

### Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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### Congratulations

to Haliwa-Saponi Tribe's First National Night Out

Coloring Contest winner, 7-year-old Ke'Mani Baskett of Warrenton, NC. Ke'Mani won a basket of school supplies and some fun stuff too.

Thanks, Ke'Mani for having fun with us.



## SAVING TIME

Set Your Clocks Back an

Sunday, November 3,



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Two golden rules to a Happy Marriage:

1. The wife is always right.

2, When you feel she is wrong slap yourself and read rule number I again. Happy 37th Anniversary To Brian & Trina Lynch On October 17, 2024



# Voice of the Saponi



### October 2024

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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 . (Ex October articles are due September 20th).

#### Deadline

4 p.m.

You may email articles to crrichardson@haliwasaponi.com or feel free to mail them to:

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

PO Box 99

## Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 2024 Awards Banquet

Nomination Forms are now Available for the 2024 Awards Banquet.

There are 13 possible Awards. Call or stop by the

Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex to get a form to nominate someone you think deserves to be

honored.

Nominations close November 15th, 2024

The Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 3p.m.

Tickets will be \$20 each

Karen Lynch Harley

**Awards Banquet Chair** 



#### **Upcoming Dates and Meetings**

October 18- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30.

October 21- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30.

Committee Meetings

Finance Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

Federal Recognition Committee meetings are held the 1st 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 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.

Princess Committee meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Ladonna E. Richardson.

Pow-Wow Planning meetings are held the 4th Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Vice Chief Dr. Marty 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: Jewel Bissonnette.

Education Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.

Election Committee meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Montenia Lynch.

By-laws Review Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson.

Boys & Girls Club meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Open

Fundraiser Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Tyler Richardson.

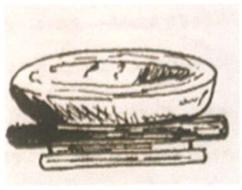
## **Arnold's Pottery Class**













## Haliwa-Saponi Exercise Room

Happy Fall! With all the feasting coming up for the next several months, I would like to remind you that the Haliwa-Saponi Exercise Room and Gym are available for our Community to use for ages 18 and up.

During the month of August, we had 117 visits to the gym and equipment used 421 times!!! Ellipticals-15, treadmills-64, cycles-41, stepper-6, knees/legs-32, weight machine-58, ab crunch-58, thighs/hips-29, squat cardio-34, steel weights-11, dumbbells-14, ab rocker-5, other-11, and glider-43, which was donated to the gym by Bobby Richardson. It was a great month of movement and progress. Treat yourself to a healthier and happier you!

Also, participants who exercise at least 30 minutes during their visit have their names put into a drawing box for prizes and gifts.

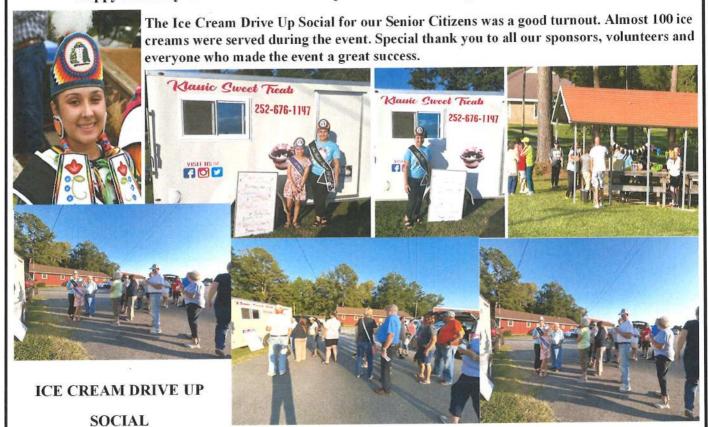
Thanks for making the opening of the gym successful! I love volunteering here and it's been almost 4 years now.



Submitted by: Zenia Buffaloe



## Happy Birthday to our Miss Haliwa-Saponi Princess Brandy L Freeman October 7th



I attended the 12th Running Water Pow Wow in Fayetteville, NC. This was a great start to kick off pow-wow season by seeing so many of our fellow Natives and Non-Natives. A special thank you to Mrs. Amy Silver for chaperoning me during this event. I had a great time with the Coharie people at their 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow. It's always nice to visit their Community

Health Fair and witness their Annual Warrior Ride.







12TH RUNNING WATER POW WOW &
54TH COHARIE ANNUAL POW WOW



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Looking forward to our next events of partnering with the Safety Hero's for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Safety Expo on

October 5, 2024 at the Haliwa Saponi Pow Wow grounds from 9am-4pm. I'm planning an Inspirational Event to inspire young girls and women to promote self-image and self-esteem. "Beautifully & Wonderfully Made in his Image" Special Guest Speaker, Min. Hieley Richardson on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at the Rev. C. H. Richardson Building at 3pm-5pm. More information to come!!!

### **BACK TO SCHOOL POW WOW**

I had the honor of serving as Female Head Dancer at the Back-to-School Pow Wow sponsored by Title VI Indian Education Programs of Halifax County Schools, Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, Nash County Schools, Warren County Schools, Parents, and Community Members. Thank you to Jacoah Richardson, my fellow Male Head Dancer for doing a great job assisting me. Congratulations to all the newly crowned Title VI Indian Ed. Princesses. The Back-to-School Pow Wow was a great start to the school year. Thank you to everyone for coming out and to everyone for making this event possible.



Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial (HSVM) Committee



# 9/11 National Day of

Service and Remembrance

On Wednesday, September 11th, the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial (HSVM) Committee, along with the Arcola Fire Department hosted a "September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance" event by participating in a volunteer cleanup along Highway 561.

A number of our tribal citizens joined with HSVM Committee members and Arcola Fire Department first responders for this day of service to honor and pay trib-

ute to the nearly 3,000 lives lost 23 years ago on September 11th.

We set out to show some "unity for our community" with the intent of keeping our area beautiful for those who pass through it. The morning started with the lowering of the flag to half-staff. At 8:30 am we held a moment of silence, bowed our heads in prayer and made brief comments about the symbolism of this day. We then proceeded with the cleanup of litter on both sides of Highway 561, from the Tribal Daycare Center to the flashing lights at the Essex intersection and back to the Old Council House. Afterwards, light refreshments and drinks were provided.

I want to thank the HSVM Committee members: Rev. Al Cooper, Alfred "Morris" Richardson, Jimmie Silver, Kim Silver, Sylvia (Evans) Richardson, and Bobby J. Richardson as well as Arcola FD members Jacob Lynch, Jesse Seward, Devontae Dancy, and others (who participated after having just responded to the call for a vehicle wreck prior to kickoff). We also thank Halifax County Commissioner and tribal member Chenoa Davis, and tribal citizens Glenda Silver and Wanda L. Richardson for their participation in answering the call. And a special shout out to Ivan Richardson for capturing photos to record the day's events!

## Chair, HSVM Committee Jewel Bissonnette









## Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial (HSVM) Committee

The <u>Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial (HSVM) Committee</u> hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking event for the future Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, September 18th, at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

A number of distinguished state and county guests were present alongside a Council room filled with tribal citizens. HSVM Committee Chair Jewel Bissonnette (CWO-3, USMC-retired) spoke about the 5-year long journey that the Veterans Memorial Committee went through to arrive at the historical day. She remarked that, "This Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial moves us closer to ensuring that our Tribal veterans' legacy of service and sacrifice is never forgotten. It is truly a dream come true."

Vice Chief Dr. Marvin "Marty" Richardson provided remarks and sang an honor song. He was followed by Tribal Council Chair, Gideon Lee, himself a Vietnam Veteran, with brief remarks of gratitude in support of the Memorial and his thanks to all who had a hand in it.

A "Community Partners" Recognition segment followed to acknowledge the generosity of five local businessmen who provided the last of the needed funding for completion of the Memorial grounds. Community Partners included: Mr. Tracy Story, owner of "Discount Tire & Auto" in Roanoke Rapids, who inspired four business associates to match his donation. The others included: Mr. Mike Powell, owner of "Day to Night Window Tint," Roanoke Rapids, Mr. Stephen Powell, owner of "ServPro of Roanoke Rapids, and Ms. Sydney Fox (on behalf of Mike Davis), President of "Davis Body Shop, Inc" in Halifax. The President of "Stray Cats Hot Rod Association," Roanoke Rapids, Mr. Daniel Clay was also a donor but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Tom Moss of "Land Planning and Design, Inc.," the landscape architect provided comments on the shared vision for the landscaping layout and hardscape design elements that will comprise the Tribal Veterans Memorial.

Distinguished guests in attendance included NC Congressman Rodney Pierce, Warren County Commissioner Tare "T" Davis, Warren County Commissioner (Elect) Rev. Al Cooper, Jr., Halifax County Commissioners Chenoa Davis, and Commissioner (Elect) Jimmie Silver, and Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis. With a break in the rain, and groundbreaking shovels in hand, attendees adjourned outside for a photo op. A reception of light refreshments and drinks closed out the ceremony.







## HALIWA-SAPONI VETERANS MEMORIAL (HSVM) COMMITTEE

#### SAVE THE DATE

### 3RD ANNUAL VETERANS DAY GALA DINNER

#### SATURDAY, NOV 9TH, 2024

#### DOE SPUN BUILDING

Tickets will go on sale starting in October. Cost will be \$30 per person. You may purchase tickets in person at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex or by calling 252-586-4017 to order using debit/credit card. We strongly encourage tribal members, tribal veterans and their families to attend, however, you do not need to be a tribal veteran to attend, and tribal enrollment is NOT REQUIRED for tribal members' guests to attend.

For more information, or to donate items for raffle or silent auction, please contact Chairperson Jewel Bissonnette at <a href="mailto:JBissonnette@haliwa-saponi.org">JBissonnette@haliwa-saponi.org</a>, or any of the following HSVM Committee members: Rev. Al Cooper, Alfred "Morris" Richardson, Jimmie Silver, Kim Silver, Sylvia (Evans) Richardson, Mike "Micker" Richardson, or Bobby J. Richardson.

Thank you for your continued support of the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial Committee as we continue to honor our tribal veterans of the past and present.



## "Christian Buffaloe Wins I.K.F. Muay -Thai Kickboxing Event, Receives Title Fight"

Christian Buffaloe, local Kyokushin Karate fighter and instructor, recently won a Light Middleweight Muay-Thai Kickboxing match as part of the main event at Lighting Strikes in Morrisville on September 14th. This event was sponsored by the International Kickboxing Federation (I.K.F.), a major fight promotion here in the United States.

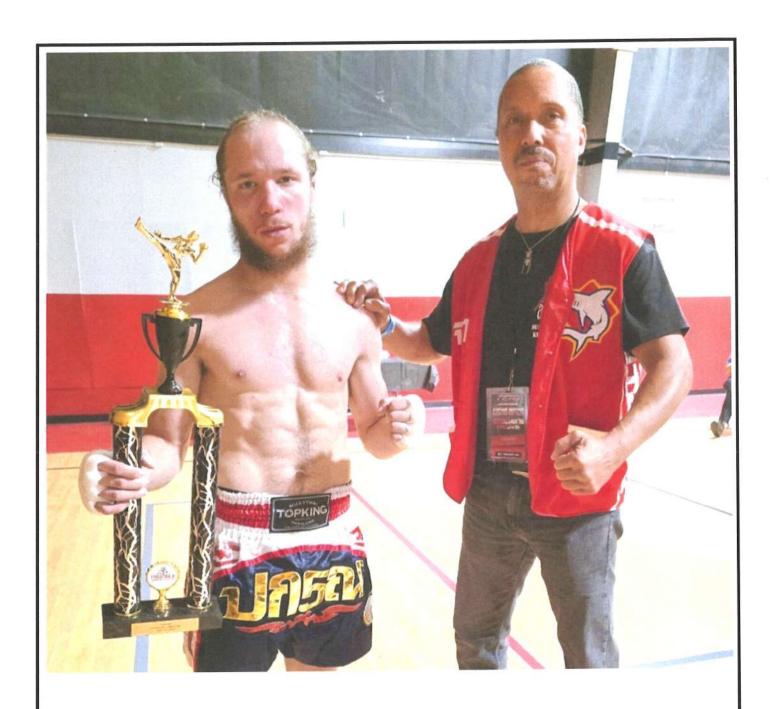
Christian Buffaloe, whose fighting record is 7 wins, 1loss (by decision in 2022) fought popular Brandon Rollins, a high level and experienced Muay-Thai Kickboxing competitor with 16 fights. After 3 intense action packed rounds, Buffaloe won a Judge's decision. He now qualifies for a championship title fight in February (2025) for the I.K.F. Light Middleweight Muay-Thai Kickboxing belt.

Christian Buffaloe, who trains under Sensei Kenny Buffaloe at the Hollister Dojo/Gym is thankful to everyone who assisted him on this victory. Many local people from the Haliwa-Saponi community were in attendance and the support was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Kru Ken Armstrong, a prominent Muay-Thai trainer/Coach in Virginia for helping Buffaloe to prepare for this event.

For more information on training, call or text: (252) 589-4281

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Christian Buffaloe (on left), local Kyokushin Karate fighter & instructor, recently won a Muay-Thai Kickboxing Lightweight Middleweight match at the International Kickboxing Federation event Lightning Strikes in Morrisville on September 14th. Buffaloe will fight for the Light Middleweight championship belt in February (2025).

Kenny Buffaloe, Christian Buffaloe's trainer/Coach on right.



## Holiday Lighting Safety Tips: The Do's and Don'ts

(Article from HomElectrical Electric Supply, Kennesaw, GA)

The Holidays are everyone's favorite time of the year. Families are likely getting together, sharing gifts, or decorating their homes with an array of Christmas lighting. During this time of year, we stress the importance of electrical safety, for the sake of

the protection of your home and family.

## Did you know that...

Every year, over 15,000 people visit emergency rooms due to some holiday-related catastrophe.

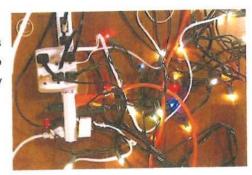
So, we have devised this checklist for you, to ensure the safety of your home and family this holiday season:



- 1. Check each lightbulb carefully. Check for nicks in the cord that can cause a shock hazard. If there are any cracked bulbs or frayed cords, throw them away and buy new LED string lights.
- Check all your extension cords for abrasions. Do not tape it up, it is safer
  to just purchase a new extension cord. It is suggested to use an outdoorrated cord. Indoor extension cords can heat up and cause fires.



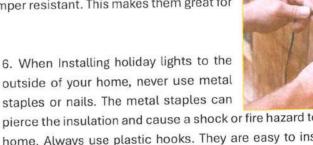
- (UL)
  - 3. Make sure your electrical products are UL-listed, so you know your lights were manufactured properly. A red UL Listed label means that your holiday lights have been tested for rain, high humidity, and other outdoor situations. If your holiday lights have a green UL-listed label, it means that your holiday lights are suitable for indoor use only. Although a green UL listing is only suitable for indoor use, a red UL-listed holiday light can be used for outdoor or indoor use.
  - 4. Don't plug in too many lights! Too many stringed lights can cause your circuit to blow. Be sure to pay attention to the circuit rating on the label. This will tell you how many stringed lights your circuit can handle.

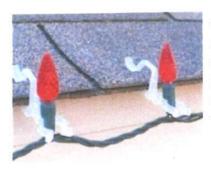


## Holiday Lighting Safety Tips: The Do's and Don'ts (cont.)

5. For outdoor lighting purposes, make sure you only plug your lights into GFCI Housing Department

electrical outlets. Make sure you purchase a weather-resistant GFCI outlet, for outdoor use only. All GFCI outlets will prevent shocking and allweather resistant outlets are tamper resistant. This makes them great for holiday lighting.





pierce the insulation and cause a shock or fire hazard to you and your home. Always use plastic hooks. They are easy to install, easier to take down and come in a variety of shapes and sizes.

## Did you know that...

Indian Tribe

The average flame on a candle is about 1000 degrees.

- 1. Avoid placing candles near trees, exit doors, or any area where they can tip over and burn.
- 2. Use sturdy candle holders that don't tip easily.
- 3. We suggest using an LED candle. It mimics the lighting ability of a real candle, without the safety concerns, especially if you have small children or animals in the home.



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The First Annual National Night Out was a resounding success, showcasing the strength and unity of our community. On Wednesday, August 14, 2024, the Rev. C.H. Richardson Tribal Government Complex buzzed with the energy of over 100 attendees,

all committed to fostering positive police-community relations and enhancing the fabric of our neighborhoods. The event was organized by Tribal Administrative Assistant Lindell Lynch.



The event served as a vital platform for strengthening connections between residents and law enforcement, reinforcing the idea that community safety



thrives on collaboration and camaraderie. The atmosphere was vibrant and filled with joy, especially for our younger attendees, who engaged with local law enforcement, political leaders, and community role models from Halifax, Warren, and Nash. A highlight of the evening was the appearance of McGruff the Crime Dog, who brought smiles to faces; young and old, reinforcing the significance of community safety through fun interactions.

We were honored to collaborate with numerous partners dedicated to community education and safety. Our gratitude goes to Sheriff Tyree Davis and the Halifax County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Tare Davis, and the Warren County Sheriff's

Department, Chief Glenn Pulley and the Arcola Fire Department, as well as representatives from Halifax County Crime Stoppers and UNC Upper Coastal Plain. We also extend our thanks to the Green Rural Redevelopment Organization (GRRO), Kathy Richardson from Safe Kids Halifax County Department of Social Services, One



Community, Keyara La-shae Hedgepeth

from the "You Can Sit with Me" Anti-Bullying Campaign, and the dedicated teams from Warren County EMS and Hollister (Halifax County) EMS for their invaluable support.



Throughout the evening, some attendees enjoyed complimentary freeze-pops from Sweetgrass Tribal Nutrition, providing a refreshing treat in the summer heat. Our

housing staff prepared and served hot dogs and hamburgers, while delightful desserts from Lori Silver and Margie Richardson rounded out the offerings. Special thanks to Polly and Donald Richardson for their assistance at the food station. We would be amiss to not mention our Tribal Princess Brandy Lynn Richardson, who



served as one of our hostesses, ensuring everyone signed in for our historical records.

Children had a blast with a variety of engaging activities, including hopscotch, chalk art, hula hoops, and bubbles, all made even more







# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be published, please email Carol Richardson errichardson@haliwa-saponi.com, mail, or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we cannot publish it in our newsletter. No Call Ins Accepted

October 4 - Chaliyah Richardson

October 9 - Zenia Buffaloe, My'Kala Williamson

October 10 - William C. Evans

October 13 - Troy Bissonnette

October 17- Brai Richardson

October 21- Kimberly Silver

October 24 - Ana'ki Lynch

October 26- Archie Lynch

October 31- Pattie B. Richardson, Kathy D. Harris

## HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAYS



In Loving Memory
Rev. Eardius Richardson
Oct.14, 1931 - Oct. 20, 2020

**Always Loved** 

**Never Forgotten** 

**Forever Missed** 

Love, Regina, Mike, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Happy Birthday In Heaven
Avis Hedgepeth Richardson
Oct. 20

"We Love And Miss You Nanny"

Love, Regina, Mike, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren









