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Springville may be the first city in Utah County to celebrate its Native-American legacy in the theme of the annual Heritage Days festival. The city-wide event is held every September to commemorate the founding of the town. Before the pioneer settlers arrived in 1850, Native Americans were already living on the banks of Hobble Creek and the committee wanted to honor their legacy.

“This is the first time I knew of, where a city is celebrating their history by focusing on the first residents in the area,” said Lapita Frewin, a member of the Navajo tribe. “Utah didn’t start with the pioneers, but that is what is usually celebrated. The ancient peoples were here. The Fremont culture became the relatives here in the area. The Utah, Shoshone, Goshute, Navajo and other bands came from the Fremont. When we remember it helps us to appreciate that they kept everything in balance and clean. They were the first environmentalists and we benefit from this today.”

The Saturday part of the weekend—Heritage Days—was held at the City Center Plaza. Families could participate in several activities including making pouches, grinding corn and petroglyphs. Debbie Velentz attended with her two daughters, Morris and family came hanging to Heritage Days. They had recently moved to Springville and were impressed that the city was celebrating their Native culture.

“My daughter loves anything Native-American as we come. We also enjoy local foods and today is a beautiful day,” she said. “I made a pouch and now I am making this picture of the ancient people known as a fluted bone because I like these animals,” said Emily Lara Harding, 10.

Eileen Quintana was in charge of the Wamash Eagle Camp. Her group also provided the First Nations dance during the afternoon. In the morning, Quintana gathered children under the old tree and shared the Navajo legend of how the cradle board came to be.

“A long time ago there was a Navajo woman named Patsy and she had a baby. She wanted to have a better angle on my boat. I would have won but as I was going I hit the side, and my dad passed me,” he said.

Chuck Keeler, recreation department director for Springville, and his committee Sandy Akins, Gayle Ackerman and Darrell Tucker, wanted something special for this year, and the committee wanted to offer as many free activities for city residents. We have had several hundred people here today and many others at the events held during the week. Our committee was involved from the city youth council and Merit Academy have been together who care about their city and provide something for everyone.

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The miniboat race at the Springville Festival of the Arts, which was won. It broke in pieces to look like rock then painted it to look like red rock. When the kids entered the red part the white is underneath so the picture shows up,” he said.

Marion Hales Harding brought her two daughters, Morris and family hand-making pouches, clay necklaces, grinding corn and petroglyphs, and the committee wanted to appreciate that they kept everything in balance and clean. They were the first environmentalists and we benefit from this today.

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