

COMMUNITY

Vincent Randall talks about Dilzhe'e clans

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Vincent Randall was special guest of the San Carlos culture department on February 19, Tuesday. About 100 community members attended this meeting which was held at the old council chambers next to the new administrative center.

The meeting centered around clans and how the clan names are associated with the geographical locations of where the families lived.

to this day, Apaches recognize and acknowledge each other through the clan system said Mr. Randall. There is an extensive clan system with all of the Apache population and families recognize each other through the specific names of the clans. Mr. Randall talk about the K'aichiidn clan who are located at Star Valley who are associated with the Dilzhe'e people.

The Dizhe'e were once known as 'Tonto' but that name has been rejected now. Another clan that Mr. Randall named was the Nagozugn clan (marks on the ground people and also referred as crooked water for the east Verde river) who originate from Weber Canyon north of the East Verde River north of Payson.

Other clans from the Payson include the Tegotsugn people who are essentially all from Payson area. One of the well-known clans were the Dzilt'aadn or the 'foot of the mountain people' according to Mr. Randall. These people lived below the Mogollon Rim and Christopher Creek and Tonto Creeks. Promontory Butte is a butte the Apaches say that identifies them.

The Che hii chiin were from the Red Rock country.

Another prominent group in the Camp Verde area are the Yago hiigain clan (spreading expanse of white spreads down). Tu'dot'izn clan are from the Fossil Creek area east of Camp Verde.

Mr. Randall also mentioned many other clan groups of the Dilzhe'e people which kept the audience very attentive.

All of this was for the benefit of the Gilson Wash people of San Carlos who live in a specific area of the reservation known as a 'district'. At the turn of the century, when the Yavapai and Apaches began to return to Verde Valley and other clan regions many of these clans mentioned remained in San Carlos and established a neighborhood in Gilson Wash.

Mr. Randall's father, Mark Randall, was from Dilzhe'e and many people know him by his clan name of K'ai



Tanayia White and child sits with Mr. Randall. Tanayia is the niece of Randall as Tanayia's mother Sandra Ramlber is Mr. Randall's cousin.

chet'it;iian (red willows growing out of rocks people) and his mother Lula Randall was a Yuane' or 'over the top people', a Dilzhe'e who lived into the mid 1998 at the age of 98 years old.

Mr. Randall also told about the story of the hummingbird emerging from what is now Montezuma's Well. This appropriate story for the winter was a moral story about "holy beings praying together and planting a grape seed which allowed the underworld people to begin their journey in the next level of the world and then the people began about to explore the

land and wherever they settled they acquired those clan names from the geographic place names" -Mr. Randall.

Mr. Randall was very thorough in his presentation as he covered other topics about the dislocation of the Yavapai and Apache as they were removed from Verde Valley to a basically concentration camp in old San Carlos. Mr. Randall spoke about the bronze statue in front of YAN culture building which shows a man carrying his wife in a willow basket during the relocation of the Yavapai and Apache people. "One of the medical doctors who came on the march

described how this man carried his wife for 180 miles. That's the kind of people we are. We're people with a strong heart to survive," said Mr. Randall about the Yavapai and Apaches of Verde Valley.

And it was the eventual return at the turn of the century which began to shape the present boundaries of the Nation's lands and promoting a different perspective on life in the Verde Valley for the Yavapai and Apache according to Mr. Randall.



Gilson Wash residents gather to hear about the Dilzhe'e from Mr. Randall

YAN-EPA office crew visit traditional Yavapai-Apache lands in Fossil Creek

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The Environmental Protection Department decided to take a trip out to Fossil Creek on November 8 to take photos of our staff.

EPA Manager, David Lewis, was unable to make this trip.

The waterfalls represents our logo (on artwork for submitted design by Juakin Villegas), our people, and our natural resources.

The day trip was nice and we all enjoyed the hike; had fun and a two people jumped into the cold creek.

Chasen Ross (from



Work crew from EPA relax at Fossil Creek. (L) Laura Clark, Jason Fullmer (back), Donny Norris (with hat), Marvin Wathogoma and Vivian Stevens. Photo by Chasen Ross

Preservation and Technology Center for the Nation) joined us and be our photographer.

"From the Dixon Lewis homestead, we hike about a 1.4 of a mile to the falls trailhead. The distance from the trailhead to the falls is supposedly around 3.7 miles one way but I feel like it was closer to 6 miles"- Chasen Ross.

We thanked him (Chasen

Ross) by taking him out to lunch. Beautiful day, beautiful land, and beautiful people!

We had a logo contest for tribal youth during our 2016 Earth Day event. Juakin Villegas, Mary Beauty's grandson, won the contest.

Juakin was given \$100 and lunch at Crusty's Pizza. He created the logo representing the water, land, and air.

Photographs by Chasen Ross, Preservation and Technology Department for YAN

Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education Course

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The Yavapai-Apache Nation was honored to host the Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education Course at the newly constructed Tunli Community Center during the month of January. The purpose of the Hunter Education program is to promote safe, knowledgeable and responsible hunter conduct, to emphasize the importance of wildlife management, laws and regulations, and to encourage the safe handling of firearms and hunting equipment.

The course was open to all ages and held every Monday & Thursday night from

6 pm to 8:30 pm throughout the entire month. In addition to the in-classroom instruction there was a Saturday morning dedicated to a field day exercise where participants applied lessons learned. All participants were required to pass a final exam in addition to passing the field day exercise.

There were approximately 25 participants who successful completed the course with a certificate of completion. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this critical learning opportunity a reality.

We will be offering another Course in August so please make sure to register.



The Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education Graduating class recieved their certificates in January. This safety course was sponsored by Economic Development Office.