



Voice of the Saponi



Tribal Administrator's News

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If you would like to submit an article to us, please remember they are due on the 20th of each month prior to the month of publication.

(Ex: October articles are due by September 20th)

You may email articles to thewlin@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to:

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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Recently there have been some issues with use of the Tribal Council Meeting Room and Storage Room at the Government Complex. This sadly includes failure of some parties to clean up and straighten up after use as well as some parties taking advantage of items in the Storage Room (use of the Storage Room is for Council and Staff only).

In order to protect the original needs of the rooms, effective immediately the Tribal Council Meeting Room will be used only for Tribal Council Meetings, Tribal Committee Meetings, various Tribal Related Meetings, and Tribal Elections. Any other use is at the discretion and approval of the Administration.

All other needs and or specials should be scheduled with approval for the Tribal Multipurpose Building or the Rev. C. H. Richardson Building.

Jamie K. Oxendine
Tribal Administrator



Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **September 2** - Offices closed for Labor Day.
- **September 13** - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be held at the Multipurpose Complex at 7:30 pm.
- **September 16** - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be held at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

- Finance Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Charles Richardson.
- Federal Recognition Committee meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson.
- Enrollment Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Karen Harley.
- Princess Committee meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 7:00 p.m. Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.
- Pow-Wow planning meetings are held fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Alfred Morris Richardson.
- Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Organization meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p. m. at the Old Council House. Committee Chair: Roena Daniel.
- Veteran's Memorial meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair : Jimmie Silver.

2019-2020 Haliwa-Saponi Princess

Naha:pipi!

Good day everyone! In the month of July, I attended the National Unity Conference in Orlando, Florida and was an intern at the Pathkeepers for Indigenous Knowledge Camp in Culpeper, Virginia. During our time at camp, we visited Washington D.C for two days, where we were able to meet one of the first Native American Women in Congress, Deb Haaland, which was such a great honor! As the school year starts, I want everyone to remember to be safe, study hard, and please no bullying! I will keep you all in my prayers and also respect everyone around you! With my platform "Reconnecting with Our Elders" I ask that you visit an elder that you haven't seen in a long time or an elder that can't get out much, and speak with them and just let them enjoy your company! Always remember to respect them!

Pilahuk! Thank You!
Lelonnie Caison



Tribal Citizens: Update Your Enrollment Records

As we make our push towards **Federal Recognition**, it is important for all Tribal Citizens to update their enrollment records. All Tribal Citizens 16 and up must have a consent form in their file. By signing this form, you are giving your consent to being an enrolled Haliwa-Saponi Tribal member. The Enrollment Officer and Historic Legacy Project Assistant are reviewing tribal files to ensure compliance. **There is no deadline for consent forms; however, enrolled Haliwa-Saponi adults without consent forms will not be included in the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) review of our application for Federal Acknowledgment**, which makes it urgent for tribal citizens to complete this process. Those without consent forms will **not** be taken off the Haliwa-Saponi tribal roll or not considered citizens, but will **not** be included in the BIA review. If you do not know your enrollment number it can be added by the enrollment clerk once it is turned back into the office. Also, if you have deceased enrolled loved-ones, please provide the enrollment office a death certificate, obituary, or other records related to your loved-one. Consent forms are available at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex, the Saponi Voice Facebook page, and The Haliwa-Saponi website at www.haliwa-saponi.com. To request a consent form, update your address, or update your status, contact Pamela Silver at pgrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com or Tosha Silver at tsilver@haliwa-saponi.com or call 252-586-4017. **We will only accept an original signed consent form** which can be mailed to The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe attn: Pam Silver or Tosha Silver at P.O. Box 99, Hollister, NC 27844 or dropped off at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **No faxed or emailed copies will be accepted. To be clear, the need for consent forms for existing enrolled tribal members has nothing to do with those awaiting an enrollment decision. It is an entirely separate issue and will be kept that way.**

Culture Exchange Day

The Culture Exchange Day will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The first show starts at 9:30 a.m. This annual event is held for school groups and community members to come out and enjoy cultural dancing, singing, drumming, native foods, and crafts. If you would like more information or to register, please call Pamela R. Silver at (252) 586-4017 ext 240.

Princess Committee

Thank you to everyone that supported the Princess Committee Spaghetti Plate sale! It was a huge success!

Haliwa-Saponi Red Earth Cultural Class News

Cultural Class will be back in session on September 17, 2019 and we'll kick our first class off with the Back to School Mini Pow-Wow sponsored by the Title VI programs. This event will take place from 6:00-8:00 p.m. so put your regalia on and come on out to join the fun.

Our regular Culture Classes are held every Tuesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Haliwa-Saponi Multipurpose Complex and will resume on September 24, 2019. Cultural Class is open to participants of all ages so come on out and join us!! For questions and additional information, please contact Sharon H. Berrun, Youth Services Director at 252-257-9195 or sberrun@haliwa-saponi.com.

Multipurpose Building Mural

The Multipurpose Building, or The Library, as it is more commonly called, is the location of many programs and events that provide educational, emotional, cultural, and social enrichment. We chose our theme for this mural in relation to the programs that are held within the library. This building houses the peoples' tribal meeting, culture classes, our traditional arts programs, our youth programs, and our Youth Councils' meetings. All the programs and events held here have had one common underlying purpose and theme, **HEALING**. Healing through culture, healing through art, and most importantly healing through conversation. The many plants and prints displayed in our mural show this healing and what has or can come from the things that take place inside these walls. The many paw prints on the mural represent the characteristics we wish for all tribal citizens to have, in order to create this healing atmosphere, and the native plants are natural medicines that our people have used to remedy the many physical ailments and illnesses that may affect them. One wood sculpture shows a woman holding the three sisters – Corn, Beans, and Squash – which to this day remain staples of our diet. The other, holds the sacred herbs we use in various ceremonies to pray and cleanse the spirit. It is our hope that seeing this mural upon entering this location will encourage all of us to aspire to embody these characteristics, in the name of **HEALING**.



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Contact Phyllis Chavis at
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If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Trassie Hewlin at thewlin@haliwa-saponi.com, mail, or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we can not publish it in our newsletter. **No Call Ins Accepted!**

September 1 - Carolyn Coley Hedgepeth (D), Portia Lynch (D), Ida V. Richardson
 September 2 - Mianna Burgess, Bernice Richardson (D), Tamara Lynch
 September 3 - Flossie M. Coley (D), Christian Hedgepeth
 September 4 - Ashley B. Richardson, Gilda G. Anstead, Samantha Brinkley, Mason Silver, Logan Richardson
 September 5 - Jordin L. Richardson
 September 6 - Elija Richardson, Gladys Wilson (D)
 September 8 - LaQuintin Brown
 September 9 - Bailey Richardson
 September 10 - Kaleia Francis
 September 11 - D'nyah Richardson
 September 12 - Devin T. Richardson, Jamya N. Brown, Cheryl Richardson, Kim Richardson, Chadney Richardson, Chaquella Kearney, Braxton Evans
 September 13 - Nicholas Hedgpeth, Haywood Wilson
 September 14 - Christopher (Kiowa) Anstead, Alyson D. Richardson, Sheila Rudd
 September 15 - Pearlean Richardson
 September 16 - Amaya J. Richardson, Leon "Dancing Machine" Richardson, Sr.
 September 18 - Jacobi Evans
 September 19 - Gabrielle Lynch, Aiyana N. Coley, Jennifer Richardson-Chavis
 September 20 - Carmillia Lynch, Lonnie Richardson, Jr., Perry Evans, Lucy A. Richardson (D)
 September 21 - Corey Richardson
 September 22 - Matt Hedgpeth, Kelvin Richardson
 September 23 - Joe Hedgpeth, Nakia Silver (D), Baby Lynch (D), Son of Jared & Amelia (D), Shawnee Silver
 September 24 - Joanna Richardson, Margaret Evans, Vertilla Richardson
 September 25 - Hinton Richardson, Debbie Carter, Takeisha Richardson, Destini Kee, Conner Richardson
 September 26 - Alexis Evans, Jackson Evans, Faith Hedgpeth (D)
 September 27 - Philip Moyer, Jr (P.J.), Marvin "Mark" Richardson, Amilia M. Berrun, Evan B. Silver
 September 28 - Teresa Lynch, Wayne Davis, Maxzella Richardson (D), Pam McGee-Sprester
 September 29 - Jackie Anstead, Jewel McGee-Bissonnette, Tela Harris, Rita M. Harris



Miss Senior Haliwa-Saponi Princess Report



Hi I am Judy Richardson your 2019-2020 Miss Senior Haliwa-Saponi Princess. I write this report to give you an update of my activities since I was crowned in April 2019 at our 54th Annual Pow-wow. My platform is to support our seniors that have been sick in our Tribal community. I have been accomplishing this mission by visiting many of our Tribal members in Nash General Hospital and at Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center. In May, I placed United States flags on veteran's graves at local churches to commemorate our Tribal members who served in the military. In May, I also attended the Lumbee annual Pow-wow in Pembroke and had a great time despite the rainy weather that ended the Pow-wow for that Saturday. In July, I went to the Wise 4th of July celebration and represented our tribe. While it was a hot day it was great to fellowship with the attendees from the Wise community and tell them about our tribe. I also fulfilled a lifetime dream to ride in a fire truck at the Haliwa-Saponi annual picnic and parade. It was great and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I also worked at the picnic with decorations and in preparing for the picnic. While I pray for all our tribal members in the hospitals and rehabilitation centers I will continue to visit them in an effort to uplift their spirits. Until I report again I say thank you for entrusting me to wear the crown of Senior Miss Haliwa-Saponi and the opportunity to represent our people.



Haliwa-Saponi Journalist by Scott Marshall

Dana Hedgpeth, a member of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe in Hollister, N.C., has achieved what few do --- she is a journalist for one of the best newspapers in the United States and has excelled at writing about American Indians. She's looking for more American Indian stories, too. "I enjoy writing about Native Americans because so often people tend to overlook us and forgot that we were here, stayed and continued to thrive," said Hedgpeth, daughter of Valerie Richardson and Jet Hedgpeth, both originally of Hollister, N.C. Her latest article, one of many in a frantic schedule that requires expertise and specialized skills, tells the story of Indians allied with Powhatan when he and his allied tribes encountered "settlers" in Jamestown, Va., in 1607. Hedgpeth wrote about their place in history for the Washington Post, her journalistic home since 1999 after graduating from the University of Maryland/College Park. Few achieve what Hedgpeth has --- at one of the most important news organizations in the world. The Post covers hyper-local, local, regional, national and international news --- online as much as in print. Deadlines are constant and editors demanding. Watch her colleagues analyze the news on CNN, MSNBC and Washington Week on PBS. Find her at www.washingtonpost.com. Go from "sections" at the left-top of the homepage to D.C., Md., Va. News or find her in person at dana.hedgpeth@washpost.com. Besides being a successful journalist, Hedgpeth is an award-winner and belongs to the Native American Journalists Association.

Meeting With Warren County Schools Superintendent Dr. Mary Young

Dr. Mary Young met with Haliwa-Saponi Tribal leaders, school board member, Barbara Brayboy and Principal Bell at the school board office on August 27th to hear our concerns, to develop a strong partnership and to always be Champions for our Students.



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Community for Unity Festival
Sponsored by Joy Community Development
Where: TJ Davis Recreation Center Doyle Field
When: Saturday September 7, 2019
Time: 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

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- ◆ Treatment referrals (if needed)
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Roanoke Rapids, NC

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Date: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Cost: **FREE**
Bring: Friends, Family & Neighbors

Where: TJ Davis Recreation Center
Community for Unity Festival
400 East 6th Street
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

Event Details:

- Take Home **FREE** Over the Counter Medicine Items!
- Find out more about NC MedAssist Free Pharmacy Program
- Free Health Screenings

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No ID Required—Must Be 18 or Older

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Community News

Congratulations

Congratulations to Leon Richardson, Jr. and Jessica N. Evans on their marriage. The two were united as one on June 22, 2019. Best wishes from your cousins Pamela R. Silver and Tiffany A. Richardson.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Linwood & Lucille Richardson on September 4, 2019. Praying God blesses you with many more years together!! Love Gary (Vicky), Pernell (Melissa), Precious (Kelvin) and your grandchildren.

Happy Anniversary to Cliff and Angela Silver Wilson.

Happy 14th Wedding Anniversary to Octavio and Sharon Berrun on September 3, 2019.



Haliwa-Saponi Community

Back 2 School Pow-wow

Free Admission

Tuesday, Sept. 17th

6pm-8pm

Welcome Back

Students

Parents

Teachers

Dancing, Drumming, Native Food

Haliwa-Saponi Multi Purpose

Complex, Capps Farm Rd.

Raffles & Giveaways

Bringing in the School Year the Indian Way

Sponsored by Title VI Indian Education Programs & Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Youth Programs



Native Pathways to Health



Community Talking Circle

September 19, 2019

Location: Multipurpose Building

228 Capps Farm Road

Hollister, NC 27844

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trassie Hewlin (252)586-4017 Ext. 221

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Native Pathways to Health is a novel community-engaged program designed to improve our knowledge of American Indian health in North Carolina.



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Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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