



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 rrrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to :

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

P.O. Box 99

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

A friend is pleased to see you.
Friendship is based on care.
A friend won't leave you high & dry.
A true friend's always there.

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February 13- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30 p.m.

February 16- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30p.m.

Committee Meetings

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

Committee Chair: Earl Evans.

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 on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Sylvia Richardson.

Pow-Wow Planning meetings are held on 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 first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Council House.

Committee Chair: Rev. Al Cooper.

Veteran's Memorial meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Sylvia Richardson.

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

Committee Chair: Ameila K. Oxendine.

By-laws Review Committee meetings are held on 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 on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Committee Chair: Karen Harley.

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

Committee Chair: Tyler Richardson.

Personnel Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Earl Evans.

Awards Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Karen Harley.

Finance Long Range Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

Subject: NC Commission of Indian Affairs Job Vacancy Announcement - Deputy Director Position

The primary purpose of the position is to serve as the second-in-command in the Division of Indian Affairs and to assist the Executive Director of the Commission with day-to-day operations including oversight and management of programs, the development, review, and approval of grant proposals, grant reports, and general reports on program productivity, as well as oversight of financial management, and supervision of program management teams and their programs. Assist in the alignment of staff performance work plans with program goals. Further, the position is responsible for the effective oversight of temporary employees, interns, and volunteers. Approval of time and attendance, accountable for the development of the Commission's Annual Reports, the quarterly newsletter, website coordination, and ensuring that information posted on the website is accurate and available to the public, state and local agencies, grantees, boards, and partners. This is a key leadership position requiring excellent written and oral communication skills.

Click on the following link to view the job posting and the application instructions.

State of North Carolina Careers

Please share this information widely with your friends and colleagues!



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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.





Attention



**HALIWA-SAPONI INDIAN TRIBE
NAHASDA REHABILITATION FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE!**

Applicant Requirements:

- **Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribal Member**
- **Homeowner**
- **Reside In The Home**
- **Homeowner's Insurance**
- **Live Within The Tribe's Service Area:
(Halifax, Warren, Nash, Franklin)**

Appointments will be given on a first come first serve basis BY CALLING on February 26, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Leave a message on the Housing Coordinator's voicemail at 252-248-3750. Please leave your name, why you are calling, and a number where you can be reached!!

This program has income based guidelines and some funding limitations with mobile homes!!

Indian Education Facilitator

Essential Job Functions:

- Acts as an advocate/liaison between the District and the Native American community,
- Organizes and coordinates student services, including the oversight of tutorial services for students primarily in Math and Reading for elementary students as needed,
- Coordinates with community agencies providing cultural, advocacy, academic, vocational, and other services to the Indian Education participants in the HCS Indian Education program,
- Assists with reporting for grant preparation, and operation including assigned budgets, monitoring, and reporting for the district, state, and federal reports as needed.

Education and Experience:

Associate's degree in a related subject from an accredited university

At least three years of practical experience in a position that demonstrates the required knowledge, skills, and abilities with an understanding of education programs, child development, and American Indian Education Programs. Experience with state and federal grant programs preferred.
Valid Driver's License.

To Apply for a Position at Halifax County Schools:

1. Go to: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/ea91a11d/AJQOy2Kwx06b9tdyhtEW0A?u=http://www.halifax.k12.nc.us/>
 2. Click on “Departments” in the top navigation.
 3. Select the “Human Resources Department.”
 4. Click on “Vacancies.”
 5. Find and click on the job title you are interested in.
 6. Click on “Apply Now” and follow the prompts to complete your application.
- Type dates using the following format: 08/09/2025.
Click on link to upload documents

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Annual Awards Banquet

HOLLISTER, N.C. (Jan. 18, 2026) – The Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe honored outstanding citizens and community partners at the 25th Annual Tribal Awards Banquet, held at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. The ceremony recognized individuals whose service, leadership and cultural commitment strengthen the Haliwa Saponi community.

The 2026 honorees are: Bernadette Lee, Indian Elder of the Year (Jeremiah Richardson Award); Christopher Carter, Business Person of the Year (Courtney Evans Award); Logan Lynch, Youth of the Year (Horace Richardson Award); Gregory Richardson, recipient of the Chief W.R. Richardson Award; Tony Brown, Tribal Staff Person of the Year (Atlena H. Evans Award); Nansemond Indian Nation Assistant Chief Nikki Bass, Friend of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe (Rev. C.H. Richardson Award); Lyla Richardson & Brandy Freeman, Outstanding Indian Students (Dr. Joseph O. Richardson Award); Dorothy Lynch, Artist of the Year (James Mills Award); Jewel Bissonnette, Volunteer of the Year (Tilman Lynch Award); Chief Dr. Brucie Ogletree Richardson, Distinguished Service to the Indian Community (John Conrad “J.C.” Hedgepeth Award); Rolanda M. Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Staff Person of the Year (Chief Dr. Brucie Ogletree Richardson Award); and Mason M. Richardson, College Student of the Year (Barbara L. Brayboy Award).

The Tribe would like to thank the Awards Committee and Committee Chair Karen Lynch Harley for coordinating the program. Additional thanks are extended to Ella Viverette, Big Red’s Turkey BBQ & Grill on Wheels, Speight’s Trophy Shop, Harleys Beads, Mario Harley and others who supported the event.

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a sovereign Indigenous nation headquartered in Hollister, North Carolina, and governed by an 11-member Tribal Council. The Tribe administers programs in education, health, housing, cultural preservation and economic development, and maintains long-standing community roots and government authority in The Meadows, with historic ties reaching back into precolonial America.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the
 25th Annual Tribal Awards Banquet.
 This memorable evening honored the
 achievements and contributions of our citizens
 and community partners.

CONGRATULATIONS



Outstanding Tribal Citizen Student
London Alena Siver has been accepted to
Georgetown University Pre- College Law
Courses Summer Program. She currently at-
tends Nash Early College in Rocky Mount, Nc,
where she holds a 4.375 GPA above the entire
9th Grade. We hope for your continued sup-
port and prayers for her, as she continues to
strive towards her dreams.

London is the 14-year-old daughter of Jasmine Silver,
Granddaughter of Cynthia Evans & Ricky Silver.

We are extremely proud of her!!!

FOR SALE!!!!!!

Sofa, love Seat and Rocking
Recliner! All in great condition.
**\$250.00 for the full
set.** Must pick up. For more
information please contact

Rita M. Harris
At 252-586-3282





SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Melanie Pena- Jan. 8th

Keith McGee- Jan 9th

Amy Bissonnette- Jan. 15th

Deke McGee - Jan. 17th

Leilani Skye Anstead- Jan. 31st

Timaree Cherry- Feb. 10th- Happy 17th birthday from Mom, Dad, Big Sis,

& Big Bruh. We love you!!

Shamar Cherry- Feb. 14th

Happy Birthday from Wifey and Children
We love you and pray you see many more.



Birthday Shout Out!!! To Kamryn A. Silver on Feb. 27th

He will be the BIG 12 years old

With Love from Dad & Mom Robin & Pamela Silver!!!



Happy Heavenly Birthday, Lady Algertha Hodges! On February 7, 1940. She passed away on January 31, 2023

We love and miss you ALWAYS! Your family, Donald (Margie), Jackie (Bruce) & Lady Cassandra and grandkids - Mercedes (Darren), Philly (Jasmine), Trevor (Alesha), Adrianna, Matt & Zeshan and great granddaughter - Lady' Anaei

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

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

February 1- Desesca Jackson, Nathan Richardson,
February 2- Iris Evans,
February 3- Timothy Q. Evans,
February 5- Dream Mikel Lynch,
February 7- Tremayne Lynch,
February 8- Phyllis Dale, Alvin "Tonto" Richardson (D)
February 11- Tony Morning Star Richardson,
February 12- Olivia Sky Richardson,
February 14- Holly McGee (D), Diane Evans, David Evans, Brayden J. Richardson,
February 15- Vessa Silver, Timothy L. Richardson, Kevin S. Rudd,
February 16- Tiffany A. Richardson, Thomas A. Richardson,
February 18- Johnathan Richardson,
February 20- Cateshia Silver,
February 21- Amelia D. Lynch,
February 26- Salvador DeLaMora, Jaylen Richardson,
February 27- Regina Silver,
February 28- Mike Richardson, Michael Richardson, Earlene Richardson,



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Happy 48th Anniversary to
Ray and Pam (McGee) Spresser
on February 17, 2026**

Wishing you both lots of love and joy on your special day!

**Happy 44th Anniversary to
Leon and Edith Richardson
On February 26, 2026**



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Happy
Valentine's
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