



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

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Hollister NC 27844

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO
MADE OUR 60TH
POW WOW A HUGE
SUCCESS**

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

May 16- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30.

May 19- 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 2nd Friday of each month at 1:30 p.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.

April
2025

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



NATIVE
SERVICES

OF THE HALIWA SAPONI TRIBE

MEMBER
HIGHLIGHTS



Lyla Richardson (11th)



These club members exemplify the core values of BGC effortlessly and lead by example on a daily basis.

Congratulations to Lyla Richardson for being recognized as the BGC Express Yourself National Winner for her peyote stitched dragonfly! Lyla is a vital member of our Club and does a wonderful job mentoring our youth.

Our beloved Charli brings laughter and joy to our camp with her animated personality! She cares deeply for her club members and is there to be a friend in need.



Charli Silver (Kindergarten)

GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER

Keystone Club

We are proud to recognize our Keystone Club members (ages 13+) and their commitment to guiding the younger members, building a stronger community, and accepting new avenues for their own growth.

Amelia BI, Claudia H, Josh D, Kainaan R, Lyla R, MaKylie R, Mason R, Noah H, Payten E, Sonia H and Violet R.



Want to join?

Applications can be obtained from the club site or local school. Fees cover snack and activities. Enjoyment and memories are free!!!

Inquire about Summer Discovery applications.



Special Thank You!

We would like to extend our appreciation to Mrs **LaDonna D Richardson** for the lovely pinwheels she provided in honor of Child Abuse Prevention. Planted outside the Club, they serve as a reminder of our "WHY"!



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EVENTS

Child Abuse Prevention Month

NC State Native Stem Day, NCSU

Keystone Bowling Night, Henderson

Easter Activities



TRAIT OF THE MONTH

Citizenship: Bettering the community by giving back and caring for others.

Challenge: Pick up ten pieces of litter or write a kind note to someone in need.

**RESPECT, FAIRNESS, TRUSTWORTHINESS,
RESPONSIBILITY, CARING & CITIZENSHIP**

Housing Outreach Pow-Wow 2025

The Housing Department facilitated housing outreach at the 60th Annual "The Blooming of the Dogwood" Pow-Wow, April 18-19, 2025. A total of one-hundred (100) people were reached. Each person was required to fill out a survey and sign in to receive housing information and giveaways.



Gary Lynch, Housing Director-252-248-3758

Tosha Silver, Housing Coordinator-252-248-3750

Save The Date!!!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RETREAT



Grants & Loans

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe has partnered with USDA Rural Development to bring housing resources to the tribal community.

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

Be the homeowner and occupy the house.

Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.

Have a household income that does not exceed the very low limit by county.

For grants, be age 62 or older.

Who can answer questions and how do I get started?

Applications are accepted for this program at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

For more information on how to apply, contact Tosha Silver, Housing Coordinator, phone # 252-248-3750.





WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR VERY OWN JOHN SCOTT RICHARDSON



On Monday, March 24, more than 200 talented young NYC public school theatre artists made their Broadway debuts in The 2025 Shubert Foundation High School Theatre Festival for NYC Public Schools. In its 11th year, this year's Festival was held at the Shubert Theatre and was presented for NYC students by The Shubert Foundation and the NYC Public School Arts Office. See photos and video here!

Academy Award and Tony Award nominee **Jake Gyllenhaal** (Othello) hosted this year's 11th annual event. Additional guest presenters, supporting public school theatre education, included Maya Boyd (& Juliet), Will Eno (Thom Pain), Thayne Jaspersen (Hamilton), Baayork Lee (A Chorus Line), Liam Pearce (& Juliet), members of Pippen Theater Co. (Water for Elephants), Zachary Noah Piser (Redwood), **John Scott-Richardson** (Between Two Knees), Shaun Taylor-Corbett (In the Heights), Jessica Vosk (Hell's Kitchen), Khailah Wilcoxon (Redwood), and more!

The Shubert Festival celebrated five outstanding high school student productions from the 2024-25 school year, selected from more than 30 productions across the city by professional theatre artists and theatre educators. Over the course of the festival's 11-year history, school prod John Scott Richardson Shaun Taylor-Corbett Jake Gyllenhaal



Congratulations to Kmira Richardson, Evan Silver and Liberty Richardson for being inducted into the Warren Early College High School's BETA Club on February 26, 2025. To be selected for this program, each student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA or higher. Kmira is the daughter of Pamela and Robin Silver, Evan is the son of Precious & Kelvin Silver and Liberty is the Granddaughter of Rev. Schron & Darlene Richardson. We are so proud of these students.

For the BETA Club Photo: Front Row: Liberty and Kmira (First two students), Second Row: Evan is the Second Student pictured.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KMIRA RICHARDSON



Congratulations to Kmira Richardson & Evan Silver for being chosen to attend the Youth Legislative Assembly that was held in Raleigh NC in March. They had a fun time networking, debating current issues and build leadership

skills. This program prepares students to be great leaders in the future. Way to Go Kmira and Evan! We are so proud of you! With love from your parents!

For the Youth Leadership Photo: Front Row: Kmira is the third student pictured and Second Row: Evan is the First student pictured.





Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial Committee Tribal Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony

A Dedication Ceremony was held on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10 am to celebrate the new Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial located on the grounds of the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex in Hollister, NC. The ceremony included the unveiling of a black granite monument in the shape of an arrowhead, as well as the unveiling of two matching black granite benches dedicated in memory of deceased Tribal veterans CPO R. Purcell Daniel and SP4 Dalton A. Lynch. Engraved brick pavers bearing the names, branches of service and service dates of deceased and living veterans were also unveiled. Guest speakers included Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Vice Chief Dr. Marvin Richardson, Greg Richardson of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Halifax County Commissioners Chenoa Davis and Jimmie Silver, Warren County Commissioner Al Cooper, Jr, Mr. Elk Richardson, former Vice Chief and NC Commission of Indian Affairs representative, Merck Pharmaceutical representative Tonya Brown, William Amerson of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, and keynote speaker, Vietnam Veteran, retired USMC MGySgt Lonzie McCray Evans. A reception with light refreshments followed immediately after the ceremony which was hosted by the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial.

The date of the ceremony coincided with National Vietnam Veterans Day, which is most appropriate given the high number of Haliwa Saponi tribal veterans who served during that era. This unveiling represented the culmination of the joint efforts of Committee members, the Tribal Council, Community (Business) Partners and the community who devoted six years to the planning process before reaching the point of holding a Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 18th, 2024. Members of the Committee include Chair, Jewel McGee-Bissonnette, Pastor Al Cooper, Jr, Alfred "Morris" Richardson, Jimmie Silver, Arnold Lynch, Kim Silver, Sylvia Evans-Richardson, Bobby J. Richardson, and Micker Richardson.

For more information, you may contact the Chair of the HSVM Committee, Jewel Bissonnette at email JBissonnette@haliwa-saponi.org or by calling the Haliwa Saponi Tribal Office at 252-586-4017.





**TRIBAL
VETERANS
MEMORIAL
DEDICATION
CEREMONY**



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS!!!!

Angelica Pena & Cristina Pena- April 13th

Willis James Richardson- April 18th

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

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BIRTHDAY**

HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY QUINCY



In loving memory of Quincy Markell Mills

Forever Young 11/21/2003-05/12/2023

Love, pops, grandma Rene, aunt Sherry, pa James, baby James,
Chesley, Caroline, Claud, Ivy

Congratulations, D'montae Hedgepeth!

D'montae O. Hedgepeth will be graduating from East Carolina University on May 9, 2025. He has earned his degree in Public Health with a minor in Science and plans to return to ECU to further his education as a Physician Assistant (PA).

Your family—Mom, Dad, and Keyara—are incredibly proud of you and all that you've achieved. Keep reaching for the stars, D'montae!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JASMINE D.BRINKLEY

FOR ACHIEVING HER LPN NURSING LICENSE.

SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF CHRISTINE B. HEWLIN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!!

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

May 1- Jessica Kizer, Amy Cheek

May 2- Laura McGee

May 3- Ty'Ron Johnson

May 5- Ko-Ann Richardson, Tracy R. Francis, Keyara La'shae Hedgepeth

May 6- Donna Hewlin

May 8- Abel Silver, Renea Silver

May 9- Slyvia Johnson

May 11-Deanna Macon

May 12- Amy Hewlin, Cameron Brinkley

May 17- Joshua Richardson,

May 21- Rachael McGee ++-Jager

May 26- Jason Louis Silver

May 27- Suxion J. Richardson

May 30-Sharayna Silver

May 31- Bannister Brinkley, Vicky L. Richardson, Carolyn Richardson



SPECIAL OUT TO DELLIE M. RICHARDSON-MAY 23
KAIDYN M.SILVER-MAY 26 (10 years old)

Shout Outs to Tony D. Richardson 5/1, Talia Harris 5/15,
Samantha Dale 5/20, Aliyah Grace Harris 5/11, Ryland Dale 5/28

A Heavenly Birthday to

Rodney A. Richardson 5/27

Love Carol





Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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HAPPY
MEMORIAL
DAY

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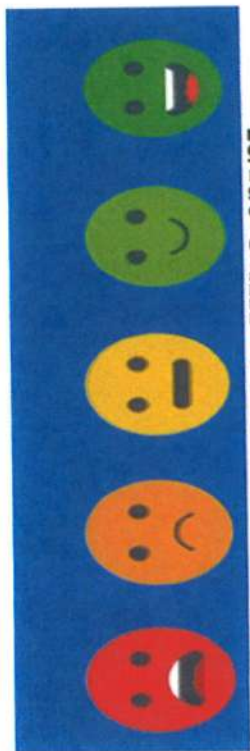
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JUNE MONTHLY TRIBAL MEETING: 6/13/25



WE CARE ABOUT

ALL OF OUR PATIENTS



We Value Your Feedback! Your opinions matter to us. Please share your thoughts and feedback about your experience to help us improve and better serve you at our June tribal meeting. Together, we can make a difference!

Warveste Reynolds

Jessica Hedgepeth

QI/Customer Service Specialist- PAR Excellence

CEA/CET COACH

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"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new" Socrates