



Voice of the Saponi



July 2025

Issue 187

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 :

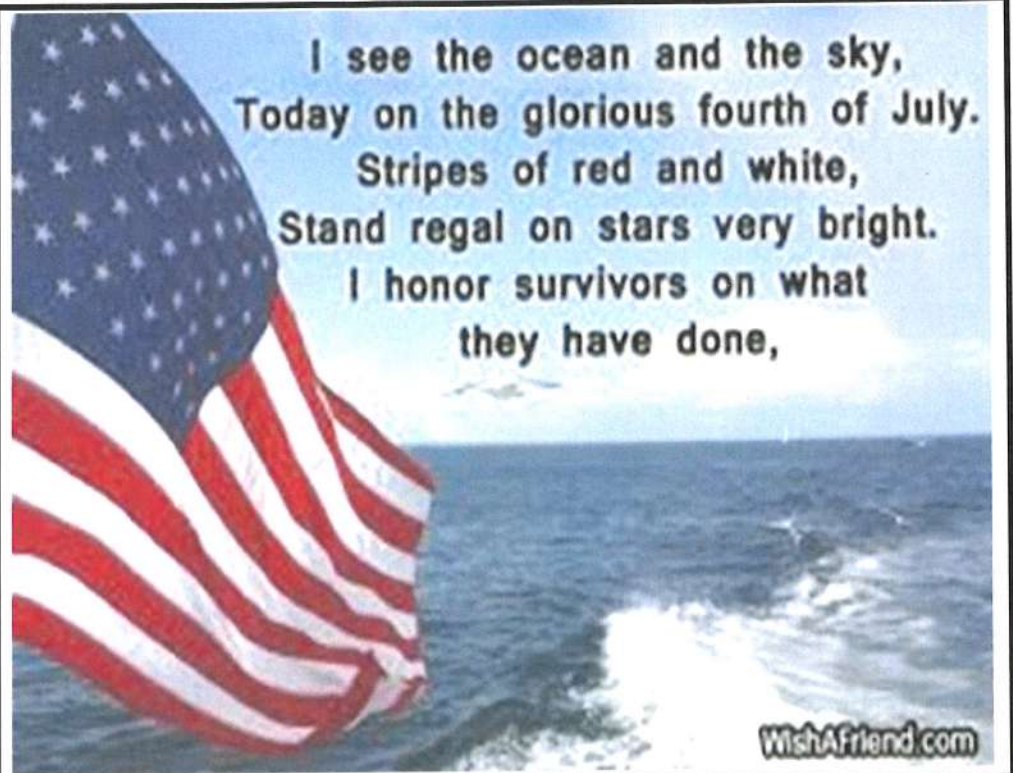
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

P.O. Box 99

Hollister NC 27844

(252) 586-4017 ext.221



Upcoming Dates and Meetings

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

July 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 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: Karen Harley.

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.



IRB Determination Date: March 11, 2025



Seeds of Strength

Health Education Program

Seeds of Strength is a **4-day program** designed to provide knowledge on delaying sex, recognizing healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, and preventing emotional, physical, sexual, and intimate violence—all while embracing cultural teachings. This program is part of a **research study** - participants will be asked to engage in sexual health lessons/discussions and complete surveys.



Open to youth ages 10 - 16,
who identify as Haliwa-Saponi

**Parental consent required*



Lunch & Snacks Provided



\$75 Gift Card Upon Completion

July 21 - 24, 2025



Rev. CH Richardson Building
154 Haliwa Saponi Trl
Hollister, NC 27844



REGISTER NOW



bit.ly/SoSRegister

For more information, contact
Gabrielle Evans-Mitchell
(713) 489-5338
gevans23@jh.edu

Seeds of Strength is a 4-day program that aims to empower Native youth with tools to delay sexual activity, recognize the signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships, and prevent emotional, physical, sexual, and intimate partner violence—all through the lens of cultural teachings.

Registration closes June 21st or once we reach 25 participants—whichever comes first

For any questions/concerns, please contact Dr. Gabrielle Evans-Mitchell using the information on the flyer.

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.



HALIWA-SAPONI EXERCISE ROOM AND GYM

On May 30th, the Haliwa-Saponi Exercise Room and Gym celebrated several birthdays with a lunch, gifts, and fellowship.



The birthday people were (seated) Iris "Jackie" Richardson, James Silver, Carolyn Phillips, and Donnie Evans. Others helping to celebrate are (Standing in back) Caroll Cooper, Bell Spruill, Mary Battle, Cynthia Richardson, Gracie Richardson, Pauline Davis, Lessie Lynch, Bessie Coley, Gail Richardson, Welton Evans, and Mary Ann Evans. Not Pictured - Zenia Buffaloe

Yes!!! We most definitely exercised before we celebrated. Everyone earned the treat that day!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WHEN:

August 5, 2025
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Rev. C.H. Richardson
Community Building
154 Haliwa-Saponi Trail,
Hollister NC 27844

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring place to live.

JOIN US . . .
YOUR NEIGHBORS
to create a safer community for all.

For more information contact:
Cynthia Evans, Housing
Community Outreach Assistant
at 252-248-3748

NEIGHBORS & POLICE TOGETHER 4 BETTER



**FREE
EVENT
FOR ALL
AGES!!!**

PRESENTED BY:
**Haliwa-Saponi
Tribal Housing
Department**



FEATURING:

- FREE FOOD
- GAMES
- MUSIC
- KIDDIE INFLATABLE
- VENDORS

Bring your own lawn
chairs & socialize with
Law Enforcement,
Emergency Service
Personnel, Firefighters,
and others that share our
goal in keeping our
community safe for all!



Project Coordinator

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Job Announcement

Description:

Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator. The person selected for this position will manage specific projects assigned by the Tribal Administrator to include supporting senior transportation needs and green house funding coordination. Position does require occasional travel outside of the local area to attend meetings/conferences.

Must be very organized with the ability to: manage assigned projects; coordinate with appropriate partners; pursue funding to support assigned projects; create reports for management and Tribal Council; meet with local, state and federal officials to secure resources & support for projects; present reports to Tribal Council; and attend training, workshops & meetings on behalf of assigned projects and the Tribe.

Requirements: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to possession of an Associate's degree in a business-related field and a year of experience in a similar position. Must be proficient in current technology and related computer software. Must have the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people with diverse backgrounds. Position requires a drivers' license valid in the State of North Carolina.

Compensation: This is a grant-funded position. The hourly hiring range for this position will be \$16.39 to \$20.46 (Annually: \$34,083 to \$42,565 annually). The tribe provides a comprehensive employee benefits package.

Application

Requirements: An official completed Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe application and any supporting documents (transcripts, certifications, awards, etc.) are required to fully evaluate qualifications for this position. The completed application and supplemental materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on/before the "apply by" date; postmarks will not be accepted. All portions of the application must be completed as they relate to your background for this position. Applications may not refer to a resume or other enclosed document (i.e. "see resume" or "see attached"), nor will these items be accepted in lieu of a completed application. We will be unable to consider incomplete applications for this position. This position involves working around children with the Tribal School. Prior to hiring, a criminal background check will be required under the provisions of N.C. General Statue 115C-332.

Apply by: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 (extended)

Apply to: Human Resources Coordinator
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe HR
Post Office Box 99
Hollister, NC 27844
(252) 586-4017

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a drug-free workplace. In compliance with the Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986, the Tribe will employ only those who are U.S citizens or legal aliens authorized to maintain employment in the United States. Tribal members are encouraged to apply, however we are an equal opportunity employer, so all are welcome to apply.

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*****Haliwa-Saponi Tribe to Host 4th of July Picnic Celebration**

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe invites all tribal citizens, family, and friends to join in a joyful celebration of community and culture at the annual **4th of July Picnic**, to be held at the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Pow-wow Grounds on Friday, July 4th, 2025, from **12 noon to 5:00 PM**.

This fun-filled afternoon promises great food, refreshing drinks, and activities for all ages. Attendees can look forward to **free hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, juicy watermelon, and ice-cold sodas and water**—all served with love and laughter. Guests are also encouraged to share their sweet treats! If you'd like to bring a dessert, please be sure it is either **individually wrapped or packed in a clamshell container** for everyone's safety and convenience.

A highlight of the day will be the crowd-favorite **"Bring What You Got" Parade**, where everyone is welcome to decorate and show off their bikes, wagons, ATVs, golf carts—or just walk proud and festive. Come dressed in your red, white, and blue or showcase your tribal colors!

Kids can beat the summer heat by splashing and playing in a **fun water feature**, so don't forget towels, swimsuits, and sunscreen!

This event is about coming together as a people, honoring our heritage, and making summer memories with those we hold dear. Bring your lawn chairs, and plenty of good cheer, **we'll see you at the parade!**

For general questions, or to **VOLUNTEER** contact Al Richardson at 252-820-2530.



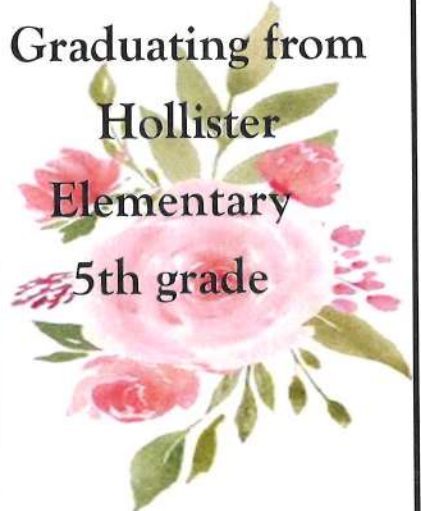
*Happy Belated
Birthday
to
Ms. Lorine Anstead
June 21
Mr. James Anstead
June 26*



Congratulations to these two Graduates

Chloe Rose
Anstead

Graduating from
Hollister
Elementary
5th grade



Leilani Skye Anstead
Graduating from Per K





Congrats Nolan!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to Nolan Lynch. He graduated on May 16, 2025 with an Associates of Computer Engineering Technology from Nash Community College. We are so proud of you Nolan. Love Dad, Mom, Waki, Ha'ace, Mimi and Ana'ki.

Haliwa-Saponi Boys and Girls Club Summer Discovery Program Is FULL and in full swing!



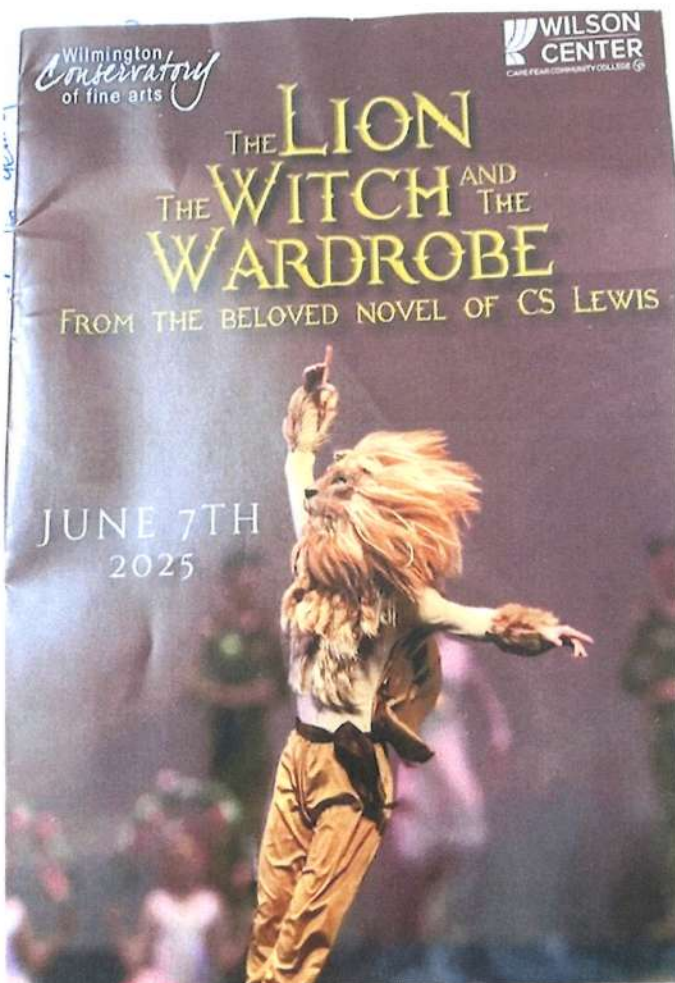
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF
BESSIE (CHANTA) AND CHARLES'S (PETE)
GRANDKIDS**

Congratulations to Ethyn Richardson and Londyn Richardson for doing a great job on passing their EOG.

Love, Papa Pete and Mama Chanta

Congratulations to Ethyn and Masyn Richardson for doing a remarkable job in your performance in the showing of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" on June 7th at the Wilson Center in Wilmington, NC.

Love, Papa Pete and Mama Chanta





Congratulations to Londyn Richardson for doing a great job playing softball and for being chosen to play on the All Star team.

Way to go Londyn.

Love, Papa Pete and Mama Chanta.

Congratulations to Braedyn

Richardson for receiving so many awards this year. You are so smart, keep up the good work,

Love Papa Pete & Mama Chanta





IN MEMORY OF'S

Happy Heavenly birthday
to

Edith (Hedgepeth) McGee

(Jul 22, 1938 - Jul 29, 2017)

We love and miss you more than words could ever say

Pam (Ray), Jewel (Mike), Deke (Barb), Keith, the grands and great-grands



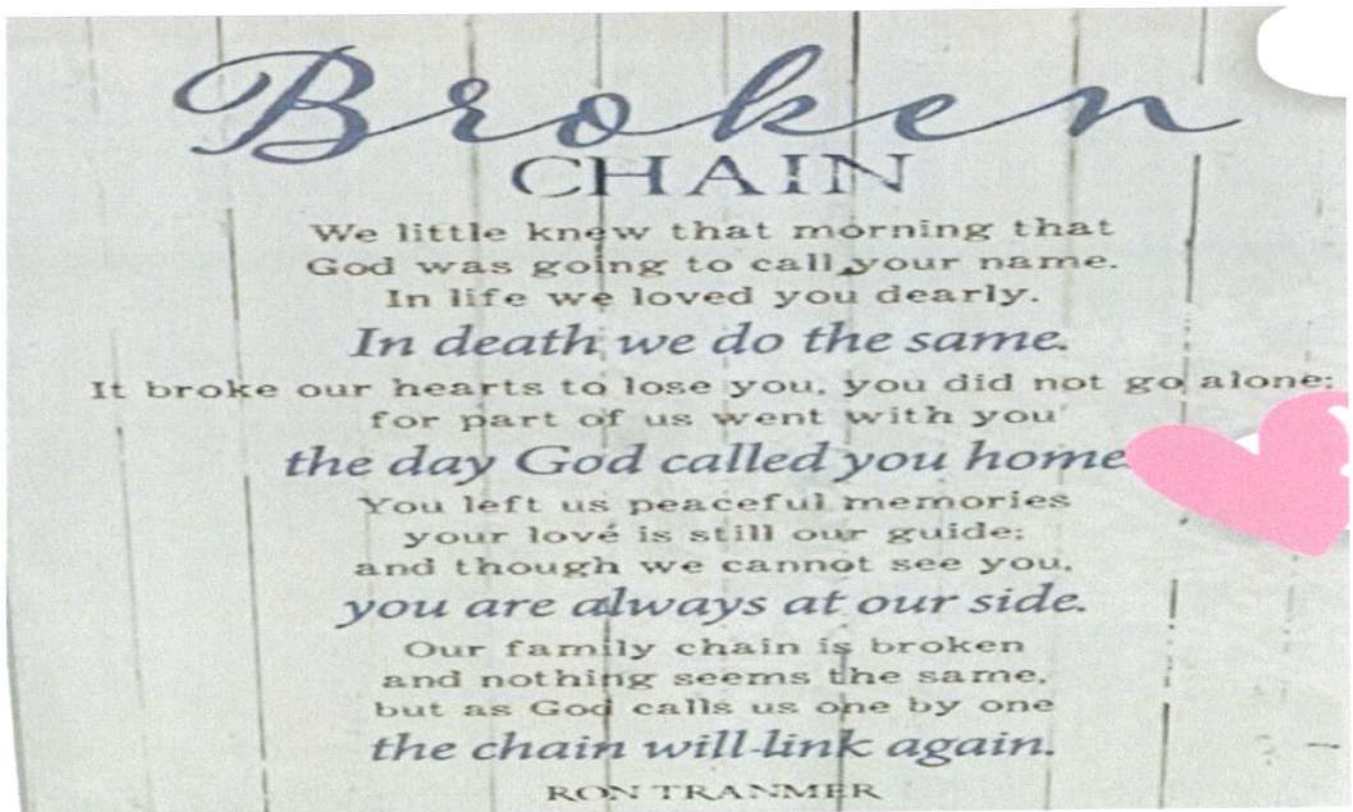
*Happy 91st Heavenly Birthday to our Dad James McCray
Richardson*

on July 8, 2025

*Missing you more and More every day! Wish you Were
Here!*

Love, Laddie, Tony, Lori, Carol and

In Remembrance of my Dad William Richardson
~Deanie, Darrin, Shadonna, Kesha, D'Niyah, Abel, Kase & Bria~





The Housing Department would like to welcome our new employee, Housing Community Outreach Assistant, Ms. Cynthia Evans. She is responsible for working with housing community services.

The Housing Department is pleased that upgrades are continuing at Tomahawk Meadows. New Doors, Windows, and Storm Doors have been completely installed. Ceiling Fans w/lights, Heat/Air Units, Painting, and more are on the list of improvements to be done.

Our Housing Coordinator, Ms. Tosha Silver, met with residents of Tomahawk Meadows in May to discuss renovations of apartments. June session will entail “Is Your Home Safe”.

Housing Definitions

What is a Grant? Definition and meaning A grant is a quantity of money, i.e., financial assistance, given by a government, organization, or person for a specific purpose. Unlike a loan, you do not have to pay back the money.

What is a Loan? A thing that is borrowed, especially money, which is expected to be paid back with interest.



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS!!!!

Happy Birthday to Raymond Lee Silver- June 5th
Happy Birthday to Roderick Silver- June 5th
Happy Birthday to Velma Silver- June 18th

*Happy Birthday to Laddie McCray
Richardson on July 12, 2025*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



*Happy 41th Anniversary to Jackie &
Carol Richardson*

On July 1st, 2025 Love you Jackie to the Moon & Back

*Happy Anniversary to Kelly Jr. & Ko-Ann Richardson
On July 9th, 2025*

*Happy 38th Anniversary to Dale & Mesheila Evans
On July 25, 2025*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be published, please email Carol Richardson crichardson@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

July 1- Payton Evans, Sharon Berrun,

July 2- MaKenzie Peace, Isaiah Richardson, Casey Richardson, Robin R. Silver,

July 4- Glenda Evans, Zianne Richardson, Glenda V. Evans,

July 6- Randy Evans,

July 7- Kayla Dale, Robert L. Richardson, Kendall Carter,

July 8- Johnny Richardson,

July 9- Ariana Peace,

July 11- Raylee Richardson, Bontheia Richardson (D), Loretta Richardson,

July 12- Tracy Hewlin, Jeanette Armstrong,

July 15- Shelby Green (D),

July 17- Michael Richardson,

July 19- Shirley T. Richardson, Darin J. Buffaloe, Kenny Buffaloe, Braedyn Richardson, Tommie Richardson,

July 21- Jaylon Settles,, Jy'Alya Lynch,

July 22- Jasmine A. Silver, Edith (Hedgepeth) McGee (D),

July 23- Raul DelaMora,

July 24- Ayden Portillo,

July 25- Waki Lynch,

July 26- Natalie F. Evans,

July 29- Vanessa Richardson,

July 31- Colleen McGee,



Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

2025 Council Election Results

*Sylvia Evans Richardson 243

*A. Kay Richardson Oxendine 240

. *Earl Evans 225

. Montenia Lynch 157

**New Tribal Council
Representatives
CONGRATULATIONS!!*



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