



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

P.O. Box 99

Hollister NC 27844

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BACK to SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Where Chief WR Richardson Tribal Government Complex
When August 9th 2025, 11 am - 2 pm

**FOR MORE DETAILS AND A LIST OF SUPPLIES
SEE PAGE 4
YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

August 15- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30.

August 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 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 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 Multi-Purpose Building.

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.

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!

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.



Housing Update

The Housing Community Outreach Assistant has been planning and organizing our Annual National Night Out, it is scheduled for August 5, 2025, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Rev. C.H. Richardson Community Building, this is a free event.

We host monthly workshops with the residence of Tomahawk Meadows

Housing Definitions

What is LIEN?

A lien is a document recorded in public records that represents a debt owed on a property. Examples include: a recorded mortgage deed, a lien for unpaid taxes, and a mechanic's lien representing construction work on a property that was not paid for.

What is a FIXED-RATE MORTGAGE LOAN

A fixed mortgage is a loan for which the interest rate does not change over time.

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Donation Drop Offs

Chief WR Richardson Tribal Government Complex
39021 Hwy 561/43 Hollister, NC 27844
Halifax County Sheriff's Department
355 Ferrell Lane Halifax, Nc 27839

Partners

Halifax Sheriff's Office
Warren County Sheriff's Office
Klassic Sweet Treats
Quality Rentals
Healthy Blue

Supplies Needed

Glue Sticks
Scissors
Erasers
Dividers
Pencil Box

Pencils
Paper
2 Pockets Plastic Folders
1 Inch 3 Ring Binders
Composition Notebooks

Crayons
Colored Pencils
Highlighters
Markers

Tissues
Disinfectant Wipes
Ziploc Bags
Hand Santizer



Bounce house &
Italian Ice free for all kids!

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe Celebrates the Fourth with Joy, Unity, and Tradition

On a sunny Friday, July 4th, the grounds of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Charter School came alive with the laughter, warmth, and togetherness that mark the heartbeat of the Haliwa-Saponi people. The annual Tribal Community Picnic welcomed over 220 citizens in a celebration of unity, tradition, and patriotism, all lovingly organized and led by Al Richardson and his dedicated team.

The event grounds were transformed into a vibrant festival, thanks to the creative hands of Judy Richardson and her decorating team, who brought color and cheer to every corner. Red, white, and blue adorned the space, reflecting both national pride and the enduring spirit of the tribe.

Kicking off the celebration was the highly anticipated "Bring What You Got" Parade, coordinated seamlessly by Sylvia and Eugene Richardson. With more than 14 entries, the parade dazzled the crowd with a variety of cars, trucks, and four-wheelers, each uniquely adorned. Led proudly by our veterans, Micah Richardson, Kim Silver and Bobby Richardson, the procession honored our heroes and featured appearances from Tribal Princess Amelia Berrun, Senior Princess Judy Richardson, Jr. Miss Haliwa-Saponi Angel Jones, and Miss NCNAYO Layla Richardson, drawing enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

As the parade wound down, the aroma of cookout favorites filled the air. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and a spread of homemade dishes delighted attendees, made possible by the culinary leadership of Valerie Richardson, Pearlean Richardson, Chanta Richardson, and Judy Richardson. Chefs Charles "Pete" Richardson, Tongo Richardson, and Mike Richardson worked tirelessly on the grills, while those waiting were treated to the mouthwatering fry bread lovingly prepared by Lori and McConnell Silver—an unmistakable favorite of the day. Entertainment, under the direction of Ella Viverette with the help of Montenia Lynch and Kathy Harris, kept spirits high throughout the day with games, music, and fun for all ages. A heartfelt welcome was extended by Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson, setting the tone for the day with words of encouragement and community pride. Pastor Willie Silver of Mt. Bethel offered a warm and thoughtful blessing over the food, centering the day in gratitude and reverence. Bingo games, led by Sunshine Richardson, and exciting raffle prize giveaways added extra fun to the celebration, bringing laughter and excitement to both young and old. The energy was joyful, and everywhere you looked, families were gathered under tents, children played, elders shared stories, and friends caught up over plates piled high with delicious food.

As the sun began to set on this perfect summer day, Al Richardson offered closing remarks filled with appreciation. He gave heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and staff who made the event possible—those who set up tents, prepared the grounds, served food, and made sure every detail was taken care of.

Special thanks go out also to 4th of July Picnic committee members Angela Richardson (Registration), Dr. Joseph Oliver Richardson (coordination), and MacArthur Mills (Flags). A big thank you to Gary Lynch, Bobby Rudd and staff for setting up the tent and checking to make sure things were in order.

"To all who gave their time, energy, and heart to make today happen," Al said, "we couldn't have done it without you. Until next year—Happy Fourth of July!"

Indeed, the 2025 Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Community Picnic was more than just a celebration—it was a beautiful reminder of the strength of community, the richness of tradition, and the joy of coming together.



**Congratulations to
Dakota and Rahem on
their wedding on
August 22, 2024**

Congratulations to Dakota

**Richardson and Rahem Purmul on
their new life together. May you be
blessed with many wonderful years
together**

**We love you both very much
Uncle Chris and Aunt Jackie**

CONGRATULATIONS



*Shamira Cherry graduated from Nash Central
High School on 6/14/25 with a GPA of 4.0.
She will be attending ECU in the fall majoring in
Biology on the premed track.*

*We are so proud of you Dad, Mom, Big Bruh,
& Lil sis...*



CONGRATULATIONS to Angelica Pena
for graduating from Woodward High School in Wood-
ward, OK. Angelica is the daughter of Melanie and
Angel Pena, and the grand daughter of the late Melo-
dy (McGee) Kizer.

We are so, so proud of you, Angelica, and praying for
you as your new journey begins...wherever that may
lead!

Love, Mom & Dad, your sisters, Aunt K.K, and Great
Aunts Pam & Jewel, Great Uncles Deke & Keith, and
your many cousins from NC and MD.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHANCE MATOSKAH SAVAGE

We are proud to announce that Chance Matoskah Savage graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina Wesleyan University on May 3, 2025, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Criminal Justice. We celebrate his hard work, dedication, and the bright future ahead.



Love Dad & Mom



YOU'VE MADE US SO PROUD!!!!



On Saturday, May 17, 2025, the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount hosted the annual **TACKLE THE TAR 5K Obstacle Course Race & Family Fun Day** at the Rocky Mount Sports Complex. This event raises monies for scholarships for local college students.

There were 5 participants from the community that took part in this event.

Next year's event will be held Saturday May 16 2026. Come out and join the fun. All ages are welcomed.

Pictured from left to right.

Chance Savage, Kimeka Savage, Dana Lynch, Vonda Wilson and Shawn Evans.





*In Loving Memory of
Melody (McGee) Kizer
Dec. 13, 1965 - Aug. 10, 2020*

*May the winds of heaven
blow softly*

and whisper in your ear,

*How much we love and miss you
and wish that you were here*



**We love & miss you so, mom: Melanie, Katie, Jessica and all your grands
We do too, sis: Pam (Ray), Jewel (Mike), Deke (Barb), Keith and nieces and
nephews.**



*Happy Heavenly Birthday
Patricia Evans Wilson on
August 8, 1947*

Sadly passed away on January 25, 2025

Love,

Bethany (Evans) Harris



*My Great Grandparents names are,
John Ervin Richardson and Cassie Hedgepeth
Richardson. I would love to wish a heavenly birthday to
John Ervin Richardson of Halifax, NC 6/25/1885*

Love, Dorothea McGuire





Gone But Not Forgotten

Nakia Silver

September 23, 1974 -August 21,2005

We love & miss you "Kia"

Love, Mom, Malenya, Lynette,

Darius, Aaron,

Miyanna, D'niyah & your great granddaughter

Danyelle

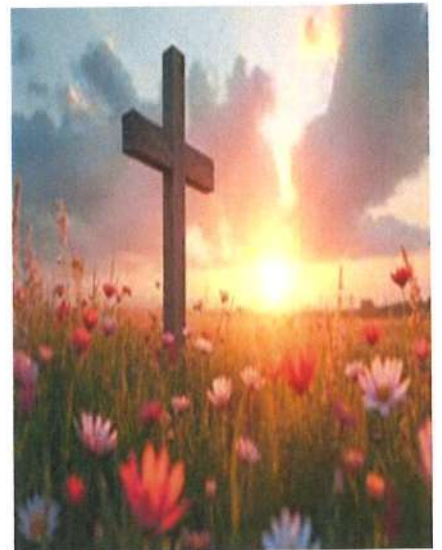
In Loving Memory

Avis Richardson

October 20, 1932 - October 20, 2012

We love and miss you "Nanny"

Love, Regina, Mike & your grand &
great grandchildren



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

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

August 3- Ethelean Richardson

August 4- Will "Still Will" Richardson, Noah Peace

August 5- Carissa Richardson, Bradley A. Richardson

August 6- Bridgette C. Richardson, Luke S. Richardson

August 7- William M. Richardson Jr.

August 10- Velma Rene Richardson, Roche' Silver

August 11- Ray Jenkins

August 12- Pamela R. Silver

August 13- Cali R. Richardson

August 14- Amanda Spresser, Deacon McConnel Silver

August 17- Nolan Lynch, Carla Richardson

August 18- Talia C. Richardson

August 19- Andra Richardson

August 20- Ryheem Richardson, Marvlet Lynch

August 23- Miloh E. Richardson, Mark Richardson (Bruza)

August 28- Shawn Richardson

August 30- Stacey Richardson, Caitlyn Richardson



Happy Birthday Shoutouts!!!



Dorothea McGuire- May 26, 2025

Alicia Pena- July 09, 2025

Jayden Settles -July 21, 2025

Happy Birthday-to Audrey Richardson

On July 25, 2025

With love from Mom Judy & Dad Alfred

Birthday Shoutout to Pamela R. Silver who will be turning 40 on August 12, 2025. HAPPY BIRTHDAY from the Kids; Kmira, Kamryn and Kaidyn!!!!



Happy Birthday to our grandson Jordan (Rabbit) Silver on August 21, 2025

We love you, Pa and Grandma



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Robin & Pamela Silver who will celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on August 30, 2025. May God continue to bless this union. With Love, Mom & Dad, Mom in law Bettie Silver, and the kids: Kmira, Kamryn & Kaidyn.

Happy Anniversary to Alvin (Tonto-D) & Brenda Richardson On August 09, 2025



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