

CELEBRATIONS - EVENTS

Yavapai College officials spoke at the December 1 departure of the YAN mapmakers from the Clarkdale campus

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Yavapai College President Penny Wills from the main campus of Yavapai College in Prescott came and met the Yavapai-Apache community members and the mapmakers.

"I can't think of a time in my life time that is more critical than now that we remember the history of what we have done to each

other and how we cannot repeat that," said Mrs. Wills in her remarks to the gathering that day. "We have to teach equality and respect to our students."

She also said that the Native Americans have taught valuable lessons to the general public.

James Perey, Executive Dean of the Clarkdale campus of Yavapai College also shared his feelings about the occasion and

the importance of history, traditions and how history shapes positive understanding.

"You don't understand anybody until you've walked in their shoes. It brings a sense of knowing your ancestors in accordance with where you come from and remembering that thought you left --because that helps shape you," he said.



James Perey, Executive Dean of Verde Valley Yavapai College addresses the gathering. Photo by Judie Piner



Judie Piner talks at the Yavapai College about the long walk. Members of the college administration, YAN leaders and cultural leaders meet on campus to bid farewell to mapmakers on their journey to old San Carlos. By YAN News



Vice Chairman Larry Jackson, Sr., speaking at Yavapai College on Dec. 1st.

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came in," said Mr. Randall about the Apaches. General Crook was instrumental in containing the Apaches according to Mr. Randall.

"And in 1875 word was brought from San Carlos that they were going to force march them to old San Carlos."

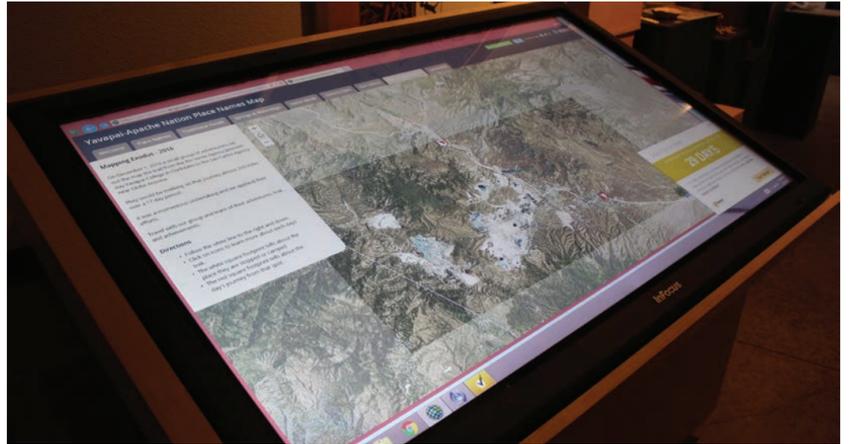
Four hundred Apaches surrendered but another

er 400 Apaches escaped the round up and hid out in places in Fossil Creek, Oak Creek and in the high country and as late as 1879, the U.S. Cavalry continued to hunt Apaches said Mr. Randall.

December 17, fourteen days after his remarks at the Clarkdale Yavapai College campus, Mr. Randall spoke at a public gathering in old San Carlos marking the arrival of the Yavapai-Apache mapmakers and community mem-

bers commemorating the long walk that day.

Mr. Randall said that toward the end of the 25 year internment in old San Carlos, the Yavapai people moved 10 miles south of the military compound in San Carlos while the Camp Verde Apaches moved directly west of the military camp in the nearby mountains. Slowly, the Yavapai and Apache drifted back to the Verde Valley at the turn of the century.



Google earth video screen located inside of the Nation's cultural center featuring satellite imagery of long walk. (Photo by YAN News)



YAN youth on a pick up truck during a ceremony in Middle Verde (Photo by YAN News)



Traditional Pai Bird dancing.



Traditional gourd singers



Fossil Creek, a historical site for the Yavapai and Apache. Photo by Nancy Ruiz