and learning about their people.

She said, “It’s an honor to perform here, to know that some of the younger ones are dancing, keeping to the traditions of our people.”

Cultural circle at the Mul-Chu-Tha

The name for this month references the kwi (Mesquite tree) “leaving out” and is nature's way of letting us know that spring has arrived.

Due to the large amounts of rainfall that blessed our community during the winter months, many wildflowers are making an appearance throughout our region. Wildflower seeds can lay dormant for many years waiting for just the right amount of rainfall to germinate and grow. In 1962 Frank Russell took an oral history account from Chukud Na:k (Owl Ear) the Salt River calendar stick keeper. "Salt River 1834-35: This year was long remembered because of the bountiful crops of wheat, corn, squashes, pumpkins, and watermelons that were raised. The desert mesas were carpeted with flowers and the bloom of cacti further transformed them into gardens.”

Our Hekiu Otham named everything in our present natural environment including wildflowers. In the Otham plant classification system wild annuals have their own category and are descriptive of their appearance, or a characteristic of their behavior. A few common wildflowers are: thohavs – White Brittlebush, the Otham root word thoha means ‘to become white’. This plant is mentioned in the Otham Creation Epic as being a bed for the infant Coyote. This is one of the first desert-plants to bloom in early spring, most notable along the I-10 corridor.

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Kwi I’ivakithak Mashath

The name for this month refers to the thash ma:hag (Desert Lupine). This plant translates to ‘Chinese queue’ due to the shape of this plant’s blue flowers resembling the oriental hair-foot and jackrabbit’s foot-hair.

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Huhugam Heritage Center First Friday

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

March 6 launched the start of First Fridays at the Huhugam Heritage Center. Every first Friday of the month, the Center will open its doors to the public for a night of food, art and entertainment.

This month’s event featured ten local vendors, artists and musicians from around the Community, such as waila band Two Rivers, who had guests up and dancing. The museum and Community artist gallery were also open for exploring.

HHC secretary Rachel Enos believes the new event will help boost the Center’s visitor attendance.

“Our goal is to be known,” said Enos, who coordinated the First Friday event. “First Friday is a way of bringing awareness and promoting the museum and our own arts and crafts, vendors and artists.”

She said for now they are only working with artists and vendors within the Community, but “in the future, when it gets bigger, we’ll invite surrounding artists.” However, everyone is welcome to attend.

Among the vendors were Mikalita Crystal-Kitto and her business partner William with All Nations Jewelry. The duo sold their Dine and O’otham-inspired jewelry. Artist Wayne Narcia was also in attendance with his painted gourds while Joyce Hughes and her friends from the San Xavier Co-op Farms sold beans, cornmeal and other grown foods by the pound.

Community artist Russell Blackwater attracted many guests to his table with his unique traditional art and wood-burned pieces. “I try a little bit of everything,” said Blackwater, District 1, about his artwork.

He does a lot of southwestern inspired art and basket designs, but is probably best known for his numerous works displayed around the Community, particularly the mural of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising at the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park.

On the subject of First Friday, Blackwater said, “It benefits me a lot. I’ve always been told to go off-reservation, but I do well here on the reservation. The tribe has always been good to me so I give back.”

While some vendors used the event to sell arts and crafts, District 5 graffiti artist Jonathan White took the opportunity to showcase his skills. Bystanders watched from afar as the contemporary artist applied pink and black spray paint on two blank canvases to create a colorful masterpiece.

“I was supposed to be at the King of the Skills tonight,” said White, 26. The annual King of the Skills event in District 5 showcases several dozen aerosol artists and this year took place the same evening as the HHC’s first First Friday.

White said, “I felt more interested in the culture side of being here. I feel it (First Friday) brought my talent back and I encourage other artists to come out too.”

The next Huhugam Heritage Center First Friday will be April 3.
New Gila River Royalty
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“All of them had special talents. I’m happy for all the girls; they all did an awesome job,” said Antoine. “I think the Junior Miss inspires our younger girls to compete for the pageant. It’s just about them becoming mature women and possibly running for Miss Gila River. It is about sisterhood, about them going to do for the Community, empowering young women.”

Gov. Lewis extended his appreciation for the young women setting an example for future generations of girls interested in running for the titles of Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River.

“I am so proud of each and everyone one of them,” said Lewis. “They have so much promise and I hope they keep up their educational goals. They emphasized being active and being part of their culture.”

Quiroz and her family were very excited about starting her reign as Jr. Miss Gila River.

“‘It’s been pretty exciting, especially just turning seventeen the day after the pageant,” said Quiroz a few days later.

Her father, Richard, said the family is excited for her. “We knew regardless of the outcome, it would be a learning experience for her, about her culture and people.”

Quiroz has plans to continue her education, but is undecided between attending the University of Arizona and Arizona State University.

“I look forward to doing different things with this title. There are many opportunities that can come from it,” said Quiroz. “For anybody looking to run for this, it’s a great opportunity.”

All of the royalty said that the coming year they want to learn more about what they can do for the Community.

For Whittington, that means getting back in touch with the land and the people to show her appreciation for the Community’s support while she was away pursuing higher education.

Whittington recently graduated from the University of California – Irvine, where she earned bachelor’s degrees in Sociology and Anthropology.

Whittington said, “It’s an honor to take this position. It’s very rewarding to represent the Community.”

She said, “I want to address the history and the culture of the Community. My platform is history, culture and education.”

NFL Star Teaches Financial Management at Sacaton Family Night

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

At six feet, six inches tall, Chicago Bears defensive end Jared Allen is big on saving.

The game of football seems like an unlikely way to learn about financial responsibility, but at Sacaton Elementary School’s Family Night on March 5 the National Football League star talked with parents about spending wisely.

In his years in NFL he learned the value of spending responsibly, which eventually led to his sharing financial advice with other players in the league.

Off the field, Allen talks to groups around the country to help people understand how to manage money.

Allen says his background growing up in a farming family outside of San Jose, Calif. with little money taught him early on that money isn’t always a luxury that can be had.

“Sometimes players will spend on big items and not really think about the costs of living that comes with it,” he said. “Most young guys that sign on with a team haven’t dealt with large amounts of money in their life.”

He realizes that not everyone makes an NFL-size salary, but the danger of overspending applies to everyone. The advice for the parents is to set a budget and use it as a tool, rather than a restriction on what you can spend.

The goal, he said, is to dispel the negative connotations around budgeting.

He said, “Yes it seems like your restricting what you want to spend your money on, but I want you to point out it’s about modeling good money habits.”

Allen visited Sacaton Elementary in partnership with Money Management International, a group that works with large organizations like the NFL to help guide players and other high profile individuals on managing finances.

Allen said, “Finances are a perspective of what people believe happiness is.”

In addition to Allen’s advice, Maura Attardi from MMI said setting and achieving financial goals is important.

“Budgeting is a series of decisions families have to make,” she said. “You must make specific goals, otherwise you may not achieve them.”

Composting Dos and Don’ts

Submitted by DEQ
Gila River Indian News

In 2014, the Gila River Indian Community Department of Public Works collected a total of 3,686 tons of trash from bi-weekly home collections. The collected trash is taken to landfills off-reservation, where an additional fee is charged per ton. Based upon the 2010 Census, there were 2,982 households in the Community. If you take those 2,982 households and divide by the 2014 trash that was collected, this would equal to almost 1 ton of trash accumulated per household in one year alone.

A great way to reduce the amount and cost of trash is to recycle. Not only can you recycle plastic, aluminum, glass, and cardboard, but did you know that your food waste can be recycled as well?

The recycled nutrients from your food can be added to other organic material to make a natural soil amendment that you can add to your garden or yard. This is called compost. Composting is a great and simple way to restore vitality to depletes soil. All you need is (a) carbon-rich “brown” materials, such as fall leaves, straw, dead flowers from your garden, and shredded newspaper; (b) nitrogen-rich “green” materials, such as grass clippings, plant-based kitchen waste or burned animal manure; (c) a compost bin or designated area. You may also want to consider coffee grounds, as they are a very good addition to your composting efforts. They would be considered a “green” or nitrogen source. Coffee grounds can be collected from home or from your local coffee shop, like Kowee Coffee.

To begin composting, add the compost material in layers, in which the “brown” layers will need to be thicker than the green layers (1:3 “Brown”-to-Green ratio). Every couple weeks, be sure to turn the pile with a fork or shovel. It is also important to keep the pile moist, but not soggy, which will encourage a faster breakdown of the “raw” materials into usable compost. When the material is black, crumbly, and sweet-smelling, the compost is ready for use. With these first steps, you can now begin your journey in composting. Enjoy!
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for HANSON Aggregates Arizona, Inc., located at 2026 N. Field Rd., Mesa, AZ 85212, air quality operating permit officially begins on March 20, 2015. The concrete processing plant is being permitted for Particulate Matter (PM) and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until April 20, 2015, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

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Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and request shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the application, the staff report, and the public hearing request may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered for mailing to:

For further information, please contact Ryan Ebete at (520)796-3781 or visit our offices located at 157S A. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226.

Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE – Civil Summons

From the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Courts

Chris Allen
Guardianship-Review Hearing
Case: J-13-0016/2015/170000/190020
Court Date: April 16, 2015 at 11:00 am, Court room #2, 1st Floor
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS
Location: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indi- can Community Court, Building #3
Address: 10005 E. Osborn Rd. Scotts- dale, AZ 85256

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For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter @RedCross.
Mark Your Calendar!

The GRBC Grand Opening is getting closer! The Gila River Broadcasting Corporation is very excited to share with you the future of broadcasting in the community!

To commemorate our big leap into broadcasting, we invite you to please join us for the GRBC Grand Opening. Entertainment and lunch will be provided!
For more information please go to www.grbc.tv.

When: Monday, April 6, 2015
Time: 9 am - 11 am
Where: GRTI Main Office
7065 W. Allison Road Chandler, AZ 85226

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2015
10am - close

Reservations are highly recommended
Adult’s Buffet: $21.95
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Visit Rawhide.com to make your reservations or call 480-932-9600. 18% Gratuity will be included for parties of 8 or more.
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General information please call District 7 Recreation at (520) 430-4780

Gila River Indian Community’s District 7 Park
8035 S. 83rd Avenue, Laveen AZ 85339 (83rd Avenue, South of Baseline)

Gila River Indian Community, District Seven, Gila River Commissioners, and Event Committee & Volunteers shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, or theft, or damages incurred during the Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration.