



Voice of the Saponi



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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 December articles are November 20th).

Deadline

4 p.m.

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

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

PO Box 99

Calling All Native Artists!



Your Tribe Needs You

...to help us commemorate our historic 60th Annual "Blooming of the Dogwood" Powwow! The Haliwa-Saponi Powwow Planning Committee is calling on all tribal artists to create and submit a design or designs for the following: a powwow 2025 flyer, a program booklet cover, and/or a t-shirt design Your design (s) and the recognition that goes with it could be at the forefront of our endeavor to honor and pay tribute to the significance of our Tribe's 60th Annual 2025 Powwow as the oldest powwow celebrated in the state of North Carolina!

The Powwow Planning Committee is offering \$100 for the selected flyer design, \$100 for the selected book cover design and \$150 for the selected T-shirt design. Please submit each design separately and identify what your design is to be used for (flyer, book cover or t-shirt). More than one design may be submitted but each design must be submitted separately. Email your design (s) to the Powwow Committee Co-Chair, Sharon H. Berrun at email address: sharonber-run0244@gmail.com. Deadline is Monday, December 16, 2024.

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

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

December 18 - 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: Rev. Al Cooper.

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.

Haliwa-Saponi 3rd Annual Veterans Gala/ Dinner



The **Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial (HSVM) Committee** held their 3rd *Annual Veterans Gala & Dinner* on Saturday, November 9th at the Doe Spun Building amid an outpouring of enthusiasm and support from the 120+ folks in attendance! We sincerely thank our community, the Tribal Council and Staff, as well as the following individuals: Micker "Mike" Richardson, (guest speaker), Kasia Hunter-Baker (caterer), Sherry Richardson (venue decorator), DJ Jordan Richardson, Canitra Spruill (photographer), Mike Bissonnette (video presentation), Arnold Richardson (Native Flutist), Cheyenne Daniel (Hoop Dancer); Silent Auction Donors: Wanda (Van) Richardson, Roena Daniel, and Vivian Richardson "*Sacred Lizard's Creations*"; Haliwa-Saponi Senior Princess Brandy Lynn Freeman, and Unity-Bound students Kmira Richardson and Laila Richardson. We also give special thanks to Mr. Barry Richardson and the Native Opportunity Way (N.O.W) Board for use of the Doe Spun Building venue and their monetary donation in support of veterans and the Veterans Memorial Committee. And last, but certainly not least, a **very** special thanks and salute to our sponsor, Merck & Co, Inc/NAGIP (represented by Mrs. Tonya Brown) for their "*extremely*" generous monetary donation, and Mrs. Brown's presentation of awards at this year's event. We hope you will return for next year's 4th Annual Gala to remember and honor our veterans' sacrifices. May they never be forgotten!



HSVM Committee Members: (left to right) Arnold "Bonnie" Lynch, Syliva E. Richardson, Rev. Al Cooper, Jewel Bissonnette (Chair), Bobby J. Richardson, Tonya Brown (Merck/NAGIP Rep), Kim Silver, Jimmie Silver, Micker "Mike" Richardson. (In front) Morris Richardson

How to Decorate for the Christmas Holiday on a Budget!

1. Put up a Christmas Tree. Putting up a Christmas tree is the easiest way to add Christmas appeal to your home. It doesn't matter what kind of tree it is. It can be small, big, gold, silver, or a tiny rosemary plant. You can use crafts the kids brought from school, homemade ornaments, or stick with a bare tree with white lights.
2. Wrap gifts early. Placing Christmas gifts under the tree adds thrill to holiday décor. Wrap empty boxes and display them on bookshelves or place them in metal pails.
3. Hang a Christmas Wreath. Hanging a wreath on your front door will welcome your holiday guests into your home. Wreaths also look great inside as well. You can do it yourself with a fashionable green and red wreath by adding ornaments or you can merely hang a plain pine needle wreath with a ribbon to give off the holiday mood.
4. Decorate with printables. Printable art can be found free or at a minimal cost. Print it out on your home printer, put it in a frame you already have, and you can produce a holiday feeling instantly.



How to Decorate for the Christmas Holiday Safely!

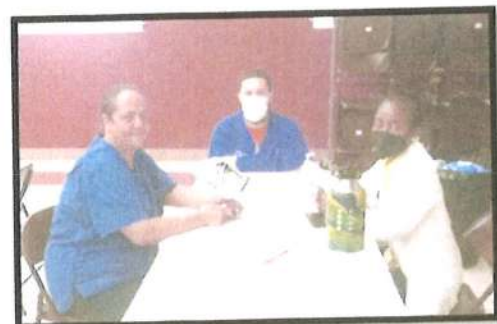
1. Try to use shatterproof or plastic ornaments. This prevents glass clean up if they break.
2. Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels; carefully follow directions.
3. Use battery operated candles instead of flammable candles.
4. Check all lights, old and new, for cracked or broken sockets, loose connections, or bare wires. Repair or discard them before using.
5. Turn off all tree lights and other decorations before leaving the house or going to bed. Lights could short and start a fire.
6. Do not use electric lights on a metallic tree.
7. Do not overload outlets, circuits, or extension cords.

<https://www.lizmarieblog.com> Article by: Liz Marie

<https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/611.pdf> A publication of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Flu and Covid Vaccines!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to receive their Flu and Covid Vaccine at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex October 30, 2024. A total of 30 individuals received vaccines! Thank you to Walgreens 11667 for partnering with the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe and a special thank you to Haliwa-Saponi Tribal member Evan Richardson for initiating and coordinating this effort for our community. We look forward to future collaborations!

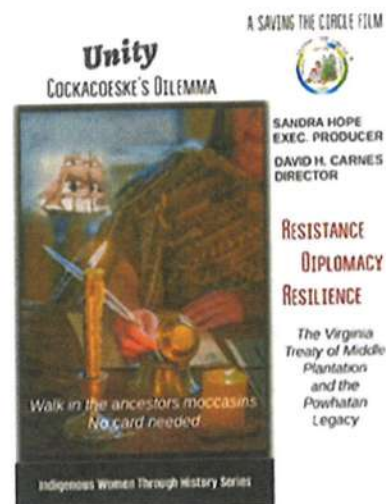


Film Spotlight: "Unity – Cockacoeske's Dilemma"

"When descendants of Tsenacommacah, the Powhatan Homelands, gather to explore their heritage, they connect with an ancestral spirit and begin their journey into the history of the woman known as Queen of Pamunkey."

"Unity – Cockacoeske's Dilemma" is the first in Saving the Circle's Indigenous Women through History series and focuses on the Treaty of Middle Plantation signed in 1677 in present-day Williamsburg, Virginia. The film features an all-Indigenous cast representing many Tribal groups.

STC's founder and Executive Director, Sandra Richardson-Hope (Haliwa-Saponi), daughter of Herbert J. Richardson and Lucille Silver-Richardson, was the writer and Executive Producer. This film brings Indigenous voices and stories to the forefront, connecting past and present through a shared history and heritage.



The film was shown at the 8th Annual Pocahontas Reframed Film Festival in Richmond, Virginia held Nov. 22-24, 2024.

On behalf of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe,

I, the Enrollment Clerk, would like to post a retraction to Past & Present Enrollees:

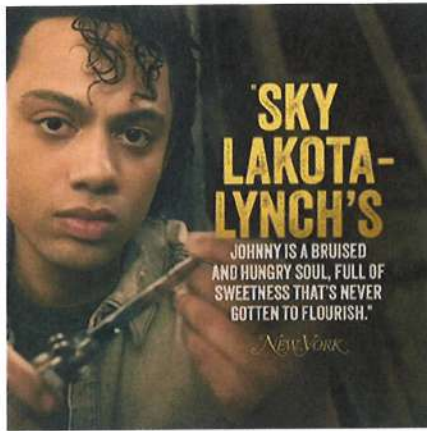
Currently, enrollment is closed for Adults and Children 6 & Older. Meaning, once a child turns 6, they are no longer eligible. Only Children under the age of 6 can apply at this time. We are working diligently to process all enrollment applications from open enrollment January 1, 2018-June 1, 2018, and all other applications. I want to thank everyone for their patience.

Thank you!

Stephanie Reid, Enrollment Clerk

Hello Tribal Community. CONGRATS SKY LAKOTA-LYNCH

I would like to share some exciting news about my son, Sky Lakota-Lynch.



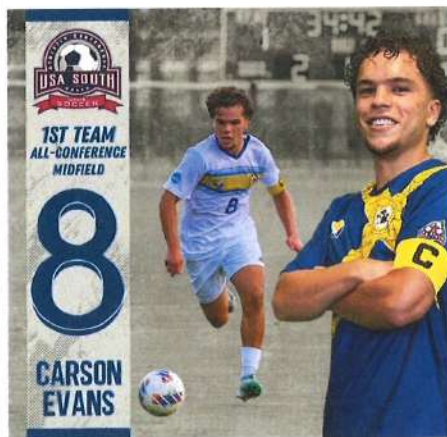
Sky is a Principal Actor in the Broadway Production of the Outsiders.

Sky was nominated for a *Tony Award* earlier in the year. The Outsiders won a *Tony Award* for *Best Broadway Musical of the Year*. Photo acceptance attached.

Sky was just nominated for a *2025 Grammy Award* in the category *Best Musical Theater Album*.

We are so proud of Sky's achievements and he continues his successful run on Broadway.

Sky is proud to be a part of the tribal community and honors his Haliwa-Saponi lineage in the Outsiders Broadway Playbill which is seen throughout the world.



CONGRATULATIONS Carson M. Evans!!!

Carson completed his 4th season of men's soccer at NC Wesleyan University. He maintained a 4.0 Cumulative GPA, a 4-year First Team Player, 2 years as Captain, 45 games started,

59 games played, USA South Regular Season Championship (2022 and 2024), and USA South 1st Team All-Conference Midfield (2023, 2024). Your family and friends are so proud of you, and we, the family, want to thank those who came out to support Carson. Carson is the son of Gwen Cooper and Craig Evans and big brother to Camille Evans. His grandparents are Glenn and Carroll Cooper and Douglas and Dorothy Evans. He is the great grandson of Ms. Lizzie Burgess and nephew to Ashley and Earl Evans.





Congratulations to Aiyana Lindsea Lynch

CONGRATULATIONS to Aiyana Lindsea Lynch for being accepted into two Universities to pursue her master's degree in public health.

On September 13, 2024, she was accepted to Graduate School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

On October 25, 2024, she was accepted to Graduate School at East Carolina University.

Aiyana has decided to pursue her master's degree of Public Health at EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY!

We are so excited and proud of her!

Aiyana continues to trust and believe in your abilities which our CREATOR has blessed you with and you will always be successful.

LET'S GO PIRATES! PURPLE!! GOLD!!! Love Mom, Dad and Chandler

Dad My mind still talks to you

My heart still looks for you, but My soul knows you are at peace

I love and miss you dearly

Love Your Daughter,

Lynette

Gone But Not Forgotten

Linwood Silver

Jan. 27, 1952- Dec. 24 , 2022

Linwood Silver

"We Love and Miss You"

Love, Regina,

D'niyah , and your great granddaughter Danyelle





Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Enjoy Memorable Trip to Myrtle Beach

From November 5 to November 7, the Haliwa-Saponi senior citizens group embarked on an exciting getaway to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, creating cherished memories filled with relaxation, delicious food, and fun-filled activities.

The group enjoyed a comfortable stay at the luxurious Island Vista Resort, known for its oceanfront views and exceptional amenities. The resort provided the perfect backdrop for the trip, offering a peaceful retreat where everyone could unwind and connect with one another.

One of the highlights of the trip was an unforgettable dining experience at Benjamin's Calabash Seafood Buffet. The group indulged in a delicious crab buffet feast, savoring a wide array of fresh seafood dishes that showcased the culinary charm of the area.

Shopping enthusiasts also had their moment to shine as the group explored Myrtle Beach's shopping destinations. Whether it was finding unique souvenirs, trendy apparel, or simply enjoying the atmosphere, the shopping experience added a lively touch to the itinerary.

The trip was more than just a getaway; it was an opportunity to strengthen bonds within the Haliwa-Saponi community, share laughter, and create lasting memories. Everyone returned home with full hearts, new stories to tell, and hopes for more adventures in the future.

This special journey to Myrtle Beach was a reminder of the joy that comes from community and the importance of taking time to celebrate life together.

Here's to more trips like this in the years to come!

Happy Belated Birthday to

Rain Richardson- Oct. 13th

Alexis Evans- Nov. 22nd

Vic Anstead- Nov. 22nd

Jasper A. Daniel (D) - Nov. 12th

Dale Peele Sneed- Nov. 19th

Josh Richardson- Nov. 14th

River Richardson- Nov. 28th



Happy Birthday to

My Honey Bunny Jackie Rayne Richardson

December 3, 2024

My daughter Talitha Quay Richardson

December 27, 2024

My grandson Korey James Whitley Carter

December 30, 2024

Love, Carol



Birthday Shout Out to Kmira A. Richardson turning SWEET 16 on January 02, 2024



Love Mom Pamela & Robin Silver!!!!



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

December 1-Kimeka W. Savage,

December 3-Councilwoman Ladonna E. Richardson, Brenda C. Richardson,

December 6-Henley Richardson,

December 7- Carroll Cooper,

December 9-Kenneth G. Smith Jr., John D. Hedgepeth (D), Mattie Richardson,

December 10-Jennifer Spresser,

December 11-Jesse McGee (D),

December 12-Edith L. Richardson,

December 13-Melody McGee-Kizer (D),

December 15-Leon Richardson Jr.,

December 17-Robert L. Richardson (D),

December 18-Drucilla Kizer Miller, Regina Mills,

December 19-Troy L. Richardson,

December 22-Patrick Krivosh, Hazel Rose Miller,

December 23-Angel Richardson- Silver,

December 25-Ashley N. Demery,

December 26-Callen Portillo, Marson Richardson,

December 31- James Brinkley



*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
EARL & CAROLYN RICHARDSON
ON DECEMBER 31, 2024*

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 1 again.





Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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2025 Powwow Program Booklet

“Ad Sales” Are Now Open! The Tribe is now taking ads for our 60th Annual “Blooming of the Dogwood” Powwow in April 2025. You don’t want to miss out on the opportunity for your business to be included, or your loved ones to be remembered in this historical 60th Annual Powwow program booklet! Prices are as listed below:

***If interested, please contact the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Office at 252-586-4017 to leave a message for the Ad Sales Representative, Ms. Kay Oxendine.**